

**MARCH 10, 2013**  
**YEAR C**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY**  
**OF LENT**

*"Feed The Hungry,  
Clothe The Naked,*



*Shelter The Homeless,  
Love One Another ...."*

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**  
**HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH**  
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**WEEKEND CELEBRATION**  
**OF THE EUCHARIST**  
Saturday - 4:00PM -Immaculate Conception  
Saturday - 5:30PM - Holy Redeemer  
Sunday - 7:30AM - Immaculate Conception  
Sunday - 9:00AM - Holy Redeemer  
Sunday - 10:30AM -Immaculate Conception

**WEEKDAY CELEBRATION**  
**OF THE EUCHARIST**  
7:30 AM Immaculate Conception  
8:30 AM Holy Redeemer  
5:30PM Immaculate Conception

**CONFESSION SATURDAYS**  
3:00PM - 3:30PM Immaculate Conception

**Parish Mission Statement**  
**To promote and improve the**  
**community of God by living the**  
**Gospel message;**  
**caring for the elderly, youth,**  
**sick, needy, and**  
**participating in the liturgy.**

**COLLECTION**  
**March 3, 2013**  
**\$7,207.97**

# CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

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**Fourth Sunday of Lent - Gather Book # 1027; Reading I: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 / 33; Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Reading II: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

## **Breaking the Ice: Looking Forward to the Lenten Spring**

As the winter season will soon come to a close, the church announces the coming of the Lenten spring and the warmth that will follow. In anticipation for the good things that await as winter passes over into another spring, let us ponder these words:

**Receive with joy, O people of God, the announcement of the Lenten Spring!**

**For the time of Lent is a time of gladness, a time of integrity, a time of pure love!**

**Filled with resplendent prayer and all good deeds, let us loose every knot of iniquity, and tear up every unrighteous bond.**

**Let us rid our selves of every unkind thought against our neighbors.**

**Let us distribute our bread to the hungry and welcome into our homes those who have no roof over their heads, so that perfected by love in due time, we may all be made worthy to see the Passion of Christ in spiritual joy!**

## **Project Life & Liberty Postcard Campaign**

In the pews are postcards which you are asked to take home, fill it out and mail to your Representatives and Senators urging them to support and strengthen existing laws against government funding and promotion of abortion and to improve protection for religious freedom.

## **Second Collection Next Weekend**

At all masses next weekend, we will have a second collection for the Rice Bowl.

## **Daily Mass during Lent**

Mass times are: 7:30AM at ICC, 8:30AM at HR and 5:30PM at ICC

## **Lenten Evening Prayer**

Every Sunday evening during Lent at 7:00PM in ICC. All are welcome.

## **Lenten Soup & Scripture**

Tomorrow, Monday, March 11th at 6:00PM (following the 5:30PM Mass) in Immaculate Conception Hall will be our final session of Lenten Soup & Scripture. Our guest speaker this week will be Sr, Katherine Kurdziel IHM. All are welcome!

## **The Light is on for You**

Mondays during Lent from 6:00PM to 7:00:PM, Msgr Sempa will be in the confessional of Immaculate Conception Church. All are welcome!

## **Stations of the Cross**

Friday's during Lent, at 6:00PM in ICC and at 7:00PM in HR.

## **Holy Name Society Communion Breakfast**

The breakfast will be held in ICC hall immediately following the 7:30AM Mass on **Sunday, April 7th**. This year the breakfast will be prepared by members of our Altar & Rosary Society. Principal speaker for the event will be Edward Ackerman. Donation is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 5 years of age and older. Tickets can be purchased from the ushers after mass or by calling the rectory. All proceeds from this event benefit the youth of our parish. Gentlemen, we are grateful for your continued support so please plan on attending this event!

## **Confirmation Prep Workshop**

Today, Sunday, March 10th from 3:00PM to 5:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church Hall our Confirmation Classes and adult volunteers will be making home made Easter Candy for our shut ins, preparing gift bags, filling eggs, and assembling baskets for prizes for children for "Brunch with the Bunny" and the "Easter Egg Hunt." All students are urged to attend.

## Brunch with the Bunny & Easter Egg Hunt

Tickets for Brunch with the Bunny can be purchased after all masses this weekend and next or you can call the rectory or email [jceconi50@gmail.com](mailto:jceconi50@gmail.com) to reserve your tickets. This event will take place on Sunday, March 24th. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 30th at 12:15PM on the grounds of Holy Redeemer Church (immediately following the blessing of the Easter Baskets)

## Liturgy Meeting

The liturgy committee will meet on Tuesday, March 12th at 6:00PM in ICC rectory. At this meeting we will finalize plans for the Triduum and Easter.

## Altar & Rosary Society

We will meet on Wednesday, March 13th at 7:00PM in ICC rectory. All women are invited to attend.

## Confirmation Information

Parents/guardians of the young men and women who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish this fall, were sent a letter along with some paperwork that must be filled out and returned to us. If you did not receive this information, please call the rectory so we can be sure your name is on our list. Parents/guardians are asked to please fill out the paperwork and return it to the rectory at your earliest convenience. Once we receive the date of Confirmation from the Diocese, we will publish it in the bulletin.

## EM's, Lectors & Altar Servers

Please call the rectory or e-mail [jceconi50@gmail.com](mailto:jceconi50@gmail.com) if you are available to serve at on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses. Thank you.

## Novena in honor of Saint Joseph

Beginning today, Sunday, March 10th masses will be held daily at 10:30AM and 7:00PM in the Oblatges of St. Joseph Seminary Chapel.

## Chrism Mass

All the faithful of the Diocese are invited to attend the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, on Tuesday, March 26 at 4:00PM. At this Mass priests from throughout the Diocese will renew their priestly promises before the Bishop, and the oils to be used for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders will be blessed. Participation in the Chrism Mass is a beautiful way to pray for and support the priests of the diocese.

## Celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday April 7th

The seventh annual celebration is being relocated from the Oblates of St. Joseph Seminary to St. Maria Goretti Parish, Laflin. By God's grace the congregation has been growing and a larger church is needed. Principal celebrant will be Rev. Richard Cirba, assistant pastor of St. John the Evangelist in Pittston.

## East Side Road to Resurrection

Wednesday, March 13th at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, St. Joseph Mareello Parish at 7:00PM. This week's guest speaker is Father Philip Altavilla

## Congratulations Stocking Stuffer Winners!!


Feb 28	No Winner	#556	\$50.00
Mar 01	No Winner	#803	\$50.00
Mar 02	Ed Stankoski	#409	\$50.00
Mar 03	Joe & Mary Agolino	#002	\$100.00
Mar 04	No Winner	#723	\$50.00
Mar 05	Caroline Kudasik	#744	\$50.00
Mar 06	Leonard Pribula	#447	\$50.00

## Holy Family Candle at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Joseph Fedor**, is donated by his wife, Rosella and daughter, Josette.

## Air Conditioner Envelope

During the month of February 2013 the amount of **\$1,060.00** has been given in the air conditioner envelopes and deposited into our parish savings account reducing the amount withdrawn for the air conditioner to **\$13,614.00**. Thank you for your continued support!!

		<b>Mass Intentions</b>		
		<b>March 11th thru March 17th</b>		
<b>Mon</b>	7:30AM	<b>Nicholas Mozal</b>	by John & Beverly Williams	
	8:30AM	<b>James Tracy, Sr.</b>	by M/M Don Weaver	
	5:30PM	<b>Mary Carrozza</b>	by John & Mary Purcell	
<b>Tues</b>	7:30AM	<b>Elizabeth &amp; Robert Sherwood</b>	by Jack Williams	
	8:30AM	<b>Louise Cavallo</b>	by Helen Hilbert & Family	
	5:30PM	<b>Jennie Bovani</b>	by David Gavigan	
<b>Wed</b>	7:30AM	<b>Joseph Gentile</b>	by son, Joseph & Family	
	8:30AM	<b>Grace E. Alco</b>	by Esther Zavrotny	
	5:30PM	<b>Catherine Fusco</b>	by Fred & Anita Mecadon	
<b>Thurs</b>	7:30AM	<b>Frank &amp; Nellie Parente</b>	by son, Frank & Family	
	8:30AM	<b>Rachael Keller</b>	by Joan	
	5:30PM	<b>Evelyn Kleback</b>	by Chrissy & Tommy Campenni	
<b>Fri</b>	7:30AM	<b>Leonard Insalaco II</b>	by Family	
	8:30AM	<b>Ruth Pace</b>	by Harold & Rosemary Ash	
	5:30PM	<b>Angelo Schifano</b>	by M/M Joseph Bartell	
<b>Sat</b>	4:00PM	<b>Joseph Fedor</b>	by wife, Rosella & daughter, Josette	
	5:30PM	<b>Ed &amp; Tom Pendleton</b>	by Elaine Pendleton	
<b>Sun</b>	7:30AM	<b>Ronald Rosengrant</b>	by Wife and Children	
	9:00AM	<b>John "Beno" Borzell</b>	by Dennis & Mary Hlavac & Fam.	
	10:30AM	<b>Hedwig Terescavage</b>	by Kelly, Sherry & Frank Terescavage	