

Ordinary Time

June 14, 2015 ♦ Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

I have a good sense of direction. If I drive by a place, I can usually find my way back, walking or driving as much by instinct that says, “I think it’s over that way a little,” as by any street names or landmarks. I like following unknown paths in the woods just to see where they lead. I almost always find my way back with a minimum of backtracking.

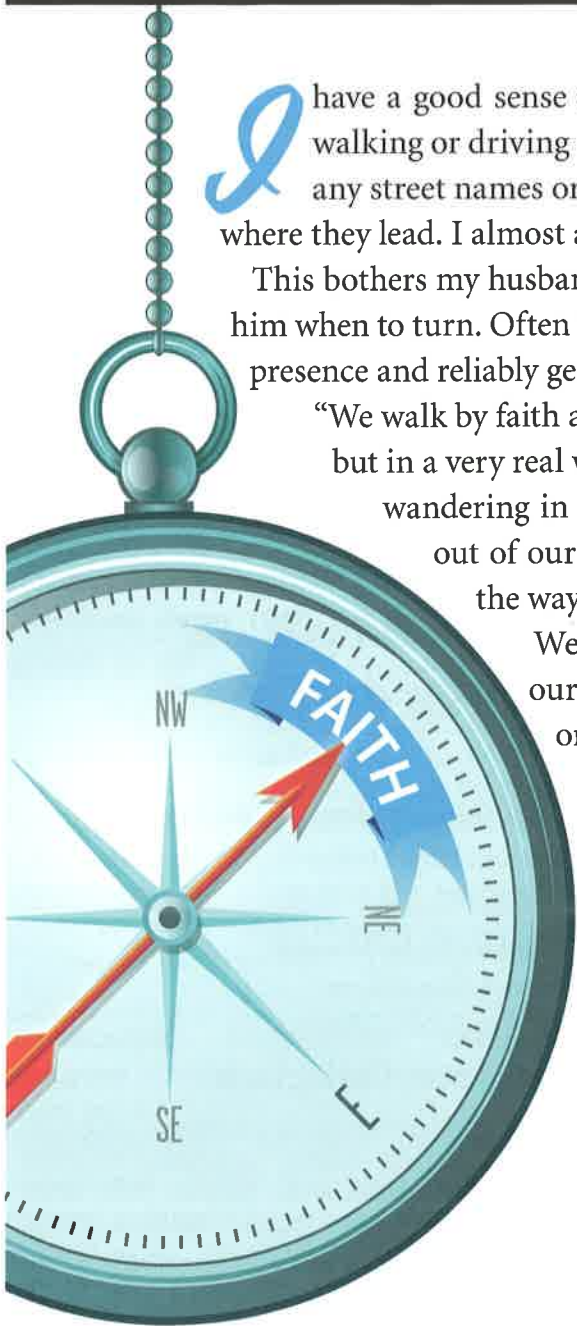
This bothers my husband, who is a firm believer in maps, map apps, and GPS voices telling him when to turn. Often he ignores them to take a different route, but he is comforted by their presence and reliably gets from point A to point B.

“We walk by faith and not by sight,” St. Paul says. He may not have had a store in mind, but in a very real way he was talking about getting from point A to point B—from our wandering in this world to our home with God. He was talking about making it out of our spiritual woods into the light of day and making discoveries along the way.

We see as human beings do and not as God does. Paul suggests we find our way through our faith in God, who is light in our darkness, the path on which we walk, our goal and destination.

Our longing to know where we are going is satisfied when we realize we are going to him. Some will take detours and get utterly lost. Others will rely on maps, and still others will follow those who have gone before—the saints who are our examples or Christ himself. Walking by faith isn’t easy, but God will get us to where we are going if we trust in him.

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Today's Readings

Ez 17:22–24
2 Cor 5:6–10
Mk 4:26–34

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JUNE 14, 2015

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM CHARLES WAGNER	THU	7:00 PM AMELIA & DOMINIC MARION
SUN	7:30 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS	FRI	7:30 AM PATRICIA HAIGHT SHUSTER
	9:00 AM ELEANOR PAINTER – 14 TH ANNIVERSARY	SAT	5:15 PM JOHN BUTLER
	11:00 AM SALLY DAMBAUGH	SUN	7:30 AM LIVING & DECEASED FATHERS OF THE PARISH
MON	NO MASS		9:00 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
TUE	7:00 PM JOSIE FREDRIKSEN – 6 TH ANNIVERSARY		11:00 AM LIVING & DECEASED FATHERS OF THE PARISH
WED	7:30 AM SOPHIA & ANDREW LAKATOSH		

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Josie Fredricksen and In Honor of Rosemarie & Bill Strock – 50th Wedding Anniverdary

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCRIP: Sponsor: Dowling 5:15 Costanzo 7:30 Kasperowicz 9:00 Carvalho 11:00 Hafer

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>COMMENTATOR</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
SAT	5:15pm	Mary Schwendt	Jennifer Stuart	Alex, Jason and Mark Carvalho
SUN	7:30am	Toni Kaucher	Jim Kaucher	Allie and Sarah Forkin, Sadie Mangan
	9:00am	Val Romasanta	Isabelita Santos	Ally Santos, Beth and Gracie Cote
	11:00am	Steve Lukes	Mary Jo Simon	Mickey and Will Gray, Colby Mullins

The second collection next week is the Peter's Pence Collection

Bishops Annual Appeal

We are grateful to all who pledged their support to the 2015 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL. Your gift will allow our diocese to meet the many and varied needs of the people of this diocese. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. If you did not take the opportunity to make your gift, you may do so at any time over the next few weeks by placing your pledge form in the collection basket or visiting the Appeal online at www.2015baa.org. Thank you for your support.

Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Joe Cuccaro, Marco Fiato, Bryan Fiato, John Kakas, Maryanne Prentice, Tracy Seasholtz, Aaron Gulla, John Iezzi, Delores Woy, Alice Arantowicz, Andrew Martin, Alice Smyk, Barbara Pease, Yolanda Marino, Robert Mariani, Marie Snyder, Irene Wade, Patricia Winkel, Ann Schlott, Maryanna Niemczyk, Mary Pender, Roger Villano, Sharon Kirkpatrick, Kathy Patrick, Doris Slater, Alan Mammarella, Joseph & Susan McCorristin, Anna DiMarcello, Mary and Phil Morici, Curt Miller, Bob Hocker, Ronald Readinger, Joe Lukac, Linda Domergue, Brenda DelGrosse, Margaret Maccarone, Father Joseph Campion, Lois Muldowney, Mary Ann Emery, Paul Milshaw, Giuseppe Lubrano, Helen McDonald, Dan Casciano, Rex Voelker and Tom Hafer

Please pray for the recently deceased: Lana Wentzel, Thomas Kubizek

Please congratulate the newly baptized: Cael Jameson Elphick

Please congratulate the recently married: Andrew Tyler Heffernan & Kayla Ann Copeland

THIS WEEK AT ICC:

Mon 06/15 7pm Bereavement Support Group
Thurs 06/18 12pm Prime Time Bugless Picnic
Sat 06/20 4-5pm Confession

WHAT'S HAPPENING

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be no Mass on Monday, June 15, 2015.



Immaculate Conception Church

Summer Office Hours beginning June 15th
Tuesday through Friday, 9:30am to 4:30pm

Immaculate Conception Academy

Summer Office Hours
Tuesday through Thursday, 9:00am to 1:00pm

Bereavement Support Group will meet on June 15th, 7-8:30pm in the church (use side door, first room on right). We welcome anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one regardless of when it happened. For information call Tom at 610-404-1389 or Pat 610-775-1892.

Prime Time Bugless Picnic and Bingo will be held on June 18th, 12-2pm in the social hall.

RESORTS AC TRIP – June 19th – Leave church at 9:30am. Package Deal – Pay \$31/Get \$25. Carol J. 610-775-4447.

2015 Vacation Bible School - "God's Team" - VBS will be held the week of June 22 – 26, 9am to noon. VBS is open to all ICC parishioners ages 5 to 10. The cost is \$35 per child. Registration forms are available in the narthex, parish office and the Academy office. Adult and teen volunteers are always welcome. Join the team! Contact Mrs. O'Donnell at 610-582-3880 or ccd@icbvm.org.

Immaculate Conception Academy Aftercare Program is looking for someone willing to work several hours per week from 3pm to 6pm. Must have completed a "Protecting God's Children" class and obtain required background checks and clearances. Please call Laura DeFalco at 610-463-8157.

Confirmation Date Announced: Bishop Barres will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the children of our parish family of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 4:30pm.

Redner's Save-A-Tape – In order for ICC to receive the 1% credit 1) you must use your Pump Perks card 2) please submit the entire receipt and 3) do not use a highlighter on the totals as this erases the number.

MOVING OUT OF THE AREA? Please call 610-582-2411 so we can say goodbye and update our records.

Traveling this summer? Visit www.masstimes.org for Mass schedules from all over the world.

Bulletin Deadline – Wednesday at Noon

SCRIP FACTS – Do you realize that you can reduce your child's tuition at Immaculate Conception Academy, Berks Catholic High School or CCD just by buying **SCRIP** to use at stores and restaurants that you go to anyway? It's as easy as...

1. Bring a check/cash to any weekend Mass or parish office during business hours to buy **SCRIP**.
2. Choose the **SCRIP** you need; basically you are buying a gift certificate. You have just credited yourself 2.5% of the **SCRIP** purchase price toward school tuition or CCD tuition and made a donation to ICC. And it didn't cost you a penny more than what you would have spent anyway! You'll be surprised at how quickly this will add up! You could literally save hundreds of dollars off your tuition!
3. Use the **SCRIP** at the store or restaurant for your purchase. Pay your Kohl's bill or Boscov's bill (at the East store only) with **SCRIP**. **SCRIP** also makes a great gift at holidays, birthdays or anytime!!
4. Meanwhile, ICC keeps a tab on how much credit you have earned. The credit year for school tuition is June 1 through May 31 and is deducted from tuition for the following school year. For CCD, the credit year is March 1 through the end of February for the following year.
5. Feel free to choose any family to receive your credit! If no family is chosen, the church receives the credit.

SCRIP is available for Boscov's, Redner's, Applebee's, Giant, Red Lobster/Olive Garden/ Bahama Breeze/Smokey Bones/LongHorn Steak House/ Seasons 52, Kohl's and Flynn & O'Hara in many different denominations. **SCRIP** is available at the parish office or at each weekend Mass. For more information, call Rita at 610-582-2411.

Mary's Shelter currently has the following position available – Part-time, Support Staff – Individual should be self-motivated, responsible, and dedicated to serving in a life affirming ministry. Call Chris at 610-603-8010.

Volunteers needed Wednesdays in July, 9-11:30am! Age 18+ consider helping to register people receiving food monthly at Kennedy House, 532 Spruce St., Reading. Call Sister Chris at Catholic Charities 610-376-7144 ex. 308

Let your marriage bloom like the spring flowers! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can rekindle the joy in your marriage and improve your communication! It is a weekend for married couples to focus on each other and their relationship. The next weekend is scheduled for June 26-28 at St. Mary of Providence. Call 610-449-1859.

If a Prenatal Diagnosis is Poor...You are not alone. There is help. The Diocese of Allentown 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, jjohnson@allentowndiocese.org or call 610-289-8900 x 245.

Building a Culture of Vocations

WHEN PEOPLE wish to destroy religion, they begin by attacking the priest, because when there is no longer any priest there is no sacrifice, and where there is no longer any sacrifice, there is no religion. *St. John Vianney*



June 14, 2015

dear Padre

Monday

JUNE 15
Weekday
2 Cor 6:1-10
Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday

JUNE 16
Weekday
2 Cor 8:1-9
Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday

JUNE 17
Weekday
2 Cor 9:6-11
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

JUNE 18
Weekday
2 Cor 11:1-11
Mt 6:7-15

Friday

JUNE 19
St. Romuald, Abbot
2 Cor 11:18, 21-30
Mt 6:19-23

Saturday

JUNE 20
Weekday
2 Cor 12:1-10
Mt 6:24-34

Sunday

JUNE 21
*Twelfth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Jb 38:1, 8-11
2 Cor 5:14-17
Mk 4:35-41

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Why is Jesus' ancestry described inconsistently in the Bible?



Why is there such a difference between the genealogy of Jesus outlined in Matthew 1 and Luke 4:23?

Matthew wrote his Gospel story first. He was a Jewish man who wanted to tell his Jewish audience that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah, the savior who had come. He needed to show that Jesus was part of the long tradition of the people of God, starting with Abraham, the father of the faith.

Luke was a Greek writing to Gentiles. He accompanied St. Paul on his many missionary journeys. His listeners and readers knew very little of Jewish culture and tradition. Luke wanted to show that Jesus had come as savior and redeemer of all races and all peoples.

So he starts with Adam, the father of us all, and says salvation is now universal. Your last name and skin color are immaterial.

This belief of universal salvation will reach its fullness in the doctrine of the Mystical Body of Christ, in which all of us are included. Christ is the head, and we are the members of the one body that is the Church.

Keep reading the word of God for more wonderful insights.

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