

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

◆ November 9, 2014 (A) ◆

I made a retreat on the shores of Massachusetts not long ago. The shore was rocky, with slabs of granite meeting the ocean. The air was fragrant with flowers and foliage in late August. Birds, bees, and crickets went about their daily business. *Surely God is here*, I thought as I immersed myself in nature, silence, and prayer. I took a piece of granite from the shore to remind myself of my retreat.

It might seem odd to have a feast day for a church, but our readings today show us that marking God's presence is a time-honored tradition.

When Jacob dreamed of ladders and angels, he took it as a sign of God's presence and built an altar in the place he'd slept.

When Zacchaeus heard Jesus call his name, he climbed down from the tree to welcome Jesus into his home and was moved then and there to give back anything he owed and more.

When we finally recognize the presence of God, we often take special note of the moment with some sign. The sign can be small, like my rock. But in other times, people have built extraordinary places of worship, painted luminous pictures, or sculpted statues of amazing grace.

The Basilica of St. John Lateran, the principal cathedral of Rome (also known as the pope's cathedral) and the baptismal Church of ancient Rome, is a wonderful example of such a sign.

Our focus today is not on the building itself, but on what it represents – the union of the whole people of God gathered with the pope in witness to the presence of God.

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Today's Readings

Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12 • 1 Cor 3:9c–11, 16–17 • Jn 2:13–22

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THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA - NOVEMBER 9, 2014

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

AT	5:15 PM JOSEPHINE NANNI	THU	7:00 PM BEREAVEMENT MASS
UN	7:30 AM PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY	FRI	7:30 AM GLORIA GILL
	9:00 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS	SAT	5:15 PM FLORENCE & ORLANDO LEBRESCO
	11:00 AM PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY	SUN	7:30 AM PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY
ION	7:30 AM DEC'D MEMBERS OF JESSE PAINTER FAMILY		9:00 AM PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY
UE	7:00 PM SOPHIA & ANDREW LAKATOSH		11:00 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
/ED	7:30 AM DANIELA SERPICO		

*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Daniela Serpico
 And also In Memory of Esther Pribanick*

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCRIP: Knox 5:15pm Serginese 7:30am Kasperowicz 9:00am Grieco 11:00am DeFalco

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>COMMENTATOR</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
SAT	5:15pm	Joe Bailey	Jennifer Stuart	Rachel Barnes, Amy Carvalho, Kelly Eichenberg
SUN	7:30am	Dan Sweeney	Pam Amos	Adam Brezina, Mason Cambria, Tim Stewart
	9:00am	Isabelita Santos	Pat Fessler	Erin and Sean Hannon, Olivia Ruff
	11:00am	Susan DiGuglielmo	Mike Bobb	Austin and Cory Lobaugh, Leonard Cline

The second collection next week is for Debt Reduction

ICA-HSO Christmas Bazaar

November 15th, 9am to 3pm, Social Hall

Lots of great locally made crafts and stocking stuffers...wood crafts and toys, Christmas wreaths and ornaments, baked specialties and candies, home décor, candles, jewelry, handmade frames, gift baskets and so much more! We also will have soups and other lunch items for purchase and a Bake Sale!



ICC is hosting a Miller Keystone Blood Drive during the Bazaar, 8am-1pm. Please sign up to donate and save a life. Schedule your donation time with Liz at 610-404-4425.

Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Joe & Betty Cuccaro, Cecelia Potts, Arthur & Betty Erjavec, Marco Fiato, Bryan Fiato, John Kakas, William Kuehler, Maryanne Prentice, John LeFosse, Tracy Seasholtz, Aaron Gulla, John Iezzi, Delores Woy, Alice Arantowicz, Andrew Martin, Alice Smyk, Barbara Pease, Yolanda Marino, Robert Mariani, Marie Snyder, Irene Wade, Loretta Kozlowski, Patricia Reigel, Patricia Winkel, Ann Kretzman, Ann Schlott, Anthony Boraten, Gage Speece, Sharon Kirkpatrick, Julia McDonald, Patricia McDermott, Charles Reppert, Maryanna Niemczyk, Linda D'Alessandro, Eric Toth, Michael Kovach, Bernie Rissmiller, Maryanne Tabegna, Sister Daniel Marie Liddy, Lannie Knapp, Mary Pender, Jo Ann Hofer and Ron D'Augustine

Please congratulate the newly baptized: Ava Marie Corcino and her family

Please pray for the recently departed: JoAnne Kirner

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS: Monsignor McCann and Deacon Paul Hiryak visit our hospitalized parishioners regularly. If you or a member of your family is hospitalized, call the parish office at 610-582-2411.

THIS WEEK AT ICC:

Mon	11/10	7pm 7th Grade Parent Meeting 7:30pm RCIA
Tues	11/11	7:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
Thurs	11/13	4pm Youth Choir 7:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal
Sat	11/15	9am-3pm ICA-HSO BAZAAR 4-5pm Confessions

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Immaculate Conception Academy Open House

Immaculate Conception Academy will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, November 16th, 10 am to 1 pm. We invite you to stop by after Mass to have some coffee and donuts, meet our teachers and visit our classrooms. We are currently enrolling for the 2015-16 school year. Please contact Shannon.Villa@icaknights.org for more information.

TRANSFER GRANTS: Any public, private, or charter school student who transfers into Immaculate Conception Academy, grades 1 through 7, will receive a Bishop's Tuition Transfer Grant of \$1,500 over two school years (\$1,000 for the first year; \$500 for the second).

Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Worship

Our parish family of the Immaculate Conception will host the annual Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Prayer Service on Wednesday, November 26, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. In shared worship, let us witness to God who is at the center of all of our thanks giving. Designed as a worship to celebrate our common thanks in God, you are cordially invited and encouraged to join with your brothers and sisters in Christ from throughout our community. The Rev. Robert Kramer, Pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Birdsboro will be preaching, and delicious refreshments will follow in the Social hall. All are welcome! Please invite a friend or neighbor to accompany you.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA - ICA 8th grade is sponsoring our annual **Breakfast with Santa** on December 6th! **Tickets will be available at the BAZAAR!** There are seating's at 8am and 10am. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit, juice, coffee/milk will be served. We will have face painting, cookie and ornament decorating, pictures with Santa and a Christmas Petting Zoo! Tickets are \$8, age 2 and under free. Call 610-404-8645 for more information!!!

2014 Walk-A-Thon for Catholic Education – Donations are being gratefully accepted. Please place it in an envelope marked "**ICA Walk-a-thon**" and drop it in any Sunday collection basket or mail it to Immaculate Conception Academy, 903 Chestnut Street, Douglassville, PA 19518.
All donations are greatly appreciated.

Scholastic Book Fair, lower level parish room on November 16th after the 9 & 11am masses. The book fair will also be open during the school day from November 17-19, 9am to 2pm. This is a great opportunity to buy books for the holidays! Donations are also being accepted for "All for Books" which will help buy books for ICA teacher classrooms. Scholastic will match donations and help provide books to less fortunate children. Donations may be placed in the collection basket in an envelope marked "All for Books". Checks should be made out to ICA-HSO. Thank you for your support.

Senior High YOUTH GROUP - November 14th, 7-9pm. High School Students of our parish are invited to attend and bring a friend! Fun, food and prayer!

QUILT RAFFLE -Check out the beautiful, Farmhouse Chic, Sunbonnet Sue regular size quilt in the narthex. Raffle tickets are available there and at the HSO Christmas Bazaar. The ICC Quilt Group will have lovingly stitched baby quilts for sale at the bazaar. All proceeds benefit the church.

Prime Time will meet on November 20th, 12:30 to 2:30. We will be making Thanksgiving crafts while enjoying hot dogs and old comedy shows. All paid up members in attendance will be entered into a drawing for a Redners or Giant gift card. Contact Kathleen at 610-469-0594 with questions.

Bereavement Support Group will meet on November 17th, 7-8:30pm in the Church (using side door first room on right). We welcome anyone who wishes to attend. For info, call Toni at 610-404-1389 or Pat 610-775-1892.

On Saturday, October 25th the members of our parish Youth Group travelled to the Greater Food Bank where they helped pack "senior food totes". Because of their efforts, more than 1,300 low-income senior citizens in Berks and Schuylkill Counties will receive a box of nourishing food.

TRUCKS NEEDED! On Saturday, November 22, our parish Youth Group will be involved with a community service project to rake leaves for persons with disabilities and the elderly. If you have a pick-up truck and could spare a few hours between 11am and 3pm, your help would be greatly appreciated. We need trucks and drivers to haul the collected leaves to the dumpsite. Please call Liz Stewart at 610-404-4425 or email at thestewarts@windstream.net for additional information.

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. Our parish family of the 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.

The Mass Intention Book for 2015 opens November 11th. Parishioners are invited to come into the parish office, Tuesdays through Fridays after 11am to schedule a Mass (\$10) or to reserve the Sanctuary Lamp (\$25). Due to the number of Intentions and the limited number of days per year, we ask that you **limit your requests to four per person per year.**

2015/2016 Registration for Berks Catholic High School is open. Visit our website www.berkscatholic.org for more information about the school. Contact Nicole Smith at nsmith@berkscatholic.org or 610.374.8361, ext244 to set up a personal tour, a shadow day or simply to answer any questions you may have. All inquires are confidential.



November 9, 2014

dear Padre

Monday

NOVEMBER 10
St. Leo the Great,
Pope and Doctor
of the Church
Ti 1:1-9
Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 11
St. Martin of Tours,
Bishop
Ti 2:1-8, 11-14
Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 12
St. Josaphat,
Bishop and Martyr
Ti 3:1-7
Lk 17:11-19

Thursday

NOVEMBER 13
St. Frances
Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
Phlm 7-20
Lk 17:20-25

Friday

NOVEMBER 14
Weekday
2 Jn 4-9
Lk 17:26-37

Saturday

NOVEMBER 15
Weekday
3 Jn 5-8
Lk 18:1-8

Sunday

NOVEMBER 16
Thirty-third
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Prv 31:10-13,
19-20, 30-31
1 Thes 5:1-6
Mt 25:14-30 or
25:14-15, 19-21



What is a basilica?



What's the difference between a church, a cathedral, and a basilica?

The word **church** originally did not mean a building. It was a term used to designate the assembled believers. In the New Testament, **church** was used to identify those who believed in Jesus Christ and followed his way.

Later the term took on its modern definition: a building in which Christian believers gather for worship, especially to celebrate the Eucharist.

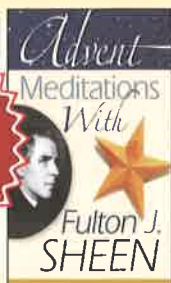
A **cathedral** is the bishop's church and the chief church of a diocese or archdiocese. The name takes its origin from **cathedra**, the "bishop's chair." The bishops of old delivered their homilies from the bishop's chair in the cathedral.

A **basilica** is an early form of church building used for Christian worship. This was especially the case in the western part of the Roman Empire after the time of Constantine (fourth century).

Today, **basilica** is an honorary title given to certain churches by the pope. Rome has four major basilicas: St. John Lateran (the pope's cathedral church, which we honor today), St. Peter's at the Vatican, St. Paul's Outside the Walls, and St. Mary Major. In addition, a number of churches in Rome and throughout the world are designated as minor basilicas.

Whether we worship in the basilica of St. Peter's in Rome or in a parish church, we seek to draw closer to the Lord in our worship and prayers.

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11/10/14 to 12/15/14

Restaurants	Quantity	Total \$\$	Retail & Online Stores	Quantity	Total \$\$
Buca Di Beppo	\$25		Amazon.com	\$25	
Chili's, Macaroni Grill, On the Border, Maggiano's	\$25		American Girl	\$25	
Cracker Barrel	\$10		Aeropostale	\$25	
Cheesecake Factory	\$25		American Eagle	\$25	
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Outback	\$25		BonTon	\$25	
Red Robin	\$25		BonTon	\$100	
Ruby Tuesday	\$25		Cabela's	\$25	
Ruth's Chris Steak House	\$50		Cabela's	\$100	
Texas Roadhouse	\$25		Claire's	\$10	
TGI Friday's	\$25		Christmas Tree Shops	\$25	
			CVS Pharmacy	\$25	
Quick Food			Dick's Sporting Goods	\$25	
Arby's	\$10		Dressbarn	\$25	
Auntie Anne's	\$10		Gymboree	\$25	
Cold Stone Creamers	\$10		JC Penney	\$25	
Domino's Pizza	\$10		J Crew	\$25	
Dunkin Donuts	\$10		L.L. Bean	\$25	
KF C	\$5		Macy's	\$25	
Panera Bread	\$10		Macy's	\$100	
Panera Bread	\$25		Nike	\$25	
Papa John's Pizza	\$10		Men's Wearhouse	\$25	
Pizza Hut	\$10		Old Navy/GAP/Banana Rep	\$25	
Starbucks	\$10		Payless Shoes	\$20	
Taco Bell	\$10		Pier 1	\$25	
			Pottery Barn	\$25	
Entertainment			Regis /Holiday Hair/Super Cuts	\$25	
			Ross	\$25	
Barnes & Noble	\$10		Shutterfly	\$25	
Barnes & Noble	\$25		Sports Authority	\$25	
Chuck E. Cheese	\$10		Sports Authority	\$100	
iTunes	\$15		Staples	\$25	
X Box Live	\$20		T J Max/Marshall's	\$25	
			T J Max/Marshall's	\$100	
Home Improvements			Talbots	\$25	
			Target	\$25	
Ace Hardware	\$25		The Children's Place	\$25	
Home Depot	\$25		Under Armour	\$25	
Lowes	\$25		Walmart	\$25	

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