

# Pentecost

◆ MAY 24, 2015 ◆

When our children were toddlers, we played a game called Typhoon. It wasn't much—we looked intently into their eyes and then blew into their faces and said, "typhoon." Whether it was the breath blowing past them or the word itself, I am not sure, but they always widened their eyes, looked startled for a minute, and then started laughing.

The memory of this game comes unbidden when I read that Jesus blew on the disciples and commanded them to receive the Holy Spirit. I can imagine that their eyes widened and they looked startled for a minute. Maybe one or two of them were tempted to laugh, but the enormity of what Jesus said next sobered them quickly. There was power in the Spirit Jesus breathed out: a power to forgive sins.

The Church uses this passage (among others) to support Christ's institution of the sacrament of reconciliation, and so it is. In our reflection, though, we should not forget that we all are called to forgiveness in our relationships with one another.



While our forgiveness is not sacramental, it is a measure of our life in the Spirit that is poured out on the world at Pentecost. One of our great temptations is not to forgive but hold others bound because of our anger, fear, or plain stubbornness.

Remember, though, that forgiving others frees us as much as it frees them. In forgiving, we are no longer bound by hate, resentment, or feelings of vengeance. Rather, we show ourselves transformed in Christ by this immense gift of love.

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## Today's Readings

Acts 2:1–11

1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13 or Gal 5:16–25

Jn 20:19–23 or Jn 15:26–27; 16:12–15

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## PENTECOST SUNDAY - MAY 24, 2015

### ★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM	JANET MARLEY	THU	7:00 PM	BRUCE KETTERER
SUN	7:30 AM	ESTHER PRIBANICK	FRI	7:30 AM	MARY METCALF
	9:00 AM	DEC'D MEMBERS OF JESSE PAINTER FAMILY	SAT	5:15 PM	DR. VINCENT DESANTIS
	11:00 AM	RON WALP	SUN	7:30 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
MON	<u>9:00 AM</u>	DONALD LAKATOSH		9:00 AM	DUANE MADRZYKOWSKI
TUE	<u>12:05 PM</u>	CRISTINA MACCARONE		11:00 AM	PAUL M. HIRYAK, SR. - 13 <sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY
WED	7:30 AM	CYNTHIA SCHICKRAM			

*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of The Volpiccini Family and  
 In Memory of Michael Dewey*

### NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

**SCRIP:** Sponsor: Porambo 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	Jennifer Stuart	Mary Schwendt	Leonard Cline, Alex Hocker, Beply McGee
SUN	7:30am	Jim Kaucher	Toni Kaucher	Jessica Kritschil, Danielle Walter, Amy Carvalho
	9:00am	Isabelita Santos	Josephine Hohl	Steven and Marissa Tepper, Alyssa Boraten
	11:00am	Jim Keaveney	Becky Shemanski	Rachel Barnes, Faith Ouimet, Elly Smithson

### **The second collection next week is the Charity Fund**

#### **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. 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 Snyk, Barbara Pease, Yolanda Marino, Robert Mariani, Marie Snyder, Irene Wade, Patricia Winkel, Ann Schlott, Maryanna Niemczyk, Mary Pender, Jo Ann Hofer, Roger Villano, Sharon Kirkpatrick, Kathy Patrick, Doris Slater, Alan Mammarella, Joseph & Susan McCorristin, Anna DiMarcello, Mary and Phil Morici, Curt Miller, Bob Hocker, Ronald Readinger, Joe Lukac, Linda Domergue, Anthony Mattassa and Tom Hafer

Please pray for the recently deceased: Michael Reppert, Sr. and Francis Dunion

Please welcome our new parishioner: Ms. Jennifer Miscavage

Please congratulate the newly baptized: Luke James Garrett, Henry Michael Atkinson and families

## ***THIS WEEK AT ICC:***

**Thurs 05/28 12pm Prime Time**

**Sat 05/30 4-5pm Confession**

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING**

**On Memorial Day, May 25, 2015 the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered at 9am. Everyone is invited to join us in praying for our nation and the men and women who have served our country in the Armed Forces. The Blessing of Graves will occur (weather permitting) in our parish cemetery immediately after the Memorial Day Mass.**

***On May 25, 2015 our Parish Office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.***

**Please note on May 26, 2015, daily Mass will be offered at 12:05pm.**

**Register Now for CCD 2015-2016!**

Forms are available on [www.icbvmccd.org](http://www.icbvmccd.org) under forms and at the Office of Religious Education.

**Classes are filling up so register now!**

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, contact Mrs. O'Donnell at (610) 582-3880.

**Attention Prime Time Members** -Meeting date changed to May 28<sup>th</sup>, social hall, noon. Students from Immaculate Conception Academy will present a vocal and instrumental program. Lunch will be served. A gift card will be awarded.

**A Special Invitation to All Women of the Parish...**The Women's Society warmly welcomes you to join us for our end of season luncheon. This year's luncheon will be held at Mountain Springs Restaurant on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. The menu choices are as follows: Chicken Cordon Bleu with cole slaw, potato, drink and dessert \$24.75, Breaded Shrimp Basket with fries, cole slaw, drink and dessert \$20 or Shepherd's Pie with salad, drink and dessert \$16. Please contact Edie at 610-582-2849 or Betty at 610-326-7017 with your menu choices and to arrange payment by May 29<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you!

**2015 Vacation Bible School - "God's Team"** - VBS will be held the week of June 22 through June 26 from 9:00am to noon. VBS is open to all ICC parishioners ages 5 to 10. The cost is \$35 per child. Registration forms are available in the narthex, parish office and the Academy office. Adult and teen volunteers are always welcome. Join the team! Contact Mrs. O'Donnell at 610-582-3880 or [ccd@icbvm.org](mailto:ccd@icbvm.org).

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

**DID YOU KNOW...** we all have a "vocation"? Vocations also include Marriage, Religious life and the Single life! It is how YOU are meant to live and contribute to the Body of Christ! The important thing is to pray for discernment.

### ***Bishops Annual Appeal***

We are grateful to all who pledged their support this weekend to the 2015 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL. Your gift will allow our diocese to meet the many and varied needs of the people of this diocese. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. If you did not take the opportunity to make your gift, you may do so at any time over the next few weeks by placing your pledge form in the collection basket or visiting the Appeal online at [www.2015baa.org](http://www.2015baa.org). Thank you for your support.

**ICA HSO Dairy Queen Spirit Night** - Please join us for a night of food, fun and of course ice cream! Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 5-8pm at the Exeter Dairy Queen at 5710 Perkiomen Ave. There will be music, games and a dunk tank. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Immaculate Conception Academy's Home and School Organization.

The next Baptism Class will be **Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm** in the lower level of the church office. Call Rita at 610-582-2411 for more information.

**Gethsemane Cemetery's Annual Memorial Day Mass** will be held on May 25th at 10am - Everyone is welcome and Mass will be held rain or shine.

**Confirmation Date Announced:** Bishop Barres will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the children of our parish family of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 4:30pm.

### ***Berks Catholic Summer Camps***

**Basketball, Cheerleading, and Dance Camps** - Berks Catholic will be hosting Saints Boys' Basketball, Cheerleading, and Dance Camps for grades 1-8, June 15-19. For more information contact Tony Balistrere at 610-374-8361, ext 224 or [tbalistrere@berkscatholic.org](mailto:tbalistrere@berkscatholic.org).

**Football Camp** - August 3,4,5

Contact [bhess@berkscatholic.org](mailto:bhess@berkscatholic.org). For camp information and registration forms go to [www.berkscatholic.org](http://www.berkscatholic.org)

**Volunteers needed Wednesday Mornings in July!** Age 18 and older consider helping to register people receiving food monthly at Kennedy House, 532 Spruce St., Reading. You would be needed on **Wednesdays in July, 9to 11:30am**. You will enjoy being there! Call Sister Chris at Catholic Charities 610-376-7144 ex. 308

Let your marriage bloom like the spring flowers! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can rekindle the joy in your marriage and improve your communication! It is a weekend for married couples to focus on each other and their relationship. The next weekend is scheduled for June 26-28 at St. Mary of Providence. Call 610-449-1859 or apply online at [www.wvme-philly.org](http://www.wvme-philly.org)

**MOVING OUT OF THE AREA?** Please call 610-582-2411 so we can say goodbye and update our records.

**Traveling this summer?** Visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) for Mass schedules from all over the world.

**Bulletin Deadline - Wednesday at Noon**



May 24, 2015

# dear Padre

## Monday

MAY 25

*St/ Bede the Venerable,  
Priest and Doctor  
of the Church;  
St. Gregory VII, Pope;  
St. Mary Magdalene  
de' Pazzi, Virgin*  
Sir 17:20-24  
Mk 10:17-27

## Tuesday

MAY 26

*Saint Philip Neri, Priest*  
Sir 35:1-12  
Mk 10:28-31

## Wednesday

MAY 27

*Saint Augustine of  
Canterbury, Bishop*  
Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17  
Mk 10:32-45

## Thursday

MAY 28

*Weekday*  
Sir 42:15-25  
Mk 10:46-52

## Friday

MAY 29

*Weekday*  
Sir 44:1, 9-13  
Mk 11:11-26

## Saturday

MAY 30

*Weekday*  
Sir 51:12cd-20  
Mk 11:27-33

## Sunday

MAY 31

*The Most Holy Trinity*  
Dt 4:32-34, 39-40  
Rom 8:14-17  
Mt 28:16-20

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## What charities should we give to?



Must I give to every charity that asks? Monthly, I receive about fifty requests for money from religious organizations. Some even send free blessed gifts. I do not want to throw them away, but I cannot afford to give to all of these groups. What should I do?

**Congratulations on your** generosity in helping so many needy causes. The Lord loves a cheerful giver.

Unfortunately as Jesus said, we will always have the poor with us (Matthew 26:11). Private charity can alleviate some of the misery, but it cannot handle all of it. We need true social justice and a fairer distribution of God's gifts, as Pope Francis has repeatedly said so well.

What you can do is evaluate how much money you can budget for gifts.

Decide what your contribution to the parish will be each month. With the money left over, help a few of the groups asking for money. Try to choose the ones you feel are good causes and that may be less likely to receive donations.

As for the religious gifts they send, use what you can. Take whatever is left to your parish church and place it on a table offering free literature and pamphlets. Someone will benefit from your gift!

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