

Ordinary Time

October 5, 2014 • Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

In a scene from the musical *The Music Man* the central character, Harold Hill, tells his band that if they want to *play* the Minuet in G, all they have to do is *think* the Minuet in G. He's a swindler, and when the mayor tries to prove it by having Harold conduct his band, he looks at them pleadingly and urges them to think.

To the surprise of everyone, including Harold, the band slowly (and even painfully) plays something that sounds a little like the Minuet in G and a little like many grade-school concerts, making parents proud and freeing Harold from jail.

Paul has his own version of the "think system" in today's passage from Philippians. For Paul, every minute spent thinking about that which is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, gracious, excellent, and worthy of praise is another

Today's Readings

Is 5:1-7

Phil 4:6-9

Mt 21:33-43

minute that brings us closer to the living God whose presence is evident in all these things.

It's not such a bad idea. God manifests the divine self in truth and beauty and in all the things Paul names. To reflect on these is to become more aware of his presence to us


through them.

Centuries later, the Christian founders of the university where I work adopted Paul's "think system" as their motto, reasoning that our thoughts should not be directed only toward facts to grow the mind, but also toward the things that would transform our characters.

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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 5, 2014

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

AT	5:15 PM	LOUISE SHABER – 6 TH ANNIVERSARY	THU	7:00 PM	BOB ELLISON
UN	7:30 AM	PAUL VIGNONE	FRI	7:30 AM	ANTHONY & MARGARET MOHR
	9:00 AM	LAWRENCE & MARY DEL GROSSO	SAT	5:15 PM	BRUCE KETTERER
	11:00 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS	SUN	7:30 AM	JOHN PALKO
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UE	7:00 PM	JOHN BUTLER		11:00 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
VED	7:30 AM	SPECIAL INTENTION			

*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Honor of Brenda & Lew DelGrosse –
 50th Wedding Anniversary*

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCRIP: Zubik 5:15pm Swanson 7:30am Schwendt 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	Ann Marie Arbo	Shirley Wheeler	Leonard Cline, Brent DeMarco, Ryan Ferrante
SUN	7:30am	Jim Kaucher	Toni Kaucher	Ian Haynes, Matthew and Anna Lambert
	9:00am	Josephine Hohl	Brian Hannon	Alex and Madilynn Hocker, Cole Werley
	11:00am	Mike Bobb	John Peterson	Michael and Robert Beitz, Aaron Gulla

The second collection next week is the Monthly Collection

RCIA

Thinking about becoming a Catholic? Are you looking for a "Faith Refresher?" Join Monsignor McCann, Deacon Paul Hiryak and guest speakers on Monday evenings 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. Classes are scheduled from 7:30pm to 9:00pm. You are welcome to attend as many sessions as your schedule permits. For more information or to register contact the parish office at 610.582.2411.

Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Joe & Betty Cuccaro, Cecelia Potts, Arthur & Betty Erjavec, Marco Fiato, Bryan Fiato, John Kakas, Terry & Paul Swisher, William Kuehler, Maryanne Prentice, John & Joan LeFosse, Tracy Seasholtz, Aaron Gulla, John Iezzi, Delores Woy, Alice Arantowicz, Andrew Martin, Alice Smyk, Barbara Pease, Yolanda Marino, Robert Mariani, Marie Snyder, Irene Wade, Loretta Kozlowski, Patricia Reigel, Patricia Winkel, Ann Kretzman, Ann Schlott, Anthony Boraten, Gage Speece, Sharon Kirkpatrick, Julia McDonald, Maryanna Niemczyk and Mark McDonald

Please welcome our new parishioners: Mrs. Christine Hajj, Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Korinko, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Alexander

Please pray for the recently baptized: Isla Shay Hassler, Bennett Rinda Hansen and their families

Please congratulate the newly married: Jonnie Marie Hughes & Christopher Ryan Korinko

THIS WEEK AT ICC:

Sun	10/05	SOCIAL SUNDAY
Mon	10/06	7:30 RCIA
Tues	10/07	7pm Baptism Class 7:30 Bell Choir Rehearsal
Thurs	10/09	7:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal
Fri	10/10	7pm Senior High Youth Group
Sat	10/11	4-5pm Confessions

WHAT'S HAPPENING

October 5th is Respect Life Sunday. At all Masses on the weekend of October 4/5, the Knights of Columbus will be asking for your contributions for a "Rose for Life", the symbol of the Pro-Life movement to help support Birthright, A Baby's Breath, Pro-Life Coalition of Southeastern Pennsylvania and to shelters that house and feed people in need. Please help those who can't help themselves. Pray the Rosary to End Abortion.

Pro-life Rosary Recitation on Respect Life Sunday, October 5th, immediately following the 11:00 Mass in the Meditation Garden. Please join us in prayer to illuminate the sanctity of human life!

The **National 40 Days for Life Campaign and Prayer Vigil** is through November 2nd. Daily prayer vigil in front of Reading Planned Parenthood, 4th and Franklin Streets, 7am-4pm, Monday to Saturday. Visit 40daysforlife.com/Reading and use the Reading calendar to pray.

Confirmation: Bishop Edward P. Cullen will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the children of Immaculate Conception Church on October 15th at 4:30pm. We invite you to pray for the young men and women of our parish who are preparing to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Please note that on Tuesday, October 14th, the daily Mass will be offered at 12:05pm due to the rehearsal scheduled in the evening for our Confirmandi and their sponsors.

25% OFF AND EXTENDED SHOPPING HOURS for the Boscov's "one day only" **Friends Helping Friends** - Tuesday, October 21st, from **9am till 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.

The Women's Society will be preparing and baking Apple Dumplings on Friday, October 24th and Saturday, October 25th in the social from 9am - till? Come one or both days. We usually finish up around 1pm after a lite lunch. Easy, stress free, fun work with a great bunch of people. **See the separate order sheet in the narthex and bulletin to order yours today.** Orders should be placed and prepaid by October 19th. We may have extras to sell but if you are sure you would like one or two, we encourage you to pre-order. Extras go really fast! **Pick up your order in the social hall before or after Masses on October 25th and 26th.**

Annual ICA-HSO Christmas Bazaar **November 15th, 9am to 3pm, Social Hall**

The Women's Society will meet October 15th at 7pm in the social hall. All members are asked to attend if you are able. We will begin recitation of the Rosary at 7pm. If you are new to the parish and would like to get to know more people, or are interested in becoming more active in our parish community, the Women's Society is for you! We have a wonderful diverse group of all ages sharing a common interest in enriching our faith while serving our church. We meet the third Wednesday of each month September through May (no meeting in December). Although we would love to welcome all women of the parish as new members to the society, you do not need to be a member to participate in our activities.

WIN \$10,000 CASH! The Berks Catholic High School Extravaganza Cash Raffle tickets are now available. Only 350 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be held on October 10th during the Extravaganza 2014 event. Donation is \$100. Contact 610-374-1695 for tickets.

Signups are underway for CYO winter sports. Visit www.iccyo.com for more information.

Catholic Men's Fellowship presents **Spirit 2014 Men's Conference - Challenging Men to Grow in Faith** at DeSales University, Center Valley, PA on November 15th. For information or to register, visit www.cmfd.org

Calling All Women! The Commission for Women is hosting a Women's Day of Spirituality, "Who Am I Called to Be" on October 18th, 9 am - 3 pm at St. Mary in Hamburg. Megan Murphy from the Diocese of Scranton will be our keynote speaker. Join us as we discover what Saint John Paul II called our feminine genius and a new understanding of the role of receptivity, communion of persons and communion with Christ. The day will also include Confession, Adoration and Mass celebrated by Bishop John O. Barres. Register on-line at www.allentowndiocese.org/cfw14. For more information, call 610-289-8900 ext. 228.

Public Square Rosary Crusade! Pray The Holy Rosary at Memorial Park in Pottstown on October 11th at noon. Please bring a lawn chair. Contact Maryann at 610-350-1216 for more information.

If a Prenatal Diagnosis is Poor...You are not alone. There is help. Do you feel numb and in shock? Heartbroken? Frightened and alone? Are you considering carrying to term but uncertain how to find resources and support? **You Are Not Alone Ministry** has a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding poor prenatal diagnosis. For support, contact Sr. Janice Marie Johnson at 610-289-8900, x245 or jjohnson@allentowndiocese.org.

Chicken BBQ on October 11th, 11-4 at VFW Post 411 in Birdsboro. The cost is \$9 and includes 1/2 a chicken, baked potato, corn, pepper cabbage and roll with butter. Tickets will be sold at the event or can be purchased in advance by calling 610-582-0058.

Monday

OCTOBER 6

Weekday

Gal 1:6-12

Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday

OCTOBER 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

Gal 1:13-24

Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday

OCTOBER 8

Weekday

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14

Lk 11:1-4

Thursday

OCTOBER 9

Weekday

Gal 3:1-5

Lk 11:5-13

Friday

OCTOBER 10

Weekday

Gal 3:7-14

Lk 11:15-26

Saturday

OCTOBER 11

Weekday

Gal 3:22-29

Lk 11:27-28

Sunday

OCTOBER 12

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10a

Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

Mt 22:1-14 or

22:1-10

October 5, 2014

dear Padre

Is addiction a sin?



I'm a recovering heroin addict. Do I need to go to reconciliation to confess my addiction? Addiction is a disease, not a sin. Right?

Right, but addiction and actually using drugs are two different things. As you know, recovering addicts who don't use drugs are still addicts, and that in itself isn't a sin. But it's against the law to use heroin in the United States, so even if you never committed a secondary crime to get it, the "getting it" was a crime.

More important, though, the body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, and it's a sin to abuse ourselves in any way. Even if it weren't against the law, your use of heroin is certainly an abuse of your body.

The sacrament of reconciliation is more than just receiving absolution for sins. It also helps us look more deeply at our lives. Before you go, examine your conscience: Ask yourself how your addiction has affected your body, your life, your relationship with God, and the welfare of others.

If you bring honest answers to those questions as well as an open heart and an open mind, your conversation with your priest at reconciliation will help you heal your relationship with God and others. You will also receive the grace to improve your life and do things like overcome addiction so you can be a better person.

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For resources to support Catholics dealing with addiction, visit Liguori.org or call 800-325-9521.





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