

# Easter

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER / SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY (B) ♦ APRIL 12, 2015

In the first few days after our first child was born, I wasn't conscious of time. I'd sit still and look at this miracle of life, knowing that I loved her with all my heart and that our lives would never be the same. I'd get to the end of the day and wonder where the time had gone. And when she was married last year, I remembered those days like they were yesterday.

Something like that is happening now, but the first week of Easter is more than a recollection of the empty tomb. Each day's Gospel reading refers to appearances of the risen Christ to his disciples. In this way we mark the "new creation" brought about by Christ's resurrection.

For many of us, the week was another round of work or school. Our busyness might have kept us from giving much thought to the feast we just celebrated. But in our spiritual lives, time has stood still for a little while so we might ponder this miracle of life. It's a reminder that we're born new in this moment, an invitation to savor the experience and allow ourselves to be changed by it.

In today's reading, St. Paul gives us a glimpse of what life reborn looked like for the new Christian community. There was unity of heart and mind and generosity toward those who were in need. After the resurrection, their lives would never be the same.

The Church takes its time with Easter so that, no matter how old we get, we'll remember it like it was yesterday and live accordingly.

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## Today's Readings

Acts 4:32–35

1 Jn 5:1–6

Jn 20:19–31

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## DIVINE MERCY - APRIL 12, 2015

### ★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM	CHARLES WAGNER	THU	<b>NO MASS</b>
SUN	7:30 AM	PALKO FAMILY	FRI	<b>NO MASS</b>
	9:00 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS	SAT	5:15 PM VOLPICCINI FAMILY
	11:00 AM	RICHARD C. FISET	SUN	7:30 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
MON	7:30 AM	KEN UMSTEAD		9:00 AM LINDA ESTELLE
TUE	7:00 PM	ANTONIO MACCARONE		11:00 AM LARRY FESSLER - 18TH ANNIVERSARY
WED		<b>NO MASS</b>		

### *The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Deacon Larry Fessler*

#### NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

**SCRIP:** Sponsor: Gulla 5:15 Costanzo 7:30 Kasperowicz 9:00 Carvalho 11:00 Hafer

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>COMMENTATOR</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
SAT	5:15pm	Shirley Wheeler	Mary Schwendt	Leonard Cline, Rein and Sean Hannon
SUN	7:30am	Sean Werner	Dan Sweeney	Rachel Barnes, Alyssa Boraten, Amy Carvalho
	9:00am	Stephanie Myers	Pat Fessler	Elly Smithson, Marissa and Steven Tepper
	11:00am	Karl Filachek	Rhonda Ouimet	Ryan Ferrante, Aiden Reber, Timothy Stewart

### **The second collection next week is for Debt Collection.**

#### **Immaculate Conception Academy and Early Education 2015-2016 Registrations**

We welcome everyone to join us if you have a student entering preschool (age 3) through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Open House and Academy Tours are available by contacting Shannon Villa at shannon.villa@icaknights.org or 610-404-8645. Please bring a copy of the child's birth certificate, social security card and immunization record to registration.

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

**ICA offers a full day Kindergarten**

**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). Call Shannon at 610-404-8645.

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 Schlott, Maryanna Niemczyk, Linda D'Alessandro, Mary Pender, Jo Ann Hofer, Roger Villano, Sharon Kirkpatrick, Kathy Patrick, Doris Slater, Steve Mammarella, Alan Mammarella, Stella Powaski, Joseph & Susan McCorristin, Bartholomew Magliocchetti, Mary McCullough, Ronald Readinger and Tom Hafer

Please pray for the recently departed: Naomi Moyer

Please welcome our new parishioners: Mr. & Mrs. Adam McLaughlin and Ms. Christine Fugo

**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>04/12</b>	<b>Happy Easter</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>04/13</b>	<b>7:30pm RCIA</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>04/15</b>	<b>7pm Women's Society</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>04/16</b>	<b>12pm Prime Time</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>04/18</b>	<b>4-5pm Confessions</b>

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING**

**There will be NO MASS on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. Thank you for your kind understanding in this regard.**

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.***

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

*Jesus Commanded Us to pray for vocations with his words, "Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" Take on prayer for vocations as your personal effort to increase the number of priests, sisters, brothers and lay ministers.*

Men and Women: Do you feel called to enter into a deeper relationship with God? The Secular Carmelites of West Reading would like to invite you to please come and see what we are all about. April 19<sup>th</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup>, 1pm, Sacred Heart Chapel. Contact Kathryn at 610-488-7156 with questions.

## **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.*

**The Women's Society** will meet April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the social hall. All women of the parish are invited.

**Bereavement Support Group** will meet on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 to 8 pm in the Church (use side door, first office on right). Anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one is welcome. For information call Toni 610-404-1389 or Pat 610-775-1892.

**AC RESORTS TRIP** – April 21 – Leave church at 9:30am. Pay \$31/Get \$25. Call Carol J 610-775-4447 if interested.

**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.

Host families are needed for several Nacel Open Door international students who would like to attend Berks Catholic for the upcoming school year. These F-1 visa students speak English, are fully insured, and have their own pocket money for personal expenses. Students will be provided busing to and from school. Host families provide room and board and receive a generous monthly hosting stipend. For more information please contact Angela Gable at 610-698-2647, or [agableNOD@gmail.com](mailto:agableNOD@gmail.com).

**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)



April 12, 2015

# Dear Padre

## WHAT ARE ARCHANGELS?



What are archangels? Who named them? They were never human, so how can they be saints?



The ancient Babylonians believed God has attendants who are spiritual beings. Judaism maintained this belief, and thus the Catholic religion teaches that “purely spiritual creatures” called angels exist (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 330).

The word *angel* comes from the Hebrew word *malakh*, which means “to send.” The Bible has many references to different kinds of angels. Some angels are messengers. The prefix *arch-* means “important.” Thus, archangels are entrusted with very important messages from God. For example, the archangel Gabriel announced to Mary that she was to be the mother of God (Luke 1:26).

Three archangels are mentioned in the Bible. Biblical writers named them in reference to the messages they delivered: *Michael* (“who is like God”), *Gabriel* (“power of God”), and *Raphael* (“God has healed”). Their feast day is September 29.

Archangels are not human, but they fit the definition of a saint. Therefore, the Roman Catholic Church added the archangels to the canon (list) of saints, because a saint is anyone who is holy. If someone is holy, he or she lives in the presence of God and exists to serve God.

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**Monday**  
**April 13**  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 4:23–31  
Jn 3:1–8

**Tuesday**  
**April 14**  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 4:32–37  
Jn 3:7b–15

**Wednesday**  
**April 15**  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 5:17–26  
Jn 3:16–21

**Thursday**  
**April 16**  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 5:27–33  
Jn 3:31–36

**Friday**  
**April 17**  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 5:34–42  
Jn 6:1–15

**Saturday**  
**April 18**  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 6:1–7  
Jn 6:16–21

**Sunday**  
**April 19**  
Third Sunday  
of Easter  
Acts 3:13–15,  
17–19  
1 Jn 2:1–5a  
Lk 24:35–48



### FREE E-BOOK!

Give a new grad—or yourself—the confidence to start a new chapter of life with inspiration from the saints. In the ebook *Letting Go, Letting God: 21 Centuries of Faith* (868269), Sr. Kathleen Atkinson reflects on saints and holy people who took risks and stepped forward in response to God’s call. Visit [Liguori.org](http://Liguori.org) and use **special-offer code 15562** when you check out. This free offer ends June 30, 2015.



# **CAR WASH**

**April 19**

**8:00 to 1:00**

**ICA Parking Lot**



**DONATIONS GRATEFULLY  
ACCEPTED**

**To benefit the ICC Youth  
Group Mission Trip**