

Ordinary Time

October 23, 2016 ♦ Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18 ♦ 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18 ♦ Lk 18:9-14

Why are we so often and easily convinced that our own positions and opinions are right? When faced with conflict and opposition, we can be tempted to shout down or coerce the people on the other side. In politics and religion, heated and controversial debates lead some to accuse others of being unpatriotic, uncaring, ignorant, even un-Christian. Regardless of our behavior, being convinced that we are 100 percent correct comes at a price. Rory Vaden, an author, speaker, and self-discipline strategist, writes: “[I]f I already ‘know’ what’s true, I don’t need to entertain the idea of another perspective....Many of us hold on to beliefs, even about our own lives, that aren’t accurate....Yes, we want to be proven ‘right,’ even if what we’re right about keeps us from growth and change.”

When we eliminate dialogue, we alienate ourselves. We never discover what other people know, additional (or better) solutions, and the full truth.

The Pharisee in today’s parable believes that talking with the tax collector would be beneath him, even meaningless: The tax collector is a sinner, while he is a righteous man whose works prove his worth. In his self-absorbed superiority he cannot see his lack of compassion or find humility before God. He forgets the many declarations in Scripture that God hears the cries of the poor, weak, and oppressed. This week, let us listen to these least ones and become one with them.

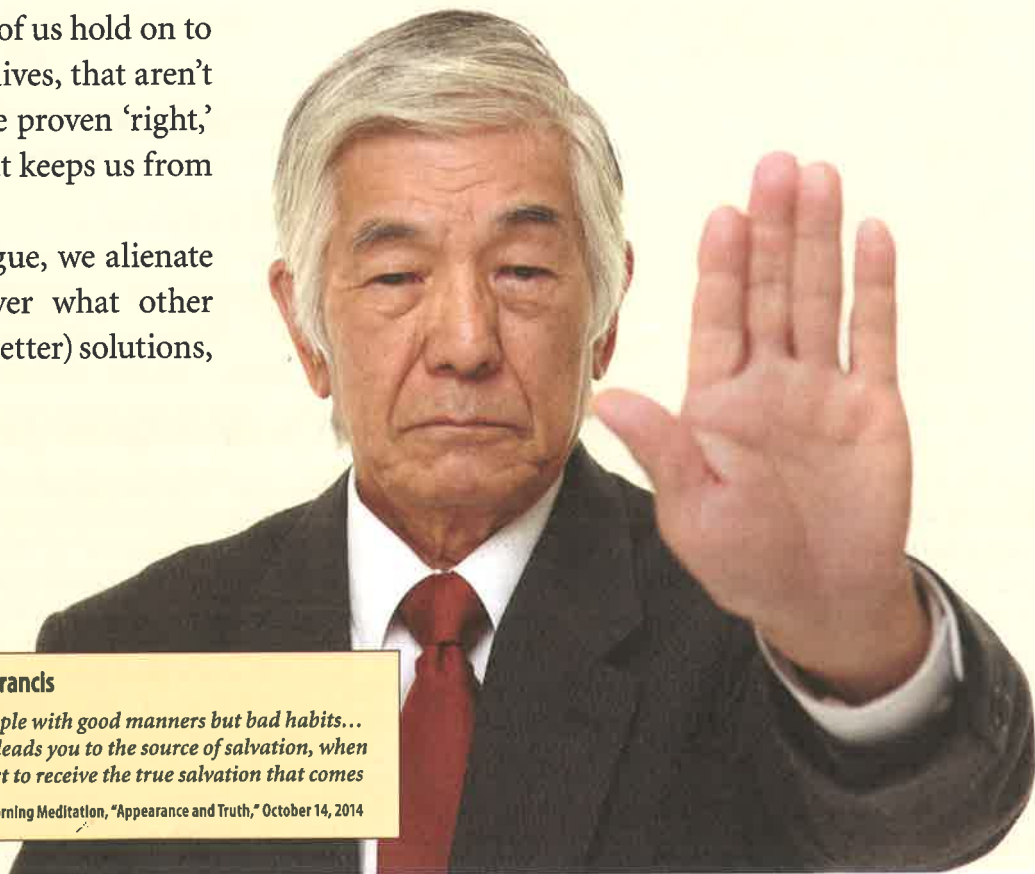
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A Word From Pope Francis

“Jesus condemns people with good manners but bad habits... [Law saves] when it leads you to the source of salvation, when it prepares your heart to receive the true salvation that comes from faith.”

—Morning Meditation, “Appearance and Truth,” October 14, 2014



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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 23, 2016

*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Rita & Guy Klang
 And For a Special Intention*

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM	GUY KLANG	THU	<u>7:30 AM</u>	PAULINE DETTORE
SUN	7:30 AM	DAVID PALKO	FRI	7:30 AM	FLORENCE & ORLANDO LEBRESCO
	9:00 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS	SAT	5:15 PM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
	11:00 AM	LEON DONEY	SUN	7:30 AM	JOHN PALKO
MON	No MASS			9:00 AM	MARY & LAWRENCE DEL GROSSO
TUE	<u>12:05 PM</u>	RITA DURNING		11:00 AM	DEC'D MEMBERS OF RUBY, HILL & KUNDRAT FAMILIES
WED	7:30 AM	DEC'D MEMBERS OF THE ROGOSKY FAMILY			
	<u>4:30 PM</u>	CONFIRMATION			

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCRIP: Porambo 5:15pm Pisarek 7:30am Kasperowicz 9:00am Carvalho 11:00am Citrano

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>COMMENTATOR</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
SAT	5:15pm	Shirley Wheeler	Ann Marie Arbo	Kathryn Krueger, Anna and Daniel Schlegel
SUN	7:30am	Dennis Piontek	Sean Werner	Amanda Marley, Isabella and Mia Pizzo
	9:00am	Josephine Hohl	Barbara Giordano	Mya Salaneck, Marissa and Steven Tepper
	11:00am	Steve Lukes	Len Cline Jr.	Ethan and Lenny Cline, Faith Ouimet

Second collection next week is for Religious Ministries

Immaculate Conception Academy is still enrolling for the 2016-17 school year!

If you have a student in Kindergarten through 8th grade, we welcome you to visit and see what an Immaculate Conception Academy education can do for your child!

ICA offers a full day Kindergarten Program.

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

Bishop's 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 and \$500 for the second).

Aftercare is available.

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

Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Marco Fiato, Bryan Fiato, John & Margaret Kakas, Maryanne Prentice, Tracy Seasholtz, Delores Woy, Alice Arantowicz, Yolanda Marino, Ann Schlott, Kathy Patrick, Joseph & Susan McCorristin, Mary & Phil Morici, Margaret Maccarone, Father Joseph Campion, Dan Casciano, Paisley Stout, Jake Maccarone, William Janda, Madge Butto, Roseann Malcom, Doris Slater, Joan Cronin, Rita Conrad, Mark McDonald, Rose Osorio, Tony Guilliams, Joan Smith, Dolores McCullough, Steve Mammarella, Phil Kubovcsak, Gloria Richards, Jennifer Pinti, Jane Falcone, Fannie Hunter, Mavrick Laxton, Anthony Pucci, Andrew Martin, Father Donald Birch, The Ravert Family, Harry Wood, Mary Okuniewski, Maria Houck, Paul Bringenberg, Joseph Kolenda, Kenneth Barth, Dominic Strock, Frank Bentz, Bob Hocker, Mike DiScala, Michael Wilchek and Ronald Kryman

Congratulate the recently baptized: Joely Rebecca Helen Spector and Morgan Ashley Dierolf

Pray for the recently deceased: Susan Kocher and Sharon Kirkpatrick

THIS WEEK AT ICC:

Sun	10/23	YOUTH GROUP PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Mon	10/24	7:30pm RCIA
Tues	10/25	7:30pm Bell Choir
Wed	10/26	4:30pm CONFIRMATION
Thurs	10/27	4pm Youth Choir 7:30pm Adult Choir
Sat	10/29	4-5pm Confession

WHAT'S HAPPENING

DAILY MASS:

There will be no Mass on Monday, October 24th.

On Tuesday, October 25th, daily Mass will be offered at **12:05pm** as opposed to the usual evening hour. Also, on Thursday, October 27th, the daily Mass will be offered at **7:30am** as opposed to the usual evening hour.

CONFIRMATION - Bishop Edward Cullen will visit our parish to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, October 26th, 4:30pm. Seventy-four young men and women from the parish will be anointed with Sacred Chrism and sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We invite you to pray for our children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. May they be faithful and courageous witnesses to the love of God in the world. You are invited to join us for the celebration



ICC Youth Group is hosting a Pancake Breakfast October 23rd, 8am to noon. Cost of \$6 at the door includes pancakes, eggs, bacon, juice, and coffee/tea.

Immaculate Conception Christmas Bazaar November 5, 9am-3pm

Please join us for a day of shopping, crafts, raffles, baked goods, soups, good food and good fun. This is a wonderful opportunity to support our school, and local businesses. Get a sneak peek at our vendors and delicious breakfast and lunch menu on our Facebook page - Immaculate Conception Christmas Bazaar. Any questions, icaxmas@gmail.com.

Our parish family of the Immaculate Conception will be hosting a Blood Drive in conjunction with the Miller-Keystone Blood Center on November 5th, 8am - 1pm. The Blood Drive coincides with the Annual Christmas Bazaar. Miller-Keystone Blood Center is proud to be the only blood provider to your community hospitals. Sign-up sheets for blood donors are available in the narthex. To register on-line go to GIVEaPINT.org and use the Sponsor Code 4543. For additional information, please contact Liz Stewart at 610-404-4425.

"Encounter Mercy and Truth" The Annual Diocesan Men's Conference - November 5th, 9am-5pm at De Sales University. The day will include keynote addresses, exhibits and a vigil Mass with Bishop Barres. Continental breakfast and lunch is included. Registration fee is \$35 and \$10 for high school/college students. Info/register, call 610-289-8900.

Immaculate Conception Academy Volunteers Needed

We need monitors for the recess yard, lunchroom and to cover the health room...giving band-aids and TLC. Give us a call at 610-404-8645. All volunteers require completion of "Protecting God's Children" and obtain required background checks and clearances.

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. 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.

Thinking about becoming a Catholic? Are you looking to for a "Faith Refresher?" Join Msgr. McCann, Deacon Paul Hiryak and guest speakers 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 Mondays, 7:30-9pm. You are welcome to attend as many as your schedule permits. For info or to register, call the office at 610.582.2411.

"It is not enough to merely affirm the rights of people with disabilities. We must actively work to make them real in the fabric of modern society...the Church must work to increase the public's sensitivity toward the needs of people with disabilities and support their rightful demand for justice"
(U.S. Catholic Bishops)

Diocesan Disability Inclusion Awareness Sunday - 11/13/16
Designer Bag Bingo- November 13th - ICC Social Hall - BINGO starts 1pm - Doors open 11:30am - \$25 for 20 games, \$30 at the door if available -For tickets call Nikki at 610-763-1408 or Sandy at 610-207-7065. Benefits Catworks and A Hero's Hero (providing companion dogs to veterans)

St. Peter the Apostle Parish, Reading, is seeking to fill a FT **secretary position**. Applicant must speak, read and write English and Spanish and be competent with computers. Submit resume to Mr. Timothy Reiver; St. Peter the Apostle Parish; 322 S. 5th St., Reading, 19602-2311; stpeterchurch@comcast.net

40 Days for Life Campaign and Prayer Vigil through November 6th. Daily prayer vigil in front of Reading Planned Parenthood, 4th and Franklin Streets, 7am-4pm, Monday to Saturday. Come out to pray to help end abortion. Pro Life Berks 610-375-3395.

A Time Apart With Jesus to Grow in Your Spiritual Life 11/11-13 - a retreat offered by Sister Joan Noreen, Co-Founder of OLME and EWTN Host of "Eucharistic Journey," and is held at the Ave Maria Retreat House in Doylestown. Daily Eucharist, Eucharistic Adoration, conferences on Catholic Spirituality, Prayer with Sacred Scripture, Liturgy of the Hours, and much more. For info, Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist, 640 E. Main St., Birdsboro or 610-582-3333.

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 a poor prenatal diagnosis. **For support, contact Sr. Janice Marie Johnson 610-289-8900 x 42**

October 23, 2016

dear Padre



Where did Judas wind up?

Did Judas go to hell? If the crucifixion was necessary, wasn't he fulfilling God's will? Even Jesus foretold his betrayal.

No, the Church doesn't teach that Judas went to hell. A declaration of condemnation must be left to the justice of God. We can never know if even the worst sinner repents of his or her sins or the extent of his or her guilt.

A more interesting tangent to this question deals with human freedom. If Judas was "destined" to betray Jesus, he would have had no free will and therefore could not be held accountable for his actions. This might seem as a kind of justification, but an appeal to a fate that robs the individual of human freedom is not valid. We are incapable of determining an individual's culpability, but we can say with certainty whether some actions in and of themselves are proper or improper.

Judas did a bad thing; it would have been better had he not betrayed our Lord. But we don't know whether Judas sinned. He could have been confused about what was right or indeed been greedy. Perhaps he never intended his

actions to lead to Jesus' death (which may account for his suicide). So we don't know the state of Judas' soul, but we know his betrayal of a friend was not right.

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Monday
OCTOBER 24
Weekday
Eph 4:32—5:8
Lk 13:10—17

Tuesday
OCTOBER 25
Weekday
Eph 5:21—33 or
5:2a, 25—32
Lk 13:18—21

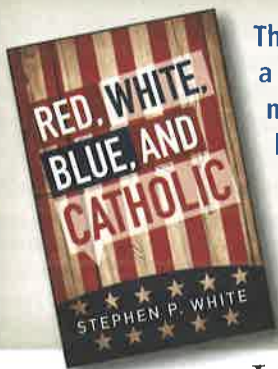
Wednesday
OCTOBER 26
Weekday
Eph 6:1—9
Lk 13:22—30

Thursday
OCTOBER 27
Weekday
Eph 6:10—20
Lk 13:31—35

Friday
OCTOBER 28
Sts. Simon and Jude,
Apostles
Eph 2:19—22
Lk 6:12—16

Saturday
OCTOBER 29
Weekday
Phil 1:18b—26
Lk 14:1, 7—11

Sunday
OCTOBER 30
Thirty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Wis 11:22—12:2
2 Thes 1:11—2:2
Lk 19:1—10



The symphony of truth that the Church proclaims to the world is more than a list of do's and don'ts. If the Gospel is to be proclaimed effectively, it must be presented in its fullness. Following the rules is important. Christ himself tells us, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." But if we focus only on the Church's moral teachings, we can miss the forest of Christian discipleship for the trees of moral righteousness.

—From *Red, White, Blue and Catholic* by Stephen P. White (826450)

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