

# Easter

◆ April 5, 2015 (B) ◆

We've all been waiting for this. For six weeks we've focused on letting go of our treasure to help others, taking in a little less food, and reaching out to God a little more, all so that we might in some small way prepare for this day—the greatest celebration of our Church year.

So now, after the alleluias have been sung, the baptismal vows repeated, and the Easter lamb or ham eaten, it's time to ask ourselves, "What was all that preparation for? How have I changed?"

When I was young, I gave up candy or little treats for Lent, but after Easter I happily went back to eating candy and carried on as before. As a young adult, I began using Lent to correct bad habits. I had a little more success keeping those at bay after Easter but, I confess, I didn't see myself as transformed.

"How have I drawn closer to Christ through this Lent?" "How will I show forth the glory of his resurrection in your life?" "How will I do these things?" These are good questions for all of us to ask as this Easter winds down.

Once they realized what had happened, the early Christians couldn't keep it to themselves. They preached about Jesus' death and resurrection wherever they went, witnessed to the change he'd made in their lives, and tried to live differently. They invited others to join them. Jesus calls us to do no less.

How have Lent and Easter and the memory of Christ's death and resurrection changed you?

How will you live out that change?

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## Today's Readings

Acts 10:34a, 37–43

Col 3:1–4 or

1 Cor 5:6b–8

Jn 20:1–9

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## EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 5, 2015

### ★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	8:00 PM	<b>EASTER VIGIL</b>	FRI	7:30 AM	MICHAEL FASTI
SUN	7:30 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS	SAT	5:15 PM	CHARLES WAGNER
	9:00 AM	EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL ENVELOPES	SUN	7:30 AM	PALCO FAMILY
	11:00 AM	EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL ENVELOPES		9:00 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
MON		<b>No MASS</b>		11:00 AM	RICHARD C. FISET
TUE	7:00 PM	GOD'S BLESSINGS UPON RON & MARY SCHWENDT			
WED	7:30 AM	JESSIE BROWN			
THU	7:00 PM	ANNA & JOSEPH LASTOCHI, PASQUALE APPOLLONIO			

### NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

**SCRIP:** Sponsor: Dowling 5:15 Pisarek 7:30 Collura 9:00 McCauley 11:00 Citrano

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>COMMENTATOR</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
SAT	5:15pm	Ann Marie Arbo	Mike Austrevich	Thomas Smith, Josh Piccarreta, Sidney Wolf
SUN	7:30am	Dennis Piontek	Mary Jo Simon	Morgan Davis, Gina Galm, Avery Lang
	9:00am	Pam Amos	Josephine Hohll	John and Nick Dinnocenti, Nick Donnelly
	11:00am	Bob Newman	Jim Keaveney	Aaron Gulla, Chris and Lyndsay Surkosky

**To all of our  
 parishioners, friends  
 and families, may you  
 experience the joys and  
 blessings of the  
 Easter Season.  
 Have a Blessed and  
 Joyous Easter.**

**Monsignor John B. McCann**

Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Joe Cuccaro, Marco Fiato, Bryan Fiato, John Kakas, Maryanne Prentice, Tracy Seasholtz, Aaron Gulla, John Iezzi, Delores Woy, Alice Arantowicz, Andrew Martin, Alice Smyk, Barbara Pease, Yolanda Marino, Robert Mariani, Marie Snyder, Irene Wade, Patricia Winkel, Ann Kretzman, Ann Schlott, Maryanna Niemczyk, Linda D'Alessandro, Mary Pender, Jo Ann Hofer, Roger Villano, Sharon Kirkpatrick, Kathy Patrick, Doris Slater, Steve Mammarella, Stella Powaski, Joseph & Susan McCorristin, Bartholomew Magliocchetti, Madge Butto and Tom Hafer

Please pray for the recently departed: Nancy Jo Voerman and Carmella Dema

Please welcome our new parishioners: Mr. & Mrs. Keith Dougherty

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:**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>04/05</b>	<b>Happy Easter</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>04/07</b>	<b>7pm Baptism Class</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>04/10</b>	<b>7pm Senior High Youth Group</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>04/11</b>	<b>4-5pm Confessions</b>

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING**

**There will be NO MASS on Easter Monday.  
Also, our Parish Office will be closed.  
We wish you a very holy and happy Easter!**

Our parish family of the Immaculate Conception rejoices in the announcement that the Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop of Allentown has called our parishioner, Doctor James A. Bardi to the Order of Deacon. The Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate will take place on Saturday, April 25, 2015 in the Church of Saint Thomas More, Allentown. For the past six years, Doctor Bardi has participated in an extensive program of formation so as to be able to serve the Church as a deacon. Deacons share in Christ's mission and grace in a special way. The Sacrament of Holy Orders marks them with an imprint which cannot be removed and which configures them to Christ, who made himself the 'deacon' or servant of all. Among other tasks, it is the task of deacons to assist the bishop and priests in the celebration of the divine mysteries, above all the Eucharist, in the celebration of Holy Communion, in assisting at and blessing marriages, in the proclamation of the Gospel and preaching, in presiding over funerals, and in dedicating themselves to the various ministries of charity. Immediately after his Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate, Doctor Bardi and the other men ordained to the permanent diaconate that day will be entrusted by Bishop Barres with an assignment to serve in a parish of the Diocese of Allentown. I invite you to pray for Jim and his wife Linda and their family as he prepares for his Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate.

***On Sunday, April 26, 2015 newly ordained Deacon Bardi will serve his first Mass as a deacon at our 11am Mass.***

***Our parish family will host a reception to honor Deacon Bardi immediately after the 11:00am Mass in the Social Hall. You are cordially invited to attend. If you plan to attend the reception, please sign the RSVP list in the narthex next week.***

### **Building a Culture of Vocations**

Prayer is a moving force in vocation development. Prayer is effective; prayer is powerful; prayer is essential. Few are called to priesthood or religious life, but all are called to pray for vocations. "Lord, your Church is in need. Touch the hearts of many within our parish with the desire to serve you. Call forth from this community sisters, brothers, deacons, priests and lay leaders. Help us to live lives that will nurture childhood trust into adult commitment. May this parish be a source of hope and a source of ministers for your Church, your people and your world. Amen"

## **2015 Masquerade Adult Social Fundraiser**

**April 25th, 6pm**

**\$35 per person includes**

\*Hors d'oeuvres served by Boscov's Ala Carte Catering including Signature Cold Table featuring Fresh Fruit, Crudités, an Assortment of Domestic and Imported quality cut Cheeses, Crackers and Dips. Also, Bacon Wrapped Scallops, Mini Beef Wellingtons, Mini Cheese Steak Sliders, Chicken Cordon Bleu Puffs, Portabella Mushroom Purses and Mini Quesadillas.

\*Wine tasting provided by KOG Hill Winery  
\*soda, beer and dessert

\*Activities include Live and Silent Auctions, Raffle Auctions, Wine Pull, 50-50 and more!

RSVP by April 14. Cocktail Attire...Masks Optional.

Proceeds benefit Immaculate Conception Academy's Technology and Art Departments.

*Tickets can be purchased online by*

*visiting [www.icaknights.org](http://www.icaknights.org) under the Home and School Organization Tab or send check made payable to 'ICA HSO' to the Academy 903 Chestnut St, Douglassville 19518.*

**STAND WITH US FOR LIFE!** Mark your calendars for the 5th Annual March for Life in Reading on April 26, 2015. The March will start at 2pm at Berks Catholic High School Auditorium. At 3pm we will walk from Berks Catholic to Holy Rosary Church at 3rd & Franklin Sts. where buses will transport us back to BC. Baby items are also being requested and will be distributed to the Crisis Pregnancy Centers throughout the area. For additional information you may contact Helen MacMinn at 610-582-1075.

Hopewell Love, Inc would like to thank the Women's Society and Youth Group for providing meals and volunteers to serve the community. Hopewell Love, Inc. relies on the partnership and generosity of the local faith community to continue the work of serving our sisters and brothers in need. They are also grateful for the planning leadership, great participation and generous donation to our annual youth Shackathon. ICC is always a great part of this adventure.

Shake-off those Winter "blues" and put the freshness of romance back into your marriage at the next WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND, April 10-12 at the Hilton Garden Inn Allentown West. For information or to register call 1-732-904-9636

Purses for Paws BINGO -- 4/19, noon -- ICC Social Hall - \$25/20 games. Raffle, food, adoptable pets. For tickets call Barbara at 610-582-1358. Bring bag of Purina One Dry Dog Food for puppies and adults, Purina Kitten and Cat Chow and receive a card to play a special game of BINGO (one per offer). Benefits the cats and dogs of The Cat Works Inc.

Community Shredding Event - Amity Township Crime Watch - April 18<sup>th</sup> (Rain or Shine) 9am-Noon - Redner's Parking Lot - Douglassville. Open to residents and small businesses in Douglassville, Birdsboro, Exeter and Pottstown. Shredding performed by ProShred of Paoli. Donations accepted! [www.amitytwpcrimewatch.org](http://www.amitytwpcrimewatch.org)

BIG Breakfast - Sunday April 12, Knights of Columbus, Stowe - Eggs (to order), sausage, bacon, pancakes, Orange juice, coffee, fruit cup, toast - Public Cordially invited, ramp access



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# dear Padre

## Why is the story of the empty tomb inconsistent among the gospels?

**Monday**  
APRIL 6  
Octave of Easter  
Acts 2:14, 22-33  
Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday**  
APRIL 7  
Octave of Easter  
Acts 2:36-41  
Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday**  
APRIL 8  
Octave of Easter  
Acts 3:1-10  
Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday**  
APRIL 9  
Octave of Easter  
Acts 3:11-26  
Lk 24:35-48

**Friday**  
APRIL 10  
Octave of Easter  
Acts 4:1-12  
Jn 21:1-14

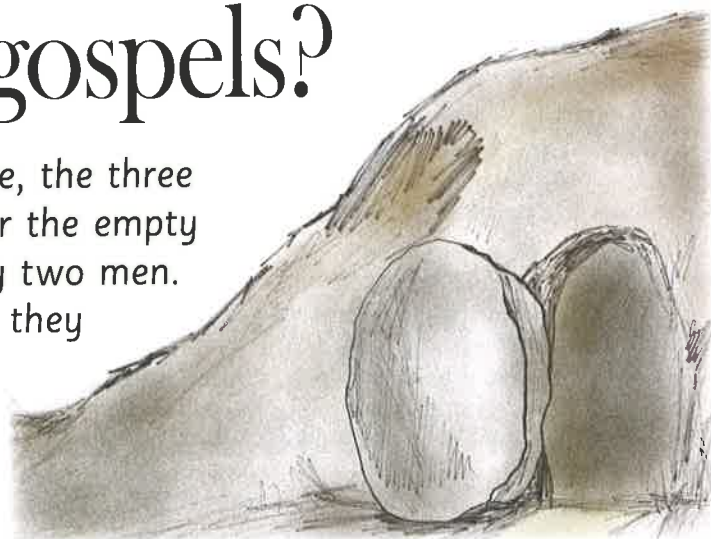
**Saturday**  
APRIL 11  
Octave of Easter  
Acts 4:13-21  
Mk 16:9-15

**Sunday**  
APRIL 12  
Second Sunday  
of Easter  
or  
Sunday of  
Divine Mercy  
Acts 4:32-35  
1 Jn 5:1-6  
Jn 20:19-31



In the Gospel of Luke, the three women who discover the empty tomb are greeted by two men. However, Mark says they

were greeted by one man, Matthew says one angel, and John says two angels. Why the discrepancies?



When considering the contents of the gospels, we need to remember a few key points.

First, the Scriptures as we know them developed out of an oral tradition that was later written to preserve it. The process of actually getting them in writing took many years.

In addition, the Gospels were written by different authors who had different audiences with different needs. So it's understandable that there may be minor discrepancies on minor details between the different accounts.

However, it's important to note that the *substance* of the accounts remains essentially the same across the versions we have from the different gospel authors.

The detail of whether there was one man or two angels at Lord's tomb—or 5,000 or 3,000 fed at Jesus' multiplication of the loaves, to give another example—isn't as important as the fact that the Lord had risen or that the multitudes were fed by him.

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