

Ordinary Time

October 2, 2016 ♦ Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4 ♦ 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 ♦ Lk 17:5-10

I have a little jar of mustard seeds on the bookcase in my office. They were given to me as a going-away present by a priest I knew, a little reminder to keep the faith. Every time I hear the Gospel about the mustard seed, I am reminded of him. He was a mentor and friend, one of the many people who have inspired my faith from young adulthood until now. He is also the example of what I hope to be for the students I teach. The faith which we explore is a rich inheritance, indeed, and I can only hope to influence my students as much as he influenced me.

Being a faith-filled person isn't for cowards. As Paul tells Timothy, God gave us gifts of power and love to be able to stand against evil and to love those who seem unlovable. God called us to a holy life which means that we occasionally have

to turn away from what the world has to offer and embrace a different way of living. Christ's disciples are called to help make the world holy through word and example, by inviting others to know Christ and acting in such a way that knowing Christ seems the only possible response. Finally, God gives us the Holy Spirit, who makes it possible for us to live lives that are worthy of the calling to which we have been called.

"Stir into flame the gift of God," Paul exhorts. Fire is the perfect metaphor. It lights our way and gives us warmth. It also purifies us for the work ahead. Who inspired you in your faith? How will you become a better disciple today because of them?

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A Word From Pope Francis

"Yes, Lord, our faith is small, our faith is weak and fragile, but we offer it to you as it is, so that you can make it grow."

—Angelus, October 6, 2013

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 2, 2016

*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Gloria Gill and
 In Memory of Stella Gill*

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT 5:15 PM FATHER JOSEPH BARNES
 SUN 7:30 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
 9:00 AM MICHAEL GIRTON
 11:00 AM DEC'D MEMBERS OF THE MAC DOUGAL FAMILY
 MON 7:30 AM VALMA BILLINGS
 TUE **No MASS**
 WED **No MASS**

THU **No MASS**
 FRI 7:30 AM SPECIAL INTENTION
 SAT 5:15 PM STELLA GILL
 SUN 7:30 AM PAUL VIGNONE
 9:00 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
 11:00 AM MARGARET & ANTHONY MOHR

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCRIP: Lukes 5:15pm Pisarek 7:30am Kasperowicz 9:00am Carvalho 11:00am Citrano

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>COMMENTATOR</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
SAT	5:15pm	Mary Schwendt	Jason Mariano	Trey Bradfield, Josh Piccarreta, Luke Voelker
SUN	7:30am	Jim Kaucher	Toni Kaucher	Taylor Moyer, Diego and Hannah Santos
	9:00am	Barrie Pease	Gretchen Markel	Alex, Jason and Mark Carvalho
	11:00am	Greg Shemanski	Jim Keaveney	Michael Beitz, Michael DiScala, Carson Endy

Second collection next week is the Monthly Collection

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, 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 Malcom, Doris Slater, Joan Cronin, Rita Conrad, Mark McDonald, Rose Osorio, Tony Guilliams, Joan Smith, Dolores McCullough, Steve Mammarella, Phil Kubovcsak, Gloria Richards, Jennifer Pinti, Jane Falcone, Fannie Hunter, Mavrick Laxton, Anthony Pucci, Virginia Marks, Andrew Martin, Father Donald Birch, The Ravert Family, Harry Wood, Mary Okuniewski, Maria Houck, Paul Bringenberg, Joseph Kolenda, Kenneth Barth, Dominic Stroock, Nikole Gentile, Carlene Motley and Ronald Kryman

Pray for the recently deceased: Sergio Valentino D'Alessandro

THIS WEEK AT ICC:

Sun	10/02	SOCIAL SUNDAY 12:30pm Blessing of the Animals
Mon	10/03	7:30pm RCIA
Tues	10/04	7:30pm Baptism Class 7:30pm Bell Choir
Thurs	10/06	7:30pm Adult Choir
Fri	10/07	7pm JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP
Sat	10/08	4-5pm Confession

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Immaculate Conception Early Education Preschool

Parents have the opportunity to choose from **THREE** programs:

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

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

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

Children in the Extended and Full Day programs bring a packed lunch. The Full Day program includes 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 information and tuition rates, please contact Adele Reilly, Advancement Director at adele.reilly@icaknights.org or 610-404-8645.

Immaculate Conception Academy Volunteers Needed

We need monitors for the recess yard, lunchroom and to cover the health room...giving band-aids and TLC. Give us a call at 610-404-8645. All volunteers require completion of "Protecting God's Children" and obtain required background checks and clearances.

Thinking about becoming a Catholic? Are you looking to for a "Faith Refresher?" Join Msgr. McCann, Deacon Paul Hiryak and guest speakers 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 Mondays, 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.

Immaculate Conception sponsors Youth Groups for both our Junior and Senior High School students. Activities include monthly meetings, service projects, a mission trip, retreat opportunities and other activities. We are currently seeking adults who would be willing to assist in leadership roles with our Youth Groups. We are looking for individuals willing to witness to their faith and to help organize, plan and supervise activities. If you are willing to assist or would like more information, please contact Monsignor McCann at 610-582-2411. All volunteers must attend a Protecting God's Children Workshop and complete the background checks required by our Safe Environment protocols.

Immaculate Conception Christmas Bazaar

November 5, 9am-3pm

Please join us for a day of shopping, crafts, raffles, baked goods, soups, good food and good fun. This is a wonderful opportunity to support our school, and local businesses. Get a sneak peek at our vendors and delicious breakfast and lunch menu on our Facebook page - Immaculate Conception Christmas Bazaar. Any questions, icxmas@gmail.com.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP will meet Friday, October 7th, 7-9pm in the lower level meeting room of the Parish Center. All of the teenagers in our parish in grades 7 and 8 are welcome to attend for an evening of fun, food, games, prayer & praise. Bring a friend!

Blessing of Animals – October 2nd – 12:30pm

Please bring your pets leashed or caged for their safety

BAPTISM CLASS – OCTOBER 4TH AT 7:30PM – LOWER LEVEL, CHURCH OFFICE – CLASS REQUIRED PRIOR TO THE BAPTISM OF YOUR FIRST CHILD. CALL RITA AT 610-582-2411 TO REGISTER.

Grief Sharing Group will meet on October 11th, 7-8 pm in the Parish Office Building, lower level. Please enter from the back across from the playground. The group offers an opportunity to come together to work through the grieving process with the help and support of others who have experienced this difficult journey. For information call Pat Fessler at 610-775-1892 or Toni Kaucher at 610-404-1389.

RESORTS AC TRIP - October 21st - LEAVE the Church promptly at 9:30am - Package Deal: Pay \$32 get \$25 Back - Call Carol J. if interested at 610-775-4447

Have you placed your Apple Dumpling Order yet? We only make these delicious treats once a year so don't miss out. Fill out your order form today and drop it in the collection plate or at the office building. Join us in baking the dumplings in the social hall October 12th, 14th and 15th at 9 am. Easy, light work that requires no previous experience. We will offer a light lunch both days. Dumpling pick up in the social hall after all Masses October 15 and 16.

DON'T DELAY! Buy your Boscov's Friends Helping Friends shopping pass today in the narthex of the church to save \$\$\$ on October 18th, 9am-11pm. Buy a shopping pass for \$5 (100% of the proceeds go to the church) and enjoy 25% off your purchases throughout the store (exceptions listed on the pass). Enjoy refreshments, entertainment, and a chance at some valuable prizes. YOU could be the winner of one of the \$100 or \$500 shopping sprees so don't forget to drop your stub off at one of the collection boxes throughout the store.

"Encounter Mercy and Truth" The Annual Diocesan Men's Conference will be held on November 5th, 9am-5pm at De Sales University. The day will include keynote addresses, exhibits and a vigil Mass with Bishop Barres. Continental breakfast and lunch is included. Registration fee is \$35 and \$10 for high school/college students. Info and to register, call 610-289-8900.

CONFIRMATION - Bishop Edward Cullen will visit our parish to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, October 26th, 4:30pm. Seventy-four young men and women from the parish will be anointed with Sacred Chrism and sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We invite you to pray for our children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. May they be faithful and courageous witnesses to the love of God in the world. You are invited to join us for the celebration.

"Gender Identity and the Complementarity of the Sexes" will be held October 4th, 6:30pm at St. Columbkil Parish (200 Indian Spring Rd., Boyertown). Fr. Chris Rogers, Pastor of St. Patrick parish in Kennett Square, will present the topic followed by a Q&A discussion session. Food and beverage will be provided and the event is free of charge. Visit www.allentowndiocese.org/ooyam or contact Alexa Doncsecz adoncsecz@allentowndiocese.org.



October 2, 2016

dear Padre

Monday

OCTOBER 3

Weekday
Gal 1:6-12
Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday

OCTOBER 4

St. Francis of Assisi
Gal 1:13-24
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday

OCTOBER 5

Weekday
Gal 2:1-2, 7-14
Lk 11:1-4

Thursday

OCTOBER 6

Weekday
Gal 3:1-5
Lk 11:5-13

Friday

OCTOBER 7

Our Lady
of the Rosary
Gal 3:7-14
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday

OCTOBER 8

Weekday
Gal 3:22-29
Lk 11:27-28

Sunday

OCTOBER 9

Twenty-eighth
Sunday
in Ordinary Time
2 Kgs 5:14-17
2 Tm 2:8-13
Lk 17:11-19

Why drop host in the chalice?



Why does the priest break off a small piece of the consecrated host and drop it into the chalice before Communion is distributed?

This action has a spiritual and historical meaning. Let's look at the historical significance first.

In the first centuries of Christianity, it was important for churches in outlying areas to express their unity with Rome. The pope would send a small piece of the consecrated bread to each church. During Mass, the priest would place the portion in the chalice to recognize the union between Rome and the local church.

But sending pieces of consecrated bread from Rome to each church became impractical as Christianity grew, so a practice was adopted to allow each priest to drop a piece of the host he had just consecrated into the chalice.

Spiritually, this action serves to remind us that Christ is wholly and truly present in both eucharistic forms: the host and the wine. When we receive the Most Holy

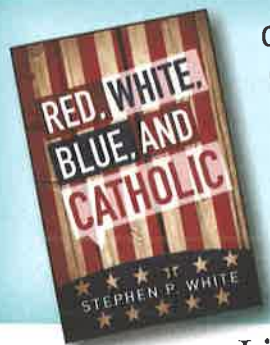


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Body or the Precious Blood, we partake in the entire person of Christ, the same Jesus Christ who lived, died, and rose from the dead.

The Real Presence, the singularity of the Mass, and the unity of the Church are all realities that point to the communion of saints and life beyond death. These things are not merely beliefs or promises; they are God's greatest gifts to us.

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Our primary task as Catholic citizens is to ensure that the values of our nation are in accord with the truth about the human person. The vocation of all Catholic citizens is to enter into this task for the good of our families, our Church, our neighbors, and the nation. We cannot, as citizens and Catholics, sit idly by.

—From *Red, White, Blue, and Catholic*
by Stephen P. White (826450)

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Immaculate Conception

CHRISTMAS

BAZAAR

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905 Chestnut Street
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November 5th 2016
9am-3pm
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