

March 30, 2014
Third Sunday
in Lent

*"Feed The Hungry,
Clothe The Naked,*



*Shelter The Homeless,
Love One Another"*

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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 23, 2014
\$7,576.15

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

www.corpuschristinepa.com

To follow the readings in your Gather book, please see #1024

Daily Lenten Mass Schedule

7:30 AM @ ICC....8:30 AM @ HRC...5:30 PM @ ICC

Stations of the Cross

Friday evenings during Lent6:00PM @ ICC.....6:30PM @ HRC
(Sign up sheets are in the sacristy, for anyone interested in participating)

The Light is on for You

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

Lenten Soup & Scripture

Join us in ICC hall at 6:00PM on Monday March 31st for our final evening of this Lenten retreat.

Rice Bowl Collection

In our parish, a collection for the Rice Bowl will be held at all Masses next weekend April 5 & 6th.

First Eucharist Retreat

Saturday, April 5th 9:00AM to 12:00Noon.

Immaculate Conception School

Please note location change for retreat

All children who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist are expected to attend. If your child cannot attend, please contact Joyce at jcecco-ni50@gmail.com or 654-2753.

Holy Name Society Breakfast

Sunday, April 6th following the 7:30AM Mass in ICC hall

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

Guest speaker this year is Andy Ashby. All are welcome.

Bring your children and/or grandchildren and have them wear their favorite baseball hat!!

We invite and ask all the men of the parish for your continued support!

Holy Name Meeting

We will meet this Wednesday, April 2nd at 7:00PM in ICC rectory. Next weekend, April 5/6 the \$2.00 lotto tickets will be available at all Masses. Proceeds benefit the children of our parish community.

Sewing Ministry/Craft Booth

We will meet next Wednesday, April 2nd at 6:30PM in ICC hall. At this meeting we will be learning how to make fashionable "ruffle scarves." Just bring a size K crochet hook and the yarn. We will have supplies available here for those of you who do not have them. If you are interested in crafts or if you do a particular craft and would like to share it, please consider joining us. We are planning a craft booth for our parish bazaar and would love any ideas!!

Youth Choir

Our youth choir will be practicing today Sunday, March 30th at 5:30PM in Immaculate Conception Church. All children are welcome to join. The children will be singing at Living Stations, Easter Sunday Family Mass and First Eucharist.

Weight Watchers

Spring has finally sprung!! So let's stop hibernating and get ready for it!! To help us get into shape for spring, we are bringing "Weight Watchers" to our parish community. It is a program that is known to work...so why not "lose it" together with friends!! Confidential weigh-in & meetings will be held weekly at the Immaculate Conception site. If you would like to learn more and/or consider joining contact Joyce at jceconi50@gmail.com or at the rectory 570-654-2753.

Spring Cleaning?

Don't throw out those unwanted items, just box them and save them for our flea market. We will begin accepting donations the week of April 27th.

Car Show Meeting

A meeting for our annual car show which will be held on Sunday, August 10 on the grounds of Holy Redeemer Church will be held on Sunday, April 6th at 11:30AM in ICC rectory. All are invited!!

Easter Food Drive

Thank you to everyone for continued support and donations for our food drive. This week we are asking for donations of rice, pastas, sauces, macaroni & cheese.

Easter Baskets

If you can help us fill Easter baskets for children donations of Easter baskets, straw, Easter candy, treats, small toys, etc.....which can be found in the "dollar stores". Please leave donations in church vestibules or drop off at the rectory. Thank you.

Shut ins & Nursing Homes

If you know of a neighbor who doesn't get out much or someone who is now residing in a nursing home, please call Dorothy at the rectory (570-654-2753) so she can put them on our shut in list. We will be delivering blessed palm crosses and Easter flowers to them on Palm Sunday weekend and our shut ins will be receiving a blessed Easter basket on Holy Saturday.

Social Concerns Meeting & Work Session

We will meet in ICC hall on Monday, April 7th at 6:30PM. After a brief meeting, at approximately 7:00PM we will begin filling and putting together Easter baskets and the Easter "food" gift baskets.

Congratulations Stocking Stuffer Lottery Winners

Mar 20	No Winner	#128	\$50.00
Mar 21	Rick & Carolyn Furman	#672	\$50.00
Mar 22	Gianna Saitta	#101	\$50.00
Mar 23	Alberta Phelps	#982	\$100.00
Mar 24	Kim Rollman	#526	\$50.00
Mar 25	Frank Sempa	#082	\$50.00
Mar 26	Jerry Stofko	#637	\$50.00

The following winners was drawn last Sunday, for the 3 days last week when we had no winner:

March 13	Abby Sempa	\$50.00
March 14	Lorraine Zielinski	\$50.00
March 18	Joe Slusser	\$50.00

Today, Sunday, March 30th a drawing will be held to determine the winner for March 20th.

Vigil Candle at ICC Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Helen Pesta** is donated by Alice Duliba.

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Madeleine Menchi** is donated by M/M Charles Kabalka & Family.

Altar Family Candles at ICC Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Leonard Cumbo** are donated by M/M Brian Sherwood.

Road To Resurrection Wednesdays @ 7:00PM

4/2 Queen of the Apostles, Avoca

4/9 St John the Evangelist, Pittston

Spring Fling Bingo

Wyoming Area High School Cafeteria Sunday, April 6 1:00PM to 5:00PM (doors open at noon). Door prizes, specials, gift certificates and much more!! Food available for purchase. For tickets contact Judey 654-7961 or judeysmusic@gmail.com. Benefits WA music programs.

Mass Intentions

March 31th thru April 6th

Mon	7:30AM	Stephen Sokach by Margie Burke
	8:30AM	Jack Mulhern by M/M Brian Hoover
	5:30PM	Elizabeth La Nunziata by Lepore & Morgan Families
Tues	7:30AM	Deceased members of Redding & Bean Families by Joan Speziale
	8:30AM	William J. James by Joan & Don Behm & Kelly Family
	5:30PM	Mary Frances Burke by Kane Family
Wed	7:30AM	Rita Ann, Anna Maria & Ross DeNisco, Sr. by Ross & Rosemary
	8:30AM	Samuel Agolino, Jr. by Ron & Rosemary Gitkos
	5:30PM	Catherine Glogowski by Jay & Cheryl Charney & Fam
Thur	7:30AM	Charles Abromitis by Family
	8:30AM	Emilio Pierelli by Mary Jane Morrissey
	5:30PM	Carmelita Maira by Jerrie Coolbaugh
Fri	7:30AM	Helen Gregor by Lorraine Amos
	8:30AM	Sam Graci by Cefalo Family
	5:30PM	Mary Melvin & Helen Nuzzalo by Fred & Marie Melvin
Sat	4:00PM	Lena Brown by husband Harold & daughters
	5:30PM	Robert Wroblewski by Family
Sun	7:30AM	Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society
	9:00AM	Viola Michels by Dianne & Ray Smith
	10:30AM	Elizabeth Marranta by Ellen Brown

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, April 14, 2014 7:00PM

PENANCE SERVICE

St. John the Evangelist Church, Pittston

Thursday, April 17, 2014 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)

Thursday, April 17, 2014

NIGHT PRAYER

Immaculate Conception Church

Friday, April 18, 2014 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, April 18, 2014 7:00PM

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Immaculate Conception Church

Saturday, April 19, 2014 12 Noon

BLESSING OF BASKETS

Holy Redeemer Church

Saturday, April 19, 2014 12:15PM

EASTER EGG HUNT

Holy Redeemer Church Grounds

Saturday, April 19, 2014 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.

Sunday, April 20, 2014

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

Mass 7:30AM Immaculate Conception Church

Mass 9:00AM Holy Redeemer Church

Family Mass 10:30AM Immaculate Conception Church

Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion,
and Heavenly Hosts

Our Liturgical Coordinators will be preparing schedules for altar servers, lectors, extraordinary ministers of communion and heavenly hosts to for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, The Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday Masses.

Listed below are the coordinators along with their contact information. It would be very helpful if you would contact one of the coordinators from the ministry/ministries in which you are involved and let them know of your availability for these Masses.

Once their schedules are complete, you will be contacted by one of your coordinators and they will set up a time when they will meet with you for a brief practice or to give you your readings.

Thank you for your help.

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