



## Corpus Christi Parish

### Mission Statement

**We as members of the Body of Christ, through our thoughts, words and deeds, celebrate the presence of God in all people. As a community of believers, we answer Christ's call to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless and love one another.**

**January 31, 2016 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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 Holy Redeemer Church  
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**Msgr. John J. Sempa**, Pastor  
**Mr. James Meizanis**, Deacon  
**Mrs. Joyce Cecconi**,  
 Pastoral Associate

#### WEEKEND CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Sat 4:00PM Immaculate Conception  
 Sat 5:30PM Holy Redeemer  
 Sun 7:30AM Immaculate Conception  
 Sun 9:00AM Holy Redeemer  
 Sun 10:30AM Immaculate Conception

#### WEEKDAY CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

7:30AM Immaculate Conception  
 8:30AM Holy Redeemer

#### CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00PM - 3:30PM  
 Immaculate Conception

#### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays 9:00AM - 10:00AM  
 Holy Redeemer

#### January 31, 2016

Follow the readings in Gather #1103  
 Gathering #616  
 Praise to The Lord, The Almighty  
 Responsorial Psalm - #1103  
 Offertory #706  
 Where Charity and Love Prevail  
 Communion #695  
 Your Are Near  
 Recessional #615  
 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

**Weekly Collection**  
**January 24, 2016**  
**\$6,804.80**

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#### Diocesan Annual Appeal...Thank You!

With a total of 270 pledges, we have once again surpassed our goal of \$32,000.00 by \$1,883.00 with a total amount pledged from our parish of **\$33,883.00**. Thank you to everyone for your continued support of the diocesan appeal.

#### Second Collection This Weekend

This weekend at all masses we will take up the collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development. CCHD supports our brothers and sisters in need by bringing them new hope, building community, and addressing the root causes of poverty. Please be generous.

#### Blessing of Throats

In honor of Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr, whose feast day is February 3rd, we will be blessing throats during all Masses this weekend.

#### Welcome children!

On behalf of Catholic Schools Week, the following children who are members of our parish and attend Wyoming Area Catholic School, will speak briefly at the following Masses: Ryan Reedy, 8th grade 4:00PM Mass; John Tondora, 5th grade 5:30PM Mass; Madelyn Cecil, 6th grade 7:30AM Mass; Jayden Satkowski, 5th grade 9:00AM Mass; and Carl Yastremski, 8th grade 10:30AM Mass. Please join us as we give the children a warm welcome.

#### Youth Group "Souper Bowl" Competition

Next weekend, February 6-7, our youth group will sponsor a "Souper Bowl" can drive at every Mass. Bring in a can of soup and vote for your favorite team to win the Super Bowl. All the cans collected will be distributed to less fortunate families in our area.

#### Night at the Races

**Saturday, February 6, 2016**

**Immaculate Conception Church hall**

**Doors open at 6:00PM & Post Time is 7:00PM**

You still have time to buy your horses!! Horses turned in by Wednesday, February 3rd are guaranteed to be in the program.....and remember buy a horse and your name will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win an Apple iPad. A \$5.00 donation at the doors entitles you to door prizes and our buffet which includes homemade red and white pizza, sausage & peppers, cavatelli & broccoli, hotdogs, wimpies, chips, pretzels, soda, beer, and deserts. To reserve a table call Kim @ 570-603-0466. To donate baked goods call Margaret @ 570-237-5339.

#### Social Concerns Fish Dinner

**Ash Wednesday, February 10, 2016**

**Immaculate Conception Church Hall**

**Take outs from 4:00PM**

**Serving 5:00PM to 6:30PM**

Tickets will be available after all Masses. Adult donation is \$10.00 and children \$3.00 (3 yrs and under are free), Adult dinner includes battered deep fried haddock, baked potato w butter/sour cream, roll, coleslaw, fruit cup, homemade dessert & beverage (if dining in). Children's dinner includes

homemade macaroni & cheese, applesauce, dessert & beverage. Take outs from 4:00PM on and serving 5:00PM to 6:30:PM. Your support helps us provide complimentary fish dinners to our homebound parishioners.

**Children's Mardi Gras Celebration**  
**Sunday, March 7th**  
**9:15AM to 10:30AM**

**Immaculate Conception Church Hall**

There will be no religious education classes, instead all children in our religious education program, including those children who are home schooled and children attending Catholic schools are invited to this pre-Lenten party.

**Family Mass**

Our next family mass will take place at the 9:00AM liturgy in Holy Redeemer Church on Sunday, February 14th. This mass will be hosted by children in 4th grade. All 4th graders in our religious education program, those who are home schooled and attending catholic school are invited to participate. Please contact our 4th grade teacher Margie Burke at 654-3430 or margiemath416@msn.com if your child would like to participate.

**Youth Choir Practice**

Our youth choir will practice today, Sunday, January 31 from 5:30 to 6:15PM. They will not practice on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7th.

**Memorial Gifts**

We are in the process of purchasing a set of 3 stacking ciboria for Immaculate Conception Church. One has been donated in memory of a loved one, we have 2 more left. If you are interested in donating one, contact Joyce at jceccconi50@gmail.com or 570-654-2753.

**Paschal Candle Donation**

Each Liturgical Year the church acquires a new Paschal Candle which symbolizes the Light of Christ. This candle burns throughout the 50 days of Easter at all Masses completing with the Feast of Pentecost. The Paschal Candle is also lit throughout the year at all parish baptisms and funerals. If you would like to donate the Paschal Candle at Holy Redeemer Church in memory or in honor of a loved one, call Joyce at the rectory. The new Paschal Candle for Immaculate Conception Church is spoken for.

**Holy Family Candle at ICC**

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Carmella & Anthony Chimento** is donated by their family.

**Vigil Candle at ICC**

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Marguerite MacMorran** is donated by her daughter, Marguerite Dixon.

**Meetings & Events**

Sun, Jan 31	Religious Ed Youth Choir	ICC hall IC Ch	9:15-10:15AM 5:30-6:15PM
Tues, Feb 2	Pilates	ICC hall	5:30-6:30PM
Wed, Feb 3	Car Show Mtg	rec	6:30PM
Thurs, Feb 4	Pilates	ICC hall	5:30-6:30PM
Sat, Feb 6	Night at the Races	IC hall	6:00PM
Sun, Feb 7	Children Mardi Gras	Gras IC hall	9:15-10:15AM

**2016 Jackpot Jingle Lottery Winners**

1/21/16	Marlene Taft	#567	\$50.00
1/22/16	Jerry Lepore	#038	\$50.00
1/23/16	Tony Cella	#359	\$100.00
1/24/16	No Winner	#793	\$100.00
1/25/16	No Winner	#867	\$50.00
1/26/16	Mary Ann Cella	#356	\$50.00
1/27/16	Marie Shedlock	#578	\$50.00

Special drawing winners include:

Dave Tarullo 1/24 \$100.00 and Toni Ann Nyzio 1/25 \$50.00

**Easter & Triduum Schedule**

Altar servers, lectors and EM's, if you are available to serve for the Triduum and Easter Sunday, you must contact your coordinator. In order for them to have ample time to prepare a schedule, you must contact them by March 12th. Once the schedule has been completed, you will be notified.

**Altar Servers:**

**Donna Mason** (570)903-9142 [mmason8589@opm.com](mailto:mmason8589@opm.com)

**Jim Meizanis** (570)239-2783 [Jim.Meizanis@opm.com](mailto:Jim.Meizanis@opm.com)

**Lectors:**

**Donnie Minnick** (570)212-8744  
[sokach.minnick@verizon.net](mailto:sokach.minnick@verizon.net)

**Paula Panzitta** (570)388-6129 [ppanzitta@msn.com](mailto:ppanzitta@msn.com)

**EM's:**

**Teresa Crossin** (570)357-3985  
[tacross5@comcast.net](mailto:tacross5@comcast.net)

**Elaine Pendleton** (570)388-2204

**Catholic Schools Week**

You are invited to come experience our communities of faith and academic excellence. From pre-K through 12th grade, our students live their faith, challenge their minds, serve their communities and build lifelong friendships. For specifics about open houses including tuition assistance opportunities, visit [www.DioceseofScranton.org/CatholicSchools](http://www.DioceseofScranton.org/CatholicSchools).

<b>Mass Intentions</b>		
<b>February 1 thru February 7, 2016</b>		
<b>Mon</b>	7:30AM	<b>Leonard Charney, Sr.</b> by Stephen & Judy Sokach
	8:30AM	<b>Bernadine Pasternak</b> by Vincent Perta
<b>Tues</b>	7:30AM	<b>Joseph J. Marranta</b> by family
	8:30AM	<b>Joseph Piatnik</b> by Johanna & Victor Malinowski
<b>Wed</b>	7:30AM	<b>Florence Pilkonis</b> by family
	8:30AM	<b>Margaret Cummings</b> by Nick & Mary Lou DeMarco
<b>Thur</b>	7:30AM	<b>Stella Swickel</b> by Brian & Elizabeth Ginocchetti
	8:30AM	<b>Dec'd Members of Corcoran &amp; McDermott Families</b> by family
<b>Fri</b>	7:30AM	<b>Dec'd Members of Chechele &amp; Mikita Families</b> by Mikita family
	8:30AM	<b>John Bolin</b> by Joe Massara
<b>Sat</b>	4:00PM	<b>Hubert Dixon</b> by wife, Marguerite
	5:30PM	<b>George (Bucky) Mazur</b> by Judy Sokach & family
<b>Sun</b>	7:30AM	<b>Carmella &amp; Anthony Chimento</b> by family
	9:00AM	<b>Adam Panek</b> by wife, Romaine
	10:30AM	<b>Mark Kleback</b> by Tommy & Chrissy Campenni

# **Lent is Approaching**

*The Church gives us Lent to help us prepare for the Triduum and Easter. The Lenten environment in our place of worship should be stark and free of clutter. Simple bare branches, deep purple fabric, silence during the processional and dismissal, and the absence of the alleluia are there to remind us of the baroness of the desert.*

## **Ash Wednesday February 10, 2016**

*Distribution of Ashes will be as follows:*

*7:30AM Mass & distribution of ashes @ ICC*

*8:30AM Mass & distribution of ashes @ HR*

*12:00 Noon distribution of ashes only @ICC (no mass)*

*3:30PM distribution of ashes only @ ICC (no mass)*

*5:00PM distribution of ashes only @ HR (no mass)*

*5:30PM Mass & distribution of ashes @ ICC*

## **Ash Wednesday Fish Dinner**

*Immaculate Conception Church Hall*

*Serving 5:00PM to 6:30PM Take outs Available from 4:00PM*

*Donation \$10.00 Adults \$3.00 Children (under 3yrs free)*

*For tickets, stop by or call the rectory (570)654-2753 and we will gladly reserve them for you. Thank you for your participation in this fundraiser for Social Concerns. Members of Social Concerns will bring ashes and deliver a complimentary fish dinner to our homebound parishioners.*

## **Daily Lenten Mass Schedule**

*Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> daily Masses will be*

*7:30 AM @ Immaculate Conception Church,*

*8:30 AM @ Holy Redeemer Church,*

*5:30 PM @ Immaculate Conception Church*

*All lectors and EM's who are able to participate at daily mass during Lent are asked to contact Teresa at [tacross@comcast.net](mailto:tacross@comcast.net) or 570-3573985.*

## **Stations of the Cross**

*Every Friday evening during Lent from February 12 thru March 18<sup>th</sup>*

*6:00PM @ Immaculate Conception Church 6:30PM @ Holy Redeemer Church*

*Signup sheets are in the sacristies. If you wish to participate,*

*Please fill out the dates for which you are available.*

*We welcome families, adults, teenagers and children to take part in the stations.*

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

*In addition to our normal Saturday afternoon confession time at 3:00PM, during Lent Msgr Sempa will be in the confessional at Immaculate Conception Church on Mondays February 15, 22, 29 and March 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:45PM to 6:45PM and at Holy Redeemer Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00PM to 7:00PM.*

## **Lenten Soup & Scripture**

*Tuesdays during Lent, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup>, March 8<sup>th</sup>, March 15<sup>th</sup>  
6:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church Hall.*

*We gather to enjoy a simple Lenten meal of soup and sandwiches provided by volunteers in various ministries of our parish. Each week we will feature a guest speaker. Please watch the bulletin for details.*

## **Living Stations of the Cross**

*Good Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church  
Presented by our youth group with the youth choir*

## **Blessing of Baskets**

*Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 12 Noon at Holy Redeemer Church  
Members of Social Concerns will prepare and deliver blessed baskets  
to our homebound parishioners.*

## **Easter Egg Hunt**

*Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 12:15PM on the grounds of Holy Redeemer Church  
Sponsored by our parish youth group.*

## **Easter Food & Easter Basket Drive**

*During Lent, members of Social Concerns will be collecting nonperishable foods, Easter baskets, candy, treats and small toys. We will be preparing Easter food gift boxes and Easter baskets to be given to area families. Your donations, may be left in the vestibules of the churches. If you or a family you know of is in need, please contact Joyce at [jceconi50@gmail.com](mailto:jceconi50@gmail.com) or 570-654-2753.*

## **“Best Lent Ever” Program**

*Don't give up chocolate this Lent instead go on a 40 Day Spiritual Journey. Make this Lent the best ever by joining this free email program offered by best selling author Matthew Kelly and the Dynamic Catholic organization. The program is based on Matthew's new bestseller, “Rediscover Jesus”. Beginning on Ash Wednesday each day you will receive an inspirational email with a short video, a theme for the day, and a simple prayer to invite Jesus into your day. We hope you will join this free program. All you have to do is sign up at [DynamicCatholic.com/Lent](http://DynamicCatholic.com/Lent). Please take time this Lent to join this 40-day spiritual journey to encounter Jesus and ourselves in a deeply personal way.*

*If you have any questions or want to find a way to get a copy of the book,  
“Rediscover Jesus”,*

*contact Deacon Jim Meizanis @ [Jim.Meizanis@opm.com](mailto:Jim.Meizanis@opm.com).*

## **East Side Road to Resurrection**

*Celebrated on Wednesdays during Lent at the following locations:*

- Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> St. Maria Goretti, Laflin – homelist Father Joseph Sica*
- Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> Queen of the Apostles, Avoca – Father Sylvester Peterka*
- Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Monica's, West Wyoming – Father David Cramer*
- Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> Nativity, Duryea – Father Michael Quinnan*
- Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> St. John the Evangelist, Pittston – Father Richard Cirba*