

Ordinary Time

June 26, 2016 ♦ Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

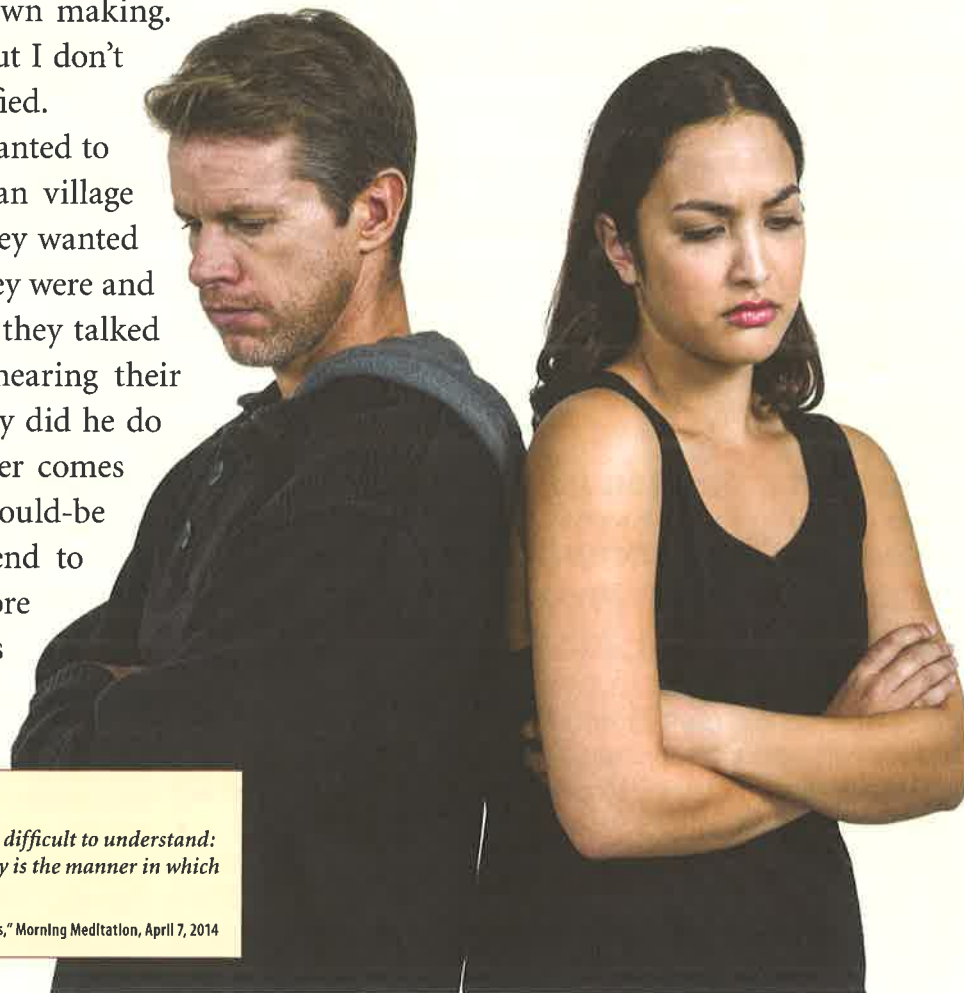
1 Kgs 19:16b, 19–21 ♦ Gal 5:1, 13–18 ♦ Lk 9:51–62

There have been a few times in my life when someone's actions have hurt me so badly that I hardly knew how to react. At those times, I have dealt with sadness, anger, and the desire for revenge. Reflecting back, I realize it takes me a long time to let go of hurt. My mind returns to the offense; I think about what I wanted to say. I want the person to acknowledge the hurt and to apologize, to admit I was right and she was wrong. Sometimes I feel I am caught in a trap of my own making. I want to be free of the hurt, but I don't want to let it go until I am satisfied.

In the Gospel, the apostles wanted to call down fire on the Samaritan village that did not welcome Jesus. They wanted the village to see how wrong they were and how right Jesus was. I imagine they talked about it until Jesus, tired of hearing their complaints, rebuked them. Why did he do that? At least part of the answer comes in the passage that follows. Would-be followers of Jesus want to attend to something in their past life before they join him. Jesus reminds them of the futility of that by

using an example that is immediately apparent to farmers. To plow a straight line, we have to look ahead and follow the one who leads us. If we turn our heads to look back, our line and our lives will go crooked. Clinging to past hurts makes it hard to look ahead. If we are to be disciples, we must learn to let go and forgive even as we are forgiven.

MARY KATHARINE DEELEY
sundaybulletin@liguori.org



A Word From Pope Francis

"[Mercy] is something which is difficult to understand: it doesn't eliminate sin... Mercy is the manner in which God forgives."

—"Forgiveness in a caress," Morning Meditation, April 7, 2014

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

905 Chestnut Street, Douglassville, PA 19518 secretary@icbvm.org ccd@icbvm.org bulletin@icbvm.org

Rev. Msgr. John B. McCann Pastor
 Rev. Leo S. Stajkowski.....In Residence
 Deacon Paul J. Hiryak, Deacon James A. Bardi,
 Deacon Charles A. Giordano
 Parish Office610 582-2411
 Parish Religious Education/CCD610 582-3880
 Parish Preschool610 404-8645
 Parish Fax.....610 404-2609
 Parish Website.....www.icbvm.org

Immaculate Conception Academy.....610 404-8645
 Academy Website.....www.icaberks.org
 Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:
 Wendy S. Krisak, M.A. NC, LPC
Direct Telephone 800 791-9209
 Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator:
 Sister Meg Cole, S.S.J., M.S., LMFT
 Telephone 610 332-0442, Ext. 19
 Diocese of Allentown.....www.allentowndiocese.org

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JUNE 26, 2016

*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Helen & Frank Janiszewski
 And In Honor of Joan & Jim Smith – 68th Wedding Anniversary*

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT 5:15 PM HELEN JANISZEWSKI – 25TH ANNIVERSARY
 SUN 7:30 AM JOSEPH CUCCARO, SR. – 1ST ANNIVERSARY
 9:00 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
 11:00 AM THOMAS JOHN OKUNIEWSKI
 MON No MASS
 TUE 7:00 PM MARY FERRANTE
 WED No MASS

THU 7:00 PM SALLY DAMBAUGH
 FRI No MASS
 SAT 5:15 PM STELLA GILL
 SUN 7:30 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
 9:00 AM BARBARA ANN PEASE
 11:00 AM JOSEPH, MARY, KATHLEEN & ROSALIE RUBY

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCRIP: Dowling 5:15pm McNamara 7:30am Collura 9:00am McCauley 11:00am DeFalco

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>COMMENTATOR</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
SAT	5:15pm	Jennifer Stuart	Mike Austrevich	Ethan and Leonard Cline, Will Gray
SUN	7:30am	Dan Sweeney	Adelina Kieffer	Joey Cizmarik, Sean Purretta, Zach Whalen
	9:00am	Josephine Hohl	Stephanie Myers	Isabella and Mia Pizzo, Sidney Wolf
	11:00am	Greg Shemanski	Rhonda Ouimet	Ryan Ferrante, Sean and Stephen Hannon

Second collection next week is for Church Building & Parish Maintenance

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*****

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, Lori Tomkins, Jane Falcone,
 Barbara Wright, Gina Riegel, Joanne Gilbert, Rita
 Bernas and Michael Lydan

THIS WEEK AT ICC:

Sat 07/02 4-5pm Confession

WHAT'S HAPPENING

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Please note that the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered on Tuesday, June 28th at 7pm and on Thursday, June 30th at 7pm. There will be no morning Masses this week. Thank you for your kind understanding in the regard.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

Summer Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 9:30am to 4:30pm

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ACADEMY

Summer Office Hours: Tuesday through Thursday, 9am to 1pm

Early Education Programs now enrolling for the 2016-17 School Year!

Immaculate Conception offers **quality Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten programs** aimed at preparing students socially, emotionally, and cognitively for Kindergarten and beyond. Our dedicated, caring teachers strive to make each student's first school experience a joyous one and set them on the path to becoming lifelong learners.

For more information, or to schedule a tour, contact Adele Reilly at 610-404-8645 or adele.reilly@icaknights.org

Sunday tours available by appointment.

Register now for 2016-2017 CCD! Forms are available on www.icbvccd.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 – June 27th – Leave church promptly at 9:30am. Package Deal – Pay \$32/Get \$25.
Call Carol J. 610-775-4447

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL - The Bishop's Annual Appeal is a Catholic, community-wide effort to meet the social service and ministerial needs of all people in Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton, and Schuylkill counties. The distribution of funds raised through the appeal is overseen by a committee of volunteer parishioners from around the Diocese. This year, 10% of funds raised through the Appeal will be directed to the education and formation of seminarians, priests and deacons. Thank you very much for your generous support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

Healing after abortion for Men Retreat - Catholic Charities will be hosting a retreat "Healing after Abortion for Men" on July 9th. A day of healing and forgiveness will help you to begin to make sense of your experience and assist you in your journey to healing. Call Sr. Meg Cole at 610-332-0442, x19.

Reading Public Museum Summer Camps - There are six fantastic summer camps this year, ranging across all topics. They are for students entering grades 2-8 and run from 9am-4pm, Monday through Friday. For more info, visit <http://www.readingpublicmuseum.org/museum-discovery-camp>. Those interested may register with the Reading Public Museum by calling 610-371-5850 ext. 227.

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage! Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting or do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking only make it worse? Retrouvaille may be the LIFELINE that you need! It is not just a social gathering or series of seminars, but rather a way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the six post sessions that follow it. The next program begins on the weekend of August 12 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. *This is the last weekend in 2016. Our next weekend will be held in February 2017.* For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

The Office for Vocations, in conjunction with the Saint Andrew Committee, will be conducting its **Fourth Annual Quo Vadis Vocation Camp and Second Annual Fiat Days Vocation Camp**, July 17 to 21 on the campus of DeSales University. Both camps are open to young men and women from ages 14 to 18 (including the newly graduated). Registration is now open. There are a limited number of spaces available. For more details and registration material, please see our webpage at www.allentowndiocese.org. **Registrations must be received by July 1, 2016.**

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.

*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. If you have any questions, please email Deacon Chuck at catgio@comcast.net*

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 26, 2016

Dear Padre



© LIGUORI PUBLICATIONS

Why Catholic VBS is best



I want to send my daughter to Vacation Bible School at a nearby Protestant church. My husband insists we send her to a Catholic VBS across town. It's five half-days of fun and games—does it matter whether it's Catholic?

While it's true that much of VBS is games, crafts, and snacks, it's best for Catholic children to go to Catholic VBS because Protestant VBS doesn't include Catholic content like sacraments, saints, and practices.

A solid Catholic VBS program integrates well with the standard religion curriculum. The Bible lessons should have an *imprimatur*, and verses should come from a Catholic version of the Bible. Look for *Catechism* citations to see the teachings the program supports. The theme—a camp, a treasure hunt, the beach—is important but not as important as the content.

If no nearby parishes are hosting VBS, encourage your parish to do it next year.

Many Catholic publishers (including **Liguori**) sell inexpensive starter kits with step-by-step instructions for planning and running a VBS as well as teacher materials, music, decorating ideas, and sample accessories. If parishioners donate art supplies, decorating materials, snacks, and prizes, the parish's overall cost is minimal.

A common challenge is finding enough volunteers. Sometimes several parishes pool their talent to offer one large VBS; others use teen or senior volunteers. If you do VBS right, you can engage your entire parish in teaching children about Jesus—and there's nothing more Catholic than that.

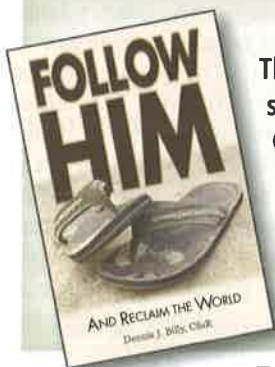
FR. RICK POTTS, CSSR
sundaybulletin@liguori.org

FOLLOW HIM

The suffering of the cross stems from the call to discipleship. When we shoulder our cross and follow the way of the Lord Jesus, the meaning of Golgotha takes on deeper significance. We are not just children of Adam. We are also friends and followers of Christ. We, who carry the dust of Adam in our blood, also carry the cross of Christ in our hearts.

—From *Follow Him and Reclaim the World* by Dennis J. Billy, CSsR (826504)

To learn more, visit Liguori.org or call 800-325-9521.



Monday

JUNE 27

Weekday

Am 2:6–10, 13–16

Mt 8:18–22

Tuesday

JUNE 28

St. Irenaeus,

Bishop and Martyr

Am 3:1–8; 4:11–12

Mt 8:23–27

Wednesday

JUNE 29

Sts. Peter and Paul,

Apostles

Acts 12:1–11

2 Tm 4:6–8, 17–18

Mt 16:13–19

Thursday

JUNE 30

Weekday

Am 7:10–17

Mt 9:1–8

Friday

JULY 1

Weekday

Am 8:4–6, 9–12

Mt 9:9–13

Saturday

JULY 2

Weekday

Am 9:11–15

Mt 9:14–17

Sunday

JULY 3

Fourteenth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Is 66:10–14c

Gal 6:14–18

Lk 10:1–12, 17–20

or 10:1–9

Liguori.org

