

# Pentecost

◆ May 15, 2016 ◆

Acts 2:1-11 ◆ 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17 ◆ Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

**O**ur daughter married into a large Italian family whose get-togethers include dozens of people. (More than fifty were there for Christmas dinner, and not everyone could make it.) Ours is a small and often-quiet family, so Katy had to get used to more noise and activity than she had growing up. It was like learning a new language. It's often that way when couples wed. Over time, we come to know the inside jokes, the way the in-laws mark occasions, who we can joke with and who prefers a more serious interaction. Just as with growing up in our own families, we become a part of them, and they become a part of us.

When the Holy Spirit descended on those gathered in the upper room, it was like a wedding. They had to learn the language of

God's family—one that included proclamation, sharing, repentance, and mercy. They had to learn what it meant to be part of one body, using their unique gifts to build on what Christ had already started. With the Holy Spirit as inspiration and source of grace, the disciples and apostles were sent to testify and invite the world to the eternal life that Christ offers.

In any relationship it takes time to get to know the other. God has the advantage in his relationship with us—he already knows us fully and intimately. In getting to know him and learning his language, we may feel awkward or out-of-place. But he constantly welcomes and invites us to be a part of his life and Church, knowing we might eventually come to live with him forever.

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## A Word From Pope Francis

*“Living together is an art, a patient, beautiful, fascinating journey. It does not end once you have won each other’s love... Rather, it is precisely there where it begins!”*

—Address to engaged couples, February 14, 2014

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## PENTECOST SUNDAY – MAY 15, 2016

### ★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM	DUANE MADRZYKOWSKI	THU	7:00 PM	EDWARD MACCARONE
SUN	7:30 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS	FRI	7:30 AM	OUR PARISHIONERS
	9:00 AM	ANNA MACCARONE		9:00 AM	ICA MASS – KATE JOHNSON
	11:00 AM	CAROL McDEVITT	SAT	5:15 PM	GLORIA GILL – 2 <sup>ND</sup> ANNIVERSARY
MON		<b>No MASS</b>	SUN	7:30 AM	FATHER CHRISTOPHER GIBNEY
TUE	7:00 PM	SOPHIA LAKATOSH		9:00 AM	ELI IEZZI
WED	7:30 AM	CATHERINE TRUCKLEY		11:00 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS

*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Gloria Gill – 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary*

### NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

**SCRIP:** Smith 5:15pm McNamara 7:30am Collura 9:00am McCauley 11:00am DeFalco

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>COMMENTATOR</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
SAT	5:15pm	Barbara Giordano	Ann Marie Arbo	Trey Bradfield, Joey Cizmarik, Zach Whalen
SUN	7:30am	Pam Amos	Adelina Kieffer	Taylor Moyer, Diego and Hannah Santos
	9:00am	Barrie Pease	Pat Fessler	Beth and Gracie Cote, Danielle Passifione
	11:00am	Barbara Romig	Greg Shemanski	Veronica McClelland, Isabella and Mia Pizzo

### **Second collection next week is for Air Conditioning**

***Immaculate Conception Academy and Early Education Program is currently enrolling for the 2016-17 School Year!***

We welcome everyone to join us if you have a student entering preschool (age 3) through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**ICA offers 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 Grants** are available for any public, private or charter school student who transfers into Immaculate Conception Academy grades 1-7. These grants are **\$1,500 over two years** (\$1,000 for the first year; \$500 for the second).

Please contact **Adele Reilly at 610-404-8645 or adele.reilly@icaknights.org** for more information or to schedule a tour!

**\*\*\*Now offering Sunday tours after 9am and 11am Masses by appointment\*\*\***

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 Snyk, Yolanda Marino, Marjorie & Walter Hansen, Marie Snyder, Ann Schlott, Kathy Patrick, Joseph & Susan McCorristin, Mary & Phil Morici, Margaret Maccarone, Father Joseph Campion, Dan Casciano, Paisley Stout, Jake Maccarone, Linda Rathman, William Janda, James Smith, Maryanne Emory, Madge Butto, Roseann Malcolm, Dylan Spriggs, Doris Slater, Joan Cronin, Rita Conrad, Ryan Curley, Paul Geiger, Helen McDonald, Mark McDonald, Rose Osorio, Raymond Davidheiser, Anthony Mattassa, Sr., Jim & Nancy Guilliams, Tony Guilliams, Dolores McCullough, Ed Woznicki, Steve Mammarella, Evelyn Segnere, Shawn Staneruck, Phil Kubovcsak, Joanne Gilbert, Dominic Strock and Barbara Wright

Pray for the recently departed: Sally Walker

Congratulate the recently baptized: Jackson David Panzarella and Abigail Reece Scarbinsky

Welcome our new parishioners: Mr. & Mrs. Paul Scott

## **THIS WEEK AT ICC:**

**Sun 05/15** Youth Group Car Wash  
**Wed 05/18** 7pm Women's Society Meeting  
**Sat 05/21** 7am ICA 5K and 1K FUN RUN  
4-5pm Confession

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING**

### **YOUTH GROUP CAR WASH**

**Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 8-12 - In Front of ICA**

We will be washing cars before and after all Masses. The cost for a wash will be a free will offering. *Proceeds from the car wash will benefit the Youth Group Mission Trip to Kentucky and the trip to the Catholic Youth Conference to be held at the Franciscan University of Steubenville.*

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

Daniel Boone Homestead

**Saturday, May 21, 2016 Registration 7am  
8am 5K, 8:45am 1K Fun Run, 9:30am Awards**

Pre-register for the event by visiting

<http://www.alphaandomegasports.com/race-calendar.html>

Registration is \$25 for the 5K. Registration is \$10 for the 1K.

For information contact Sandy at [Jordan.sandra14@yahoo.com](mailto:Jordan.sandra14@yahoo.com)

### **Scholastic Buy One/Get One (BOGO) Book Fair at ICA**

in Academy library. We are open May 22<sup>nd</sup> after 9am and 11am Masses and May 23 - 27 during school hours. Also, please consider making a donation to "All for Books". These donations help our teachers build their classroom libraries. In addition, Scholastic Book Fairs will match monetary donations with a donation of up to one million books to national, non-profit organizations. Checks can be made out to ICA HSO in an envelope marked "All for Books" and placed in the church collection basket. Donations are being accepted through May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Thank you for your support and we hope to see you at the book fair!

**Resorts AC Trip - May 23<sup>rd</sup> - Leave ICC promptly at  
9:30am - Package Deal Pay \$32/Get \$25 - Call Carol  
J. at 610-775-4447**

**Register now for 2016-2017 CCD!** 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, call (610) 582-3880.

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL** - We are grateful to all who pledged their support this weekend to the 2016 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 [FaithHopeCharityGives.org](http://FaithHopeCharityGives.org). Thank you for your support!

**ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH** are invited to attend the Women's Society End of Year Luncheon at the Yellow House Hotel, June 5<sup>th</sup> at **2pm**. Chicken Marsala with Garlic Potatoes, Beef Tips over Rice or Veal Parmigiana with Pasta are your entrée options. Salad, Bread, Dessert and a non-alcoholic beverage are included for \$20. Please contact Ann Marie at 610-689-9124 or Lynda at 610-689-4076 with your entrée choice and to arrange payment by **May 24<sup>th</sup>**.

**Our parish family of the Immaculate Conception joyfully celebrates the First Holy Communion** of Grace Bauder, Jason Blanyar, Mark Brown, Gwenivere Cress, Eli Crew, Aidan Curley, Alisyn Cusson, Ashlee Cusson, Nicholas DeFazio, Peyton D'Elia, Mya Derer, Ally Devine, Brianna Devine, Caitlyn Dillon, Reina Discala, Emma Dixon, Scott Duffy, Grayson Fair, Evan Fryer, Savannah Fryer, Miguel Gonzalez-Perez, Kyle Graff, Sophia Hogan, Georgia Horosky, Declan Hyer, Ava Junikiewicz, Joshua Kelly, Sean Kelly, Cecelia Klementisz, Sydney Knipe, Chase Kovach, Garrett Lee, Hayden Lee, Dylan Luft, Reagan Madrak, Reilly Madrak, Ryan Madrak, Gabriel Markel, Grace McCarthy, Lily Mittnacht, Kira Moyer, Abby Munoz, Makenna Murray, Sophia Ottinger, Noah Overdorf, Bryce Pennella, Faith Pfleger, Ryan Poore, Jacob Quay, Palmer Reber, Owen Robidas, Cole Scarbinsky, Carley Schlacter, Brandon Schutter, Francisco Serpico, Haley Wagner, Michael Ward, Samantha Whelan, Lily Wolf, Kaitlyn Zeigler

### **2016 Vacation Bible School - "Jesse Tree Journey"**

VBS will be held the week of June 20 through June 24 from 9:00am to noon. VBS is open to all ICC parishioners ages 5 to 11. The cost is \$35 per child. Adult and teen volunteers are always welcome. Come along for the journey! Registration forms are available in the narthex, parish office and the Academy Contact Mrs. O'Donnell at 610-582-3880 or [ccd@icbvm.org](mailto:ccd@icbvm.org) with questions.

*The St. Joseph Food Pantry was once again blessed to receive the generous Lenten food drive donations of the parishioners of Immaculate Conception. The struggling families who visit the pantry for food assistance each month are always pleased to have a variety of items to choose from after we receive your donations. Thank you for your continued support!*

The **Relay for Life of Daniel Boone** is an organized 18 hour overnight community fundraising event for The American Cancer Society. If you are not yet involved and would like to be or would like more information, please contact Melissa Spalding (610-310-4904) or Darlene Canning (610-781-7293). **Relay for Life of Daniel Boone** starts at noon on **May 21<sup>st</sup>** at the Daniel Boone HS 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.

**Amity Township Crime Watch Meeting - May 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm**  
at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 548 Old Swede Road, Douglassville - Officer Tom Gauby will be giving a special talk on the **Dangers of Bath Salts**. This program will be of great interest to parents as this is something the kids are now doing. Officer Gauby will discuss the different ways it can affect people and what to look for in someone who may be using bath salts. A brief meeting will follow the presentation and light refreshments will be served after the meeting. All are welcome to attend.

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!** June 11<sup>th</sup>, the Commission for Women will host a retreat day for women at the McGlinn Conference Center in Reading, 9am-5pm. Cost is \$25 and includes a Continental Breakfast and Lunch. Come spend the day with our Mother and women of the diocese while reflecting on her mantle of mercy. Directing our retreat will be Rev. Ronald Bowman. For more details and to register, visit [www.allentowndiocese.org/cfw-spirituality](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/cfw-spirituality). For questions, contact [cfw@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:cfw@allentowndiocese.org) or call 917-406-4879.

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# dear Padre



## The Bible on life on other planets



What does the Bible say about life outside our solar system?



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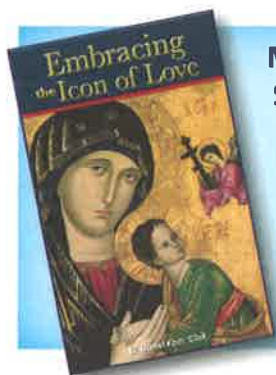
**The simple answer** to this question is that the Bible doesn't specifically mention life on other planets. However, there are some important biblical principles that would speak to the possibility of such a discovery.

Begin with the account of creation in Genesis: "In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth..." (1:1). We believe that everything that exists was created by God. All stars, planets, minerals, plants, and animals flow from the creative activity of the Holy Trinity. If there is any type of life anywhere in the universe, it owes its existence to the God we worship. So if we discover plants, animals, or even ameba on some distant planet, we should

praise our Creator for that life as we do our own.

Implicit in this question is the possibility of intelligent life, and not simply lower organisms. Are there possibly societies, technologies, or even churches on other planets? Again, the Bible does not really say. If we find intelligent life, it will not be any threat to our faith. Remember: we understand that we are created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:26-27). If there are intelligent species out there, they in no way would challenge that unique relationship. After all, the Son of God came to the earth as one of us.

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**Mary in the midst of the Church is the Mother of the Church. She sits amidst the apostles, the teachers who would bring the Good News of salvation to the world. She teaches the inner meaning of the Pentecost story. She teaches us devoted prayer and, by her body language, a pondering kind of silence.**

—From *Embracing the Icon of Love* by Br. Daniel Korn

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### Monday

MAY 16  
Weekday  
Jas 3:13-18  
Mk 9:14-29

### Tuesday

MAY 17  
Weekday  
Jas 4:1-10  
Mk 9:30-37

### Wednesday

MAY 18  
Weekday  
Jas 4:13-17  
Mk 9:38-40

### Thursday

MAY 19  
Weekday  
Jas 5:1-6  
Mk 9:41-50

### Friday

MAY 20  
Weekday  
Jas 5:9-12  
Mk 10:1-12

### Saturday

MAY 21  
Weekday  
Jas 5:13-20  
Mk 10:13-16

### Sunday

MAY 22  
*The Most Holy Trinity*  
Prv 8:22-31  
Rom 5:1-5  
Jn 16:12-15

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