



Corpus Christi Parish

Immaculate Conception Church
Holy Redeemer Church
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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
5:30PM Immaculate Conception

CONFESSION

Mondays during lent 5:45-6:45PM
Saturday 3:00PM - 3:30PM
Immaculate Conception

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

February 14, 2016

Follow the readings in Gather #1108
Responsorial Psalm #1106
Offertory #493 Change Our Hearts
Communion #691
On Eagles Wings

Weekly Collection
February 7, 2016
\$9,568.00

Ash Wednesday
\$657.00

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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.

February 14, 2016 First Sunday of Lent

LIVE LENT INTENSELY!

The season of Lent during this Jubilee Year of Mercy should be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy. Pope Francis said, *"It is my burning desire that, during this Jubilee, the Christian people may reflect on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. It will be a way to reawaken our conscience, too often grown dull in the face of poverty. Let us enter more deeply into the heart of the Gospel where the poor have a special experience of God's mercy"*.

Daily Mass during Lent Monday thru Friday during Lent, the daily Mass schedule is as follows: 7:30AM & 5:30PM at Immaculate Conception and 8:30AM at Holy Redeemer.

Stations of the Cross Beginning, Friday, February 12th Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at 6:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church.

The Light is On For You On Mondays during Lent, Msgr Sempa will be in the confessional at Immaculate Conception Church February 15, 22, 29, and March 7 from 5:45PM to 6:45PM. On Monday, March 14, Msgr Sempa will be in the confessional at Holy Redeemer Church from 6:00PM to 7:00PM.

Lenten Soup & Scripture Beginning Tuesday, February 23rd, we will gather in Immaculate Conception Church hall to share a simple Lenten meal of soup and sandwiches provided by volunteers of various ministries in our parish. Each week we will feature a guest speaker.

Second Collection This Weekend The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has requested all dioceses conduct a one-time special appeal for victims of numerous 2015 storms as well as those that are likely to affect our country in 2016. This special collection will take place at all Masses in our parish this weekend.

Social Concerns Easter Food Drive Each week during Lent we will be asking for donations of non perishable foods which will be given to area families who may be struggling. This week we are asking for donations of pastas, rice, sauces, peanut butter, and jelly or anything else you may want to donate. We thank you in advance for your help. Please leave donations in the vestibules of the churches.

Social Concerns Easter Basket Drive Every child should wake up and find an Easter basket filled with goodies and surprises on Easter morning. Members of our Social Concerns Committee will be preparing Easter baskets which will be given to local children. If you would like to help, we are asking for donations of Easter baskets, straw, candy, treats, small toys, books or anything children of all ages would look forward to receiving in their Easter baskets. We appreciate you help! Donations may be left in the vestibules of the churches.

Ash Wednesday Fish Dinner Thank you to everyone for your support of this event. Your participation allowed Social Concerns members to deliver 35 complimentary fish dinners to our homebound parishioners. A total of 300 fish dinners were sold and a profit of **\$1,056.48** was made for Social Concerns.

Night at the Races Thank you to everyone who participated in our night at the races last Saturday. Whether you bought/sold horses, worked and/or attended the event, donated a basket, cooked, set up or cleaned up, without your help and support this fundraiser would not have been the success it was. Our parish profit was **\$8,073.73**. **Thank you!!**

Contemporary Mass We are in the process of forming a contemporary musical group to play at the 10:30AM Mass twice a month. We welcome vocalists and instrumentalists pre teen through adult to join. If you are interested, please see Scott Coates after the 10:30AM Mass today, Sunday, February 14. For more information, contact Joyce at the rectory 654-2753 or jceconi50@gmail.com.

Religious Education & Confirmation Classes

All classes will resume next Sunday, February 21st. Grades Pre k thru 5 from 9:15 to 10:15 AM and Confirmation 5:30 to 7:00PM in ICC hall.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Children of our parish who are in second grade in our religious education program, home schooled or attending a Catholic school will receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on **Saturday, February 27th at 10:00AM** in Holy Redeemer Church. Immediately following the Sacrament, the children, their families and friends are invited to join us for brunch in the church hall. Children and their parents are asked to attend a brief meeting/practice on **Wednesday, February 24th at 6:00PM** at Holy Redeemer.

Homeschool Parent & Teacher Meeting

An important meeting for parents who are homeschooling their children in religious education will be held on Monday, **February 15th at 6:30PM** in the rectory. Our religious education teachers will be at this meeting so they can discuss and share with the parents the requirements and expectations of what children in each grade level should achieve.

Easter & Triduum Schedule

Altar servers, lectors and EM's, are asked to contact your coordinator by March 12th if you would like to serve for the Triduum and Easter Sunday.

Altar Servers:

Donna Mason (570)903-9142 mmason8589@opm.com

Jim Meizanis (570)239-2783 Jim.Meizanis@opm.com

Lectors:

Donnie Minnick (570)212-8744 sokach.minnick@verizon.net

Paula Panzitta (570)388-6129 ppanzitta@msn.com

EM's:

Teresa Crossin (570)357-3985 tacross5@comcast.net

Elaine Pendleton (570)388-2204

New Ministry Schedules

The new ministry schedule, which will run from March 6th thru May 29, 2016, will be available in the sacristy and on our website next weekend. Cantors, servers, lectors, em's: To make changes to your mass preference times, please contact Joyce at jceconi50@gmail.com or 570-654-2753 no later than next Wednesday, February 17th so the changes can be implemented in the new schedule. Thank you.

2016 Jackpot Jingle Lottery Winners

2/04/16	Joseph Stepnaski	#718	\$50.00
2/05/16	Mary Ellen Serafin	#514	\$50.00
2/06/16	Dr. William Chromey	#336	\$100.00
2/07/16	John & Helen Yakobitis	#623	\$100.00
2/08/16	No Winner	#511	\$50.00
2/09/16	Joyce Ceconi	#364	\$50.00
2/10/16	Amy Hoegen	#129	\$50.00

Special drawing winner includes: Bill & Marie Fender 2/8/16 \$50.00.

Holy Family Candle at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Andrew & Anna Lugar** is donated by their children.

Vigil Candle at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Thomas Crispino** is donated by his wife, Dorothy.

Altar Candles at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Leo Ford** are donated by his wife, Leonora.

Sanctuary Candle at HR

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Ron Musto** is donated by his wife, Mary Jean & their children.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration

All couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2016 are invited to a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 5, 2016. The event includes a 2:30PM Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. To receive an invitation to attend this event, you must call the rectory office (570-654-2753) before March 7th.

Mass Intentions		
February 15 thru February 21, 2016		
Mon	7:30AM	Olga & Bill Orsheski by daughter, Carolee & Tom
	8:30AM	Mary Vitanovec by M/M Harold Ash
	5:30PM	Susan Palermo by Cella Family
Tues	7:30AM	Marty Pleban by Catherine DeAngelo
	8:30AM	Ann Johnson by John & Beverly Williams
	5:30PM	Lawrence Kohnevich by Loughlin Family
Wed	7:30AM	Elizabeth Baldiga by Frank & Toni Champi Grasso
	8:30AM	Dec'd Members of Alexander & Josephine Parente Families by grandchildren
	5:30PM	Josephine Ritondo Castner by M/M Timothy Carroll
Thur	7:30AM	Patricia Donnelly by Betty & Tony Luczak
	8:30AM	Dorothy & Ed Pendleton by Elaine Pendleton
	5:30PM	Michael LaNunziata by Vince, Vinnie & Tesse La Nunziata
Fri	7:30AM	Florence Lepore by Barbara & Joan Sherinsky
	8:30AM	Ted Koenich by Theresa Olshemski
	5:30PM	Rosella Zezza by Rae & Lee Frutchey
Sat	4:00PM	Andrew & Anna Lugar by children
	5:30PM	Ron Musto by John & Connie Lewis
Sun	7:30AM	Mary Ann Yorina by James & Debra Manganiello
	9:00AM	Annie Eldemar by Dianne & Ray Smith
	10:30AM	Anthony J. Oliveri by Recupero Family