

Ordinary Time

October 9, 2016 ♦ Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

2 Kgs 5:14-17 ♦ 2 Tm 2:8-13 ♦ Lk 17:11-19

When my daughter was seven, she cut her thumb badly while trying to make a fruit salad. When she cried out for me, I quickly dressed her younger sister and we went to the hospital for stitches. She was in pain and crying when the doctor injected the anesthetic into the hand to numb the pain. With a firm, but quiet voice he looked at her and said, “Katy, does it still hurt?” She stopped all at once and said with a voice of wonder, “No.” He proceeded to stitch up the thumb and congratulated her on being brave. She thanked him and then talked about him for the rest of the day. I still remember the surprised look when she finally realized her thumb no longer hurt. She didn’t know that the anesthetic had taken effect because she expected to still be in pain.

The ten lepers who met Jesus knew they couldn’t approach anyone and they had undoubtedly called out

to others to help them. When Jesus told them to show themselves to the priests, they went their way not expecting to be cured and still deep in their isolation. Some inner voice made one leper suddenly aware that he had been made clean. He stopped, full of wonder. The priest would still have to inspect him before he could return to his community, but his desire to look at Jesus one more time and give thanks for his mercy had to come first. We don’t know what made him so mindful of his healing, but his response inspires us. How has Jesus touched and healed you? How will you thank him, and who will you tell?

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A Word From Pope Francis

“These things that Jesus did, healing, teaching and speaking out against hypocrisy, were only a sign of something greater that Jesus was doing: he was forgiving sins.”

—Morning Meditation,
“The freedom of God’s children,” July 4, 2013

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 9, 2016

*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Honor of
 Marcie & Steve Mammarella - 35th Wedding Anniversary*

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM	STELLA GILL	THU	7:30 AM	BOB & CAROL SICHENER
SUN	7:30 AM	PAUL VIGNONE	FRI	7:30 AM	PETE BASCELLI
	9:00 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS		9:00 AM	ICA MASS
	11:00 AM	MARGARET & ANTHONY MOHR	SAT	5:15 PM	GLORIA GILL
MON		No Mass	SUN	7:30 AM	MIKE KILARESKI
TUE	7:00 PM	BRUCE KETTERER		9:00 AM	KATHLEEN REPPERT
WED	7:30 AM	LOUISE SHABER		11:00 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCRIP: Dowling 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	Jennifer Stuart	Sherry McCollum	Rachel Barnes, Beth Cote, Danielle Passifione
SUN	7:30am	Amanda Marley	Michelle Marley	Mason and Morgan Cambria, Samantha Reitnour
	9:00am	Pam Amos	Isabelita Santos	Ally and Jacob Santos, Austin Lobaugh
	11:00am	Bob Newman	Susan DiGuglielmo	Carina Cress, Jordan and Lauren Yerger

Second collection next week is for Debt Reduction

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, Delores Woy, Alice Arantowicz, Yolanda Marino, 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 Guillems, 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, Paul Bringenberg, Joseph Kolenda, Kenneth Barth, Dominic Strock, Frank Bentz and Ronald Kryman

Pray for the recently deceased: Francis Connelly

Welcome our new parishioners: Mr. & Mrs. Michael Haring and Mr. & Mrs. Michael Tucker

Congratulate the newly married: Meredith S. Loeper & Sean A. Feather and Heather N. Smolar & Michael J. Tucker

THIS WEEK AT ICC:

Mon	10/10	7:30pm RCIA
Tues	10/11	7pm Grief Sharing Group 7:30pm Bell Choir
Wed	10/12	9am Women's Society Dumpling Prep
Thurs	10/13	7:30pm Adult Choir
Fri	10/14	9am Women's Society Dumpling Prep 7pm SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP
Sat	10/15	9am Women's Society Dumpling Prep 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.

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, icaxmas@gmail.com.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP will meet Friday, October 14th, 7-9pm in the lower level meeting room of the Parish Center. All of the teenagers in our parish in grades 9 through 12 are welcome to attend for an evening of fun, food, games, prayer & praise. Bring a friend!

ICC Youth Group is hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 23 from 8:00 am to noon. Cost will be \$6 at the door includes pancakes, eggs, bacon, juice, and coffee/tea.

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

Join in the fun October 12th, 14th and 15th at 9am to make Apple Dumplings. Previous experience is not necessary for this light and fun work. We need a lot of hands to make 800 of these delicious treats. A light lunch will be served. Please consider joining in. All proceeds from the dumpling sales will go toward the needs of the church. If you ordered Apple Dumplings, please pick them up before or after all Masses Saturday and Sunday October 15th or 16th in the social hall.

The Women's Society will meet October 19th, 7pm in the Social Hall. All members are requested to attend if able. Meeting will begin with recitation of the Rosary, followed by business meeting. Light refreshments will be offered. If you have never been to a meeting, please come and join us. All women of the parish are welcome to participate in any of our activities whether they are a member or not. If you have been thinking about joining, just come to any one of our meetings to check us out. It is not a big commitment of time as we meet only once a month to plan our events. We have a lot of fun when we come together! Call Geri at 610.586.5538 for information.

Time is running out to receive 25% OFF AND EXTENDED SHOPPING HOURS for the Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Tuesday, October 18th, 9am-11pm. Finish up your school clothes shopping, do some early Christmas shopping, or spruce up your home for the fast approaching holiday season while saving 25% throughout the store (exceptions listed on passes). Buy your shopping pass in the narthex for \$5 (100% of the proceeds go to the parish), and enjoy free refreshments while you shop, entertainment, and chances to win fabulous door prizes including a \$500 shopping spree.

"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 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.

HOLIDAY PIE SALE - ICA HSO is selling bake at home, frozen pies from Weavers Orchard. Order Forms can be found in today's bulletin, parish office, narthex and ICA office. Pie choices are apple lattice top, apple caramel walnut, dutch apple crumb, lattice top blackberry, strawberry rhubarb, peach and pumpkin. All pies are frozen and must be picked up on November 5th at our Christmas Bazaar. Pick up 9:30am-2:00pm. Prices are \$15 per pie, or buy in sets of two for \$25. Payment by check must be included with your order.

Completed order forms may be placed in the collection baskets during mass or mailed to ICA HSO - pie sale, 903 Chestnut Street, Douglassville, PA 19518. **All orders must be placed by October 21.** Proceeds benefit our school.

Time to renew your BJ's Wholesale Club Membership - \$40 for 15 months. Please contact Rita at church office 640-582-2411 or Roxanne 484-598-3802



October 9, 2016

dear Padre

Monday

OCTOBER 10

Weekday

Gal 4:22–24, 26–27,
31—5:1
Lk 11:29–32

Tuesday

OCTOBER 11

Weekday

Gal 5:1–6
Lk 11:37–41

Wednesday

OCTOBER 12

Weekday

Gal 5:18–25
Lk 11:42–46

Thursday

OCTOBER 13

Weekday

Eph 1:1–10
Lk 11:47–54

Friday

OCTOBER 14

Weekday

Eph 1:11–14
Lk 12:1–7

Saturday

OCTOBER 15

St. Teresa of Jesus,
Virgin and
Doctor of the Church

Eph 1:15–23
Lk 12:8–12

Sunday

OCTOBER 16

Twenty-ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Ex 17:8–13
2 Tm 3:14—4:2
Lk 18:1–8

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What do indulgences do?

If we practiced devotions linked to an indulgence, but didn't know about it, are the benefits still attained?

"Every sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death..." (CCC 1472). This "temporal punishment," often removed in purgatory, is distinct from "eternal punishment," from which we are saved through baptism and absolution.

Indulgences, which are granted through the mercy of God and the authority of the Church, remove all (if plenary) or part (if partial) of a person's temporal punishment for sin. Both presuppose the actions are performed with contrition and the intention of gaining the indulgence: "Although indulgences are in fact free gifts, nevertheless they are granted for the living as well as for the dead only on determined conditions.

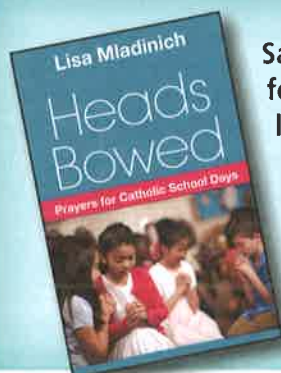
To acquire them, it is required on the one hand that prescribed works be performed, and on the other that the faithful have the necessary dispositions, that is to say, that they love God, detest sin, place their trust in the merits of Christ and believe firmly in the great assistance they derive from the Communion of Saints" (Pope Paul VI, *Indulgentiarum Doctrina*, 10).

So indulgences are not retroactive or automatic, but they in no way "diminish the value of other means of sanctification and purification, first and foremost among which are the Sacrifice of the Mass and the Sacraments, particularly the Sacrament of Penance" (*ID* 11).

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Sacred Heart of Jesus, you spent your life serving and loving others. You fed people, you healed them, and you taught them to love. Help us to love those who feed us with knowledge, bring us to the healing power of the sacraments, and teach us the importance of loving as you love. Almighty and gentle Lord, have mercy on us! Amen.

—From *Heads Bowed: Prayers for Catholic School Days*
by Lisa Mladinich (826443)

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