

March 9, 2014

First Sunday  
in 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

7:30AM - Immaculate Conception

8:30AM - Holy Redeemer

5:30PM - Immaculate Conception

### CONFESSION SATURDAYS

3:00PM - 3:30PM

Immaculate Conception

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

WEDNESDAYS 9:00AM - 3:00PM

HOLY REDEEMER

### 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.

### Weekly Collection

March 2, 2014

\$7,998.85

# CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

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Dear God,

As we begin this blessed season of repentance, renewal and grace, help us to fast from pessimism and feast on optimism. To fast from criticism and feast on praise. To fast from self-pity and feast on joy. As we journey to the cross of Jesus Christ, may we fast from bitterness and feast on forgiveness. Fast from idle gossip and feast on purposeful silence. Fast from jealousy and feast on love. During these forty days of Lent, may we fast from discouragement and feast on hope. May we fast from complaining and feast on appreciation. And may we fast from selfishness and feast on service.

Dear God, as we turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel, help us to fast from fear and feast on faith. To fast from anger and feast on patience. To fast from self-concern and feast on compassion. And finally Lord, when these forty days are over, may we be devoid of discontentment and full of gratitude for all that our fasting and feasting has done. Amen

### Daily Lenten Mass Schedule

7:30 AM @ Immaculate Conception Church

8:30 AM @ Holy Redeemer Church

5:30 PM @ Immaculate Conception Church

*(Please note there will be no 5:30PM Mass on March 10, and 19)*

### Stations of the Cross

Every Friday evening during Lent from March 7<sup>th</sup> thru April 11<sup>th</sup>

6:00PM @ Immaculate Conception Church

6:30PM @ Holy Redeemer Church

(Sign up sheets are in the vestibule of the churches for anyone interested in taking part in the Stations of the Cross)

### The Light is on for You

In our parish Msgr. Sempa will be in the confessional at Immaculate Conception Church on Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00PM to 7:00PM and in the confessional at Holy Redeemer on Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00PM to 7:00PM.

### Lenten Soup & Scripture

Mondays during Lent, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>  
at 6:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church Hall

All are invited to join us on Monday evenings during Lent as we share a simple Lenten meal of soup and sandwiches. Each week a different guest speaker will share some Lenten thoughts with us. Members of our Social Concerns Committee will be hosting the first session. All are welcome!

Lighting Renovation Donations Through your generous donations, as of February 28<sup>th</sup> a total of \$988.00 has been deposited back into our parish diocesan savings account. This reduces the amount we borrowed for the lighting renovation project at both worship sites to \$19,367.00. Thank you for your support!!

Ministry Schedule EM's, lectors, altar servers, and cantors are asked to disregard the pink ministry schedule and take a NEW schedule home today. They can be found in the sacristy of each church.

**Eagle Scout Project** This weekend at all masses, please welcome Eagle Scout candidate Brian Wisowaty who will speak to us on behalf of his Eagle Scout project which is to landscape and beautify the military memorial at the rear of the West Pittston Cemetery.

**Sewing Ministry** This group of crafters....knitting, sewing, crocheting....will be meeting on **Wednesday, March 12th at 6:30PM** in the rectory. At this meeting we will be learning how to make mesh ribbon wreaths. Whether you are a beginner or experienced in making these wreaths, you are welcome to join us!! At this meeting we will discuss and plan a "craft booth" for our parish bazaar.

**Holy Name Society Breakfast** Which will be held on Sunday, April 6th following the 7:30AM Mass in ICC hall will consist of scrambled eggs, home fried potatoes, sausage, ham, rolls, sweet desserts and beverage. **Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children age 5 to 10. Tickets can be obtained from the ushers after mass or by calling the rectory.** We invite and ask all the men of the parish for your continued support! Please bring your children and/or grandchildren and have them wear their favorite baseball cap!!

**Holy Name Meeting** Will take place on Thursday, **March 13th at 7:00PM in the rectory.** All are welcome.

**Adult Choir** If you like to sing, why not consider joining our adult choir? The choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 6:30PM at Immaculate Conception church. All are welcome from teen thru adults.

**Youth Group** Will meet today, Sunday, March 9th at 6:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church hall to begin preparing for Living Stations. All interested members are asked to attend.

**Bazaar Planning Meeting** Save the date!! Our parish bazaar will be held on **June 26, 27, 28** on Immaculate Conception Church grounds. All are welcome to attend a meeting on Wednesday, **March 19th at 6:30PM in ICC rectory.**

**Green to Gold Lottery** Our "green to gold" lottery tickets have been mailed out. This lottery runs April 1st thru June 30th. Match the evening drawing of the Pa lottery and you could win \$50

daily, \$100 on Sundays and \$500 on Easter, April 20th; Mother's Day, May 11th; Memorial Day, May 26th or Father's Day, June 15th. Donation is \$25.00. For tickets stop by or call the rectory.

**Congratulations Stocking Stuffer Lottery Winners**

Feb 27	No Winner	#244	\$50.00
Feb 28	Janet Kresge	#145	\$50.00
Mar 01	No Winner	#181	\$50.00
Mar 02	Grace & Tony Hassey	#216	\$100.00
Mar 03	No Winner	#602	\$50.00
Mar 04	Mark & Donna Kleback	#627	\$50.00
Mar 05	No Winner	#793	\$50.00

The following winners were drawn last Sunday, for the 3 days last week when we had no winners.

Congratulations to:

Feb 22	Milissa Mikulker	#853	\$50.00
Feb 23	Catherine Wheeland	#804	\$100.00
Feb 24	Maureen Harzinski	#253	\$50.00

**Mass Intentions  
March 10th thru March 16th**

<b>Mon</b>	7:30AM	<b>Joseph Gentile</b> by son & family
	8:30AM	<b>Carmella Parente</b> by M/M Francis Talarico
	5:30PM	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tues</b>	7:30AM	<b>Helen Yankosky</b> by John & Priscilla Parente
	8:30AM	<b>Dr. Jennifer Sidari</b> by Zielen Family
	5:30PM	<b>Jennie Champi</b> by Elizabeth Baldiga & Family
<b>Wed</b>	7:30AM	<b>Frank &amp; Nellie Parente</b> by Mary Oliveri
	8:30AM	<b>Mary Miano</b> by Dr. John Callahan
	5:30PM	<b>Elizabeth Marranta</b> by Frank & Ann Marie Parente
<b>Thurs</b>	7:30AM	<b>Bernice Williamson</b> by Marguerite Dixon
	8:30AM	<b>Carmelita Maira</b> by Lori Ann & Joe McCormack
	5:30PM	<b>Julia Cherba</b> by Marie Marranta
<b>Fri</b>	7:30AM	<b>Dec. Mem of Alexander &amp; Josephine Parente Families</b> by Grandchildren
	8:30AM	<b>Molly Devers</b> by John Eichorn Family
	5:30PM	<b>Beatrice Medico</b> by Patti Wiatrowski
<b>Sat</b>	4:00PM	<b>Leonard Insalaco, IV</b> by Family
	5:30PM	<b>Don Moss</b> by Marquerite Dixon
<b>Sun</b>	7:30AM	<b>Marty Pleban</b> by Joe Gentile
	9:00AM	<b>Raymonda Franko</b> by M/M Fred Spott
	10:30AM	<b>Joseph Fedor</b> by wife, Rosella & Josette