

Ordinary Time

October 30, 2016 ♦ Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Wis 11:22—12:2 ♦ 2 Thes 1:11—2:2 ♦ Lk 19:1—10

I'm the shortest one in nearly every picture in which I appear. It's not that I'm that short (about three inches below average), but I am surrounded by taller people. Consequently, Zacchaeus has always been a particular favorite of mine. I certainly would have tried to get higher to see Jesus, too. Maybe Zacchaeus and I would have shared a branch. But Zacchaeus inspires me for another reason. When Jesus, whom Zacchaeus knew only by reputation, called to him, his response was immediate. He came down to stand in front of Jesus. In their society, tax collectors were considered traitors and ostracized by all. In the process of working for the Romans, Zacchaeus strengthened Caesar's influence and likely charged more than he should have to support a wealthy lifestyle when most Jews lived in poverty.

Seeing Zacchaeus in the tree, Jesus seized the opportunity to bring conversion to a sinner. Instead of judgment or bitterness from a stranger, Jesus offered him words of welcome. Zacchaeus heard the invitation (literal and spiritual) in Jesus' statement—"I must stay at your house"—and "received him with joy."

When Jesus enters our house, we find the strength to turn from sin. The effect of Jesus' presence on Zacchaeus was immediate. As they stood together, he turned from his sin and promised to care for the poor and make restitution for anything he stole. Let us hurry to receive Jesus into our hearts and turn away from our sin as well.

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A Word From Pope Francis

"One who leads a double life is corrupt, whereas one who sins would like not to sin...and asks to be forgiven. The Lord loves such a person, he accompanies him, he remains with him."

— Morning Meditation, "Sinners yes, corrupt no," November 11, 2013

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 30, 2016

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Josie & Gus Fredriksen

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS	WED	7:30 AM	VICTORIA ROGOSKY
SUN	7:30 AM	JOHN PALKO	THU	7:00 PM	ELIZABETH RUSSONIELLO
	9:00 AM	MARY & LAWRENCE DEL GROSSO	FRI	7:30 AM	JOSEPH GULLA
	11:00 AM	DEC'D MEMBERS OF RUBY, HILL & KUNDRAT FAMILIES	SAT	5:15 PM	DEC'D MEMBERS OF WOMEN'S SOCIETY
MON	<u>7:00 PM</u>	ANNA MACCARONE	SUN	7:30 AM	PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY
TUE	<u>7:30 AM</u>	ELVERA MESSNER & FRED DEL GROSSO		9:00 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
	<u>9:00 AM</u>	ICA MASS - PARISHIONERS		11:00 AM	PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY
	<u>7:00 PM</u>	LEON DONEY			

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCRIP: Zubik 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	Jason Mariano	Jennifer Stuart	Sarah Forkin, Anna and Matthew Lambert
SUN	7:30am	Toni Kaucher	Jim Kaucher	Joey Cizmarik, Ande and Ethan Kraycik
	9:00am	Gretchen Markel	Stephanie Myers	Lilia and Simon Crew, Sean Purretta
	11:00am	Barbara Romig	Victor González	Brianna González, Aiden Reber, Elly Smithson

Second collection next week is for Church Building & Parish Maintenance

Solemnity of All Saints

Tuesday, November 1st is the Solemnity of All Saints, a holy day of obligation. The Vigil Mass will be offered Monday, October 31st at 7:00pm. On November 1st, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered at 7:30am, 9:00am with the children of Immaculate Conception Academy and 7:00pm.

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, Keith Kienle, Elizabeth Haynes and Ronald Kryman

Pray for the recently deceased: Anna Modica, Blanche M. Walsh
 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	10/31	7:30pm RCIA
Thurs	11/03	7:30pm Adult Choir
Fri	11/04	7pm JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP
Sat	11/05	8am-1pm Blood Drive
		9am-3pm HSO Christmas Bazaar
		4-5pm Confession

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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!

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.

Resorts AC Trip - November 21st - Leave church promptly at 9:30am - Package deal: Pay \$32, Get \$25 back - Call Carol J if interested at 610-775-4447

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP will meet Friday,

November 4th, 7-9pm in the lower level meeting room of the Parish Center. All of the teens in our parish in grades 7 and 8 are welcome to attend for an evening of fun, food, games, prayer and praise. Bring a friend!

The members of our **Parish Youth Group** say **"Thank You"** to all of our parishioners and guests who came to the Pancake Breakfast last Sunday. Thanks too to our cooks who prepared such a delicious breakfast! Proceeds from the Pancake Breakfast will be used to cover in part the costs associated with our 2017 Mission Trip to Kentucky and the trip to the Franciscan University of Steubenville for the Catholic Youth Conference next summer.

BAPTISM CLASS - NOVEMBER 8TH AT 7:30PM - LOWER LEVEL, CHURCH OFFICE - CLASS REQUIRED PRIOR TO THE BAPTISM OF YOUR FIRST CHILD. CALL RITA AT 610-582-2411 TO REGISTER.

Mark you calendars! Santa Breakfast December 3rd - see upcoming bulletins for more information.

Many of us are uncomfortable with people who look and act "different". As a result, many people with disabilities are often ignored, isolated or rejected. When our response grows out of pity, the person with the disability feels patronized and diminished and does not necessarily react with gratitude. How much better to regard someone primarily as a person with abilities, and only secondarily as someone who may need assistance to use those abilities!

November 13th-Diocesan Disability Inclusion Awareness Sunday

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.

Attention Women's Society Members - On November 5th we will celebrate a Mass of Divine Mercy offered for all members of the Women's Society living and deceased at 5:15pm. Please join other members in celebrating this very special Mass.

The Diocese of Allentown is conducting an annual fund called "Chosen, Blessed, Shared" to support the Endowment for the Care of Retired Priests. All gifts received will be used to support the rising costs of retirement care for those priests in good standing who have faithfully served, and the many who, though retired continue to serve, in our Diocese. Please consider making a donation as part of your yearly giving.

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).

October 30, 2016

Dear Padre

Staying until Mass is over



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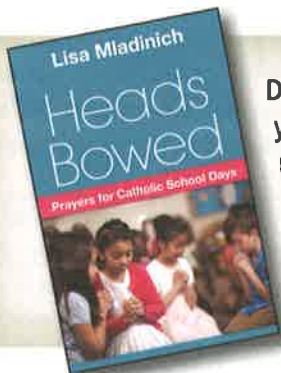
Do I need to stay until the very end of Mass? The short concluding rites feel anticlimactic after Communion.

The Mass is intended to contain “a conscious, active, and full participation of the faithful, ...fervent with faith, hope and charity” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 18). At Mass, the faithful form one body, a holy people, to “give thanks to God and offer the unblemished sacrificial Victim not only by means of the hands of the Priest but also together” (*GIRM* 95). This is achieved through “their deep religious sense and their charity toward brothers and sisters who participate with them” (*GIRM* 95). Thus, reverence for God at Mass includes a proper respect for the people worshipping with you. Remaining until the recessional concludes—as well as arriving on time—is a sign of this reverence. It respects not only God and

your neighbors in the pew but also the ministers (ordained or lay), ushers, and everyone present.

After the faithful partake in the Eucharist, there is a communal period of silence to allow for personal prayer. Also, a psalm, canticle of praise, or hymn may be offered and sung (*GIRM* 88, 164). “There is no prayer more agreeable to God, or more profitable to the soul, than that which is made during the thanksgiving after Communion,” wrote St. Alphonsus in *The Holy Eucharist*. While an early departure or late arrival at Mass may be, at times, unavoidable, it is preferable to celebrate Mass in its entirety, in heart, mind, soul... and body!

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Dear Jesus, even the times we have sinned can be offered to you, as soon as we are sorry. It makes you very happy when we repent, and it brings us joy when we run to you for forgiveness. Thank you for your mercy, O Lord! Amen.

—From *Heads Bowed: Prayers for Catholic School Days* by Lisa Mladinich (826443)

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Monday
OCTOBER 31
Weekday
Phil 2:1–4
Lk 14:12–14

Tuesday
NOVEMBER 1
All Saints' Day
Rv 7:2–4, 9–14
1 Jn 3:1–3
Mt 5:1–12a

Wednesday
NOVEMBER 2
All Souls' Day
Wis 3:1–9
Rom 5:5–11 or
Rom 6:3–9
Jn 6:37–40

Thursday
NOVEMBER 3
Weekday
Phil 3:3–8a
Lk 15:1–10

Friday
NOVEMBER 4
St. Charles Borromeo,
Bishop
Phil 3:17–4:1
Lk 16:1–8

Saturday
NOVEMBER 5
Weekday
Phil 4:10–19
Lk 16:9–15

Sunday
NOVEMBER 6
Thirty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
2 Mc 7:1–2, 9–14
2 Thes 2:16—3:5
Lk 20:27–38
or 20:27, 34–38

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