

Ordinary Time

July 3, 2016 ♦ Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Is 66:10-14c ♦ Gal 6:14-18 ♦ Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

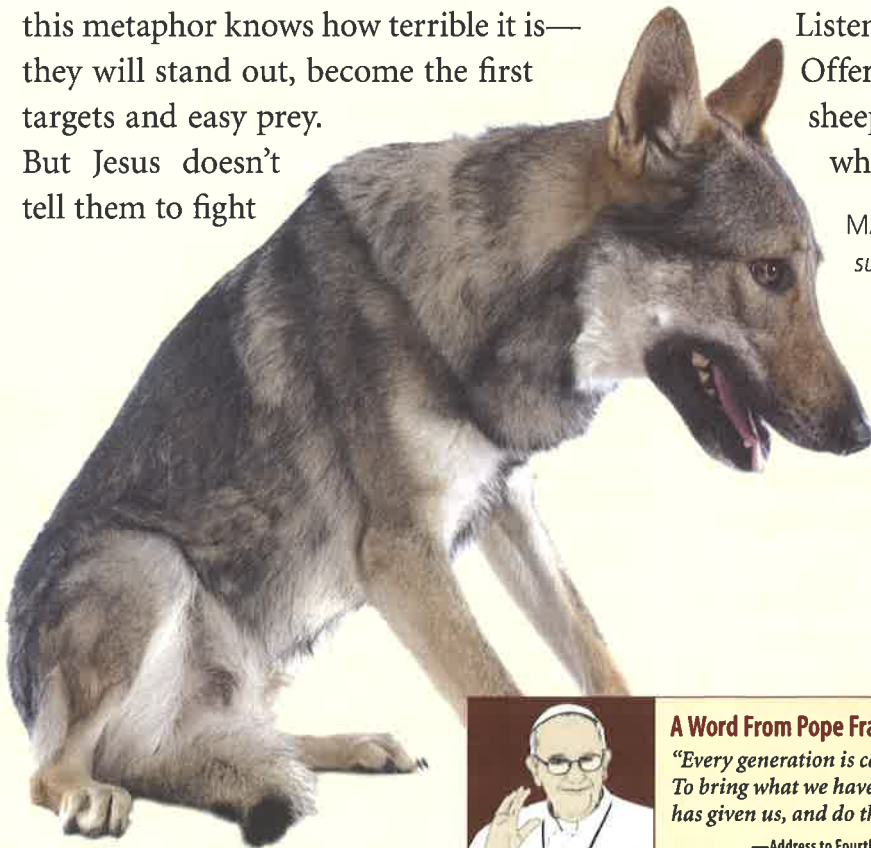
Our nation was founded on the principle of religious freedom. For the most part, we can worship as we like, believe as we like, and enjoy the security that comes from knowing we will not be punished, abused, or discriminated against for our faith. That has not been the case for all Christians, both throughout history and recently in several countries. Through the media we learn of ongoing killings and oppression inflicted on those who publicly claim to be Christian.

Jesus sent his disciples to preach the good news “like lambs among wolves.” Anyone who knows this metaphor knows how terrible it is—they will stand out, become the first targets and easy prey. But Jesus doesn’t tell them to fight

back or disguise themselves. Rather, he tells them to give witness at the kitchen table and eat what’s put in front of them. In effect, Jesus tells them to get at the heart of people’s lives and to wish them peace. Even if their peace is not returned, the disciples are not to let that weigh them down. “Shake the dust from your feet” and move on, Jesus says in Matthew 10:14.

Preaching the gospel is the mission of a disciple, no matter where or when he or she lives. Today, in honor of those who have given their lives in service of the gospel, share with one or two people the good news of what God has done in your life. Listen to them. Invite them to come to church. Offer to pray with them. Just for today, be the sheep that everyone sees. You’ll never know who might join the flock.

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A Word From Pope Francis

“Every generation is called to be missionary. To bring what we have inside, what the Lord has given us, and do this from the start!”

—Address to Fourth National Missionary Conference,
November 22, 2014

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 3, 2016

*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns with God's Blessings Upon
 Father Joseph Campion*

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

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
 MON **9:00 AM** LOIS WINGLE – 3RD ANNIVERSARY
 TUE 7:00 PM BETTY ERJAVEC
 WED 7:30 AM THOMAS GRACE, SR.

THU 7:00 PM MARGARET & FRANCIS LYNCH
 FRI 7:30 AM EVELYN HAIGHT GIORDANO
 SAT 5:15 PM PAUL KAKALECIC
 SUN 7:30 AM MARY DOLAN – 3RD ANNIVERSARY
 9:00 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
 11:00 AM BILL FLANAGAN

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

DAY	MASS	LECTOR	COMMENTATOR	ALTAR SERVERS
SAT	5:15pm	Joe Bailey	Ann Marie Arbo	Beth and Gracie Cote, Sarah Forkin
SUN	7:30am	Mary Jo Simon	Joe Bailey	Michael Beitz, Lilia and Simon Crew
	9:00am	Barrie Pease	Pat Fessler	Ally and Jacob Santos, Parker Davis
	11:00am	Karl Filachek	Jim Keaveney	John Dinnocenti, Ande and Ethan Kraycik

Second collection next week is the Monthly Collection

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, 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, Mildred & Anthony Mattassa, Sr., Tony Guilliams, Dolores McCullough, Steve Mammarella, Shawn Staneruck, Phil Kubovcsak, Dominic Strock, Lori Tomkins, Jane Falcone, Fannie Hunter, Barbara Wright and Rita Bernas

Welcome our new parishioners: Mr. & Mrs. Mark Nickollof and Mr. & Mrs. Donald Brundage

Pray for the recently deceased: Earl Hafer

THIS WEEK AT ICC:

Tues 07/05 7:30pm Baptism Class

Sat 07/09 4-5pm Confession

WHAT'S HAPPENING

INDEPENDENCE DAY MASS

On Independence Day, Monday, July 4, 2016 our daily Mass will be offered at 9:00am. You and your family are invited to join us in praying for our nation and for religious freedom both at home and abroad.



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.

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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 – July 22nd – Come along and enjoy a day at the Jersey Shore! Leave church promptly at 9:30am. Package Deal – Pay \$32/Get \$25. Call Carol J. 610-775-4447

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 12th, 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. Sessions are scheduled from 7:30 to 9:00 PM. You are welcome to attend as many as your schedule permits. For information or to register, contact the parish office at 610.582.2411. Program information will also be available on the parish website beginning in mid-August.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL - We are grateful to our parishioners who have already 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. For example, a \$300 gift to the Appeal may be setup with six \$50 installments. Your sacrifice and generosity to those who are less fortunate will allow the ministries of our diocese to offer services to those who need our assistance. You can pick up a pledge form at the back of the church or make your gift online at FaithHopeCharityGives.org.

Reading Public Museum Summer Camps - Have 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,x227.

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.

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.

July 3, 2016

dear Padre



ROB MARMION / SHUTTERSTOCK

Parent is concerned about kids who have fallen away



I raised my children in the faith, but two of them left the Church to embrace another denomination, and two others, although still Catholic, have not committed to regular church attendance. I worry about their salvation.

Your experience is not unknown

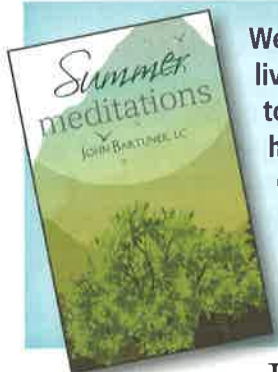
to many Catholic parents. I'm sure my own mother could carry on a good conversation with you about her concern for the faith life of her children.

The journey of faith has many paths. An individual may think more deeply about the meaning of life or find religion after a momentous experience or in the process of gathering and sharing with a community in which they find support, clarity, or rituals that express their beliefs, or guidelines for living morally.

For those of us who grew up believing, chances are we were not introduced

to religion through logic. Children are brought to church long before they are aware of their need for God. They learn doctrine and attend worship before questions of faith and religion form within them. Passing on the faith is a great gift that parents give, and it will serve these young people well. Your children have tools to help them find their way, and God continues to be with them. Follow the example of St. Monica, and pray for them. Trust this one to God, and continue to give good example.

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We need to let ourselves be convinced that the storms God permits in our lives have a purpose and that he will always give us the strength we need to endure them and benefit from them. We just need to keep on believing, hoping, and loving, as hard as it may get. And we can, if only we keep Christ's cross in sight. By persevering through his crucifixion, Jesus opened the path to the resurrection, a path we are all called to follow.

—From *Summer Meditations* by Fr. John Bartunek, LC, STD (825620)

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



Monday

JULY 4

Weekday

Hos 2:16, 17b-18,
21-22

Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday

JULY 5

Weekday

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/

Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday

JULY 6

Weekday

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12

Mt 10:1-7

Thursday

JULY 7

Weekday

Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9

Mt 10:7-15

Friday

JULY 8

Weekday

Hos 14:2-10

Mt 10:16-23

Saturday

JULY 9

Weekday

Is 6:1-8

Mt 10:24-33

Sunday

JULY 10

Fifteenth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Dt 30:10-14

Col 1:15-20

Lk 10:25-37

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