

Ordinary Time

June 12, 2016 ♦ Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

2 Sm 12:7–10, 13 ♦ Gal 2:16, 19–21 ♦ Lk 7:36—8:3 or 7:36–50

When I was seven or eight, I stole a package of gum from the store. When my mother found out about it, she dropped what she was doing and made me take money from my piggy bank. We then drove back to the store where I had to bring my money to the cashier and confess that I had taken the gum. She thanked me for bringing the money and spoke those sweet words, “I forgive you.” I never forgot the lesson, and I never stole anything again. If only that were the only sin I had to worry about!

Throughout our lives, we become increasingly aware of the many ways we fall short of the holiness to which God calls us. Male or female, ordained or lay, old or young, we often give in to what tempts us because it looks so good in the moment. Only later

do we realize the harm we have done to ourselves or someone else. The woman with the jar of ointment knew only too well that her life was not perfect. But she also heard Jesus’ invitation to repent and the love in his message. She laid her life and her service at his feet and knew the forgiveness of God. The Pharisee, on the other hand, could not imagine that he needed forgiveness and so was not open to the transformation that Jesus offered.

All of us sin and are in need of forgiveness. When we ask for and accept that forgiveness in our lives, we are able to give far more than we can imagine. Just ask Mary, Joanna, Susanna, and all the other women and men who followed Jesus.

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A Word From Pope Francis

“To become merciful, we must first acknowledge that we have done many things wrong: we are sinners! We need to know how to say: Lord, I am ashamed of what I have done.”

*“Mercy and Judgment,”
Morning Meditation, March 17, 2014*

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JUNE 12, 2016

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM	MARY VARNEY	THU	7:00 PM	HELEN & FRANK JANISZEWSKI
SUN	7:30 AM	JOHN BRADLEY	FRI	7:30 AM	SPECIAL INTENTION
	9:00 AM	ELEANOR PAINTER – 15 TH ANNIVERSARY	SAT	5:15 PM	JANET & CHARLES SCHMIDT – 50 TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
	11:00 AM	DEC'D MEMBERS OF THE MURPHY FAMILY	SUN	7:30 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
MON		<u>No Mass</u>		9:00 AM	LIVING & DECEASED FATHERS OF THE PARISH
TUE	7:00 PM	MARY VOLPICCINI		11:00 AM	LIVING & DECEASED FATHERS OF THE PARISH
WED	7:30 AM	JOSIE FREDRIKSEN – 7 TH ANNIVERSARY			

*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Josie Fredriksen and
 In Honor of Janet & Charles Schmidt – 50th Wedding Anniversary*

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCRIP: Zubik 5:15pm Costanzo 7:30am Schwendt 9:00am Grieco 11:00am Hafer

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>COMMENTATOR</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
SAT	5:15pm	Ann Marie Arbo	Joe Bailey	Austin Lobaugh, Aiden Reber, Tim Stewart
SUN	7:30am	Jim Kaucher	Toni Kaucher	Meghan Grieco, Kathryn Krueger, D. Passifione
	9:00am	Pat Fessler	Barrie Pease	Diego and Hannah Santos, Taylor Moyer
	11:00am	Mary Ann Cotter	Steve Lukes	Alex, Jason and Mark Carvalho

Second collection next week is for Peter's Pence

2016 Vacation Bible School *"Jesse Tree Journey"*

VBS will be held the week of June 20 through June 24 from 9:00am to noon. VBS is open to all ICC parishioners ages 5 to 11. The cost is \$35 per child. Adult and teen volunteers are always welcome. Come along for the journey! Registration forms are available in the narthex, parish office and the Academy. Contact Mrs. O'Donnell at 610-582-3880 or ccd@icbvm.org with questions.

Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Marco Fiato, Bryan Fiato, John & Margaret Kakas, Maryanne Prentice, Tracy Seasholtz, Aaron Gulla, Delores Woy, Alice Arantowicz, Alice Smyk, Yolanda Marino, Marjorie & Walter Hansen, Ann Schlott, Kathy Patrick, Joseph & Susan McCorristin, Mary & Phil Morici, Margaret Maccarone, Father Joseph Campion, Dan Casciano, Paisley Stout, Jake Maccarone, Linda Rathman, William Janda, James Smith, Maryanne Emory, Madge Butto, Roseann Malcolm, Dylan Spriggs, Doris Slater, Joan Cronin, Rita Conrad, Paul Geiger, Helen McDonald, Mark McDonald, Rose Osorio, Raymond Davidheiser, Anthony Mattassa, Sr., Tony Guilliams, Dolores McCullough, Steve Mammarella, Shawn Staneruck, Phil Kubovcsak, Dominic Strock, Loretta Federico, Lori Tomkins, Jane Falcone, Jacob Lovera and Barbara Wright

Congratulate the recently baptized: Maya Krakowski
 Welcome our new parishioners: Mr. & Mrs. Brain Schutter and Ms. Eileen Ravert
 Congratulate the newly married: Tiffany Schmidt & Ryan Cremi
 Pray for the recently departed: George Yablonsky

WHAT'S HAPPENING

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be no Mass on Monday, June 13, 2016



Immaculate Conception Church

Summer Office Hours beginning June 13th
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 Program is currently enrolling for the 2016-17 School Year!

We welcome everyone to join us if you have a student entering preschool (age 3) through 8th grade.

ICA offers a full day Kindergarten Program.

Kindergarten students must be aged 5 by 10/15/16 and 1st grade students aged 6 by 10/15/16.

Bishop's Tuition Transfer Grants are available for any public, private or charter school student who transfers into Immaculate Conception Academy grades 1-7. These grants are **\$1,500 over two years** (\$1,000 for the first year; \$500 for the second).

Please contact **Adele Reilly at 610-404-8645 or adele.reilly@icaknights.org** for more information or to schedule a tour!

*****Now offering Sunday tours after 9am and 11am Masses by appointment*****

Register now for 2016-2017 CCD! Forms are available on www.icbvmccd.org under forms and at the Office of Religious Education. Classes are filling up so register now! **Volunteers are always welcome!** If you would like to volunteer an hour of your time once a week to bring the Good News of Christ to the children of our parish by educating or by example of service, call (610) 582-3880.

RESORTS AC TRIP – Hey Retirees! Want to have some fun?! Join us on June 27th – Leave church promptly at 9:30am. Package Deal – Pay \$32/Get \$25. Call Carol J. 610-775-4447.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL - We are grateful to all who pledged their support this weekend to the 2016 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 FaithHopeCharityGives.org. Thank you for your support!

Bulletin Deadline – Noon Wednesday
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The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference is asking for your help. This month the State Senate is considering legislation that would change state law to allow survivors of childhood sexual abuse from decades ago to file lawsuits against private institutions like the Catholic Church, parishes like this one, schools and ministries. This legislation will severely damage the ministries of the Catholic community in Pennsylvania. Public institutions, such as public schools, where the vast majority of abuse cases occur, would not face lawsuits from the past, under this law. Sexual abuse is a serious crime that affects every institution and community in Pennsylvania, public and private. Because of its gravity, it needs to be dealt with comprehensively and fairly going forward. To learn more about the legislation and find out how to contact your State Senator about opposing it, contact www.pacatholic.org.

*Immaculate Conception Parish has been asked to participate with other local Churches in meeting the needs of the Food Pantry, called "Community Table" at the Birdsboro Community Center. Each Church is taking one specific item that is needed. We have taken **Cleaning Products**. We are collecting items such as bathroom, window and kitchen cleaners; laundry soap items and paper towel/wipes. The Collection Bin is in the Narthex.*

Amity Township Crime Watch monthly meeting is June 16th, 7:30pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 548 Old Swede Road, Douglassville. Our guests this month are Susie Olsen from Berks Dog Search and Liz McCauley from the Animal Rescue League. The topic will be dogs and what to do when yours gets lost and what to do if you find a lost animal. A brief meeting will follow the presentation and Officer Tom Gauby will give a report on happenings in the community. Light refreshments will be served after the meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Attention former parishioners, faculty, and students of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish, Stowe. Join us on June 25th for a Homecoming Mass at 4pm with the Parish Festival immediately following. Help us celebrate our church community as we welcome former Priests, teachers, students and parishioners to participate in our Liturgy followed by fun and fellowship. There will be ethnic food for sale, free children's activities, raffles, entertainment and more. For more information, please contact the parish office at 610-326-5127.

Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist Invite You To: Jenny Hubbard - Archangels: Walking in Confidence - July 19th, 7pm – 9pm. An evening of Prayer, Conference and Q&A. Jenny Hubbard lives in Newtown, CT and is a regular contributor to meditations for the Magnificat Daily Missal. The younger of her two children, six-year-old Catherine Violet Hubbard, was killed with her classmates when a lone gunman entered Sandy Hook Elementary School on December 14, 2012. Despite her deep sorrow, Jenny believes that there is good that can come out of an unthinkable moment of horror. She and her family strive to turn their grief into Catherine's legacy. Jenny gives a powerful testimony of great love and faith in God's purpose for her life as she speaks about Archangels: Walking in Confidence. To register, contact olme@olme.org or 610-582-3333. All are welcome! Bring a Friend! Your generous donation will be deeply appreciated.

June 12, 2016

Dear Padre

Dealing with Catholics who ignore Church beliefs



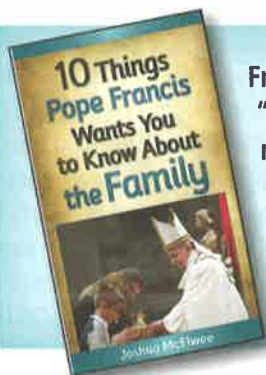
How should the Church respond to Catholics who publicly ignore its beliefs and morals?

Let's begin with Jesus' recipe for dealing with a person who is living in known sin (Matthew 18:15-17). First of all, gently bring instruction or correction **in private**. This is a simple, friendly call to repentance. If he or she does not listen, a **second witness** or authority may be called. We then may approach the **pastor** or another leader to try to help the person to reject the evil. If the person still refuses, the Church may be forced to exclude him or her from the Eucharist until there are signs of repentance. This is known as "**excommunication**" and is an extreme last resort. It is an ugly word for an ugly reality. It is a public proclamation by

the Church that an individual is defiant in his or her rebellion and has left the community of the faithful.

Notice that excommunication is *not* the Church kicking out a poor sinner, but it simply proclaims that the person has chosen to leave our values for the sake of selfishness, politics, money, or some other motive. In fact, the whole reason for excommunication is to try to show the person the seriousness of his or her offense so that he or she will return to Christ and the Church and receive mercy.

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Francis frequently speaks of the need for the Church to emulate God's mercy. "Perhaps we have long since forgotten how to show and live the way of mercy," he wrote in *Misericordia Vultus, The Face of Mercy*. "The time has come for the Church to take up the joyful call to mercy once more."

— From *10 Things Pope Francis Wants You to Know About the Family* by Joshua J. McElwee (826399)

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Monday
JUNE 13

*St. Anthony of Padua,
Priest and
Doctor of the Church*
1 Kgs 21:1-16
Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday
JUNE 14

Weekday
1 Kgs 21:17-29
Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday
JUNE 15

Weekday
2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday
JUNE 16

Weekday
Sir 48:1-14
Mt 6:7-15

Friday
JUNE 17

Weekday
2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20
Mt 6:19-23

Saturday
JUNE 18

Weekday
2 Chr 24:17-25
Mt 6:24-34

Sunday
JUNE 19

*Twelfth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Zec 12:10-11; 13:1
Gal 3:26-29
Lk 9:18-24

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