

Ordinary Time

October 16, 2016 ♦ Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Ex 17:8-13 ♦ 2 Tm 3:14-4:2 ♦ Lk 18:1-8

“Remain faithful to what you have learned and believe.”

This was a favorite motto of a former director of the Catholic center where I work. Students who had just entered college and graduating seniors heard many reflections and homilies on this phrase because he felt it was one of the best pieces of advice he could give them. And so it is for us. The world is a complex place. Our choices are many, from the trivial (what breakfast cereal should I buy?) to the vitally important (how do I uphold the dignity of every human person?). We see great beauty in creation and great evil in its wanton destruction for profit. There are those who think so little of human life that they bomb public places in order to destroy their enemies and those who think so much of life that they run into burning buildings or minister to the poorest and least.

In some cases, our path is crystal clear. In other cases, competing goods push and pull us in different directions. How do we make up our minds? This is where the teaching of Jesus and the Church, our prayer, and our conscience come together. Being faithful to what we believe gives us the foundation for good decisions in complex situations. It makes it possible for us to pass on the faith to the next generation and to the world. Doing this hard work is not always convenient. But this good news is what the world needs and is our path and guide as well.

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A Word From Pope Francis

“Diligently read and meditate on the Word of the Lord that you may believe what you read, teach what you have learned in faith, and practice what you teach.”

—Homily at Mass with priestly ordinations, May 11, 2014

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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 16, 2016

*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns for God's Blessings Upon
 Father Joseph Campion*

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT 5:15 PM GLORIA GILL
 SUN 7:30 AM MIKE KILARESKI
 9:00 AM KATHLEEN REPERT
 11:00 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
 MON **No Mass**
 TUE 7:00 PM KEN UMSTEAD
 WED 7:30 AM THOMAS GRACE, SR.

THU **7:30 AM** GOD'S BLESSINGS UPON ANNE HIRYAK
 FRI 7:30 AM SAMUEL M. KEMP, JR.
 SAT 5:15 PM GUY KLANG
 SUN 7:30 AM DAVID PALKO
 9:00 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
 11:00 AM LEON DONEY

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCRIP: Gulla 5:15pm Costanzo 7:30am Schwendt 9:00am Grieco 11:00am Hafer

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>COMMENTATOR</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
SAT	5:15pm	Joe Bailey	Tim Stewart	Joey and Logan Conlon, Ryan Ferrante
SUN	7:30am	Dan Sweeney	Adelina Kieffer	Adam and Carlina Davis, Avery Lang
	9:00am	Kevin Creamer	Brian Hannon	John Dinnocenti, Nick Donnelly, Sadie Mangan
	11:00am	John Peterson	Mary Jo Simon	Parker Davis, Vinny Ferrara, Zach Whalen

Second collection next week is World Mission Sunday

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, 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, Andrew Martin, Father Donald Birch, The Ravert Family, Harry Wood, Mary Okuniewski, Maria Houck, Paul Bringenberg, Joseph Kolenda, Kenneth Barth, Dominic Strock, Frank Bentz, Bob Hocker, Mike DiScala and Ronald Kryman

Congratulate the recently baptized: Oliver Jameson Schoch

Welcome our new parishioners: Patrick & Karen Coffey, Nancy Leone and Kenneth Moore

Pray for the recently deceased: Robert Clark

THIS WEEK AT ICC:

Sun	10/16	Apple Dumpling Pickup
Mon	10/17	7:30pm RCIA
Tues	10/18	7:30pm Bell Choir
Wed	10/19	7pm Women's Society
Thurs	10/20	7:30pm Adult Choir 7:30pm ICC Book Club
Sat	10/22	4-5pm Confession

WHAT'S HAPPENING

DAILY MASS:

There will be no Mass on Monday, October 17th.

Also, on Thursday, October 20th, the daily Mass will be offered at 7:30AM as opposed to the usual evening hour.

REMINDER – Please pick up your pre-ordered Apple Dumplings in the social hall.

Thanks so much to everyone who helped make the Apple Dumpling Sale a resounding success. We hope you all enjoy the dough wrapped “fruits of our labor”.

The Women's Society will meet Wednesday, October 19th at 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. Please call Geri at 610.586.5538 if you would like more information.

ICC Youth Group is hosting a Pancake Breakfast October 23rd, 8am to noon. Cost of \$6 at the door includes pancakes, eggs, bacon, juice, and coffee/tea.

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

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.

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

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.

Holiday Pie Sale - ICA HSO is selling bake at home, frozen pies from Weavers Orchard. Order forms are at the school and church offices and in the narthex. Choose 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, 9:30am-2:00pm. Prices are \$15 per pie, or buy in sets of two for \$25. Payment by check made payable to ICA HSO must be included with your order. Completed order forms may be placed in the collection baskets or mailed to ICA HSO - Pie Sale, 903 Chestnut Street, Douglassville, 19518.

All orders must be placed by October 21st.

The funds that we raise will be used to support our school.

Immaculate Conception Early Education Preschool
Parents 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.

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.

“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.

40 Days for Life Campaign and Prayer Vigil through November 6th. Daily prayer vigil in front of Reading Planned Parenthood, 4th and Franklin Streets, 7am-4pm, Monday to Saturday. Please come out to pray to help end abortion. Pro Life Berks 610-375-3395.

Designer Bag Bingo- November 13th – ICC Social Hall - BINGO starts 1pm - Doors open 11:30am - \$25 for 20 games, \$30 at the door if available -For tickets call Nikki at 610-763-1408 or Sandy at 610-207-7065. Benefits Catworks and A Hero's Hero (providing companion dogs to veterans)

St. Peter the Apostle Parish, Reading, is seeking to fill a FT secretary position. Applicant must speak, read and write English and Spanish and be competent with computers. Submit resume to Mr. Timothy Reiver; St. Peter the Apostle Parish; 322 S. 5th St., Reading, 19602-2311; stpeterchurch@comcast.net

October 16, 2016

Dear Padre



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Is it OK to attend Bible classes at a Protestant church?



I am a devoted Catholic who likes to read and study the Bible. My parish offers no Bible classes, so several friends and I go to a neighboring Protestant church that offers Bible study. Is this OK?

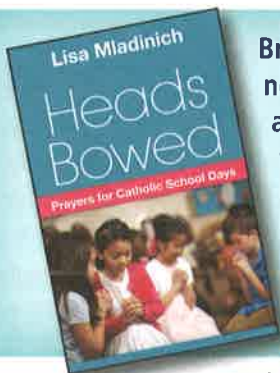
It's wonderful that you enjoy being close to Scripture. It's unfortunate that your parish doesn't offer a Bible-based ministry, but this is not always possible. I imagine you have spoken to your pastor about this; if you haven't, please do. He may be willing to arrange a study if he knows that parishioners are interested.

As for whether you should participate in a Protestant Bible study, discussing Scripture can be an opportunity to share your faith with others. If such discussions cause confusion or uncertainty, however, you should discuss the situation with your priest. You must be cautious about interpretations that directly bear on

Catholic beliefs, such as the perpetual virginity of Mary or her immaculate conception. Some may try to demonstrate that such teachings are false. Remember: **As Catholics, we believe that revelation comes through Scripture and Tradition.**

It would not be right to place yourself in a position that could weaken your faith. Assuming your current study doesn't do this, there is nothing wrong with pursuing it. If your priest has reservations about this, perhaps he can recommend other ways that you and your friends can explore and reflect on God's word.

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Brave St. Joseph, so often you had to do things that were hard, but you never hesitated to do God's will. Pray for us, that we will learn how to pray and listen for God's guidance in our lives, and that we will not be afraid to do what is right. When we learn to answer God's call, we find the most fulfilling path to heaven. Thank you for your prayers, holy St. Joseph! Amen.

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

To learn more, visit Liguori.org or call 800-325-9521.



Monday

OCTOBER 17

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

Eph 2:1–10

Lk 12:13–21

Tuesday

OCTOBER 18

St. Luke, Evangelist

2 Tm 4:10–17b

Lk 10:1–9

Wednesday

OCTOBER 19

Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

Eph 3:2–12

Lk 12:39–48

Thursday

OCTOBER 20

Weekday

Eph 3:14–21

Lk 12:49–53

Friday

OCTOBER 21

Weekday

Eph 4:1–6

Lk 12:54–59

Saturday

OCTOBER 22

Weekday

Eph 4:7–16

Lk 13:1–9

Sunday

OCTOBER 23

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

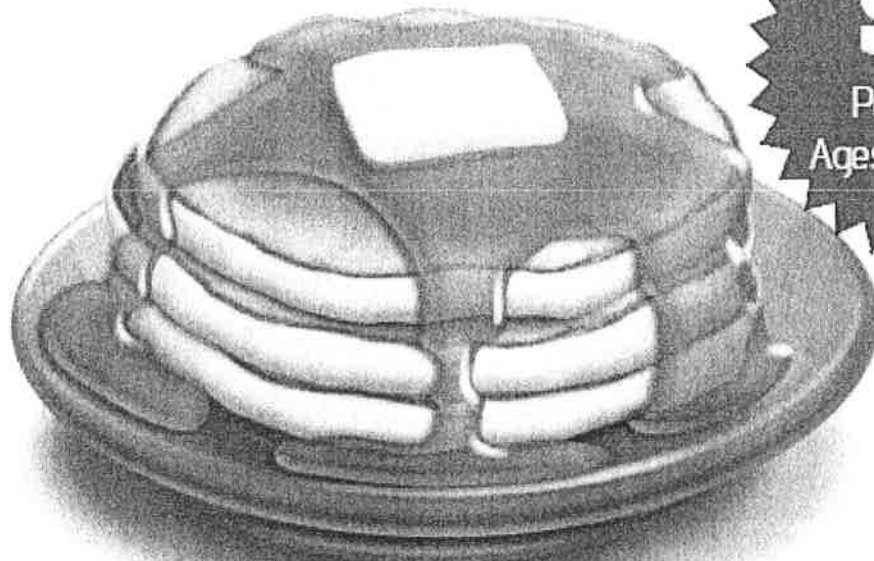
Sir 35:12–14, 16–18

2 Tm 4:6–8, 16–18

Lk 18:9–14

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\$6

Per Person
Ages 3 & under
are free

Youth Group Pancake Breakfast Oct. 23 8am-12pm

All you can eat pancakes served with Bacon,
Scrambled Eggs, Juice, Coffee/Tea

ICC SOCIAL HALL

Benefits the Youth Group mission trip and retreat.





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My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Mercy Changes the World!”

On **World Mission Sunday, October 23**, Pope Francis invites each of us to be part of that change for our world of great need, calls us to announce the mercy of God, “the beating heart of the Gospel” (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 12).

On this 90th World Mission Sunday, our diocesan family joins our brothers and sisters around the world who will gather at the Lord’s Table to celebrate, with great joy, our common vocation as missionaries. Our prayers and financial help, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, support the work of the Mission Church, its witness to Christ and service to the poor.

“Let us not close our hearts within our own particular concerns, but let us open them to all of humanity.”

Message for World Mission Sunday, 2016

I echo these words of our Holy Father, asking you to open your hearts as you connect on World Mission Sunday with every corner of the globe...with the *Americas*, where catechists travel to remote areas to bring the Good News of God’s great love to families; with *Europe*, where new churches are being built to welcome faith communities, renewed after years of persecution; with *Asia*, where six million children receive an education from Religious Sisters in some 16,000 Church-run elementary schools; with the *Pacific Islands*, where 1,000 young men are preparing for the priesthood, to bring the Lord’s healing hope and peace to those in need; with *Africa*, where those who are sick are provided with loving care at 6,400 Catholic hospitals and small clinics.

You can also continue this connection with the Missions all year long, through MISSIO, online at missio.org or on your phone.

Grateful always for your generosity of spirit and heart, and confident of your missionary commitment to share the joy of the Gospel and help the poor, I pray for blessings for you and your families!

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Allentown