

Ordinary Time

July 26, 2015 + Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

My Irish aunt's motto was, "If there aren't leftovers, somebody went away hungry." The motto is shared by aunts, mothers, and grandmothers in nearly every culture. During holidays, our table was a groaning board of food prepared by my mother and aunt, brought by other family members, and shared with everyone. On the many occasions when we had more guests than we realized, the whispered command, "FHB," would make its way through our house. The initials stood for "Family, Hold Back," because our first duty was to make sure that our guests had enough to eat, and there were always peanut butter sandwiches and apples for us later.

Whenever I think of the miracle of the loaves and fishes, I think about holidays at our house. Impossibly, it seemed, everyone had more than enough to eat. There were always leftovers. But Jesus started with far less than we did. The five barley loaves and two fish were a meager beginning, food of the poor. That food became abundant in Jesus' hand. It wasn't the first miraculous multiplication. The Old Testament prophets, Elijah and Elisha, both multiplied scarce resources, but not for so many. Jesus outdoes them all. It is John's way of saying that Jesus isn't just another prophet. He is more powerful than any who came before him. As we will hear in the coming weeks, he is life itself. This is John's eucharistic story. The life that Jesus brings is abundant—we will all be satisfied. Think about that when you next receive Communion.

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Today's Readings

2 Kgs 4:42-44
Eph 4:1-6
Jn 6:1-15



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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 26, 2015

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM	DEC'D MEMBERS OF THE OTT FAMILY	THU	7:00 PM	JOSEPHINE BOGUS – 37 TH ANNIVERSARY
SUN	7:30 AM	JOHN BRADLEY	FRI	7:30 AM	THERESA CACUELA
	9:00 AM	GOD'S BLESSINGS UPON BARRIE PEASE	SAT	5:15 PM	GLORIA GILL
	11:00 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS	SUN	7:30 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
MON		NO MASS		9:00 AM	REGINA KELLY
TUE	7:00 PM	ALICE & JOHN HOFFMASTER		11:00 AM	ANTONIO BARLETTA
WED	7:30 AM	MILDRED DIRZULAITIS			

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns with God's Blessings Upon Barrie Pease

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCRIP: Sponsor: Gulla 5:15 Pisarek 7:30 Collura 9:00 McCauley 11:00 Citrano

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>COMMENTATOR</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
SAT	5:15pm	Mary Schwendt	Jennifer Stuart	Rachel Barnes, Kathryn Krueger, D. Passifione
SUN	7:30am	Pam Amos	Sean Werner	Alex, Jason and Mark Carvalho
	9:00am	Brian Hannon	Barrie Pease	Steven and Marissa Tepper, Sidney Wolf
	11:00am	Karl Filachek	Steve Lukes	Leonard Cline, John and Nicholas Dinnocenti

The second collection next week is for Church Building & Parish Maintenance

Welcome Father Stajkowski
Our parish family of the Immaculate
Conception extends a very cordial
welcome to Father Leo S. Stajkowski,
who recently retired as Pastor of St.
Mary's Church, Reading. Father
Stajkowski will be in residence here at
Immaculate Conception. Father
Stajkowski is a Berks County native
who was ordained to the priesthood in
1966. We welcome Father Stajkowski
and pray that God will bless him with
much joy and happiness here at
Immaculate Conception.

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 and Richard McArthur

Please remember in your prayers the recently departed :
 Scott Strunack and Louis Ciabattoni

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 08/01 4-5pm Confession

WHAT'S HAPPENING

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be no Mass on Monday, July 27, 2015.

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. Need help? Contact Mrs. O'Donnell at 610-582-3880 or email 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.

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC? ARE YOU LOOKING TO FOR A "FAITH REFRESHER?" Join Msgr.

McCann, Deacon Paul Hiryak and guest speakers on **Monday evenings, starting September 14th**, 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 our Faith. Classes are scheduled from **7:30 to 9:00 PM**. 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.

The next Baptism Class will be August 4th, 7-8:30pm in the lower level of the Office Building. Call Rita at 610-582-2411 to register.

Immaculate Conception Academy and Early Education 2015-2016

Registrations

We welcome everyone to join us if you have a student entering preschool (age 3) through 8th grade. Academy Tours are available by contacting Shannon Villa at shannon.villa@icaknights.org or 610-404-8645. Please bring a copy of the child's birth certificate, social security card and immunization record to registration.

Kindergarten students must be aged 5 by 10/15/15 and 1st Grade students aged 6 by 10/15/15.

ICA offers a full day Kindergarten

TRANSFER GRANTS: Any public, private or charter school student who transfers into Immaculate Conception Academy, grades 1 through 7, will receive a Bishop's Tuition Transfer Grant of \$1,500 over two school years (\$1,000 for the first year; \$500 for the second). Call Shannon at 610-404-8645.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Many thanks to those who have made a pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments.

Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. can make your gift **online at www.2015baa.org**. Thank you for your support!

ICC Altar Server Clinic

Friday, August 14th

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 12th.

Child's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Home Phone: _____

Parent's Work Phone: _____

Grade for 2015/2016 School Year: _____

School: _____

RESORTS AC TRIP: Friday, August 28th

Leave Church Parking Lot at 9:30am, 6 hours in AC

Package Deal: Pay \$31 get \$25 back
Call Carol J. @ 610-775-4447 if interested.

July 26, 2015

dear Padre



Is there alcohol in the Precious Blood?



If consecrated wine is truly the Precious Blood, how can it have any alcohol content? I have seen Eucharistic ministers drink what remains in their cup. Isn't the priest supposed to drink any that remains?

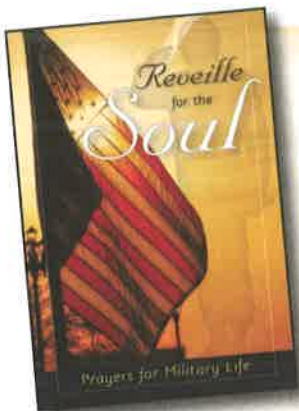
Catholics believe in transubstantiation. In short, this means that the bread and wine change at a substantial level, but the accidents remain. The bread becomes the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ. The wine becomes the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ. Christ is not divided. So if someone receives just the host, he has received the fullness of Jesus Christ. And if someone only drinks from the chalice, he also receives the fullness of Jesus Christ.

However, the accidents remain. Accidents are anything that your physical senses could perceive. This is in contrast to the substance that is what something really is. So it looks like wine, it tastes like wine, and all the physical properties of wine—including the alcohol content—remain. But it really is the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus.

This is a profound mystery. The Eucharist can only be understood by trusting in the words of our Savior.

A celebrating or con-celebrating priest must receive both species, but he does not have to be the last to drink. However, all of the Precious Blood must be consumed at the service.

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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



Monday

JULY 27

Weekday

Ex 32:15–24, 30–34

Mt 13:31–35

Tuesday

JULY 28

Weekday

Ex 33:7–11; 34:5b–9, 28

Mt 13:36–43

Wednesday

JULY 29

St. Martha

Ex 34:29–35

Jn 11:19–27

or Lk 10:38–42

Thursday

JULY 30

Weekday

Ex 40:16–21, 34–38

Mt 13:47–53

Friday

JULY 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola,
Priest

Lv 23:1, 4–11, 15–16, 27,
34b–37

Mt 13:54–58

Saturday

AUGUST 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church

Lv 25:1, 8–17

Mt 14:1–12

Sunday

AUGUST 2

Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Ex 16:2–4, 12–15

Eph 4:17, 20–24

Jn 6:24–35

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