



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

CONFESSION

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

April 3, 2016

Second Sunday of Easter

Follow the readings in Gather #1066
Gathering #519 Sing to the Mountains
Responsorial Psalm #1066
Offertory #922 Without Seeing You
Communion #924 Song of the
Body of Christ
Recessional #680 We Walk by Faith

Weekly Collection

March 27, 2016

Easter Sunday

\$22,271.90

Holy Thursday (Social Concerns)

\$1,567.00

Good Friday (Holy Land)

\$1,044.16

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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.

April 3, 2016

Second Sunday of Easter

"City of God"

"Let us build the city of God.

May our tears be turned into dancing!

For the Lord, our light and our love,

Has turned the night into day!"

All children of the parish are invited to help build the "City of God". If you were not at the 10:30AM Family Mass on Easter Sunday, you probably are not familiar with this project. In front of the altar at Immaculate Conception Church, you will see the beginnings of the "City of God". But we need help from all the boys and girls in our parish to complete the city. Take a bucket (they can be found in the vestibules of the churches) and in it you will find instructions and paper. Each week when you come to church, either at ICC or HR, please bring in the papers with your kind deeds/actions, written on them. Just crumple up the papers and put in the glass bowl in front of the altar. This project will culminate at the 10:30AM "family mass" on Sunday, April 24th. Following this mass all boys and girls and their families are invited to a "Make Your Own Sundae, Sunday" in the church hall.

Religious Education Classes & Family Mass

The last day for classes will be Sunday, April 24th. The 10:30AM Mass will be a family mass followed by Make-Your-Own-Sundae, Sunday! Our youth choir will sing at this mass and children will serve as lectors, heavenly hosts, ushers, etc.

Confirmation Classes

There are two more Confirmation classes, Sunday, April 3 and Sunday, April 17. Today at class each candidate will be given a copy of the paperwork he/she needs to turn in. Please have the necessary paperwork turned in on Sunday, April 17. Reminder: a retreat will be scheduled for all the candidates and once we receive a date for Confirmation from the diocese, you will of the date and practice times. Those attending Catholic schools, must turn in the paperwork, also. If you have any questions, contact Joyce at the rectory (570-654-2753) or jceccconi50@gmail.com.

First Eucharist Retreat

A mandatory retreat for all 2nd grade children who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist in May will be held on **Saturday, April 9th from 9:00AM to 12 Noon in ICC school**. If your child cannot attend this retreat, you must contact Joyce at 654-2753 or jceccconi50@gmail.com.

Holy Name Father & Son/Daughter Breakfast

The Holy Name Society will begin selling tickets for their 31st annual breakfast which will be held on Sunday, May 1st following the 7:30AM Mass. A delicious home made breakfast with all the trimmings will be prepared and served by ladies and men of our parish. Our guest speaker is Chad Spencer who we all know as the well liked TUX hockey mascot of the WBS Penguins. This year we have started a new tradition by including daughters/granddaughters of the men of our parish. Tickets, which can be obtained from the ushers or at the rectory, are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children age 5 to 10. Membership is open to all men of our parish. Volunteers who are willing to help with the breakfast, please contact Joyce at the rectory. Thank you!

Car Show Meeting

All are welcome to join us on **Wednesday, April 6th at 6:30PM** in the rectory for our next planning meeting.

BAZAAR June 23, 24, 25, 2016

■Meeting

Our next bazaar planning meeting will be tomorrow, **Monday, April 4th at 6:30PM** in the rectory dining room. All are welcome!

■Flea Market

Our flea market volunteers will be accepting merchandise at the school beginning **Wednesday, May 4th from 6PM to 8PM and Saturday, May 7th from 8:00AM to 12 Noon.** *We will not accept: electronics, stuffed animals, pillows, clothing, large appliances.*

■Bazaar Sponsor

A sponsorship with our parish bazaar can make a powerful statement about your business and its values. This 3 day event draws many families and individual of all ages. This is a great way to advertise your business, memorialize a deceased family member or honor loved ones for anniversaries, birthdays or other special occasions or accomplishments. Sponsorship levels are as follows:

- Pope Level.....\$350.00 to \$500.00**
(Professionally printed 2’ by 6’ nylon banner.
New banner \$500.00 or renewal \$350.00)
- Cardinal Level.....\$150.00**
(Full color 11” by 14” sign)
- Bishop Level\$50.00**
(Black & white 8 1/2” by 11” sign)

For questions or more information on becoming a bazaar sponsor, contact Kim Rollman at 570-814-4745 or the rectory 654-2753.

Final Jackpot Jingle Lottery Winners

3/17	Judy Henson	#601	\$500.00
3/18	Bonnie Kudrako	#052	\$50.00
3/19	Rita Kopcho	#070	\$100.00
3/20	Nancy Coskey	#298	\$100.00
3/21	No Winner	#910	\$50.00
3/22	Ron & Jane Tomko	#683	\$50.00
3/23	No Winner	#707	\$50.00
3/24	Joann Patoka	#889	\$50.00
3/25	Jerry O’Brien	#914	\$50.00
3/26	Carmella Argento	#470	\$100.00
3/27	Jim Gordon	#576	\$500.00
3/28	No Winner	#482	\$50.00
3/29	Faustine Scarantino	#792	\$50.00
3/30	Emily DeNardi	#269	\$50.00
3/31	Leona Gutowski	#295	\$50.00

Special drawing winners include: Rose Rooney 3/21 \$50.00, Lori & Rich Mikolosko 3/23 \$50.00 and Maryellen Serafin 3/28 \$50.00.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of our parish lotteries. The profit for our “jackpot jingle” lottery is **\$9,915.32**. In next week’s bulletin we will begin publishing the winners of the “spring fling” lottery will be begin on April 1st.

Vigil Candle at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Edo Fanti** is donated by M/M Anthony Luczak.

Holy Family Candle at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Orlando Menchi** is donated by his family.

Altar Candles at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Mary Dente Denisco** are donated by her children.

Be a Man Catholic Men’s Conference

This weekend, before all Masses, we welcome a representative to speak about this 2nd annual conference sponsored by the Diocese of Scranton. The conference will be held on Saturday April 23, 2016 from 8AM to 3PM at King’s College. For information and registration call 570-207-2213 or www.BeAManConference.com.

Mount Olivet Cemetery

The Diocese of Scranton has an opening for a full time Administrative Assistant at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Carverton. Includes a comprehensive benefits package. Applications can be obtained at the cemetery office, or email mtolivet@epix.net or call 207-1453.

“Spring Fling” Craft & Vendor Fair

Saturday, April 9 10:00AM to 3:00PM in St. Jude School Cafeteria, South Mountain Road, Mountain Top. Over 35 vendors and crafters! Basket Raffles! Something for Everyone!

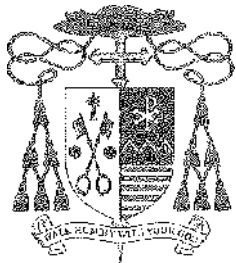
Scranton Prep Players

Enjoy American Musical Theatre’s timeless classic, Hello Dolly Friday and Saturday, April 8, 9, 15, & 16 at 7:30PM and Sunday, April 10 and 17 at 2:00PM in the Bellarmine Theatre at Scranton Preparatory School, Scranton. Group rates for 10 or more available on request. For information call 570-941-PREP.

Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth

“Come and See”, retreat weekend for young women ages 16 to 30. Friday, April 22 to Sunday April 24 at Mother of the Eucharist Convent, 6100 Jacks Hollow Road, Williamsport. Reservations required. Call Sr. Christina 570-745-3334 or www.capuchinsisters.com.

Mass Intentions April 4 thru April 10, 2016		
Mon	7:30AM	Mary Ann Yorina by mom & dad
	8:30AM	Helen Merrick by M/M Anthony Luczak
Tues	7:30AM	Rosemary Crisci by Martha Ristagno & family
	8:30AM	Viola Michels by Dianne & Ray Smith
Wed	7:30AM	Helen Hilbert by Edward Kolesar & Mary Helen
	8:30AM	Alfred Henry by Fran & Ray Franko
Thurs	7:30AM	Cy Frankovich by wife & daughters
	8:30AM	Dec’d Membs of Corcoran & McDermott Families by family
Fri	7:30AM	Joseph & Teresa Cravatta by daughter, Phyllis
	8:30AM	Paul Tropiak, Jr. by mom & dad
Sat	4:00PM	Elizabeth Marranta by Yvonne Maniet
	5:30PM	Margaret Nocito by Elizabeth Marranta & family
Sun	7:30AM	Patricia Calpin by Cella family
	9:00AM	Matthew Chipolis by mother, father, brother, Chris & daughter, Hannah
	10:30AM	Lola & John Rindgen by daughter, Patricia



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In early March of this year, the Pennsylvania Attorney General released a report from a Statewide Investigating Grand Jury regarding sexual abuse by clergy in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. The report detailed horrendous acts of child sexual abuse and how church officials in that diocese and local civil officials did not respond adequately when they had the opportunity and duty to do so.

The abuse of children is one of the darkest chapters in the life of the Church and in our world. We know, unfortunately, that child abuse occurs throughout society and is far too prevalent. To those of us who profess our faith in God, it is particularly disturbing when it is perpetrated by a member of the Church.

In addition to the terrible harm done to survivors and their families, it also tears at the very fabric of our Church, even causing some to question the worthiness of the Church as an institution. At the very least, all of us are disgusted and saddened by these sinful, inexcusable acts.

This most recent report involving a diocese in our own state serves as a painful step in addressing the evils of child sexual abuse and the harm inflicted by those who attempt to cover up such inappropriate behavior. Hopefully, this report will also serve to promote the healing of survivors and fortify the efforts of all those committed to bringing such abhorrent behavior to an end.

I want to assure you that our commitment to the well-being of all children has been and will continue to be unwavering. Over the past 14 years, the Diocese of Scranton and dioceses throughout the United States have implemented policies to ensure accountability to victims and to keep children safe from any type of abuse. If the Diocese learns of an incident of abuse, it responds swiftly through the provisions of church and civil law and fully cooperates with civil authorities so that justice is served.

The Diocese of Scranton maintains a zero tolerance policy for clergy, lay employees and volunteers who engage in misconduct with minors and takes immediate action when an accusation is made. Any allegation of abuse is reported immediately to law enforcement and any substantiated allegation against a member of the clergy results in immediate and permanent removal from ministry.

The Diocese retains a Victim Assistance Coordinator who coordinates assistance for the immediate pastoral care of persons who claim to have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy. Each year this program offers substantial support to survivors and their families by underwriting expenses related to counseling, medication and other forms of care.

All employees in parishes, schools and Diocesan run facilities - clergy, religious and laity - as well as volunteers, including teachers and coaches, must have up-to-date criminal background and child abuse clearances. In addition, all employees and volunteers receive training on the nature of child sexual abuse and how a parish/school community can work together proactively to prevent it. Since 2003, the total number of adults trained by the Diocese now stands at 26,000. The Diocese has also implemented a safe environment program for students in grades k-12 in Catholic schools and parish religious education programs to teach them how to recognize and avoid situations that could lead to sexual abuse. It also encourages communication between children and their parents so that potentially dangerous situations and incidents are reported promptly.

Our website (www.dioceseofscranton.org) contains comprehensive information about our Child Protection/Safe Environment policies and procedures. In every edition of *The Catholic Light*, we publish a notice about reporting sexual abuse of a minor. We also urge anyone to

report incidents of child abuse immediately to the 24-hour PA Child Abuse Hot Line. The toll-free number is 1-800-932-0313.

The goal of these endeavors is to create safe environments for children through education and prevention programs, establishing policies that clearly set standards of behavior regarding contact with minors, and offering support to those who have suffered abuse so that they and their families can experience healing. This is not simply a matter of policy or legal requirements, it is our solemn moral obligation and we take it seriously.

This month, we again observe Child Abuse Prevention Month. While it is fitting that a month is dedicated to this special cause, it is also important to remember that vigilance must be maintained every single day - by all of us. We remain firmly committed to doing everything we can to prevent abuse within our Church, parishes, school communities, and Diocesan run facilities. Most importantly, we are resolved to supporting victims with our compassion and assistance in order to help them achieve healing.

To that end, I ask you to join me in praying first of all for all survivors of abuse. Their suffering is beyond imagining.

I also ask you to pray for dedicated clergy and religious throughout the Church and in our Diocese. Finally, please try to find it within your hearts to pray for the perpetrators of such horrendous acts. Forgiveness and reconciliation, as difficult and demanding as they may be, are the cornerstones of our faith.

Despite the failings of our human nature and the evil that exists in our world, let us not despair. As a People of God, we are a people of hope. Continuing to celebrate Easter and the boundless love and grace offered to us by the Risen Jesus, may we take comfort in his words which assure us, "I am with you always."

Faithfully yours in Christ,

† *Joseph C. Bambera*

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Bishop of Scranton