

April 13, 2014  
Palm Sunday of the  
Passion of the Lord

*"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

April 6, 2014

\$10,232.80

Rice Bowl Collection

\$1,569.75

# CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

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#### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Branches of palm, olive and sometimes even budding willow, are ancient symbols of victory and hope, as well as new life. The procession celebrating Jesus's entry into Jerusalem overflowed with praise and excitement, as onlookers waved these triumphant branches and proclaimed their blessings. Yet, in a few days, they will cry "Crucify Him!" The crowd's change of heart illustrates the problem of holding God to our expectations. The crowd expected a liberating leader, the Messiah, to free them from Roman oppression. Jesus instead takes up his Cross and invites us to do the same. Through his Death and Resurrection he is indeed a liberator, but from death and sin, not from Rome. But unable to see past their need, the crowd's disappointment turns into anger and a death order. As we enter Holy Week, Palm Sunday teaches us to let God be God, and to trust in God's wisdom not only to meet but shatter and exceed our expectations.

#### Sacred Paschal Triduum

The three days of the Paschal Triduum are really one celebration, focusing on three aspects of one and the same mystery: Christ's passage through Death into eternal life. This is the mystery in which we share through our Baptism. This is the mystery into which we are called not only at the moment of our physical deaths but throughout our lives: allowing ourselves to be handed over by the events and circumstances of life that seem so nonsensical and even unjust; being willing to pass through the darkness of the uncertainties and the unknowns; being raised in the midst of it all into a new life by the power of God at work in us.

#### Triduum Schedule and Easter Sunday Masses

Mass of the Lord's Supper, Thursday, April 17th 7:00PM, ICC

*(all extraordinary ministers of communion will be re-commissioned during this Mass)*

Night Prayer, Thursday, April 17th 10:00PM, ICC

Passion of Our Lord, Friday, April 18th 1:00PM, ICC

Easter Vigil & Mass, Saturday, April 19th 8:00PM ICC

Easter Sunday Masses: 7:30AM ICC, 9:00AM HR

10:30AM Family Mass ICC

*The collection on Holy Thursday will benefit Social Concerns and the collection on Good Friday will be sent to the Holy Land.*

Paschal Candles The person who requested the Paschal Candle for Holy Redeemer Church is asked to call the rectory!!

Penance Service All are welcome on Monday, April 14th at 7:00PM at St. John the Evangelist Church, Pittston.

Living Stations of the Cross presented by our parish youth group accompanied by our parish youth choir will be held on Good Friday, April 18 at 7:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church. All are welcome.

Blessing of Baskets Easter Baskets will be blessed on Saturday, April 19 at 12 noon in Holy Redeemer Church.

Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by our parish youth group will be held on the grounds of Holy Redeemer Church on Saturday, April 19 at 12:15PM. All are welcome!

### The Homebound and Nursing Home Residents

On behalf of our parish community, this weekend Social Concerns members and helpers have delivered to our parishioners who are homebound and those residing in nursing homes blessed palm crosses and an Easter flower. On Holy Saturday, our parishioners who are homebound will receive a "blessed basket" consisting of ham, paska, wine, and homemade chocolates.

### Easter Food Gift Baskets

Through your extremely generous donations of non perishable foods, monetary gifts, and Easter baskets including candy, small toys and all the trimmings, 35 local families will enjoy a beautiful Easter. Each family will receive a "gift basket" and an extra bag of food, a \$25 grocery gift card and an beautiful Easter baskets for each of their children. You can see pictures on our website and/or our facebook page.

### Weight Watchers

We will begin an 8 week session in our parish on Monday evenings at 7:00PM. Our first meeting will take place on Monday, April 21 in ICC rectory. (Please note we changed the starting date from April 14 to 21) All are welcome!!

### Thank You!!

The Holy Name members wish to thank the ladies of our parish who so graciously prepared and served breakfast for the annual Father & Son Breakfast. Everyone who attended seemed to agree the food was great, the speaker enjoyable and a good time was had by all. You can view some pics on our website and our facebook page.

### Parish Bazaar

Mark your calendars!! Our parish bazaar will be held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, June 26, 27, and 28 on the grounds of Immaculate Conception Church. Our next bazaar meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 7th at 6:30PM in Immaculate Conception Hall.

### Flea Market

If you are "spring cleaning"....don't throw out those unwanted treasures.....you can donate them to our flea market which will be held in Immaculate Conception school in May and June. Donations may be brought to the school the last week of April.....time and days to be announced!!

### Green to Gold Winners

Congratulations to the first 9 lucky winners of our "green to gold lottery!!

Apr 01	Robert Wierbowski	#900	\$50.00
Apr 02	<b>No Winner</b>	#877	\$50.00
Apr 03	Debi Secor	#764	\$50.00
Apr 04	John Grochal	#343	\$50.00
Apr 05	M/M James Gelgot	#321	\$50.00
Apr 06	Norbert Katarsky	#425	\$100.00
Apr 07	<b>No Winner</b>	#883	\$50.00
Apr 08	Tom Coleman	#182	\$50.00
Apr 09	<b>No Winner</b>	#528	\$50.00

A drawing will be held to determine winners, for April 2nd, 7th and 9th.

### Vigil Candle at ICC

Will burn this week in loving memory of **Helene Manganiello** and is donated by her family.

### Altar Family Candles at ICC

Will burn this week in loving memory of **Sam, Lillian & Mary Denisco** and are donated by their children.

### Holy Family Candle at ICC

Will burn this week in loving memory of **Marguerite MacMorran** is donated by Rose & Margaret Giordano.

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### **Community News**

#### **Breast Cancer Research Fundraising Bus Trip**

Sat, Apr 26 see "One Day in Pompeii", a traveling exhibit at Philadelphia's Franklin Institute which features over 150 artifacts, sculptures, jewelry and much more. Then on to New Hope where you will be free to enjoy the quaint shops, boutiques, art galleries and restaurants. Cost is \$73.00. Martz bus will leave from Wyoming Valley Mall at 7:15 and return at 8:00PM. To reserve contact Carol Sabatini at 570-239-8042 or Mary Ann Zezza at 570-299-9379.

### **Mass Intentions**

#### **April 14th thru April 20th**

<b>Mon</b>	7:30AM	<b>Amelia &amp; John Parente</b> by Family
	8:30AM	<b>Mary Ann Fino Anzalone</b> by husband, Paul
	5:30PM	<b>Joseph Galaida</b> by Family
<b>Tues</b>	7:30AM	<b>John J. Rindgen</b> by Margie Burke
	8:30AM	<b>Joan B. Fino</b> by Dr. John Callahan
	5:30PM	<b>Dec. Mem. of Balberchak Family</b> by Michael, Lillian and Family
<b>Wed</b>	7:30AM	<b>Patsy Donnelly</b> by Patti Wiatrowski
	8:30AM	<b>Sam Maira</b> by Sandor Yellen
	5:30PM	<b>John Paul, Evelyn &amp; John Gardner</b> by Madelyn, Paula, & Kerry Cecil

**Thurs 7:00PM Holy Thursday  
Mass of Lord's Supper**

**10:00PM Night Prayer**

**Fri 1:00PM Good Friday  
Passion of Our Lord**

**Sat 8:00PM Easter Vigil & Mass**

**Sun 7:30AM Special Intention**  
by Pilates Group  
**9:00AM Those who are homebound  
and residing in nursing homes**

**10:30AM God's Blessings for all children**

