

# Easter

Third Sunday of Easter ♦ April 10, 2016

Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41 ♦ Rv 5:11–14 ♦ Jn 21:1–19 or 21:1–14

It has become the habit in our family to say, “I love you” at the end of phone calls and emails. I love these frequent reminders that I am valued and worthy of love, and I like the opportunity to remind my daughters and husband that they are the same. We underscore these reminders with little acts of love. Our daughters joke that my husband and I are the only parents they know who still date. And when we do go out, we take turns paying for the other’s dinner. My husband once sent me flowers when I didn’t get a job I had hoped for. It was a kind and thoughtful gesture.

In the Gospel, Jesus asks Peter, “Do you love me” not once, but three times. When Peter responds positively (though progressively with more irritation), Jesus continues, “Feed my lambs...Tend my sheep...Feed my sheep.” It isn’t enough to say we love someone. We show it by caring for them and for who and what they cherish. The best way that Peter could show his love for Jesus was by caring for the people of God. He could love all the disciples and invite others to follow Jesus as well.

Pope Francis once exhorted priests to “be shepherds, with the ‘odor of the sheep.’” Jesus



#### A Word From Pope Francis

*“A good priest can be recognized by the way his people are anointed: this is a clear proof. When our people are anointed with the oil of gladness, it is obvious.”*

—Chrism Mass, March 28, 2013



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is telling Peter—and all of us—much the same thing. To love the Lord is to truly live among his people: to touch them, tell them and show them they are valuable and desired. This is the face of love.

All people deserve to know they are loved, but in our world that is not always the case. How might we respond?

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## THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER - APRIL 10, 2016

### ★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	8:00 PM	DOLLY & FRANK MARIANI	THU	7:00 PM	ANTONIO MACCARONE
SUN	7:30 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS	FRI	7:30 AM	EDWARD P. WINKELSPECT
	9:00 AM	TOM HAFER		9:00 AM	ICA MASS - CHARLES COX
	11:00 AM	DEACON LARRY FESSLER - 19 <sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY	SAT	5:15 PM	LINDA ESTELLE
MON	<b>No Mass</b>		SUN	7:30 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
TUE	7:00 PM	ANNA & JOSEPH LESTOCHI & PASQUALE APPOLLONIO		9:00 AM	HELEN MARINELLI
WED	7:30 AM	JOSEPH FORMICHELLI, JR.		11:00 AM	RON WALP

*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Deacon Larry Fessler - 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

### NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

**SCRIP:** Dowling 5:15pm Costanzo 7:30am Schwendt 9:00am Grieco 11:00am Hafer

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>COMMENTATOR</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
SAT	5:15pm	Ann Marie Arbo	Joe Bailey	Taylor Moyer, Diego and Hannah Santos
SUN	7:30am	Dennis Piontek	Dan Sweeney	Trey Bradfield, Samantha Reitnour, Sidney Wolf
	9:00am	Brian Hannon	Barbara Giordano	Ethan and Leonard Cline, Zachary Whalen
	11:00am	Becky Shemanski	Steve Lukes	Anna and Matthew Lambert, Josh Piccarreta

### Second collection next week is for Debt Reduction

#### **Immaculate Conception Academy Spring Open House**

**Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 10am-1pm**

**Please join us for preschool story time, STEM Lab family projects, teacher meet & greets and school tours!**

Immaculate Conception Academy offers a 21<sup>st</sup> century education for students in preschool through grade 8, including a full day Kindergarten program.

Kindergarten students must be aged 5 by 10/15/16 and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students aged 6 by 10/15/16.

**Bishop's Tuition Transfer Grant** is available for any public, private or charter school student who transfers into

Immaculate Conception Academy grades 1-7. The grant is **\$1,500 over two years** (\$1,000 for the first year; \$500 for the second).

Find out what an ICA education can do for your student!

**Can't join us? Please contact Adele Reilly, Advancement Director at 610-404-4645 or [adele.reilly@icaknights.org](mailto:adele.reilly@icaknights.org) to arrange a tour.**

Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Marco Fiato, Bryan Fiato, John & Margaret Kakas, Maryanne Prentice, Tracy Seasholtz, Aaron Gulla, Delores Woy, Alice Arantowicz, Alice Smyk, Yolanda Marino, Marjorie & Walter Hansen, Marie Snyder, Ann Schlott, Maryanna Niemczyk, Kathy Patrick, Joseph & Susan McCorristin, Mary & Phil Morici, Margaret Maccarone, Father Joseph Campion, Dan Casciano, Paisley Stout, Jake Maccarone, Linda Rathman, William Janda, Curt Miller, James Smith, William Reardon, Maryanne Emory, Madge Butto, Roseann Malcolm, Dylan Spriggs, Doris Slater, Joan Cronin, Rita Conrad, Vicki Barletta, Sara Norris, Ryan Curley, Brendan Carr, Paul Geiger, Helen McDonald, Mark McDonald, Angeline Erjavec, Barbara Wright, Giuseppe Lubrano, Patricia Schotz, Cindy Barnes, Rose Osorio, Raymond Davidheiser, Anthony Mattassa, Sr. and Barbara Wright

**Pray for the recently departed:** Roger Villano, Miriam Krizan, Mary A. Fulton

Welcome parishioners: Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Groucutt, Mr. Andrew Mills

## **THIS WEEK AT ICC:**

**Sun 04/10 HSO Social Tickets and Raffle Tickets**  
**Thurs 04/14 4pm Youth Choir**  
**Sat 04/16 4-5pm Confession**

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## **WHAT'S HAPPENING**

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Please be advised there will be NO MASS on Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your kind understanding in this regard.

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**ICA HSO Invites You to The Roaring Twenties  
2016 Adult Social Fundraiser ~ April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6pm**  
**\$40 per person includes**

**6pm Wine/Beer with Cold Hors d'Oeuvres, Silent  
Auction, Raffle & Wine Pull Begin**

**7pm Carving Station, Hot Hors d'Oeuvres &  
Popcorn Bar**

**8:30pm Dessert & Coffee Bar**  
**RSVP by April 8<sup>th</sup>**

Dress: Ladies, as festive as you wish...Gentlemen,  
jackets please.

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

*Tickets can be purchased online by visiting  
<https://sites.google.com/site/icahso/Adult-Social> or  
send check made payable to ICA HSO to the Academy  
903 Chestnut St, Douglassville 19518.*

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**The Women's Society** will meet in the social hall at 7pm on Wednesday, April 20th. All women of the parish are welcome to join us at the meeting. You will be warmly welcomed. The Women's Society is a wonderful group of faith filled women, who support the church, parish community, and each other. This is a great way to get to better know some of the women you see in church each week. Please consider joining us.

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**Thank you, thank you, thank you** for making The Women's Society Easter Candy great success! We hope you enjoyed it! Special thanks to the women who helped to make and pack the candy. 100% of the proceeds will go to the needs of our church.

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**The Women's Society's** last Bake Sale of the season will be before and after all Masses on April 23/24. Please stop by the table and pick one or two of the many delicious offerings. If you would like to make a baked goods donation, please drop it off before one of the Masses. Thanks for your kind donations.

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**LENTEN FOOD DRIVE** - Your generous offerings included 608 lbs. food and \$331. The recipients at St. Joseph's Food Pantry, Catholic Charities and Kennedy House greatly appreciate your contributions.

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**STAND WITH US FOR LIFE!** Mark your calendars for the Berks March for Life on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2pm at Berks Catholic High School. At 3pm we will walk from Berks Catholic to Holy Rosary Church at 3rd & Franklin Sts. where buses will transport us back to BC. For info, contact Marygrace at 610-929-5260.

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**RESORTS AC TRIP - April 18<sup>th</sup> - Leave ICC promptly at 9:30am  
Package Deal - Pay \$32, Get \$25 - Call Carol at 610-775-4447**

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Dear Friends,

This weekend we kickoff the 2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA). I am so grateful for your continued generosity to this important diocesan fundraising initiative. The Bishop's Annual Appeal funds the annual budget that offers vital services like Catholic Charities, care for our retired and infirmed priests, education of Seminarians, Catholic schools and support for our centers for special learning. 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 will receive in the mail or call the BAA Office at 800-831-4443.

With gratitude,  
Monsignor John B. McCann

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The **Relay for Life of Daniel Boone** is an organized 18 hour overnight community fundraising event for The American Cancer Society. Many in the Amity and Birdsboro communities are already signed up for Relay, but if you are not yet involved, here is what you can do...

- become a sponsor. Sponsorship levels start as low as \$250 (but appreciate any amount). \$500 sponsors can have their names on the back of our participants' shirts.

- make a donation. Visit [www.relayforlife.org/padanielboone](http://www.relayforlife.org/padanielboone) and support a participant, team, or just make a donation to our event. Donations can also be mailed to the American Cancer Society, 498 Bellevue Ave, Reading, PA. 19605.

- sponsor a luminaria in "honor of" or "memory of" someone affected by cancer. Luminarias are \$10. A ceremony with all the luminarias on display and lit will take place at 9pm.

- form a team and participate in Relay. Again, visit our website or you can contact one of our Adult Event Leads for more information: Melissa Spalding (610-310-4904) or Darlene Canning (610-781-7293).

- if you, or someone you know, is a survivor and would like to participate in our Survivor/Caregiver Ceremony, please register on the website. Survivors receive a purple t-shirt and goodie bag. The ceremony will take place at 6pm, followed by a survivor/caregiver lap and dinner.

- become an ACS CAN member. The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network is the nation's leading cancer advocacy organization that is working everyday to make cancer issues a priority. It is only \$10 to be a member.

Even if you are unable to donate, please come to Relay!! We have all been affected by cancer! No matter who you are, there's a place for you at Relay.

Relay for Life of Daniel Boone starts at noon on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Daniel Boone High School Stadium. It is open to the public until 10pm. Events and activities run all day long. Great music, great food, for a great cause. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.

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**Amity Township Crime Watch**-Community Recycling Event - April 16<sup>th</sup>, 9am-12pm - Douglassville Redner's Parking Lot (Rain or Shine) - Open to residents and small businesses in Douglassville and surrounding areas. Donations accepted to help defray the cost of the shredding truck. Call Susan at 610-385-3740.

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**APRIL IS DONATE LIFE MONTH!** - Our parishioner, Steve Mammarella, is in need of a kidney transplant and asks for your prayers. To learn more about giving the gift of life through live organ donation, please contact the LVHN Transplant Center at 610-402-8506 or the Mammarella Family at 610-582-3742.



April 10, 2016

# Dear Padre



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## If I'm not Catholic, is Mass a must for the kids and me?



My husband is Catholic, but I am not. I know he is supposed to attend Mass every Sunday. What about our children and me—Do we have to go, too?

**If your children** were baptized in the Catholic Church, then yes, they have to attend Mass. If you or they are not baptized, attendance is not required. One of the basic precepts of our Catholic faith is the obligation of the faithful to attend Mass on Sundays. ("You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation.") This assures our regular participation in the eucharistic celebration and commemoration of the Lord's Resurrection (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2042).

I know some other churches don't have the same understanding of obligation as Catholics do, but all Christian

churches gather on Sundays. God's third commandment is, "Remember to keep holy the LORD's Day" (Exodus 20:8). It can be argued that there are many ways to keep the Sabbath holy, but Christ, the Church, and I believe that the best way is to participate in and partake of the Eucharist—to remember his saving acts, especially the act of dying and rising, and receive his Presence within us. I encourage you to attend your own church or to go to Mass with your spouse and family. Not only will you keep the Lord's day holy, but God will make you holy as well.

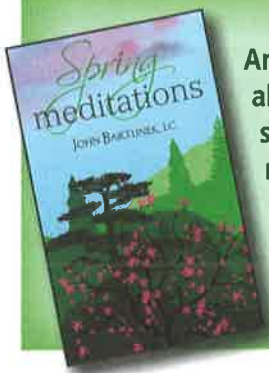
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### A MEDITATION FOR SPRING

An old saying reminds us that where there is life, there is hope. But isn't it also true that where there is hope, there is life? We can look forward to spring because the past has taught us that spring always comes. Life is more powerful than death because life is a gift from the God who is love, and love is eternal.

—From *Spring Meditations* by Fr. John Bartunek, LC (825613)

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**Monday**  
APRIL 11  
*St. Stanislaus,  
Bishop and Martyr*  
Acts 6:8–15  
Jn 6:22–29

**Tuesday**  
APRIL 12  
*Easter  
Weekday*  
Acts 7:51–8:1a  
Jn 6:30–35

**Wednesday**  
APRIL 13  
*Easter  
Weekday*  
Acts 8:1b–8  
Jn 6:35–40

**Thursday**  
APRIL 14  
*Easter  
Weekday*  
Acts 8:26–40  
Jn 6:44–51

**Friday**  
APRIL 15  
*Easter  
Weekday*  
Acts 9:1–20  
Jn 6:52–59

**Saturday**  
APRIL 16  
*Easter  
Weekday*  
Acts 9:31–42  
Jn 6:60–69

**Sunday**  
APRIL 17  
*Fourth Sunday  
of Easter*  
Acts 13:14, 43–52  
Rv 7:9, 14b–17  
Jn 10:27–30

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# ICA 5K Run

## And 1 Mile FUN Run/Walk Birdsboro, PA

**Saturday, May 21, 2016**

**8:00AM 5K / 8:45 Fun Run/Walk**

**WHO:** Runners of all ages. Gather your family, friends and co-workers. Walkers are also invited to participate using the same course.

**WHAT:** The ICA 5K is a fundraiser hosted by the Immaculate Conception Academy Home and School Organization. The proceeds will benefit the students of Immaculate Conception Academy with funding for new technology equipment and fitness and sports equipment.

**WHERE:** The race and fun run/walk will be held at the historic Daniel Boone Homestead (400 Daniel Boone Road, Birdsboro PA 19508). Both the 5K and 1 mile fun run course will be out-and-back.

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 21, 2016  
7:00 a.m. – Registration begins  
8:00 a.m. – 5K Run begins  
8:45 a.m. – 1 mile Fun Run/Walk begins  
9:30 a.m. – Awards presentation at finish line

**HOW:** Pre-register for the event by visiting <http://www.alphaandomegasports.com/race-calendar.html> or by completing and submitting the below form. Pre-registration cost for the 5K is \$20 and includes an event t-shirt. Registration after 4/29/2016 is \$25 (including the day of the race) and a t-shirt while supplies last (not guaranteed). Pre-registration cost for the 1 Mile Fun Run is \$5, an additional \$10 for a T-shirt if desired. Registration for the 1 Mile Fun Run after 4/29/2016 is \$10 (including the day of the race). T-shirts may also be available for purchase on race day (while supplies last). Participants can register at the event.

**RESULTS:** Finish line and timing service by Alpha and Omega Sports. Race results will also be posted on their website.

**AWARDS:** Medals for the 5K will be presented to Overall Male and Female Champion. Medals presented to top three (3) Male and three (3) Female finishers in each of the following age brackets: 9 and under, 10-14 years, 15-19 years, 20-29 years, 30-39 years, 40-49 years, 50-59 years, 60+ years.

**REGISTRATION: ICA 5K** Online registration is preferred. To register by mail, complete this portion and mail with fee to Immaculate Conception Academy, ATTN ICA 5K, 903 Chestnut St, Douglassville, PA 19518. Checks payable to ICA HSO.

**Circle one:**

Prior to 4/29/2016: 5K with T-shirt - \$20 / 1 Mile FUN Run only - \$5 / 1 Mile FUN Run with T-shirt - \$15  
After 4/29/2016: 5K - \$25 / 1 Mile FUN Run - \$10

T-shirt size (circle one)  
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Adult S M L XL XXL

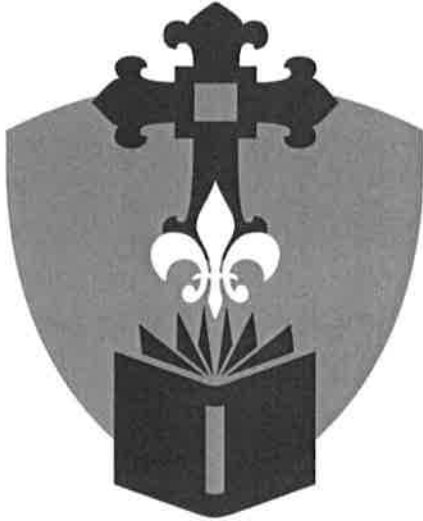
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E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Age (on Race Day) \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

**WAIVER/RELEASE:** I agree on behalf of myself ( or my child or guard) to waive all claims against and agree to protect, defend, hold harmless and fully indemnify the race director, race officials and volunteers, any and all sponsors including, but not limited to Immaculate Conception Parish & Academy, the Diocese of Allentown, its employees and agents, chaperones, or representatives associated with the event, Union Township and those in their employ, the County of Berks, and all their representatives and successors from any injury or liability I might suffer in this event, regardless of negligence. I attest that the participant is physically fit and prepared for this event. I assume all risks associated with running in this event including, but not limited to: falls; contact with other participants; the effects of the weather, including high heat and/or humidity; and the condition of the road; all such risks being known and appreciated by me. I grant full permission for organizers to use my name and or pictures in legitimate accounts and promotions of this event.

Signature X \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent or guardian's signature if less than 18 years of age.)

For more information, please contact Sandy Jordan, Race Director at [Jordan.sandra14@yahoo.com](mailto:Jordan.sandra14@yahoo.com)

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## Sponsor Form

### ICA 5K Run & 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk

Saturday, May 21, 2016 - 8:00 AM Start

Daniel Boone Homestead: 400 Daniel Boone Road, Birdsboro PA 19508

The ICA 5K is a fundraiser hosted by the Immaculate Conception Academy's Home and School Organization. Proceeds from this event will benefit various programs within Immaculate Conception Academy. ICA will use the proceeds towards:

- Technology improvements and maintenance
- Fitness and sports equipment for gym and recess
- Playground equipment maintenance

7:00 Registration | 8:00 5K Start Time | 8:45 Fun Run

#### SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

##### Gold: \$175

- Name on race t-shirt
- Recognition in church bulletin and web page
- A banner (provided by your company) to be displayed at the race
- Complimentary race t-shirt
- Complimentary race registration

##### Silver: \$125

- Name on race t-shirt
- Recognition in church bulletin and web page
- Complimentary race t-shirt

##### Bronze: \$75

- Name on race t-shirt
- Complimentary race t-shirt

##### Refreshment Sponsor/Family Sponsor

All donations enthusiastically welcomed and appreciated!! Please contact Race Director to discuss in further detail.

##### Share the News!

Please share with your customers and/or patrons information about our race! The more the merrier!

#### CONTRIBUTOR FORM

- Gold (\$175)
- Silver (\$125)
- Bronze (\$75)
- Refreshment Sponsor/Family Sponsor

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information or to make a donation, please contact Sandy Jordan, Race Director at [jordan.sandra14@yahoo.com](mailto:jordan.sandra14@yahoo.com). On-line race registration - <http://www.alphaandomegasports.com/race-calendar.html>.

Please make checks payable to ICA HSO and mail payment and sponsor sheet by 4/22/2016 to:  
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