

Ordinary Time

August 23, 2015 ♦ Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

When confronted with a new idea or a new way of doing things, many of us hesitate. There is often a bit of fear in trying something new and, truth be told, changing the way we do things is sometimes uncomfortable. I remember when we moved from an apartment to a new house. I was very unsettled for several days until a new routine could be established and the many boxes were out of the way. It was a change, and I didn't like it at first. (Now, of course, I can't imagine that we would have raised our family anywhere else.)

The many disciples who were following Jesus listened intently as he talked to them about living bread and eating and drinking his flesh and blood. That new way of thinking was as unsettling as our new house had been, maybe more so. The apostles who were closest to him even admitted that it was a hard saying to accept, and John records that many followers left him and "returned to their former way of life." But the apostles were willing to wrestle with it not because they were so wise, smart, or understanding, but because they believed that Jesus was the Holy One of God and that compelled them to follow him even to death. They had nowhere else to go; Jesus alone could give them what they craved: eternal life.

I've often wondered what I might have said had Jesus asked me if I wanted to go away also. I hope I could have overcome my fear long enough to recognize Jesus for who he was and for the gift he was bringing me.

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Today's Readings

Jos 24:1–2a, 15–17, 18b
Eph 5:21–32 or 5:2a, 25–32
Jn 6:60–69

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TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 23, 2015

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM	JOSEPH NANNI, SR.	THU	7:00 PM	MICHAEL KILARESКИ
SUN	7:30 AM	JOE & EDY BANYAS	FRI	7:30 PM	ANNA MACCARONE
	9:00 AM	PAUL KAKALECIK	SAT	5:15 PM	EILEEN ACHENBACH
	11:00 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS	SUN	7:30 AM	DORIS BASCELLI
MON	NO MASS			9:00 AM	JESSE G. PAINTER – 50 TH ANNIVERSARY
TUE	7:00 PM	KIM TWADDELL – 6 TH ANNIVERSARY		11:00 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
WED	7:30 AM	ROSE MARY RAPAK			

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Paul Powaski

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCRIP: Sponsor: Lukes 5:15 McNamara 7:30 Schwendt 9:00 Grieco 11:00 DeFalco

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>COMMENTATOR</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
SAT	5:15pm	Shirley Wheeler	Ann Marie Arbo	Beth and Gracie Cote, Isabella Pizzo
SUN	7:30am	Dennis Piontek	Pam Amos	Josh Piccarreta, Chris & Lindsay Surkosky
	9:00am	Barrie Pease	Stephanie Myers	Alex and Madilynn Hocker, Elly Smithson
	11:00am	Susan DiGuglielmo	Rhonda Ouimet	Mickey and Will Gray, Aaron Gulla

The second collection next week is for the Charity Fund

Thinking about becoming a Catholic? Looking for a "Faith Refresher?"

Join Msgr. McCann, Deacon Paul Hiryak and guest speakers on Monday evenings, beginning 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 what we believe and practice as Catholics. Classes are 7:30-9pm. 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: 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, Ann Schlott, Maryanna Niemczyk, Roger Villano, Kathy Patrick, Doris Slater, Joseph & Susan McCorristin, Mary & Phil Morici, Joe Lukac, Linda Domergue, Margaret Maccarone, Father Joseph Campion, Dan Casciano, Rex Voelker, Linda Ritchie, Tom Hafer, John Paul Kasperowicz, Thomas Kirchner, Delores McCullough and David Herrera

Please welcome our new parishioners: Mr. & Mrs. Jeremy Bonner

Please pray for the recently departed: Ann Konczewski

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 08/29 8:30am Kennedy House Soup Kitchen
4-5pm Confession**

WHAT'S HAPPENING

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no daily Mass Monday, August 24, 2015. Thank you for your kind understanding in this regard.



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

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.

CCD Registration - 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 "Protecting God's Children" 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.

There is still time to sign up to serve with us at the Kennedy House, 532 Spruce St, Reading, August 29/30, 8:30am-1pm. Between 425 and 500 meals will be prepared and served to those who otherwise might go hungry. Serving so many is no easy task and we need lots of hands to get it done. No cooking is necessary. Parents and teens are encouraged to experience the joy of serving others together. Call Sharon at 610-582-8702 to volunteer or for further information.

RESORTS AC TRIP - August 28th - Leave Church Parking Lot at 9:30am, 6 hours in AC - Package Deal: Pay \$31 get \$25 back - Call Carol J. at 610-775-4447 if interested.

Our parish family of the Immaculate Conception welcomes our newest altar servers who recently completed their training and will now begin serving at the Altar of the Lord during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. They include: Trey Bradfield, Joey Cizmarik, Parker Davis, Michael DiScala, Stephen Hannon, Andela Kraycik, Taylor Moyer, Mia Pizzo, Sean Purretta, Hannah Santos, Sienna Scaglione, Gage Speece, Zachary Whalen and Jordan Yerger. We congratulate our young men and women for their volunteer service to our parish church.

Building a Culture of Vocations

ALL THE MEMBERS of the church are responsible for looking after priestly vocations. "The duty of fostering vocations falls on the whole Christian community, and they should discharge it principally by living full Christian lives." (Vat II)

ICCYO Fall Registrations: Sign-ups for Girls Volleyball (5th-8th) and Cross-Country (Boys and Girls: Kindergarten-8th) are available on our website: www.ICCYO.com

ICCYO Cross Country Invitational Meet: September 20th - If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Matt at 484-363-9914 or iccyo2003@gmail.com.

The Annual Diocesan Anniversary Mass Celebration will be held September 20th at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, 1875 West Turner St, Allentown. Bishop Barres will begin the celebration at 3pm. We cordially invite couples celebrating 5, 25, 40, 50, 60 or 60+ years of marriage. Register at www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass, refer to the A.D. Times for a registration form or request a form through email at MFLF@allentowndiocese.org. The form must be completed and returned to the Office of Marriage & Family Life Formation, Attn: Anniversary Mass, 900 S. Woodward Street, Allentown, PA 18103. The deadline for registration is September 8, 2015.

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Allentown will be conducting a series of "Caregiver Gatherings" at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish Education Center, 10am-noon on September 19th, October 17th and November 21st. If you are interested in attending one (or all) sessions, contact Cindy by September 10th at 610-435-1541, ext. 341 or email cpiripavel@allentowndiocese.org.

Mass for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired

On the last Saturdays of the month at the 4pm Mass at St. John Baptist de La Salle in Shillington, an ASL (American Sign Language) Interpretive Mass will be celebrated, for the deaf and hearing impaired. These Masses will start on September 26.

Come see Pope Francis on the large screen at Steel Stacks in Bethlehem - September 27th, noon until 8pm

Join our Diocesan family in celebration of the Papal visit.

12pm - Outdoor Diocesan Mass

Music, Food and Fun for All Ages

4pm - Live Stream of Papal Mass from Philadelphia

More information to follow.

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 at 610-289-8900 x 245.



August 23, 2015

dear Padre

Monday
AUGUST 24

St. Bartholomew,
Apostle
Rv 21:9b-14
Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday
AUGUST 25

Weekday
1 Thes 2:1-8
Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday
AUGUST 26

Weekday
1 Thes 2:9-13
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday
AUGUST 27

St. Monica
1 Thes 3:7-13
Mt 24:42-51

Friday

AUGUST 28
St. Augustine,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
1 Thes 4:1-8
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday

AUGUST 29
The Passion of
St. John the Baptist
1 Thes 4:9-11
Mk 6:17-29

Sunday

AUGUST 30
Twenty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Dt 4:1-2, 6-8
Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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What is candlelighting protocol at weddings?



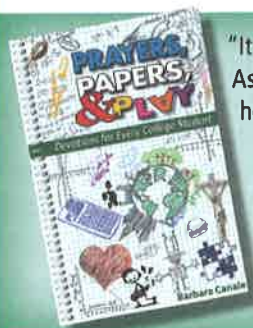
I went to a wedding where the couple lit a unity candle and then extinguished the individual flames. Is that the procedure the Church teaches?



According to the analysis of marriage-preparation policies in 2005 by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), the unity candle is not actually part of the rite of marriage. However, it has become quite popular as an additional ritual. Some dioceses and liturgists recommend that this ritual be done at the reception or in another setting, so as to not duplicate the already abundant symbols of unity within the rite. However, when selected as part of the ceremony, "the couple should light their individual candles from the paschal candle, the individual candles should not be extinguished, and the candle should not be placed on the altar" (from "Celebrating Marriage," Archdiocese of Cincinnati).

The bishops' analysis also mentions several other popular rituals, such as the Hispanic *lazo* (a rosary or rope lasso that is placed over the couple's shoulders as a sign of the bond) and arras (coins that are blessed and exchanged by the couple as a sign of their mutual support) and the Filipino *velo* (veil held in place by the *lazo*). Some couples with a strong devotion to Mary will place flowers before her image as a sign of their dedication. While none of these are technically part of the rite, their presence and use remind us that popular culture continues to have an effect on religious celebration.

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