

# Easter

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) ♦ April 19, 2015

During a particularly difficult period at one place I worked, I would come home at night and rehash conversations and events, wondering whether the outcome would have been different if I'd said or done something else.

I wonder whether the apostles asked themselves the same kinds of questions after the crucifixion. "Should we have done something differently? Could we have prevented this somehow?" Perhaps they locked the door because they were afraid they'd be put to death too.

When we're in a bad situation, sometimes all we want to do is hide. It's a child's response: *If I don't look at it, maybe it will go away.* But the locked door was no barrier, and Jesus came and stood in their midst. Rather than ridicule their fear, he gently put it to rest: "Peace be with you." The more Jesus talked, the more they heard, and they came to know that the peace of the Lord is not like the world's peace.

It's not a temporary measure that will only give way to more turmoil. Jesus calmly and lovingly put their fears to rest. It wasn't that the world was suddenly going to be welcoming; rather, they would be confident in the new life that was in them and in the grace Christ alone can give.

Jesus does this for us as well. He walks through the locked doors of our hearts and blesses us with peace. The more we listen to Jesus' words, the more we can understand and witness to his truth.

Is the Lord with you today?

## Today's Readings

Acts 3:13–15, 17–19

1 Jn 2:1–5a

Lk 24:35–48

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 19, 2015

### ★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT 5:15 PM VOLPICCINI FAMILY	THU 7:00 PM PATRICIA GOMBAR
SUN 7:30 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS	FRI 7:30 AM RALPH BASCELLI
9:00 AM LINDA ESTELLE	SAT 5:15 PM FLORENCE ORLANDO LEBRESCO
11:00 AM LARRY FESSLER – 18TH ANNIVERSARY	SUN 7:30 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
MON 7:30 AM ROSE WITKOWSKI	9:00 AM THOMAS HAIGHT, JR.
TUE 7:00 PM SOPHIA LAKATOSH	11:00 AM CLAUDINE & ETZIO BARDI AND MARY & JOHN HORGAS
WED 7:30 AM PAUL KAKALECIK	

### *The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Ralph Bascelli*

#### NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

**SCRIP:** Sponsor: Porambo 5:15 McNamara 7:30 Schwendt 9:00 Grieco 11:00 DeFalco

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>COMMENTATOR</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
SAT	5:15pm	Jennifer Stuart	Joseph Bailey	Morgan DeCray, K. Eichenberg, Meghan Grieco
SUN	7:30am	Adelina Kieffer	Pam Amos	Jessica Kritschil, Faith Ouimet, Danielle Walter
	9:00am	Brian Hannon	Barrie Pease	Alex and Madilynn Hocker, Beppy McGee
	11:00am	Mike Bobb	Mary Ann Cotter	Lilia and Simon Crew, Olivia Ruff

### **The second collection next week is for Religious Ministries.**

#### **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, Curt Miller, Bob Hocker, Ronald Readinger, Hilary Clatch and Tom Hafer

**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>04/19</b>	<b>8am – 1pm YOUTH GROUP CAR WASH</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>04/20</b>	<b>7pm Bereavement Support Group 7:30pm RCIA</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>04/25</b>	<b>4-5pm Confessions ICA Adult Social</b>

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING**

The **ICA HSO Adult Social Fundraiser** will hold a preview night on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 6pm to 8pm in the Social Hall.

**All are welcome** to join us to preview the Raffle and Auction items, including children, and there is no charge for the event. Visitors will be able to buy raffle tickets for such items as an American Girl Doll and our Lego Basket valued at over \$150. Visitors will also be able to place bids on our Silent Auction items including an overnight stay and \$380 gift card for Great Wolf Lodge. There will also be a short preview time on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm to 5:15pm. Hope to see you there!

### **CCD Registration for 2015-2016 is Now Open**

Registrations for the CCD 2015-2016 school year are being accepted now through May. Registration forms can be found online at [www.icbvmeccd.org](http://www.icbvmeccd.org) under forms and are also available at the Office of Religious Education located in the Academy.

Register now to insure your preference of day and time.

Classes fill-up quickly.

Volunteers are always welcome. If you would like to volunteer an hour of your time once a week to bring the Good News of Christ to the children of our parish by educating or by example of service, please contact Mrs. O'Donnell at (610) 582-3880.

**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.

### **ICA 5K and 1 Mile FUN Run/Walk**

(Behind Tim's Ugly Mug) Birdsboro, PA

**Saturday, May 16, 2015** Registration 8:30AM

10am 5K, 10:45am Fun Run/Walk, 11:15am Awards

**All ages are welcome!**

Pre-register for the event by visiting [pretzelcitysports.com](http://pretzelcitysports.com)

Pre-registration cost for the 5K is \$15 and includes an event t-shirt. Pre-registration cost for the 1 Mile Fun Run is \$5, an additional \$10 for a T-shirt if desired, while supplies last.

For more information or to sponsor the event please visit

<http://sites.google.com/site/ica/ica-5k>

Proceeds benefit the students of ICA.

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).

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 April 26<sup>th</sup> 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.***

**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.

**An Afternoon Tea for Mothers & Daughters** on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1-5pm. The Diocese of Allentown Marriage and Family Life Office is sponsoring a presentation by Generation Life to mothers and daughters, ages 10 to 13. The presentation will be in the Franciscan Room at St. Joseph Medical Center in Reading which is co-sponsoring the event. Clare Daly, an energetic young speaker from Generation Life, will offer practical and empowering tips on modesty, virtues and responsibility. Registration is \$25 per family or host a table of 6 for \$60. Includes presentation, drinks, snacks, door prizes, and book. Call 610-289-8900 ext. 238 by April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Water is on in the cemetery.**



April 19, 2015

# Dear Padre

**Monday  
April 20**

*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 6:8–15  
Jn 6:22–29

**Tuesday  
April 21**

*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 7:51—8:1a  
Jn 6:30–35

**Wednesday  
April 22**

*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 8:1b–8  
Jn 6:35–40

**Thursday  
April 23**

*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 8:26–40  
Jn 6:44–51

**Friday  
April 24**

*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 9:1–20  
Jn 6:52–59

**Saturday  
April 25**

*St. Mark,  
Evangelist*  
1 Pt 5:5b–14  
Mk 16:15–20

**Sunday  
April 26**

*Fourth  
Sunday of  
Easter*  
Acts 4:8–12  
1 Jn 3:1–2  
Jn 10:11–18

## Is it a sin to use things I stole by accident?



*A few years ago I downloaded music from what turned out to be pirate sites. I stopped once I realized it was stealing, but I still listen to the music I had already downloaded. Am I making the sin worse? What should I do?*

**We can't sin** unless we're conscious we're sinning and do it freely. Therefore, even if the action was wrong, you didn't sin if you didn't know it was wrong.

Of course, that doesn't apply to civil law. If you break a law and are caught by a legitimate authority, you might have to accept the punishment. Ignorance of the law is no excuse, as the old saying goes.

But, all that aside, there is a principle that says we shouldn't benefit from theft, which is probably why you're feeling guilty. It might make you feel better to wipe out the stolen recordings, reorder them, and pay the going rate. Or, donate the value of the downloads to your parish or some other worthy cause.

Sometimes it's not possible to restore the damage done by a mistaken act. In those cases, practice a virtuous act in its place. Doing volunteer work for a charitable organization or running errands for a sick or elderly person are two examples.

So make your donation, enjoy your music, and don't download more music without paying for it unless it's a legitimate giveaway from a reputable provider.



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