

Ordinary Time

November 8, 2015 ♦ Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

When my husband and I were first married, we did not have much money. I took the bus to work, and he ate peanut butter and honey sandwiches nearly every day. Chunky soup with rice was frequently on our dinner menu. Like many young couples, we struggled to make ends meet. One result of that experience was that we became very careful about how we spent money. Could we afford lunch at a restaurant once a month? How would we save for the future or budget for a growing family?

Also of concern was the amount we would donate to our Church. Clearly, large contributions were out of the question, but because income and expenses often varied, we even avoided pledging a set amount per week. Instead, we agreed to give

something every week—as much as we thought we could afford. Some weeks it was a dollar; in weeks of plenty or good fortune, we gave a little more. Our children took great pride in putting whatever amount we had in the basket each Sunday.

Our finances are much less stressful these days. Our careers and income have been blessed, and we still support our Church, serve the poor, pay our ministers a living wage, and strive to make our parish a welcoming place for all. But whenever I read this Gospel passage I wonder, “*Are we simply giving out of our surplus, or are we pushing ourselves to let go of some of our desires and dreams to help others in our midst?*” We all should ask ourselves this question weekly, as my family did years ago.

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Today's Readings

1 Kgs 17:10–16
Heb 9:24–28
Mk 12:38–44
or 12:41–44



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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - NOVEMBER 8, 2015

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM	DEC'D MEMBERS OF ICC WOMEN'S SOCIETY	THU	7:00 PM	BEREAVEMENT MASS
SUN	7:30 AM	PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY	FRI	7:30 AM	FLORENCE & ORLANDO LEBRESCO
	9:00 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS	SAT	5:15 PM	JOSEPHINE NANNI - 8 TH ANNIVERSARY
	11:00 AM	PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY	SUN	7:30 AM	PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY
MON		NO MASS		9:00 AM	PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY
TUE	7:00 PM	LINDA D'ALESSANDRO		11:00 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
WED	7:30 AM	MICHAEL FASTI			

*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Esther Pribanick and also
 God's Blessings Upon Janet & Sonny Motta - 55th Wedding Anniversary*

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCRIP: Sponsor: Dowling 5:15 Pisarek 7:30 Kasperowicz 9:00 Grieco 11:00 Citrano

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>COMMENTATOR</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
SAT	5:15pm	Ann Marie Arbo	Mike Austrevich	Avery Lang, Sadie Mangan, Elly Smithson
SUN	7:30am	Toni Kaucher	Jim Kaucher	Diego, Jacob, and Hannah Santos
	9:00am	Pat Fessler	Barbara Giordano	Beth and Gracie Cote, Jordan Yerger
	11:00am	Mary Jo Simon	Greg Shemanski	Will Gray, Aaron Gulla, Faith Ouimet

The second collection next week is for Debt Reduction

Mark your calendars!

There will be a special concert held here on November 16th at 7:30pm given by John Paul Kasperowicz (and family) and The Ministry of the Single-hearted. This event is open to everyone as there will be a little something for all ages. This is a free event, however a free will offering will be taken up and a portion of the proceeds given to the Hope Rescue Mission in Reading.

Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Marco Fiato, Bryan Fiato, John & Margaret 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, Kathy Patrick, Doris Slater, Joseph & Susan McCorristin, Mary & Phil Morici, Margaret Maccarone, Father Joseph Campion, Dan Casciano, Rex Voelker, Linda Ritchie, Paisley Stout, Jake Maccarone, Walter & Marjorie Hansen, Betty Erjavec, Christine Flanagan, Joann Gilbert, Bill Strock, Sr., Thomas Kirchner, John Geisewite, Curt Miller, Janet Motta, Ted Reznick, Virginia Marks and Dolores McCullough

Welcome our new parishioners: Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Longacre

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:

Mon	11/09	7:30pm RCIA
Tues	11/10	7:30pm Bell Choir
Thurs	11/12	4pm Youth Choir 7:30pm Adult Choir
Fri	11/13	7pm YOUTH GROUP – Senior High
Sat	11/14	4-5pm Confession

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Please be advised that there will be no daily Mass Monday, November 9th. Thank you for your kind understanding in this regard.

Thanksgiving Baskets for Those in Need

To assist families in need, all of the churches in the Birdsboro and Douglassville area have agreed to adopt a particular school for the Thanksgiving holiday. Our parish family of the Immaculate Conception has adopted Daniel Boone High School and will provide Thanksgiving baskets to families in need with children enrolled in the high school. If your family would like to donate a Thanksgiving basket for a needy family, please call the parish office at 610-582-2411 to sign-up. We will provide you with a specific list of needed items and the date by which the basket must be brought to the parish office to ensure its timely delivery. Thank you for your concern for those in need.

Senior High Youth Group: students in grades 9 through 12 are welcome to join our youth group on November 13th at 7pm for our first "Punkin Chunkin" and "Smashing Punkins" competitions. We will provide the slingshot and the sledgehammer. But if you have a better idea on how to fling a pumpkin, please feel free to bring it. There will be prizes. As always, please feel free to bring a friend!

The Women's Society will meet November 18th at 7pm in the Social Hall. All members are asked to attend if possible. We'll be discussing the Christmas Luncheon, the Christmas Cookie Sale, and other upcoming projects. All women of the parish are welcome to join us for a meeting or to help with any of our projects. Please feel free to join in at any time. You will be most welcome!

All women of the parish are invited to join the members of the Women's Society for our Annual Christmas Luncheon, December 6th at 1pm at Vincenzo's in Douglassville. The meal includes your choice of Italian wedding soup, house salad, or Caesar salad, soft drink, dessert. Entrée choices are: Eggplant Parmigiana, Fettuccini Alfredo with Chicken, Baked Ziti with or without meat, Grilled Chicken, Shrimp, or Salmon Salad. Cost of meal is \$23.50. Please contact Lynda at 610-689-4076 or Margie at mpratt@albright.edu by November 20th with your entrée choice and payment. You can drop your payment (noting your entrée selection) in the collection basket at any Mass. We hope to see you there!

LAST RESORTS AC TRIP FOR 2015 - November 20th
LEAVE the Church promptly at 9:30am - 6 hours in AC
Package Deal: Pay \$31 get \$25 Back
Call Carol J. if interested at 610-775-4447

Water in the cemetery will be turned off November 9th.

ATTENTION LECTORS/COMMENTATORS/SERVER

The next schedule will be out soon and will include the Christmas/New year Masses. Please let me know of your holiday availability as soon as possible by calling Toni Kaucher at 610-404-1389 or email at amk235@ptd.net.

Bereavement Support Group will meet November 16th, 7pm in the church office (using side door, first office on right). The topic will be Getting Through the Holidays When You've Lost a Loved One. Anyone grieving a death is welcome. For information call Pat at 610-775-1892 or Toni at 610-404-1389.

To those with loved ones buried at Gethsemane Cemetery: We will be cleaning the cemetery on November 16th. Please take what you would like to keep and refrain from bringing anything new until after November 20th.

2015 Walk-A-Thon for Catholic Education

Donations are being gratefully accepted. Please place in an envelope marked "**ICA Walk-a-Thon**" and mail to Immaculate Conception Academy or drop in any Sunday collection basket.

All donations are greatly appreciated.

ICA-HSO Christmas Bazaar

November 21st, 9am to 3pm, Social Hall

Lots of great locally made crafts and stocking stuffers...wood crafts and toys, Christmas wreaths and ornaments, baked specialties and candies, home décor, candles, jewelry, handmade frames, gift baskets and so much more! We also will have soups and other lunch items for purchase and a Bake Sale!

ICC is hosting a Miller Keystone blood drive during the ICA-HSO Christmas Bazaar from 8am to 1pm. Schedule your donation time by signing up on the form located in the narthex of the church or on the donor portal at www.GiveaPint.org, search for sponsor code 4543.

Scholastic Book Fair - November 15th after 9 and 11 Masses and November 16 - 18 during school hours in the ICA library. This is a great opportunity to buy books for the holidays! Donations are also being accepted for "All for Books" which will help buy books for ICA teacher classrooms. Scholastic will match donations and help provide books to less fortunate children. Donations may be placed in the church collection baskets in an envelope marked "All for Books". Please make checks out to ICA-HSO with "all for books" on the memo line. Donations will be collected until November 15. Thank you for your support.

Mark your calendars now! ICC will sponsor a bus to the March for Life scheduled for January 22, 2016. Watch the bulletin for upcoming details. Plan to attend and witness to the sanctity of all human life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death.

Diocese of Allentown - "Chosen, Blessed, Shared" supports the Endowment for the Care of Retired Priests. Please take advantage of the opportunity to offer support to the retired priests of our Diocese by helping provide for their care in retirement! Your donation will help serve those who have faithfully served us. Brochures and giving envelopes will be available in the narthex, and you will be receiving a request letter in the mail within the next few days. You may return your gift in the mail or drop it in the collection basket at Mass. Thank you in advance for your generous support.



November 8, 2015

dear Padre

Monday

NOVEMBER 9

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12

1 Cor 3:9c–11, 16–17

Jn 2:13–22

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 10

St. Leo the Great,

Pope and Doctor of the Church

Wis 2:23–3:9

Lk 17:7–10

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 11

St. Martin of Tours,

Bishop

Wis 6:1–11

Lk 17:11–19

Thursday

NOVEMBER 12

St. Josaphat,

Bishop and Martyr

Wis 7:22b—8:1

Lk 17:20–25

Friday

NOVEMBER 13

St. Frances Xavier

Cabrini, Virgin

Wis 13:1–9

Lk 17:26–37

Saturday

NOVEMBER 14

Weekday

Wis 18:14–16; 19:6–9

Lk 18:1–8

Sunday

NOVEMBER 15

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dn 12:1–3

Heb 10:11–14, 18

Mk 13:24–32

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What does *laicized* mean?



What does it mean when a priest or permanent deacon is *laicized*? Is that the same as being excommunicated?

Short answer: They are not the same.

Once a man is ordained a priest or permanent deacon, he remains that forever. Nothing and no one can change that. However, through **laicization**, the Vatican can release him from the obligation of exercising his sacramental responsibilities. If he celebrates a sacrament anyway, it is valid, but not legal in the eyes of the Church (licit).

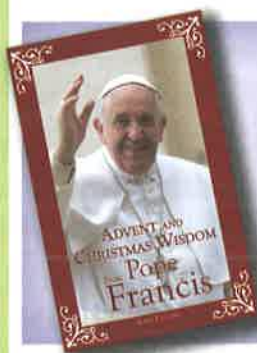
A priest or deacon can be laicized voluntarily or involuntarily. Regardless, he is still a member of the Catholic Church and participates fully in its sacramental life.

Excommunication, however, is a penalty in which a person—lay, religious, or ordained—is no longer in communion

with the Church or part of its hierarchy. He or she can no longer receive the Eucharist, but as a baptized Catholic (and child of God) may still attend Mass, pray for enlightenment, and seek to understand the truth of Catholic teaching. Excommunication is not a judgment made by the Vatican; it is automatic upon rejecting a fundamental doctrine of the Church. One does not “get” excommunicated; one excommunicates oneself. The Church may simply issue a statement stating that the person’s actions warranted this penalty if doing so will prevent or heal any existing scandal or benefit the public.



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During this Advent season, “remember the real gift: God giving himself to us through the Incarnation. Reflect on yourself. In how many ways can you become a gift from God to those you know and to those you do not?”

—From *Advent and Christmas Wisdom From Pope Francis* by John Cleary

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