

Trinity Sunday

◆ MAY 31, 2015 ◆

When I was a young girl, I used to imagine I was adopted. This had nothing to do with loving my parents and family, which I did. I think it was one of the many steps in dealing with the life questions, “Who am I” and “Who do I belong to?”

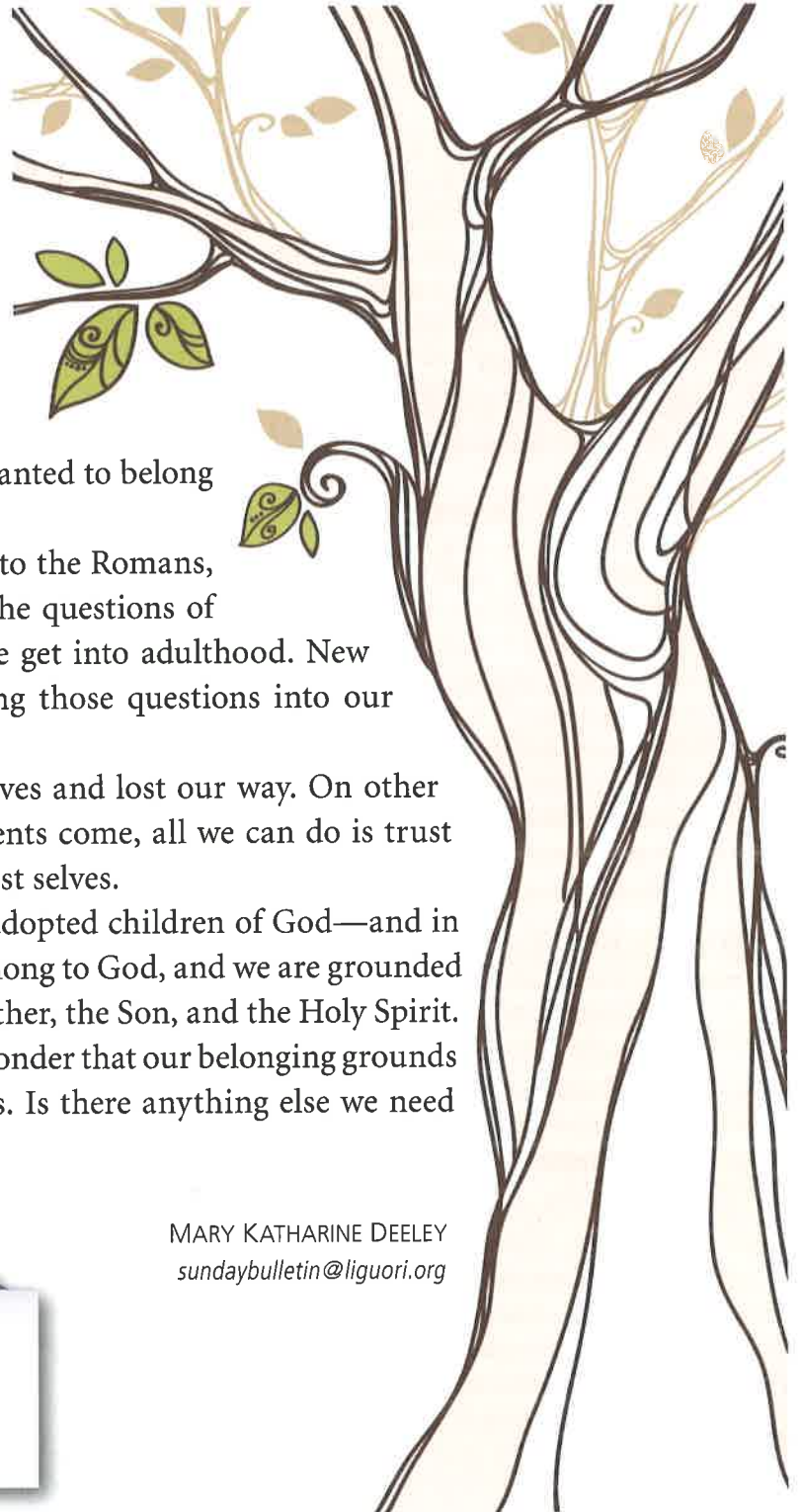
Later in my life, I met people who were actually adopted, and one said the experience of being adopted gave him a much clearer sense of belonging than I knew. “Someone chose me,” he said. “A family wanted me to belong to them and they wanted to belong to me.”

Whenever I read today’s section of Paul’s Letter to the Romans, I remember my friend and my own wondering. The questions of who we are and whose we are don’t go away as we get into adulthood. New schools, new jobs, and new family situations bring those questions into our minds, sometimes with a force that surprises us.

There are times we feel as if we have lost ourselves and lost our way. On other occasions, we might feel alone. When those moments come, all we can do is trust that someone does love us and calls us to be our best selves.

In his letter, Paul reminds us who we are—the adopted children of God—and in the process he also reminds us whose we are. We belong to God, and we are grounded in this reality by our baptism in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

God, in his being, is a love relationship. Is it any wonder that our belonging grounds us in the dark times and gives us joy in the others. Is there anything else we need to know?



Today's Readings

Dt 4:32–34, 39–40

Rom 8:14–17

Mt 28:16–20

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HOLY TRINITY – MAY 31, 2015

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM	DR. VINCENT DESANTIS	THU	7:00 PM	ICA - 8 TH GRADE GRADUATION
SUN	7:30 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS	FRI	7:30 AM	GUS FREDRIKSEN
	9:00 AM	DUANE MADRZYKOWSKI		<u>9:00 AM</u>	ICA MASS – REGINA FROMUTH
	11:00 AM	PAUL M. HIRYAK, SR. – 13 TH ANNIVERSARY	SAT	5:15 PM	LEO & EVELYN PICKAR
MON		NO MASS	SUN	7:30 AM	WILLARD KLINE
TUE	<u>12:05 PM</u>	ALICE WHEELER		9:00 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
WED	7:30 AM	GOD'S BLESSINGS UPON DEACON PAUL HIRYAK		11:00 AM	MICHAEL C. SMITH. – 10 TH ANNIVERSARY

*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Gus Fredricksen and
 In Memory of Willard Kline – 2nd Anniversary*

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCRIP: Sponsor: Zubik 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	Shirley Wheeler	Ann Marie Arbo	Lilia and Simon Crew, Gina Galm
SUN	7:30am	Adelina Kieffer	Dan Sweeney	Meghan Grieco, Madilyn Hocker, Danielle Walter
	9:00am	Stephanie Myers	Pat Fessler	Olivia Ruff, Adam and Carlina Davis
	11:00am	Mary Ann Cotter	Betty Effinger	Tucker Di Piazza, Matthew Dugan, Carson Endy

The second collection next week is the Church Building & Parish Maintenance

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 8th 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 Smyk, Barbara Pease, Yolanda Marino, Robert Mariani, Marie Snyder, Irene Wade, Patricia Winkel, Ann Schlott, Maryanna Niemczyk, Mary Pender, 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, Brenda DelGrosse, Margaret Maccarone, Sally Lombardo, Father Joseph Campion, Lois Muldowney and Tom Hafer

Please pray for the recently deceased: Jo Ann Hofer, Jennifer Kness and William M. Collum, III

Please congratulate the newly baptized: Logan Keith Dougherty and his family

THIS WEEK AT ICC:

Wed 06/03 7:30pm Baptism Class
Thurs 06/04 7pm ICA 8th Grade Graduation Mass
Sat 06/06 4-5pm Confession

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Please note:

There will be no Mass on Monday, June 1, 2015.
Tuesday, June 2, 2015, daily Mass will be offered at 12:05pm.

On Thursday, June 4th, the 7:00 pm Mass will be the Graduation Mass for the children of Immaculate Conception Academy. The Mass includes the Graduation Ceremony for our 8th grade students.

Our parish family of the Immaculate Conception extends its prayerful best wishes and heartfelt congratulations to all our graduates.

The 2015 Graduating Class of Berks Catholic High School will hold its Baccalaureate Mass on Tuesday, June 2nd at 7pm at St. Ignatius Church, Sinking Spring. All are invited.

The 2015 Graduating Class of Immaculate Conception Academy will hold its Graduation Mass and Commencement Exercises on Thursday, June 4th at 7pm in our parish church. The 2015 Graduating Class of Daniel Boone High School will hold its Baccalaureate Service on Tuesday, June 9th at 7pm in the high school auditorium. All are invited.

Register Now for CCD 2015-2016!

Forms are available on www.icbvccd.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.

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

The Women's Society is wrapping up another successful year of service. Thanks to our dedicated officers, our wonderful members and the loving support of the parish community, we were able to raise \$15,000 for the needs of the church. Our fundraisers this year included Casino Bus Trips, Apple Dumpling Sale, Christmas Cookie Assortments, Soup Sale, Easter Candy Sale and numerous bake sales. We look forward to next season and hope to welcome new members. We wish all of our members and parishioners a safe and happy summer. We would like to remind everyone who RSVP'd that the Women's Society end of year luncheon will be held at 1pm, June 7th at Mountain Springs Restaurant.

Building a Culture of Vocations

DID YOU KNOW... every member of the Church needs to consciously feel responsibility for promoting vocations, especially since God's voice may be drowned out by "other voices?"



ICA HSO Dairy Queen Spirit Night - Please join us for a night of food, fun and of course ice cream! **June 1st, 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.

Immaculate Conception Academy Aftercare Program is looking for someone willing to work several hours per week from 3pm to 6pm. Must have completed a "Protecting God's Children" class and obtain required background checks and clearances. Please call Laura DeFalco at 610-463-8157.

RESORTS AC TRIP - June 19th - Leave church at 9:30am. Package Deal - Pay \$31/Get \$25. Carol J. 610-775-4447.

2015 Vacation Bible School - "God's Team" - VBS will be held the week of June 22 - 26, 9am 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.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your support of the 2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA). I am so grateful for your continued generosity to this important diocesan fundraising initiative. The Bishop's Annual Appeal offers vital services like Catholic Charities, care for our retired and confirmed priests, education of Seminarians and support for our Special Learning Centers. I encourage you to join me in making your gift to the BAA and support these important ministries. Together we will make a difference in the lives of many people. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. To make your gift, please return the pledge form that you received in the mail, visit the Appeal's website at www.2015baa.org or call the Appeal's office at 800-831-4443.

With Gratitude,
Monsignor McCaun

The Serra Clubs of the Allentown Diocese will celebrate our two newly ordained Priests with a reception and dinner on June 22nd, 5:30-8pm at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Fogelsville. Please join Bishop Barres in affirming our new Priests as well as thanking our Pastors, Parochial Vicars resident and retired Priests, Deacons and Sisters who will be joining us! Our keynote speaker is Monsignor John Murphy, Pastor of Saint Thomas More parish in Allentown. Tickets are \$35 each; contact Joe Zawaly at 610-944-7313. If you are not able to join us, please consider a sponsorship to support our mission! Sponsor levels are \$25 for bronze, \$50 for silver, \$100 for gold and \$250 for Platinum. Please send the name as you would like it to appear in the program along with your donation to Serra District 80-1 to Steve Hahn, 31 Sycamore Dr., Reading, PA 19606 by June 5th. Please take this opportunity to honor our priests- let's show our gratitude for the gift of their Vocation and bringing Jesus to us in the Eucharist!



May 31, 2015

dear Padre

Monday

JUNE 1

St. Justin, Martyr

Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8

Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday

JUNE 2

Sts. Marcellinus and

Peter, Martyrs

Tb 2:9-14

Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday

JUNE 3

St. Charles Lwanga and

Companions, Martyrs

Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a

Mk 12:18-27

Thursday

JUNE 4

Weekday

Tb 6:10-11; 7:

1bcd, 9-17; 8:4-9a

Mk 12:28-34

Friday

JUNE 5

St. Boniface,

Bishop and Martyr

Tb 11:5-17

Mk 12:35-37

Saturday

JUNE 6

St. Norbert, Bishop

Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20

Mk 12:38-44

Sunday

JUNE 7

*The Most Holy Body
and Blood of Christ*

Ex 24:3-8

Heb 9:11-15

Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

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Why doesn't Jesus know everything God knows?



How can Jesus not know everything God knows?

Mark 13:32 says of the end of the world, "But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." If Jesus, God the Father, and the Holy Spirit are one, how can Jesus not know everything God knows?

In our studies about Jesus, Christology, we believe Jesus is 100 percent human and 100 percent divine. Two natures in one person. That is a mystery.

So when Jesus says he does not know the day of the end of the world, he means that his human nature does not know.

That same doctrine is the way we understand how Jesus as divine could die—that is, his human part. That is how the Lord entered into our history

and can really save us: He is truly one of us.

Every person has free will. That means our choices are not predetermined. God knows all our possible choices and how those choices will affect the world. So there are multiple possible futures. God knows them all, so God does know when the world will end.

The human mind cannot conceive every possible choice and every possible effect. So just as Jesus had to learn to speak, in his humanity he cannot know all possible futures.

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As you continue your faith journey, thank you for letting us walk with you.

Now Enrolling for 2015-16!

Early Education at Immaculate Conception Academy



- ICA has available space in:**
- Preschool (3 Year Olds)
 - Pre-K (4 Year Olds)
 - Grades 1 through 5

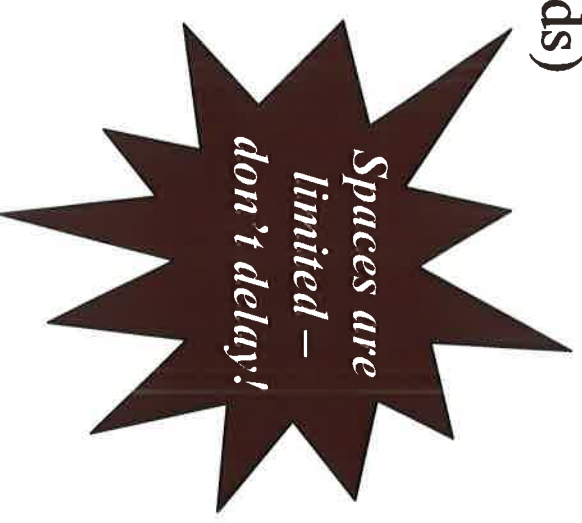
Immaculate Conception Academy offers daily aftercare for students in kindergarten through 8th grades.

Please call Shannon Villa today to schedule a personalized tour of our school and to register your child for the 2015-16 school year!

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of *Christ*

Care for Our Retired Priests

We owe our priests a debt of gratitude for devoting their lives to serving the needs of the faithful in the Diocese of Allentown. When it comes time for their retirement, we can help repay that debt through donations to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal provides much-needed financial support for the care of our retired and infirmed priests. Many of them live in Holy Family Villa in Bethlehem.

It's a modest facility on a quiet street where aging priests get the help and care they need to spend their remaining years in a caring and loving environment.

"As anyone with a loved one in this situation knows, providing this 24-hour care is very expensive," said Msgr. Gerald Gobitas, Rector of Holy Family Villa. "We are very grateful for the support we receive from the donors to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Our priests appreciate it."

The Bishop's Annual Appeal provides support for many important ministries, including Education; Health and Human Services; Catholic Life and Evangelization; and the Education and Formation of Seminarians, Priests and Deacons. Please make your gift today!

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