

# Ordinary Time

July 19, 2015 + Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

At the ranch where my mother lived in her adolescence, sheep wandered through pastures of grass and shrubs. When it came time to gather them into the corral at night, the ranch hands would get the dogs out and set them to work running around and behind the sheep to keep them together while the hands drove them in the right direction. Occasionally a young lamb or an injured ewe would fall, and the man closest would pick the animal up with a tenderness that seemed out of character with callouses and sunburned, weathered skin. When we visited the ranch, I remember vividly the look and smell of the sheep and that the ranch hands thought they were dumb.

While the sheep may not have been the smartest of animals, they knew the men and the promise of a safe pen and water at the end of the hot day undoubtedly made the job easier. From my mother's stories, I remember most the way she described the shepherders. They did not lead the sheep so much as walk with or behind them. They became part of the procession, rather than the head of it. This kept the sheep calm and moved them faster. When Jesus looked at the crowd, he saw a people that needed someone to walk with them and show them the way to go. They needed someone occasionally to go behind them to pick up the strays and the wounded and carry them tenderly home. This is what Jesus does for us. In his compassion, he brings us to pasture and, at the end, he gathers all people into his one flock and guides them home.

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## Today's Readings

Jer 23:1–6

Eph 2:13–18

Mk 6:30–34



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## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JULY 19, 2015

### ★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT 5:15 PM ANTHONY DIGUGLIELMO  
 SUN 7:30 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS  
 9:00 AM JENNIE CROSBY  
 11:00 AM LEN BEDNOWICZ  
 MON 7:30 AM BERNIE RISSMILLER  
 TUE 7:00 PM EDWARD MACCARONE  
 WED 7:30 AM BRUCE KETTERER

THU 7:00 PM MARION CONNELL  
 FRI 7:30 AM JOAN MARSHALL  
 SAT 5:15 PM DEC'D MEMBERS OF THE OTT FAMILY  
 SUN 7:30 AM JOHN BRADLEY  
 9:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS UPON BARRIE PEASE  
 11:00 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS

*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Stella Powaski  
 And also In Memory of Lansford Knapp III*

### NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

**SCRIP:** Sponsor: Dowling 5:15 Costanzo 7:30 Kaseprowicz 9:00 Carvalho 11:00 Sirba

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>COMMENTATOR</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
SAT	5:15pm	Shirley Wheeler	Joe Bailey	Ryan Ferrante, Alex and Madilynn Hocker
SUN	7:30am	Adelina Kieffer	Dan Sweeney	MasonCambria, SamanthaReitnour, IsabellaPizzo
	9:00am	Stephanie Myers	Pat Fessler	Mickey and Will Gray, Colby Mullins
	11:00am	Betty Effinger	Bob Newman	Beth and Gracie Cote, Sadie Mangan

**The second collection next week is for Religious Ministries**

### ICC Altar Server Clinic

Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>  
 9:30am-12pm in the church

Any parish child in grades 6 through 12 can become an altar server. To enroll, please complete the form below and return to Msgr. McCann by August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade for 2015/2016 School Year: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: 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, Ann Schlott, Maryanna Niemczyk, Roger Villano, Kathy Patrick, Doris Slater, Joseph & Susan McCorristin, Mary and Phil Morici, Curt Miller, Bob Hocker, Joe Lukac, Linda Domergue, Margaret Maccarone, Father Joseph Campion, Dan Casciano, Rex Voelker, Linda Ritchie, Tom Hafer, Regina Genovese, Scott Strunack and Richard McArthur

Please congratulate the recently baptized: Connor John Kopenc and his family

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS: Monsignor McCann, Deacon Hiryak, Deacon Bardi and Deacon Giordano visit our parishioners who are hospitalized, in nursing homes or homebound regularly. If you or a member of your family is hospitalized, please call the parish office at 610-582-2411.

## **THIS WEEK AT ICC:**

Sat 07/25 4-5pm Confession

# **WHAT'S HAPPENING**

## **Immaculate Conception Church**

Summer Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday, 9:30am to 4:30pm

## **Immaculate Conception Academy**

Summer Office Hours

Tuesday through Thursday, 9:00am to 1:00pm

## **ARE YOU WEARING YOUR SUNDAY BEST?**

**Dressing appropriately for Mass shows mindfulness toward God, as well as respect for the sanctity of the church and the worship experience of fellow parishioners. When getting dressed for Mass be mindful that you are preparing to present yourself to God. Think about it – the angels hide their face before His Majesty – and what have we just pulled off the hanger? If we're dressed for the beach, the gym or a back yard barbecue, we need to back up and try again! It'll only take a minute. and God will bless us for the effort.**

**CCD Registration** for the 2015-2016 school year has been extended! Class space is limited so **register now!**

Registration forms are available at the Academy or online at [www.icbvmccd.org](http://www.icbvmccd.org). Need help? Contact Mrs. O'Donnell at 610-582-3880 or email [ccd@icbvm.org](mailto:ccd@icbvm.org).

**Immaculate Conception Academy Aftercare** 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.

**ICC Early Education Center** has a position available for a part-time Pre-Kindergarten Aide. If interested please contact Rhonda Ouimet at 610-823-1295.

**Immaculate Conception Academy** is now accepting applications for part time teaching positions and substitute teaching positions. Qualified and interested persons should call Christine Prinzo at 610-404-8645.

## **Building a Culture of Vocations**

**WHAT QUALIFIES a man to be a Deacon?** – Prayer.

Humility. Service. Grace. Suffering. Love. A willingness to be changed and to offer his life in unpaid sacrificial service to God, to the Church, to any and all in need of God's mercy.

**Traveling this summer?** Visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) for Mass schedules from all over the world.

**Bulletin Deadline – Wednesday at Noon**  
**[bulletin@icbvm.org](mailto:bulletin@icbvm.org)**

## **BISHOP'S 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](http://www.2015baa.org). Pledge Forms are available in the narthex of the church at the SCRIP table. Thank you for your support!

## **IC CYO FALL SPORTS REGISTRATIONS**

**Girls Volleyball (Grades 6-8th):** If your child is interested in playing a fun and fast paced game (offered to all 6<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> grade girl parishioners), please go to the address below to register.

**Cross-Country (K-8th):** If your child is interested (offered to all Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade parishioners), please go to the address below to register.

**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Immaculate Conception CYO Cross Country Meet:** On Sunday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> (2pm), the IC CYO Cross Country Team will host over 150 CYO runners from other Berks County Parishes. A big event that will need a lot of preparation and, more importantly, volunteers to help with the meet's administration! Please contact Matt Deviney at (484)-363-9914 if you are interested in helping out.

<http://www.iccyo.com/about-the-team/registration-packet>

## **Volunteer your time- Open Positions**

Volunteering is a very rewarding experience. Please consider joining in on many of the opportunities that help push the IC CYO program to new and exciting initiatives and successes. Also, if you are interested in leadership positions on our Board, we have positions open on our IC CYO Board to seize the opportunity in developing our program. Please contact our Matt Deviney (484)-363-9914 or [iccyo2003@gmail.com](mailto:iccyo2003@gmail.com) with questions and/or interests. The IC CYO Board are grateful for your support and look forward to having you involved in the Catholic Youth Organization's programs at the Immaculate Conception Parish.

## **How will YOU care for your Aging Parent?**

*How do you know when they need more help? Who do you call? What resources are available?*

Come to the **AGENT PARENT FAIR**

Tuesday, July 21, 5-7pm at St. Paul's UCC Church, 1312 Old Swede Road, Douglassville

Gather information on senior resources and get answers to your questions during this open session.

This is intended for adult children seeking help, support and resources for their aging loved ones.

For info, call Wendy at 610-413-1995

**St Benedict's 59th Summer Festival/Chicken Barbecue**  
August 1<sup>st</sup>, 11am-10pm. Chicken dinners \$10. Auction, games, crafters, BINGO, food, raffle, Pipper the Clown. Blood Mobile 1-5pm. Live music "Missbehavin" starts at 6pm. FIREWORKS AT DUSK. NO BYOB/NO BYOF. Picnic grounds located 9 miles south of Reading, on Morgantown Road (route 10), Plowville. For information call 610-856-1006.



July 19, 2015

# Dear Padre

## Monday

JULY 20  
Weekday  
Ex 14:5-18  
Mt 12:38-42

## Tuesday

JULY 21  
Weekday  
Ex 14:21-15:1  
Mt 12:46-50

## Wednesday

JULY 22  
St. Mary Magdalene  
Ex 16:1-5, 9-15  
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

## Thursday

JULY 23  
Weekday  
Ex 19:1-2, 9-11,  
16-20b  
Mt 13:10-17

## Friday

JULY 24  
Weekday  
Ex 20:1-17  
Mt 13:18-23

## Saturday

JULY 25  
St. James, Apostle  
2 Cor 4:7-15  
Mt 20:20-28

## Sunday

JULY 26  
Seventeenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
2 Kgs 4:42-44  
Eph 4:1-6  
Jn 6:1-15

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## Is there more value in a group rosary?



Does it mean more to pray the rosary in a group? The congregational rosary before Mass disturbs my meditative time before Mass in church.

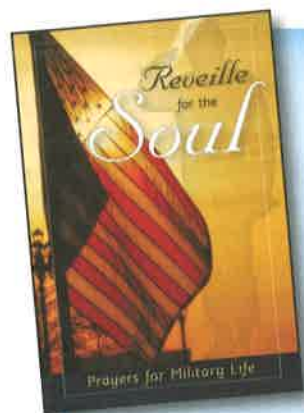
**There is power** and strength in community prayer. We are social beings and like to do things together. That is why we like to root for our sport teams with other people present.

But we also have a personal side. For myself, I like to go into a silent chapel with the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. There are, nonetheless, so many ways to enter into the presence of the Lord.

So while both forms of prayer have great value, the norms for the celebration of the Eucharist call for a silent time of meditation before the Mass begins. This may only be for a few brief moments. This is so people will end their conversations and more fully participate in the celebration with limited distractions. Therefore, the rosary should end before Mass with adequate time for personal quiet and reflection. If this is done, then everyone has an opportunity to enter into prayer in a way that he or she wants.

Whether one prays alone or with others, the important thing is that we are trying. Devotion to Mary has always been a long-standing tradition among Catholics. The rosary is one popular way for many people.

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### A Serviceman's Prayer:

"Almighty God, you've blessed me with a wonderful family who loves and supports me in this mission to serve my country. Now, as I find myself separated from them by many miles, their welfare weighs on my soul. Dear God, bless them every day. Keep them safe in your arms. Remind them of my great love for them...."

—Excerpted from *Reveille for the Soul: Prayers for Military Life* (818783)

Share God's hope and promises with our men and women in uniform.

For every individual purchase of *Reveille for the Soul* (#818783) made at Liguori.org, Liguori will donate a copy to our armed services. Exclusions apply. Expires August 15, 2015