

Ordinary Time

August 28, 2016 ♦ Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Sir 3:17–18, 20, 28–29 ♦ Heb 12:18–19, 22–24a ♦ Lk 14:1, 7–14



In his 2011 commencement address to Northwestern University, comedian and talk-show host Stephen Colbert recalled what he learned from his experience as a member of an improvisation group. “One of the things I was taught early on,” he said, “is that you are not the most important person in the scene.” The best improvisation comes from a team that listens and responds to each other to “serve a common idea.” When someone demands attention or tries to force a skit in a certain direction, the comedy falls apart. I never forgot his advice. It is appropriate in families, in workplaces, and among friends. And I confess I have had to apply it to myself on more than a few occasions.

Jesus’ parable is a caution against presuming that we know best or that we—our goals and talents—are most important. He is not advocating false modesty or a refusal to use the gifts God gives us.

Rather, Jesus asks that we start from a place of humility and service. He wants us to allow others to say what they need and how we can help before we presume to know the solution or how the situation should unfold. The figurative head of the table belongs to Christ first and foremost, and it is up to us to obediently go where he tells us. He will give us our place. It is worthy to note that at the table of the Lord, every place has the same significance and everyone is a welcome guest. The only important one is Christ himself. After that, we are all equals, regardless of who we think we are.

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A Word From Pope Francis

“[T]he Word was made flesh, He marginalized himself in order to bring salvation to the marginalized.... [T]he mystery of Jesus is really a mystery of lowering oneself, abasing oneself, humiliating oneself, and bringing salvation to the poor.”

—“Only the humble understand,” Morning Meditation, December 2, 2014

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 28, 2016

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Father Joseph Barnes

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS	THU	7:00 PM	TED & DOROTHY SCHMIDT
SUN	7:30 AM	EDITH & JOSEPH BANYAS	FRI	7:30 AM	BETTY BASCELLI
	9:00 AM	JESSE G. PAINTER – 51 ST ANNIVERSARY	SAT	5:15 PM	CATHERINE ALDERMAN
	11:00 AM	ROBERT MULDOWNEY	SUN	7:30 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
MON	7:30 AM	REV. JOSEPH GREMBOCKI		9:00 AM	MR. & MRS. FRANKLIN KLINE
TUE	7:00 PM	DORIS BASCELLI		11:00 AM	EDWARD MACCARONE
WED	7:30 AM	WILLIAM J. McNALLY			

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCRIP: Lukes 5:15pm McNamara 7:30am Collura 9:00am McCauley 11:00am DeFalco

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>COMMENTATOR</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
SAT	5:15pm	Shirley Wheeler	Mary Schwendt	Alex, Jason and Mark Carvalho
SUN	7:30am	Michelle Marley	Amanda Marley	Mason and Morgan Cambria, Samantha Reitnour
	9:00am	Josephine Hohl	Stephanie Myers	Carina Cress, Avery Lang, Danielle Passifione
	11:00am	Mary Jo Simon	Steve Lukes	Adam and Carlina Davis, Austin Lobaugh

Second collection next week is for Church Building & Parish Maintenance

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

Immaculate Conception Academy is still enrolling for the 2016-17 school year!

If you have a student in Kindergarten through 8th grade, we welcome you to visit and see what an Immaculate Conception Academy education can do for your child!

ICA offers a full day Kindergarten Program.

Kindergarten students must be 5 by 10/15/16 and 1st grade students aged 6 by 10/15/16. **Bishop's Transfer**

Grants are available for any public, or private or charter school student who transfers into Immaculate Conception Academy grades 1-7. **These grants are \$1,500 over two years!** (\$1,000 for the first year and \$500 for the second). **Aftercare is available.**

Please contact Adele Reilly, Advancement Director at 610-404-8645 or

adele.reilly@icaknights.org for more information or to schedule a tour!

Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Marco Fiato, Bryan Fiato, John & Margaret Kakas, Maryanne Prentice, Tracy Seasholtz, Aaron Gulla, Delores Woy, Alice Arantowicz, Alice Smyk, Yolanda Marino, Marjorie & Walter Hansen, Ann Schlott, Kathy Patrick, Joseph & Susan McCorristin, Mary & Phil Morici, Margaret Maccarone, Father Joseph Campion, Dan Casciano, Paisley Stout, Jake Maccarone, William Janda, James Smith, Madge Butto, Roseann Malcolm, Doris Slater, Joan Cronin, Rita Conrad, , Mark McDonald, Rose Osorio, Raymond Davidheiser, Tony Guilliams, Dolores McCullough, Steve Mammarella, Shawn Staneruck, Phil Kubovcsak, Gloria Richards, Jennifer Pinti, Lori Tomkins, Jane Falcone, Fannie Hunter, Barbara Wright, Mavrick Laxton, Anthony Pucj, Sharon Madrzykowski, Virginia Marks, Andrew Martin, Father Donald Birch, The Ravert Family, Harry Wood, Mary Okuniewski, Paul Bringenberg and Ronald Kryman

Pray for the recently deceased: Karen Schmitt

THIS WEEK AT ICC:

Sun 08/28 1pm Protecting God's Children

Sat 09/03 4-5pm Confession

WHAT'S HAPPENING

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

Summer Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 9:30am to 4:30pm

Immaculate Conception Early Education Program is pleased to announce the expansion of our Preschool Program

Parents will now have the opportunity to choose from THREE programs to meet their individual family needs:

Tuesday/Thursday Morning: 8:45am- 11:15am

Tuesday/Thursday Extended Day: 8:45am-1:15am

Tuesday/Thursday Full Day: 8:45-2:30pm

Children in the Extended and Full Day programs will bring a packed lunch. The Full Day program will include rest time as well as the addition of a special class once a week (i.e. Art, Music, Library or Computer). Because this is a pilot program, special tuition rates are being offered for the 2016-17 school year.

The Early Education Program is open 8am to 3pm; with classes starting at 8:45am. Aftercare is available.

Enrollment is ongoing in our Morning and Full Day Pre-Kindergarten Programs as well!

For more information and tuition rates, please contact Adele Reilly, Advancement Director at adele.reilly@icaknights.org or 610-404-8645 during summer hours Tues-Thurs, 9am-1pm.

Immaculate Conception Academy Positions

Classroom Aide position for Grades 1 and 2. Please contact Patricia Tarquinio at 610-404-8645.

Aftercare is looking for someone willing to work several hours per week from 3pm-6pm. Call Laura DeFalco at 610-463-8157.

All positions require completion of "Protecting God's Children" and obtain required background checks and clearances.

Immaculate Conception will be hosting two Protecting God's Children workshops in the social hall on August 28th and September 18th, 1-4pm. Call 610-582-3880 to register.

Register now for 2016-2017 CCD! Forms are available on www.icbvmccd.org under forms and at the Office of Religious Education. Classes are filling up so register now! Volunteers are always welcome! If you'd like to volunteer an hour of your time once a week to bring the Good News of Christ to the children of our parish, call (610) 582-3880.

Thinking about becoming a Catholic? Are you looking to for a "Faith Refresher?" Join Msgr. McCann, Deacon Paul Hiryak and guest speakers on Monday evenings, starting September 12th, to learn more about our Catholic faith. RCIA isn't just for persons interested in Catholicism. It's for everyone who desires a deeper understanding of what we believe and practice as Catholics. Sessions are 7:30-9pm. You are welcome to attend as many as your schedule permits. For info or to register, call the office at 610.582.2411. Look for program information on www.icbvm.org beginning in mid-August.

An effort is underway in our parish family of the Immaculate Conception for any homeschooling families who may be interested in forming a small group just to socialize, meet, support and share. If interested, please contact Megan Koren and 484-948-0235 or megan.koren@gmail.com.

Visiting Missionary – Fr. Joseph J. Arackal V.C., a Vincentian Missionary Priest from India, will be in our parish on the on the weekend of September 10/11 to participate in our Annual Missionary Cooperation Plan. He will preach at all the Masses on the September 10/11 weekend and will make an appeal on behalf of the Vincentian Missions.

The Vincentian Congregation (V.C.), a missionary sending Religious Congregation, was founded in Kerala, India, modeled after the Congregation of the Mission founded by St. Vincent DePaul. Members of this flourishing Religious Congregation, all natives of India, are engaged in Mission Work in all parts of India and in several countries in Africa.

There will be special mission collection on the September 10/11 weekend to help the Vincentian Missionaries. We urge you to be very generous in your mission offering since these Missionaries need our help. Please keep Father Joseph and all the Vincentian Missionaries and seminarians in your prayers.

The **Annual Diocesan Anniversary Mass Celebration** is September 18th at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, 1875 West Turner St., Allentown, 18104. Bishop Barres will begin the celebration at 3pm. We cordially invite couples celebrating 5, 25, 40, 50, 60 or 60+ years of marriage. Visit www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass or request a form through email at MFLF@allentowndiocese.org. The form must be returned to the Office of Marriage & Family Life Formation, Attn: Anniversary Mass, 2145 Madison Ave., Bethlehem, 18017. Deadline is September 9th.

Fall Sport Registrations – Open Registrations have begun!

Girls Volleyball (Grades 6-8th) is offered to all 6th-8th grade girl parishioners. It's a great program that offers competitive play, fun and camaraderie. Please feel free to contact Dean with any questions at iccyo2003@gmail.com.

Cross-Country (K-8th) is offered to all Kindergarten-8th grade parishioners. This is our fourth formal year for Cross-Country. The Berks County CYO program has officially instituted Cross Country as a formal program for Kindergarten through Eighth graders. We are excited with the growing program. Coaches Joe and Jessica Bailey have stepped up to lead the team of runners this season! Several meets have already been scheduled as well as the 2nd Annual ICCYO Cross Country Meet at the Immaculate Conception Parish!

Please register for both at www.iccyo.com/about-the-team/registration-packet.

Volunteer your time - Open positions - "Volunteers don't get paid, not because their worthless, but because they are priceless" Please consider joining in on many of the opportunities that help push the ICCYO program to new and exciting initiatives and successes. Also, if you interested in leadership positions on our Board, we have positions open on our ICCYO Board to seize the opportunity in developing our program. Please contact our Board President, Matt Deviney at iccyo2003@gmail.com with questions and/or interests. Competing while remaining Christ-like in all that you say and do is our goal at the ICCYO. All of us in the ICCYO program hope that you enjoy your participation in our sports and cultural events and that we all display and live our mission each day to help make CYO be the best that it can be. We encourage you to contact the ICCYO Board to find out information related to sponsored CYO programs, board positions, coaching, volunteering and attending the competitive events. We are grateful for your support and involvement in the CYO programs at ICC.



August 28, 2016

dear Padre

Monday

AUGUST 29

Passion of

St. John the Baptist

1 Cor 2:1-5

Mk 6:17-29

Tuesday

AUGUST 30

Weekday

1 Cor 2:10b-16

Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

AUGUST 31

Weekday

1 Cor 3:1-9

Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 1

Weekday

1 Cor 3:18-23

Lk 5:1-11

Friday

SEPTEMBER 2

Weekday

1 Cor 4:1-5

Lk 5:33-39

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 3

St. Gregory the Great,
Pope and

Doctor of the Church

1 Cor 4:6b-15

Lk 6:1-5

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 4

Twenty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13-18b

Phlm 9-10, 12-17

Lk 14:25-33

May parishoners applaud at any point during Mass?



Is it appropriate for parishoners to applaud at Mass or after the closing hymn?

Applause may not seem to fit the solemnness of the liturgy, but there are times when it is fitting to applaud in church. I believe it is acceptable if our intention is to express approval, joy, and praise to God.

Music is a good place to begin. Liturgical music evokes prayer and adoration, helping us feel God's presence and love. Its power or grandeur may lead us to applaud. Some choirs may take this response as directed toward their individual performance. However, God does speak through other people, and a parish's music ministry can convey a message people need to hear.

Think of a wedding ceremony. I bet you celebrated the spouses' introduction or first kiss with a resounding clap or cheer. Your response lifts up the new couple and shows your gratitude to God for making their love holy.

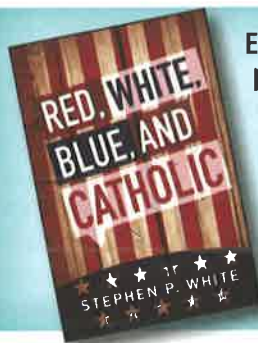


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Similarly, in an ordination the people present a candidate to the bishop. When the bishop agrees, they are required to give a sign of approval, such as applause. Like before, the applause shows our thanks to God for this new priest and our commitment to support and pray for him.

Christians express praise and thanks to God in many ways: song, praying in tongues, even applause. As part of our liturgy, it can be an acceptable way to express a joy beyond words.

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Everything we have is a gift. God gave us these gifts for the sake of our happiness. This means that we are free to use them for our own benefit, but we also have an obligation to use them for the good of others and in service to the common good. To put it simply, everything we have is given to us so that we can serve others.

—From *Red, White, Blue, and Catholic*
by Stephen P. White (8264520)

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