



April 30, 2017

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22–23

1 Pt 1:17–21

Lk 24:13–35

## Hope Rekindled

Discouragement and exhaustion are familiar to many of us. When we are young, we are full of life, vigor, hopes, and dreams. But the challenges of life can lead us down rough and narrow streets with few exits. When a fresh hope—an opportunity or a new love—appears but doesn't pan out, we are even more discouraged than before.

The two disciples returning home were convinced Jesus was the Messiah, but it doesn't seem to be. Jesus isn't surprised by their dissolution. He catches up to them and takes an interest in their story. When he asks, "What things?" they unburden their hearts, and Jesus listens and cares.

With their eyes blinded, they do not recognize their companion. Their faith is dead, their hope is dimmed, their love is cold. The mystery of the cross makes no sense without an experience of the resurrection. They simply can't understand why it had to be this way.

Arriving in Emmaus, their newfound friend needs to go on. But they insist, as should we in our prayer, "Stay with us!" We need God's presence to enlighten our faith, rekindle our hope, and inflame our love. Jesus accepts; there is nothing he wants more. He has promised to be with us, and we need to be with him. Jesus offers us his presence not for a moment but for an eternity.

The tapestry of Pieter van Aelst depicts this scene at the precise moment of the disciples realizing who Jesus is. Meditate on what this moment says to you.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *Jesus at Emmaus*, circa 1525

Artist: Workshop of Pieter van Aelst, from a cartoon by Raphael Sanzio

Location: Gallery of Tapestries, Vatican Museums



### *For Reflection*

*Am I discouraged with God in some area of my life? Talk through these areas in prayer. It was necessary that the Messiah suffer. Do I accept suffering? Am I willing to die with Christ to live with him?*

*"He was...revealed in the final time for you, who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God" (1 Peter 1:20–21).*

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 30, 2017

*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Deacon Larry Fessler – 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
 And with God's Blessings Upon Father Francis Cornely*

### ★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM	Linda Estelle	THURS	7:00 PM	Special Intention
SUN	7:30 AM	Living & Deceased Parishioners	FRI	7:30 AM	Umstead Family
	9:00 AM	Dec'd Members of Anthony Lubas Family	SAT	5:15 PM	Robert Hafer
	11:00 AM	Deacon Larry Fessler – 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	SUN	7:30 AM	Living & Deceased Parishioners
MON	<b>No Mass</b>			9:00 AM	Dec'd Members of Jesse Painter Family
TUES	7:00 PM	Thomas A. Haight, Sr.		11:00 AM	Joan LeFosse
WED	7:30 AM	Maryanna Niemczyk			

### NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

*SCRIP: Sponsor: Gulla 5:15 Zubik 7:30 Kasperowicz 9:00 Carvalho 11:00 Citrano*

DAY	MASS	Lector	COMMENTATOR	ALTAR SERVERS
SAT	5:15PM	Kevin Creamer	Jennifer Stuart	Taylor Moyer, Diego and Hannah Santos
SUN	7:30AM	Jim Kaucher	Toni Kaucher	Alex, Jason and Mark Carvalho
	9:00AM	Tim Stewart	Brian Hannon	Sean and Stephen Hannon, Joey Cizmarik
	11:00AM	Leonard Cline III	Mary Ann Cotter	Ethan Cline, John Dinnocenti, Zachary Whalen

### **Second Collection Next Week is for Church Building & Parish Maintenance**

**Immaculate Conception Academy currently has openings in its Full Day Kindergarten program for the 2017-18 school year!**

In addition to providing a strong foundation in mathematics and language arts, our program features S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education as well as art, music, and physical education. Before and after school care options are available.

For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact Adele Reilly, Advancement Director at 610-404-8645 or [adele.reilly@icaknights.org](mailto:adele.reilly@icaknights.org)

**\*\*Openings are still available in Preschool, Pre-K and grades 1-8 as well! Contact us today!!! Space is limited in some classes\*\***

#### Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish:

- Marco Fiato, John & Margaret Kakas, Maryanne
- Prentice, Delores Woy, Alice Arantowicz, Yolanda
- Marino, Ann Schlott, Kathy Patrick, Joseph & Susan
- McCorristin, Mary & Phil Morici, Margaret Maccarone,
- Dan Casciano, Jake Maccarone, Madge Butto, Joan
- Cronin, Rita Conrad, Rose Osorio, Tony Guilliams,
- Steve Mammarella, Joseph Kolenda, Dominic Strock,
- Bob Hocker, Mike DiScala, Mildred Mattassa, Deb
- Petras, Ronald Kryman, Anna Swiezak, Margarie &
- Walter Hansen, Robert Thomas, Rita Dougherty,
- Norma Nanni, Lou Franco, Lucille Schiel, John Fritz,
- Maria Houck, Lucy Doney, Evelyn Segneri, Mary
- Okuniewski, Katie Davis, Joe Weyand, Anna
- Radwanski, John T. LeFosse, Mark McDonald, Diane
- Edwards, and TJ Doyle

Pray for the recently departed: Ron Kretzman, Lawrence Genovese, Stephen Pastor

## **THIS WEEK AT ICC:**

**Sun 04/30 Women's Society Bake Sale**  
**Tues 05/02 1:30pm May Procession**  
**7:30pm Baptism Class**  
**Sat 05/06 4-5pm Confession**

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING**

*There will be no Mass on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your kind understanding in this regard.*

### **Immaculate Conception Early Education Program**

is now enrolling for its new Pre-Kindergarten Program, which now features an option to attend five full days or five half days or a combination as needed from 8:30am – 2:45pm or 8:30am to Noon.

This program will prepare students to enter our full day Kindergarten both academically and socially. The curriculum will include weekly art, music and library visits, as well as age appropriate physical education experiences. Before care options are available for all students and after care options for full day students.

For more information please contact Adele Reilly, Advancement Director at 610-404-8645 or [adele.reilly@icaknights.org](mailto:adele.reilly@icaknights.org).

### **Immaculate Conception Academy 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 the first year; \$500 the second). Call Adele Reilly at 610-404-8645.

**All women of the parish are invited** to join the Women's Society for our annual visit to Camilla Hall on May 10<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the church at 9am. We spend time in prayer with the Sisters, have time for lunch, and then offer a fun afternoon of Bingo for the retired/infirm Sisters of Camilla. Prizes for the bingo game (i.e. envelopes with some money, stamps and cards, etc.) will be most welcome along with some sweet treats for the ladies. The sisters will provide lunch for a cost of \$8 to cover the luncheon. Join us in giving back to these women who have spent their lives serving others. Please call Marsha at 610-385-6319 for more information and to reserve your spot.

**MARCH FOR LIFE** - April 30<sup>th</sup> at Berks Catholic - Rally at 2pm followed by the March at 3pm to Holy Rosary Church. Buses will transport all participants back to Berks Catholic. Donations of baby items requested or Crisis Pregnancy Centers. Contact Helen 610-582-1075.

### **RESORTS AC TRIP**

#### **DATE CHANGED to Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

Leave church promptly at 9:30am – package deal: pay \$32, get \$25 back – Call Carol J if interested at 610-775-4447

Berks Catholic will be hosting Saints Boys' Basketball, Cheerleading, and Dance Camps for grades 1-8, June 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. For information contact Tony Balistrere at 610-374-8361, ext 224. For camp information and registration forms go to [www.berkscatholic.org](http://www.berkscatholic.org).

## **ICA 5K/10K and 1 Mile FUN Run**

Daniel Boone Homestead

Saturday, May 20, 2017 Registration 7am  
8am 5K & 10K, 8:45am Fun Run, 10am Awards

Pre-register for the event by visiting

<http://www.alphaandomegasports.com/race-calendar.html>  
Registration cost is \$20 for the 5K and \$30 for the 10K by April 30<sup>th</sup> and includes an event t-shirt. After that (including race day), the cost is \$25 (5K) and \$35 (10K). Registration cost for the 1 mile Fun Run is \$5 by April 30<sup>th</sup> and an additional \$10 for a T-shirt if desired. After that (including race day), the cost is \$10.

### **SPONSORS ARE NEEDED** at various levels.

For more information or to sponsor the event please contact Sandy at [Jordan.sandra14@yahoo.com](mailto:Jordan.sandra14@yahoo.com)

The Serra Clubs of the Allentown diocese will host a Day of Prayer for Vocations on May 6<sup>th</sup> at Saint Mary's in Kutztown. Registration and breakfast at 8:15am followed by a Holy Hour with the Rosary for Vocations and chanted Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction with Monsignor Scheaffer. Father Lucien Longtin, SJ, who celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> jubilee as a priest in 2015 will share his vocation story with us, and Father Jose Kumbloickal MSFS, who has served as a Provincial Superior and is currently visiting professor of theology at DeSales University will reflect on his experiences. A catered lunch is provided Monsignor Schlert will celebrate Mass at 1:15pm. Offering for the day is \$20. Please send your check payable to "Serra District 80-1" to Joe Zawaly at 803 Forest Street, Fleetwood, PA 19522-1021 by May 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions, contact Steve at phone 610-779-8477.

**Post Abortion Healing Retreat** - Hurting from a past abortion? Plan to attend the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekend, June 23-25. Within a safe, confidential, non-judgmental environment, experience God's healing love, and forgiveness. For more information or to register call Sr. Meg at 610-332-0442 Ext. 19, toll free at 1-866-3 Rachel, or [projectrachel@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:projectrachel@allentowndiocese.org) For a complete listing of Retreat dates and locations visit [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

*Please join St. Catharine Parish on May 21<sup>st</sup> at noon for a Mass of Thanksgiving as we honor the service of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. A light lunch reception will follow. Please RSVP to [ihmscs@gmail.com](mailto:ihmscs@gmail.com) by May 5<sup>th</sup>.*

**Knights of Columbus Annual Pro-Life Golf Outing** – May 5<sup>th</sup> at Twin Ponds Golf Course, Gilbertsville. \$100 per golfer includes breakfast, lunch, dinner, golf and prizes. \$35 dinner only. Contact Gary at 610-972-0356 or Mark at 610-754-7185. Proceeds benefit local crisis pregnancy centers.

*The Polish American Heritage Association is holding their annual Polish Open Golf Tournament on May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Manor Golf Club. 1:30pm Scramble. \$75 per golfer includes cart, greens fee, all you can drink beer & soda, lunch, Polish Open buffet, gift bag and prizes. Register by May 5<sup>th</sup>. For info or to register - Toni 484-333-2838.*

Calling all weekend warriors! Did you know that parishioners from ICC play in an adult softball rec league? We play other area churches on most Sunday nights from late April to late July. The league is co-ed and all skill levels are invited. If you want to relive part of your youth and have fun with fellow parishioners, email Steven at [steventepper@comcast.net](mailto:steventepper@comcast.net).

***Water is on in the cemetery.***

## Calendar

### Monday

May 1

Easter Weekday

Acts 6:8–15

Jn 6:22–29

### Tuesday

May 2

St. Athanasius,  
Bishop and  
Doctor of the Church

Acts 7:51–8:1a

Jn 6:30–35

### Wednesday

May 3

Sts. Philip and James,  
Apostles

1 Cor 15:1–8

Jn 14:6–14

### Thursday

May 4

Easter Weekday

Acts 8:26–40

Jn 6:44–51

### Friday

May 5

Easter Weekday

Acts 9:1–20

Jn 6:52–59

### Saturday

May 6

Easter Weekday

Acts 9:31–42

Jn 6:60–69

### Sunday

May 7

Fourth Sunday  
of Easter  
Acts 2:14a, 36–41  
1 Pt 2:20b–25  
Jn 10:1–10

# Dear Padre,

## What does it mean when someone says the Eucharist contains the “glorified” body of our Lord Jesus Christ?

In 1551, the Council of Trent definitively taught that “in the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist ‘the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained’” (CCC 1374).

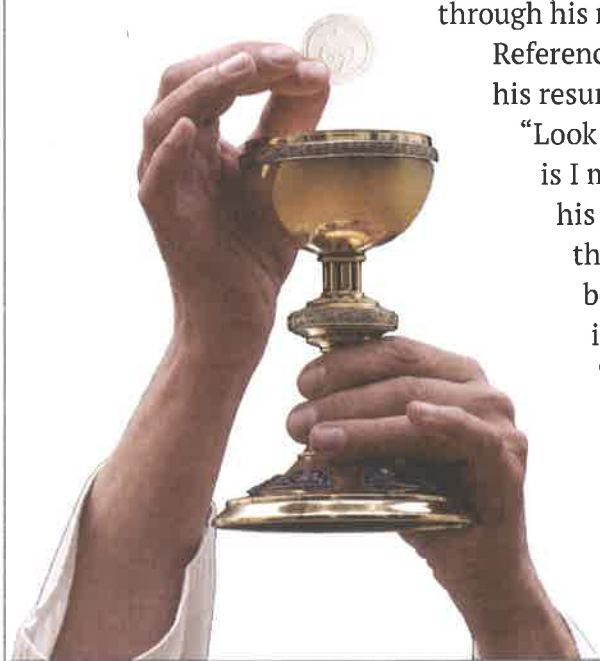
I’m not sure what “the glorified body of our Lord Jesus Christ” might refer to in your question, but I can make an educated guess. Since Jesus has suffered, died, and risen from the dead, the sacramental presence contains the reality of the fullness of the experience of the paschal mystery. Every experience of the risen Jesus is an experience of the fullness of the mystery and, as such, must include the fact that he has been glorified through his resurrection from the dead.

References to the Lord’s appearances after his resurrection might be helpful here.

“Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself” (Luke 24:39), Jesus told his disciples. The *Catechism* tells us that “Christ ‘will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body,’ into a ‘spiritual body’” (CCC 999). The reality of the resurrection “exceeds our imagination and understanding; it is accessible only to faith” (CCC 1000).

Source: *Liguorian*, April 2007

FRESNEL SHUTTERSTOCK



## A Word From Pope Francis

*“We all have difficulties,...miseries, and weaknesses. No one is better than another. Jesus...made a decision and followed through until the end. He [became a] man and was a servant until his death. This is the way of love, there is no other.”*

—Pastoral message, Cathedral of Cagliari, September, 22, 2013



# CAR WASH

**May 7**

**8:00 to 12:30**

**ICA Parking Lot**

**DONATIONS GRATEFULLY  
ACCEPTED**

To benefit the ICC Youth Group  
Mission Trip and Steubenville  
Youth Conference

