

March 24, 2013
Palm Sunday
March 31, 2013
Easter Sunday

*"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

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 17, 2013

\$10,298.75

2nd Collection (Rice Bowl)

\$1,050.69

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

www.corpuschristinepa.com

Palm Sunday - Gather Book # 1032; Reading I: Isaiah 50:4-7 / 38; Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24; Reading II: Phillipians 2-6-11; Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

Easter Sunday Gather Book #1065

Please note this is a 2 week bulletin.....our next bulletin will be published April 6/7.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Today is the beginning of Holy week. It is truly a special opportunity for us to receive holiness. The holiness of Holy Week is first about God and then about God's gift of holiness to us.

Today's liturgy immediately sets the stage. We are part of the crowd of enthusiastic well wishers, heralding Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem with olive branches and palms. Within a few minutes we are immersed in the account of Jesus' Passion. The crowd is fickle. Humanity alone is insufficient. But throughout, God's holiness remains constant. Jesus is the same Son of God both riding into Jerusalem and dying on the Cross. In the end, he forgives his murderers and wins our salvation. Our frail humanity is no match for the loving holiness of God.

God is holy, This week is holy. Take part in as many of these liturgical celebrations as possible. Open yourself to God's love. You don't have to strive for holiness, God will bestow it upon you freely. All you have to do is accept this gift and enjoy Christ's holy life.

Daily Mass during Lent

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday of this week 7:30AM at ICC, 8:30AM at HR and 5:30PM at ICC.

Lenten Evening Prayer

Today Sunday, March 24th is the last Sunday for evening prayer

Lenten Penance Service

Monday, March 25 at 7:00PM at St. John the Evangelist, Pittston. All are welcome.

Holy Thursday Collection

The collection which will be taken up on Holy Thursday at the Mass of the Lord's Supper will benefit our Social Concerns Committee.

Good Friday Collection

The collection which will be taken up at our service on Good Friday is requested by our Holy Father to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on this collection for their lives.

Paschal Candles

The Easter Vigil begins with the blessing of the new fire and the preparation of the paschal candle. Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. All time belongs to him. During the Easter Vigil, the two Paschal candles, one for Immaculate Conception Church and one for Holy Redeemer Church, will be carried through the darkened church, their light spreading throughout the assembly while we proclaim the Light of Christ. This year the Paschal Candle for Immaculate Conception Church is donated in loving memory of Kosty Harzinski by his wife, Helen and their children. The Paschal Candle for Holy Redeemer Church is donated in honor and memory of the living and deceased members of the Peter Manganello and Litwin Families.

Sunday Envelopes

To be sure you receive proper credit, please mark your contribution amount on your envelope. And please, please do not tape or staple your envelopes.

March 25th thru 31st

Holy Family Candle at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of **William Goldsworthy, Sr.** is donated by his family.

Vigil Candle at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Rita Ann Denisco** is donated by Catherine & Gene Manganello.

Sanctuary Candle at HR

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Catherine Glogowski** is donated by her family.

April 1st thru 7th

Altar Candles at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Sam Angelella** are donated by his family.

Congratulations Stocking Stuffer Winners!!

Mar 14	Sara Konopka	#289	\$50.00
Mar 15	No Winner	#812	\$50.00
Mar 16	Mike & Lenore Benish	#034	\$50.00
Mar 17	Ida & Louie LaFratte	#364	\$500.00
Mar 18	Doris Sorick	#535	\$50.00
Mar 19	Robert Pascolini	#424	\$50.00
Mar 20	Lillian Orr	#407	\$50.00

High School Graduates

Members of our parish who will be graduating from high school this year will be honored at a special Mass on Sunday, May 19th at 10:30AM in Immaculate Conception Church. Following the Mass, the graduates and their families are invited to join us for brunch in the church hall.

Courtesy Announcements

VIRTUS Protecting God's Children

Wed, 4/3/13 6:00PM Gate of Heaven Dallas For information and to register visit www.dioceseofscranton.org.

Service Hours Opportunity

High school and Confirmation students.....April 6th from 9:00AM to 11:00AM, students are invited to help clean Morris Park on Exeter Avenue in West Pittston. Please bring work gloves...rakes will be supplied.

Spring Rummage Sale

Holy Trinity Church, Hughes Street, Swoyersville will hold their annual rummage sale along with a light lunch and bake sale on April 7, 8, 9, 10 and 13 from 9 to 3PM and 6 to 8pm on Monday, April 8.

Mass Intentions

March 25th thru March 31st



Mon	7:30AM	Morlyn Hensley by Wife, Mary and Children
	8:30AM	Samuel Saracino by Wife, Albina and Family
	5:30PM	Eleanor Robertson by Grandchildren
Tues	7:30AM	Madeline Menchi by Ann Wierbowski
	8:30AM	Muriel Doherty by Wayne Doherty
	5:30PM	Alice Costello by Janet Kolmansperger
Wed	7:30AM	John F. O'Boyle, Sr by Hughes & Derolf Families
	8:30AM	Dec Members of Suprick & Franko Families by Fran & Ray Franko
	5:30PM	Anthony Dellarte by M/M Joe DeSanto
Holy Thursday	7:00PM	Mass of Lord's Supper
	10:00PM	Night Prayer
Good Friday	1:00PM	Passion of Our Lord
Holy Saturday	8:00PM	Easter Vigil & Mass
	7:30AM	Patricia Musinski by Family
	9:00AM	Matthew Chipolis by Ann & Bill Longstreet
	10:30AM	Robert Bowman by Theresa Murphy

Mass Intentions

April 1st thru April 7th



Mon	7:30AM	Rita Ann, Ross, Sr. & Ann Maria DeNisco by Ross & Rosemary
	8:30AM	Catherine Glogowski by Family
Tues	7:30AM	Charles Abromitis by Family
	8:30AM	Kathryn Strobel by Corcoran Family
Wed	7:30AM	Marie Brogna by Mary Lou Holby
	8:30AM	Mary Ann Fino Anzalone by Margie Burke
Thurs	7:30AM	Sam Angelella by Family
	8:30AM	Freda DeGuglielmo by Frank & Jenny Falzone
Fri	7:30AM	Robert Wrobleski by Family
	8:30AM	Ann DeGennaro by M/M Joseph Ashley
Sat	4:00PM	Philip Giambra by Elizabeth Baldiga & Family
	5:30PM	Nellie Parente by Ronald & Joann Patoka
Sun	7:30AM	Living & Deceased Members Of the Holy Name Society
	9:00AM	Matthew Chipolis by Dave, Emily & Zeb Gavigan
	10:30AM	Mike & Mary Capizzi by Betty Ann & Mike

Living Stations of the Cross

All are invited to join us on Friday, March 29th at 7:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church for our Youth Group's presentation of The Living Stations of Cross.

Easter Egg Hunt

Hey kids, hop on up to the grounds of Holy Redeemer Church and search for hundreds of hidden Easter Eggs. Find a "golden egg" to receive a special prize!!

We will have a special area just for toddlers.

Religious Education News

CCD Classes

There are no CCD classes this weekend or next. Classes will resume on Sunday, April 7th. Please note there will be no classes in ICC hall on that day...the 4th grade and pre k students will report to the school.

Confirmation Workshop

The Confirmation students will have a workshop on Monday, April 8th from 6:00PM to 7:30PM in Immaculate Conception Church Hall. All students are urged to attend these workshops. *There will be no Confirmation class on Sunday, April 7th at the Immaculate Conception site.*

First Eucharist Retreat

A mandatory retreat for the children receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist will be held on Saturday, April 13 from 9:00AM to 12 Noon in Immaculate Conception Church hall.

Sacrament of First Eucharist

Will be celebrated in our parish on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at 10:00AM in Immaculate Conception Church. Practices for First Eucharist will be held on Sunday, April 31 from 6:00PM to 8:00PM and Friday, May 3 at 6:00PM.

Holy Name Society Communion Breakfast

Sunday, April 7th

Following the 7:30AM Mass
Immaculate Conception Hall

Guest speaker Mr. Edward Ackerman

Donation: \$10.00 adults \$5.00 children

Tickets can be purchased from the ushers after mass or by calling the rectory 654-2753

Altar & Rosary Society

The Altar Rosary Communion Breakfast will be held on Sunday, May 5th following the 7:30AM Mass in ICC hall. Our guest speaker will be Sr. Ellen Maroney, Vice President IHM. This year, the breakfast will be catered by the members of our parish Holy Name Society. The ladies also graciously decided to assume the responsibility of laundering the altar linens, albs, etc. We are looking for additional volunteers who are willing to share this task with the ladies so it does not become too burdensome for anyone. For information on how you can help, please contact

Rosalie Bugelholl @ 654-1356 or Elaine Pendleton @ 388-2204.

Ministry Schedule

The new ministry schedule is in the vestibules and the sacristies of the churches. All lectors, EM's, and altar servers are asked to take one home.

The Easter Basket Tradition

The blessing of the Easter food baskets is a tradition of many ethnic Catholics. Immigrants would spend time in the kitchen baking and cooking their ethnic foods. They would put a sampling of these foods and goodies in a decorated basket and take it to the Church on Holy Saturday to be blessed.

On Easter morning families would "break fast" on all the homemade foods and goodies they'd given up for so long.

Once again this year, members of our Social Concerns Committee will prepare and deliver to our shut-ins on Holy Saturday afternoon, baskets filled with blessed foods including ham, Easter eggs, Easter bread, wine, and chocolates.

Blessed Water

Bottles of Easter Water will be available after the Easter Vigil and at the Masses on Easter Sunday.

Parish Meetings

Holy Name Society Meeting

All men of the parish are invited to attend our meeting on Wednesday, April 3rd at 7:00PM in ICC rectory.

Youth Group Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, April 7th at 6:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church hall. All teenagers are welcome!!

Night at the Races Meeting

A meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9th at 6:30PM in ICC rectory. All are welcome! Save the date, Night at the Races will be held on Saturday, April 27th in Immaculate Conception Church Hall.

Altar & Rosary Society Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00PM in Immaculate Conception rectory. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

Bazaar Committee Meetings

It is hard to believe our parish bazaar is just 3 short months away. Mark your calendar...the dates are June 27, 28 and 29 on the grounds of Immaculate Conception Church. During the first 2 weeks of April a number of bazaar sub committees will be meeting to begin preparing for the bazaar. The following sub committee meetings will be held at ICC rectory. All are welcome to join us!

Sunday, April 7th	5:00PM	Games
Sunday, April 7th	6:00PM	Entertainment
Monday, April 8th	6:00PM	Sponsors
Monday, April 8th	6:00PM	Volunteers

THE PASCAL TRIDUUM

commemorates Jesus' passage from death to life God is holy. This week is holy.
Lent only makes sense and reaches its fullness in our participation in
The Easter Triduum.

Monday, March 25, 2013 7:00PM

PENANCE SERVICE

St. John the Evangelist Church, Pittston

Thursday, March 28, 2013 7:00PM

HOLY THURSDAY.....MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Immaculate Conception Church

In the Eucharist, Jesus gave himself to us, just as he would in the sacrifice of Calvary.
We imitate our master in the washing of feet. This ritual reminds us that our baptismal commitment
means we are to be servants of one another.

All Extraordinary Ministers of Communion will be re-commissioned during this liturgy

Night Prayer 10:00PM

Immaculate Conception Church

Friday, March 29, 2013 1:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY.....PASSION OF OUR LORD

Immaculate Conception Church

As part of our observance of Good Friday, we venerate the cross on which Christ died. The veneration
challenges us to be willing to accept the cross, too,
for it is the only way to resurrection.

This celebration of the Lord's Passion ends in the silence of the tomb
where Jesus was laid. We have the advantage of knowing he will rise the next day, but his disciples did
not. In their grief and sorrow they were like all of us who experience the grief of loss, defeat and prayers
that seem to go unanswered.

Friday, March 29, 2013 7:00PM

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Immaculate Conception Church

Saturday, March 30, 2013 12 Noon

BLESSING OF BASKETS

Holy Redeemer Church

Saturday, March 30, 2013 12:15PM

EASTER EGG HUNT

Holy Redeemer Church Grounds

Saturday, March 30, 2013 8:00PM

EASTER VIGIL & MASS

Immaculate Conception Church

In this liturgy, the entire Church Year culminates in worship and praise. From the Liturgy of Light, to the
Scriptural account of salvation history to baptism to the renewal of our baptismal vows and finally to the
Eucharist, this night celebrates Christ's triumph over sin and death.

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

Mass 7:30AM Immaculate Conception Church

Mass 9:00AM Holy Redeemer Church

Family Mass 10:30AM Immaculate Conception Church