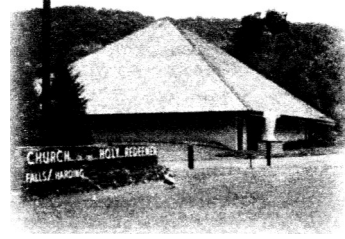


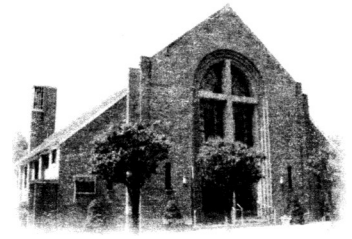
Palm Sunday - Year B



# THE LORD'S PASSION Immaculate Conception

## CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH Holy Redeemer

March 31 - April 1, 2012



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**WEEKDAY CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST**  
7:30 AM Immaculate Conception Church  
8:30 AM Holy Redeemer Church

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**CONFESSION - SATURDAYS**  
3:00 PM to 3:30 PM at Immaculate Conception  
4:00 PM to 4:30 PM at Holy Redeemer

**Msgr. John J. Sempa, PASTOR**  
**Rev. Arbogaste Satoun, ASSISTANT PASTOR**  
**Rev. James J. Alco, IN RESIDENCE**  
**Rev. Mr. Peter Hoegen, DEACON**  
**Mrs. Joyce Ceconi, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE**

**WEEKEND CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST**  
**Saturday - 4:00 PM** - Immaculate Conception  
**Saturday - 5:00 PM** - Holy Redeemer

**Sunday - 7:30 AM** - Immaculate Conception  
**Sunday - 9:00 AM** - Holy Redeemer  
**Sunday - 10:30 AM**—Immaculate Conception

**Today is Palm Sunday To follow the readings in your Gather Missalette see No 1031.**

### The Three Days

*There is a lot of talk in church now about "the Three Days," or in Latin, the "Triduum." These are our most holy of days. They make up our most important single celebration of the year: Easter.*

*These Three Days are a single moment...we walk into this moment on Thursday night and dance out on Easter day. In between, there is a flood of stories and songs, rites and rest, fasting and feasting. Join us, as we make these Three Days the center of our year and of our life.*

#### Holy Thursday

**Mass of the Lord's Supper**  
**Thursday, April 5, 2012 7:00PM**  
**Immaculate Conception Church**

**Good Friday.....Passion of our Lord**  
**Friday, April 6, 2012 1:00PM**  
**Immaculate Conception Church**

**Living Stations of the Cross**  
**Friday, April 6, 2012 7:00PM**  
**Immaculate Conception Church**

**Blessing of Baskets**  
**Saturday, April 7, 2012 1:00PM**  
**Holy Redeemer Church**

**Easter Vigil & Mass**  
**Saturday, April 7, 2012 8:00PM**  
**Immaculate Conception Church**

**Easter Sunday, April 8, 2012**  
**Mass 7:30AM.....Immaculate Conception Church**  
**Mass 9:00AM.....Holy Redeemer Church**  
**Family Mass 10:30AM.....(Youth Choir)**  
**Immaculate Conception Church**

#### Second Collection Today

Today's second collection will be for The "Rice Bowl". Your generous support will be appreciated.

#### Holy Thursday Collection

This annual collection for our Social Concerns Committee will be used to help families in our parish and surrounding-communities who find themselves in financial difficulty. Your generosity is appreciated.

#### Good Friday Collection

This annual collection for the Holy Land offers a direct link for us to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the Holy Places. Please be generous as many Christians in the Holy Land depend on this collection for their lives.

#### Lenten Deanery Penance Service

Will be held on Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. John the Evangelist, Williams St, Pittston @ 7:00PM

Old Palm Your old palm may be left in the vestibules of the churches...we will save and burn it for next years ashes.

#### Easter Flowers & Palms

Today members of our Social Concerns Committee and Youth Group will be delivering Easter flowers and palm to shut ins and parishioners in nursing homes.

#### Youth Choir

Our Youth Choir will be practicing on **Tuesday, April 3rd at 6:00PM** in ICC.

#### Living Stations Practice

Our Youth Group will be practicing for the Living Stations today Sunday, **April 1st at 6:00PM** in ICC.

#### Parish Fundraising Update

At this time we would like to update you on our parish fundraising efforts.

Firstly, in order to meet this year's budget which ends on June 30<sup>th</sup>, we budgeted \$60,000 for fundraisers. To date our regular parish expenses are within our budget.

Keep in mind this did not include I.C.'s Air Conditioning or H.R.'S Rectory Roof. We have to meet these expenses by borrowing from our Parish savings, and our goal is to pay this rainy day fund back.

Our focus on helping the flood victims in our Greater Parish Community had no affect on our budget as everything was graciously donated, but it did curtail us from doing any fundraising.

On the positive side, our "Wish to Win" Lottery as well as our Night at the Races were a great success, raising \$21,000.

We have our "Green to Gold" lottery tickets on sale now, "In the Kitchen with Cheryl" on May 25<sup>th</sup> and our Parish Bazaar June 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>.

We have every confidence, with God's continued blessing, these events will be a great success, allowing our Parish to continue to serve as witness to the ideals of the faith which binds us together as Corpus Christi.

Thank you for your continued support.

#### Happy Birthday!!!

Congratulations to one very special parishioner, Viola Michels of Harding who will be celebrating her 103rd birthday on Thursday, April 5th. Please join us in wishing Viola a blessed and happy birthday!!

## Parish Pastoral Council

Bishop Bambera defines a Parish Pastoral Council as a model of servant-leadership, which acts as an advisory body to the pastor. It assists in parish and collaborative planning and policy development, and considers the pastoral work of the parish in order to propose practical ideas to the pastor concerning the on-going life and mission of the parish.

The following parishioners have agreed to serve on our pastoral council: Mayor Tony Denisco, Lisa Falzone, Pat Jacobs, Juleann Klepadlo, Darlene Medico, Joe Panzitta, Dianne Smith, Mary Supey, Jerry Wall; ex-officio members Msgr Sempa, Father Arbo, Deacon Pete Hoegen, Deacon Candidates, Jim Meizanis and Jim Rose, and Pastoral Associate, Joyce Cecconi.

As representatives of our parish community, the members of our newly formed Parish Pastoral Council will participate in the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday.

## “Green to Gold” Parish Lottery Fundraiser

Reminder.....deadline for lottery ticket returns is today, Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have not made your returns, please do so no later than Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. After that date any unsold tickets will be reissued for sale. Of course, our goal is to sell all 1,000 tickets.....If you can help us out by taking a few tickets to sell to co-workers, friends, etc. please stop by the rectory and pick some up. Thanks for your help!

## **Congratulations “Wish to Win” winners!!**

Mar 22	Mrs. Patrick Mantione	#526	\$50.00
Mar 23	David Shemanski	#805	\$50.00
Mar 24	Michael Bitters	#054	\$50.00
Mar 25	Celeste Reedy	#723	\$100.00
Mar 26	Joe Slusser	#239	\$50.00
Mar 27	George & Donna Mason	#539	\$50.00
Mar 28	Msgr. Sempa	#477	\$50.00

## Attention....Class of 2012

Are you graduating from High School this year? Our high school graduates will be honored at the 10:30AM Mass on May 20th. Following the Mass, they and their families will be invited to join us for brunch in the church hall. To be sure we don't miss anyone, please call the rectory with your name and address. Thank you.

## **Parish Bazaar**

**Friday, Saturday, Sunday  
June 29, 30 & July 1**

## **Holy Redeemer Church Grounds**

Our next general bazaar meeting will be held on *Monday, April 16 at 7:00PM* in ICC hall. At this meeting, the following sub-committees will give updated and/or finalized reports: bar/gambling/entertainment, baskets, flea market, food, games, grounds, publicity/advertising, sponsors/donations, raffle, and volunteer recruiting. Everyone is welcome to attend!!

The “food committee” will meet on *Tuesday, April 10th at 7:00PM in ICC rectory* to finalize the food menu, pricing, and days and times for pre bazaar food prep. Anyone willing to help out and/or oversee the food preparations is asked to attend. Thank you.

## Help for Communion to the Homebound

We intend to offer Communion on Sundays to the homebound of our Parish in the upcoming weeks. Anyone who is interested in participating in this program, even those of you who are not currently an Extraordinary Minister of Communion, is invited to call the parish office or Deacon Pete at 690-1739. Training will be offered, and we hope to have enough ministers so that a minister will only need to visit one person each Sunday.

## CCD Classes

There will be NO CCD CLASSES today, Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, April 8th. Classes will resume on April 15th for 3 more weeks. A family mass will be held at Holy Redeemer Church on

## MASS Intentions

April 2nd thru April 8th



<b>Mon</b>	7:30 am (IC)	<b>Charles Abromitis</b> by Musinski Family
	8:30 am (HR)	<b>Louise Guarnieri</b> by Dr. & Mrs. Ross Latona
	12:10 pm (IC)	<b>Helen Venetz</b> by Lucy Pocceschi
<b>Tues</b>	7:30 am (IC)	<b>Helen Wrobleksi &amp; Son Robert</b> by Family
	8:30 am (HR)	<b>Frances Hindmarsh</b> by Gocek Family
	12:10 pm (IC)	<b>Stanely Lisowski</b> by Prociak Family
<b>Wed</b>	7:30 am (IC)	<b>Charles &amp; Isabel Golden</b> by Family
	8:30 am (HR)	<b>Donna Licata</b> by Natalie Brogna
	12:10 pm (IC)	<b>Charlotte Schaefer</b> by Yvonne Ritsick
<b>Thurs</b>	7:00 pm (IC)	<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper</b>
<b>Fri</b>	1:00 pm (IC)	<b>Passion of Our Lord</b>
<b>Sat</b>	8:00 pm (IC)	<b>Easter Vigil &amp; Mass</b> <b>For all Living &amp; Deceased Parishioners</b>
<b>Sun</b>	7:30 am (IC)	<b>Sam Angelella</b> by Family
	9:00 am (HR)	<b>Matthew Chipolis</b> by Rogers Family

Sunday April 22nd at 9:00AM and at Immaculate Conception on Sunday April 29th at 10:30AM. **The final day for CCD classes is Sunday, April 29th.**

## In the Kitchen with Cheryl

Our next planning meeting will be held on Sunday **April 15th at 11:30AM** in ICC rectory. All are invited! If you would like to donate a “Kitchen Basket” or a door prize contact Jazmin Mikita at 654-7895. Donations may be dropped off at the rectory or left in the vestibules of the churches. Thank you in helping make this event a success.

## Altar & Rosary Mother/Daughter Breakfast

Will be held on May 6th, following the 7:30am mass in ICC hall. Donation is \$10 adults and \$5.00 children, 12 and under. Tickets can be obtained by contacting Janet Kolmansperger at 654-8386.

## Longaberger Basket Bingo

There will be a Longaberger basket bingo fundraiser in ICC hall on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 1 to 3PM. Funds will be used to help Peggy Dorang, mother of Cathy Rose, defray the expenses associated with a double lung transplant at the University of Pittsburgh. Small games of chance, food, beverages and desserts will be available for purchase. Tickets, which are \$20, cover admission and the cost of bingo games, and are available at the rectory or by calling Cathy Rose at 498-9011. Tax deductible donations for Peggy can be made online at [WWW.HELPHOPELIVE.ORG](http://WWW.HELPHOPELIVE.ORG).



### **Altar Candle at ICC**

which will burn this week in  
loving memory of  
**Sam Angelella**  
is donated by  
**Family**

### **WEEKLY COLLECTION March 25, 2011**

**\$8,357.40**



**Second Collection  
\$882.15**



**“Feed The Hungry, Clothe The Naked, Shelter The Homeless, Love One Another . . . “**

**Corpus Christi Parish Community welcomes new parishioners who have moved into the parish. Contact the parish office at 570-654-2753. All parishioners are asked to notify the parish office of a change of address or telephone number.**

**You and Your Friends are Invited**  
**to share a fun filled**  
**interactive cooking presentation**  
**"In the Kitchen with Cheryl"**  
**To be held on May 25, 2012**  
**At six o'clock in the evening**  
**At Immaculate Conception Church Hall**



**During this evening, you and your friends**  
**will be amazed as**  
**Cheryl Sempa Radkiewicz**  
**Prepares and serves a delicious meal high-**  
**lighted by:**

**Bourbon Glazed Pork Tenderloin**  
**Creamy Mashed Potatoes**  
**Honey Buttered Carrots**  
**Vanilla Ice Cream with Brandy Walnut**  
**Sauce**  
**and**

**Yes, I would love to attend "In the Kitchen**  
**with Cheryl"!**

**All Names Attending\_\_\_\_\_**

