

Ordinary Time

November 6, 2016 ♦ Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

2 Mc 7:1–2, 9–14 ♦ 2 Thes 2:16—3:5 ♦ Lk 20:27–38 or 20:27, 34–38

In his first letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul talks about life after death with the simple phrase, “we shall be changed” (15:51–52). In the Nicene Creed, we “look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.” This is the hope of our faith: Even in death, our communion with God cannot be severed. But what will life after death be like? That’s the question that the Sadducees had trouble answering. It’s important to know that the concept of resurrection was a fairly recent development in Jesus’ time. The idea was disputed. The Sadducees did not believe in resurrection; the Pharisees did. The Sadducees were trying to trip Jesus up with their question about multiple marriages. They clung to the notion that life after death would be

exactly like life on earth. Thus, the practical issues would present insurmountable problems. Jesus was not fooled; he tells them that when God raises us up, we will come fully into our identities as children of God.

God has revealed much about life after death since then. We know we will stand before God when we die and face his judgment and mercy. We know we will be able to turn our backs on God (hell) or turn toward him (heaven). We know that for many, purification (purgatory) will be part of that process. Afterward, our loving union with God will remain eternally. Perhaps that truth will inspire greater faith, hope, and witness here and now.

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A Word From Pope Francis

“In Jesus, God gives us eternal life, he gives it to everyone, and thanks to him everyone has the hope of a life even truer than this one.”

— Angelus, November 10, 2013



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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – NOVEMBER 6, 2016

*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Esther Pribanick and
 In Memory of Amanda Haight*

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM	DEC'D MEMBERS OF WOMEN'S SOCIETY	THU	<u>No MASS</u>
SUN	7:30 AM	PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY	FRI	<u>No MASS</u>
	9:00 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS	SAT	5:15 PM BARBARA PEASE – 1 ST ANNIVERSARY
	11:00 AM	PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY	SUN	7:30 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
MON	7:30 AM	WILLIAM TULSA HERFLICKER		9:00 AM PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY
TUE	<u>7:30 AM</u>	FLORENCE ORLANDO LEBRESCO		11:00 AM PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY
WED		<u>No MASS</u>		

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCRIP: Lukes 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	Tim Stewart	Mary Schwendt	Carson Endy, Jordan and Lauren Yerger
SUN	7:30am	Michelle Marley	Amanda Marley	Alex, Jason and Mark Carvalho
	9:00am	Isabelita Santos	Pat Fessler	Ally and Jacob Santos, Will Gray
	11:00am	Lenny Cline III	Greg Shemanski	Michael DiSacala, Johs Piccarreta, Luke Voelker

Second collection next week is the Monthly Collection

Thanksgiving Baskets for Those in Need

To assist families in need, all of the churches in the Birdsboro and Douglassville area have agreed to adopt a particular school for the Thanksgiving holiday. Immaculate Conception has adopted Daniel Boone High School and will provide Thanksgiving baskets to families in need with children enrolled in the high school.

If your family would like to donate a Thanksgiving basket for a needy family, please call the parish office at 610-582-2411 to sign-up. We will provide you with a specific list of needed items and the date by which the basket must be brought to the parish office to ensure its timely delivery. Thank you for your concern for those in need.

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, Rose Osorio, Tony Guilliams, Dolores McCullough, Steve Mammarella, Gloria Richards, Jennifer Pinti, Jane Falcone, Fannie Hunter, Mavrick Laxton, Anthony Pucci, Andrew Martin, The Ravert Family, Harry Wood, Mary Okuniewski, Paul Bringenberg, Joseph Kolenda, Kenneth Barth, Dominic Strock, Frank Bentz, Bob Hocker, Mike DiScala, Keith Kienle, Elizabeth Haynes, Tom Kirchner and Ronald Kryman

Pray for the recently deceased: Father Donald Birch, Carole Keaveney and Philip Kubovcsak

Congratulate the newly baptized: Adalyn Ryan Tuskey

THIS WEEK AT ICC:

Sun	11/06	Social Sunday
Mon	11/07	7:30pm RCIA
Tues	11/08	7:30pm Baptism Class 7:30pm Bell Choir
Thurs	11/10	7:30pm Adult Choir
Fri	11/11	7pm SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP
Sat	11/12	4-5pm Confession

WHAT'S HAPPENING

On Monday, November 7th and Tuesday November 8th the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered at 7:30am. There will be no daily Mass on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday due to the Diocesan Convocation of Priests. Thank you for your kind understanding in this regard.

BAPTISM CLASS – NOVEMBER 8th 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.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP will meet Friday, November 11th, 7-9pm in the lower level meeting room of the Parish Center. All of the teens in our parish in grades 9 to 12 are welcome to attend for an evening of fun, food, games, prayer and praise. Bring a friend!

The Women's Society - November 16th, 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. We will be discussing our Christmas Luncheon and the upcoming Christmas Cookie Sale. There will be no meeting held in the month of December.

On November 15th at 7pm, Immaculate Conception will celebrate a Bereavement Mass commemorating in our prayers all of our parishioners family members and friends who died over the course of the past year. We pray that God will receive into the arms of his mercy all of the faithful departed and that those who mourn may know consolation and peace in the promise of life everlasting. You are invited to attend this Mass. A reception will follow in the social hall.

Scholastic Book Fair - November 13th after 9 and 11 Masses and November 14 through 18 during school hours in the ICA library. This is a great opportunity to buy books for the holidays! Donations are also being accepted for "All for Books" which will help buy books for ICA teacher classrooms. Scholastic will match donations and help provide books to less fortunate children. Donations may be placed in the church collection baskets in an envelope marked "All for Books". **Make a purchase on November 13th and be entered into the drawing to win a StikBot Studio!**

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA - ICA 8th grade is sponsoring our annual **Breakfast with Santa** on December 3rd. Seatings are 8am and 10am. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit, juice, coffee/milk will be served. We will have face painting, cookie and ornament decorating, crafts and pictures with Santa! Tickets are \$8; age 2 and under free. Tickets sell out quickly so get yours today! Call 610-404-8645 for info.

Resorts AC Trip – November 21st – Leave church promptly at 9:30am – Package deal: Pay \$32, Get \$25 back – Call Carol J if interested at 610-775-4447

Water in the cemetery has been turned off.

A Prayer for our Veterans:

Help us, dear God, to see your face in every Veteran we encounter. Guide us as we imagine new ways to support Veterans and their families. Bring healing and peace to all who have been wounded physically, mentally and spiritually during wartime. Help us bring your saving grace to heal the invisible wounds of war. We ask this in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

A Prayer for our Deceased Veterans:

O God, by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest, look kindly on your departed veterans who gave their lives in the service of their country. Grant that through the passion, death, and resurrection of your Son they may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom and rejoice in you with your saints forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Mass Intention Book for 2017 opens November 8th. Parishioners are invited to come to the parish office, Tuesdays through Fridays after 11am to schedule a Mass (\$10) or to reserve the Sanctuary Lamp (\$25). Due to the number of Intentions and the limited number of days per year, please limit your requests to four per person per year.

2016 Dance-A-Thon Donations

Please place in an envelope marked "**ICA Dance-A-Thon**" and drop in any Sunday collection basket or mail to Immaculate Conception Academy, 903 Chestnut Street, Douglassville, 19518.

All donations are greatly appreciated!

All women of the parish are invited to join the members of the Women's Society for our Annual Christmas Luncheon on December 4th, 1pm at Stopper's. Entree choices are chicken parmesan (\$17), broiled center-cut pork chops (\$17), crab cakes (\$23) or Delmonico steak (\$23). Entrees include garden salad, baked potato, vegetable, bread, non-alcoholic beverage, and dessert. Please place your entrée choice along with payment (checks payable to Women's Society) in the collection basket in envelope marked Women's Society by November 28th. Questions, call Ann Marie (610.689.9124) or Lynda (610.689.4076). We hope to see you there!

Are you a parishioner who has a disability and would like to participate more fully in Parish Life? We are willing to talk with you about accommodations that you need to assist in your participation. Please contact us and we can discuss the options. We are open to all ideas to make our church a "House of Prayer for All People"!

November 13th-Diocesan Disability Inclusion Awareness Sunday

Thank you for your generous donations of cleaning products to help those in our community who are having a difficult time financially and are in need of these items. Please continue to place whatever you can bring, particularly laundry detergent, in the blue container near the front door of the Church.

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).

Soup & Bake Sale - 11/12 - 9am-2pm - Bean Soup, Chili, Minestrone, Chicken Corn Noodle-\$8/qt. Christ United Methodist Church - 114 Bird St. Birdsboro.

November 6, 2016

Dear Padre



BERNARDO RAMONFAUR / SHUTTERSTOCK



Can a non-Catholic become a saint?

Q Are non-Catholics eligible to be named saints?

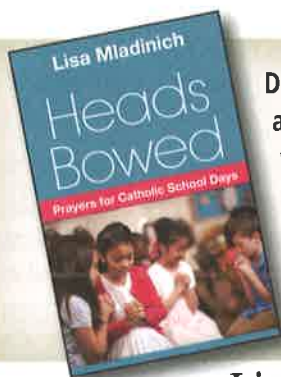
“The cause of beatification and canonization regards a Catholic who in life, in death and after death has enjoyed a reputation of holiness by living all the Christian virtues in an heroic manner” (*Sanctorum Mater*, 4.1). In this process, the Catholic Church not only investigates the heroic virtues of a candidate, but confirms miracles attributed to them after their death, and ultimately declares a person to be a saint in heaven and worthy of veneration.

Moreover, the process is ecclesial: it is executed by the Catholic Church for the holiness of its members. “By **canonizing** some of the faithful, i.e., by solemnly proclaiming that they practiced heroic virtue lived in fidelity to God’s grace, the Church recognizes the power of the

Spirit of holiness within her and sustains the hope of believers by proposing the saints to them as models and intercessors” (CCC 828).

While there are non-Catholic saints worthy of canonization, the Church does not presume to canonize members of other churches (should they even be presented for validation); rather, the Church favors candidates who are in the same full communion of faith as the Catholics whose understanding of saints look to them as intercessors. As Kenneth Woodward wrote in *Making Saints*, “Catholic saints make sense only within a world where the ‘body of Christ’ is more than just a metaphor.”

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Dear holy souls in purgatory, through the burning fire of God’s sweet love, you are transformed and cleansed. Just as Jesus turned ordinary water into a fine wine, he is changing you and preparing you for heaven. What joy you must feel because you are moving closer and closer to Jesus! Holy souls in purgatory, pray for us, that we may live lives worthy of our heavenly reward. Amen.

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

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Monday
NOVEMBER 7
Weekday
Ti 1:1–9
Lk 17:1–6

Tuesday
NOVEMBER 8
Weekday
Ti 2:1–8, 11–14
Lk 17:7–10

Wednesday
NOVEMBER 9
Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12
1 Cor 3:9c–11, 16–17
Jn 2:13–22

Thursday
NOVEMBER 10
St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Phlm 7–20
Lk 17:20–25

Friday
NOVEMBER 11
St. Martin of Tours, Bishop
2 Jn 4–9
Lk 17:26–37

Saturday
NOVEMBER 12
St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
3 Jn 5–8
Lk 18:1–8

Sunday
NOVEMBER 13
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mal 3:19–20a
2 Thes 3:7–12
Lk 21:5–19

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