



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

June 5, 2016

Follow the readings in Gather #1121
Gathering #576 Cantic of the Sun
Responsorial Psalm #1121
Offertory #751 The Servant Song
Communion #728 Eye Has Not Seen
Recessional #592 We Are the Light
of the World

Weekly Collection

May 29, 2016

\$7,164.50

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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.

June 5, 2016

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mission Appeal Weekend

Next weekend, June 11-12. a missionary will speak at all masses. We welcome and encourage you to support their mission work generously. There will be a second collection taken up for the Appeal.

BAZAAR NEWS

■ Save the Date

Our annual parish bazaar will be held on the grounds of Immaculate Conception Church **Thursday thru Saturday, June 23, 24, 25.** Thursday and Friday hours are 6:00PM to 10:00PM and Saturday 4:30PM to 10:00PM.

■ Volunteers

Dear Parishioners,

There is an attachment to the bulletin this week for Bazaar volunteers. Although the Bazaar is an important fundraiser, we primarily undertake it to bring all of us together in fellowship as a parish family. We strongly ask you to consider joining us in this spiritually rewarding parish project. Every year we have struggled finding people to take leadership roles in different areas such as in kitchen. Any way you can help is greatly appreciated, but please realize without the core group of people's sacrifice of their time organizing year after year, we would be unable to hold this parish event, and we are very concerned they need some relief. Please consider getting involved this year with an eye to possibly taking a more substantial role in the future, so we are able to continue our Bazaar for many years to come.

Thank You, Jerry Wall - Bazaar Chairman

■ Entertainment

We have 3 great bands lined up for your entertainment pleasure at our bazaar, Thursday we will feature **Handsome Devils**, Friday, **Iron Cowboy** and Saturday, **The Sperazza Band**.

■ Bazaar Sponsorships

Each year we reach out to businesses & individuals in our parish and local community to become "sponsors" for our parish bazaar. You too can become a sponsor to advertise your business, in honor or memory of a loved one or simply to show your support to your parish. If interested pick up a sponsorship form which can be found in the vestibules of the churches or just stop by the rectory.

■ Children Games

Can you help fill our buckets? Please take a bucket home (they can be found in the vestibules of the churches) fill it and return next weekend. Some ideas include water fun toys, balls, chalk, and bubbles. Anything with a summer theme is appreciated! Thank you for supporting the kids game booths!

■Bazaar Raffle and 50/50 Tickets

Later this week you should be receiving a raffle ticket and a 50/50 ticket in the mail. For a donation of \$20 you will have a chance to win \$1,000 or 3 prizes of \$250.00 each. For a donation of \$5.00 you will have a chance to win one of 3 50/50 prizes. Drawing for this prizes will take place on Saturday, June 27th during our bazaar.

■Bazaar “gift of the week”

To help us keep food costs down, each week we will be asking for donations of a “gift of the week”. If you can help, please leave donations in the church vestibules. This week we are asking for **Ketchup and Mustard**

■Flea Market Shopping Hours

Our flea market will open for business the flowing **Saturdays from 8am to 12 Noon, June 4, 11, & 20 and during the bazaar June 23, 24 & 25.** We are still accepting merchandise on **Wednesdays 6:00 to 8:00:PM and Saturdays 9:00AM to 12 Noon.** To volunteer at the flea market contact **Kathy Cikota at 388-3978 or kathleencikota@frontier.com.**

■Bake Sale

In conjunction with our flea market, a bake sale will be held. Baked goods will be available during flea market hours. If you are willing to bake, please call **Loretta at 570-498-8498.** Thank you for your help.

■Theme Gift Baskets

Once again we will have our very popular “Theme Gift Baskets”. If you would like to help, just pick a theme, purchase the items, arrange and wrap them and drop you donation off at the rectory. For more information contact **Rosalie Cullagh at rosan814@comcast.net or 570-655-5422.**

ShurSave, Redner’s, & Maine Source

If you shop ShurSave, Redner’s or Maine Source you can help us earn dollars from these stores and it costs you nothing. For details **contact Lori at the rectory 570-654-2753 or email lkasisky1@epix.net.**

First Eucharist Photos and Banners

The children who recently received the Sacrament of First Eucharist, please pick up your banners and pictures which are in the church vestibules.

Holy Cross Crusader Basketball Camp

Monday June 27 - Friday July 1, from 8:30 - 12 noon. Camps are open to children in grades 4 - 9. Holy Cross High School 501 East Drinker Street,*Dunmore,* PA 18512. For more information contact Al Callejas Varsity Boys Basketball Coach 570-650-9858 or 570-677-1288, or e-mail acallejas@hchspa.org.

Summer Chess Camps

Will be help during the weeks of June 27 - July 1st and July25th - July 29th for students in grades 2 - 8. Students do not need to know how to play chess. For more information go to www.academyofchessllc.com or call 570-829-0828.

“Spring Fling” Lottery Winners

5/26	Angeline Balzano	#058	\$50.00
5/27	Pat Bohn	#088	\$50.00
5/28	Melissa McHale	#639	\$50.00
5/29	No Winner	#959	\$100.00
5/30	Alyssa Aritz	#036	\$500.00
5/31	Kris Cruise	#248	\$50.00
6/01	Sandra M. Cella	#163	\$50.00

Special drawing winners include: Jack & Mary Claire Borzell \$100.00 05/29

Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Frank Skibinski** are donated by his wife, Betty & daughter, Joanne

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Tony Denisco** is donated by Pat & Bill Bohn.

Vigil Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Samuel Angelella** is donated by Connie Angelella & family.

Vettes for Vets Corvette Car Show

Show your corvette for a great cause...support the American Legion. Sunday, June 12 from 12:00 to 3:00PM (rain or shine) at West Side Auto (Valero Service Station, West Pittston. Entrance fee is \$10 includes food and beverages. For information contact Ron Gitkos at 654-2261.

Mass Intentions			
June 6, thru June 12, 2016			
Mon	7:30AM	Joseph Montante by sons & families	
	8:30AM	Ed & Agnes Zawatski by John & Connie Lewis	
Tues	7:30AM	Samuel Angelella by Connie Angelella & family	
	8:30AM	Anthony J. Fino by Jim & Debbie Keaney	
Wed	7:30AM	Josephine & Frank Manganaro by Joanne & Melio Viti	
	8:30AM	Robert Gadomski by Ed & Mary Godri	
Thurs	7:30AM	Harry O'Dell by wife, Maryann & children	
	8:30AM	Patricia Donnelly by M/M Ron Bartnikowsky	
Fri	7:30AM	Msgr. E. William Fontinell by Alice Gilmore	
	8:30AM	Donald Manta by Connie Hreha Cleveland	
Sat	4:00PM	Amelia Aquilina by Frank Luongo	
	5:30PM	Dec'd Memb. of MacMorran & Scripkunas families by Marguerite Dixon	
Sun	7:30AM	Betty & Eugene Flynn & Ann & Stanley Konopka by Mary & Michael Flynn	
	9:00AM	Ron Musto by wife, Mary Jean & children	
	10:30AM	Joseph E. Fedor by wife, Rosella & daughter, Josette	



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Re: Oppose Unfair Retroactive Statutes of Limitation Amendments

The Catholic Church has learned hard lessons regarding child sexual abuse and has taken responsibility for the abuse that has occurred within its ranks. The dioceses across Pennsylvania have implemented changes that offer assistance to abuse survivors and affirm that they are not at fault for the crime committed against them.

The Church has also taken great strides to protect children and provide financial assistance for survivors and their families, no matter how long ago the crime was committed, and for as long as necessary. Children and adults are trained to recognize and report signs of abuse to ensure that the children in our care are safe and secure. In the Diocese of Scranton alone, over \$1.5 million has been expended on safe environment training. And to date, Pennsylvania's dioceses have collectively spent over \$16.6 million to provide compassionate and supportive victim assistance to individuals and families. To learn more about the Catholic Church's assistance for survivors please check the following website: <http://www.pacatholic.org/assistance-for-sexual-abuse-survivors/>.

Presently, a bill in the Pennsylvania State Legislature that has moved from the House of Representatives to the Senate addresses the statute of limitations in cases pertaining to the sexual abuse of minors. As Bishop of Scranton, I support the removal of statute of limitations in criminal cases and could support a prospective extension of the statute in civil cases, especially one that treats all survivors identically.

In the proposed bill, however, state lawmakers are considering legislation that would retroactively nullify the statute of limitations for filing a civil lawsuit alleging childhood sexual abuse. It would force parishes, dioceses, schools, and charities to defend cases that are 20, 30, or 40 years old, long after the perpetrator and possible witnesses have died or clear evidence is gone. It could lead to the closure of parishes, schools, and ministries of today's Catholics, who are in no way responsible for abuse that occurred decades ago.

As proposed, a retroactive nullification of these statutes would open a floodgate for lawsuits against private and non-profit organizations, but it would not apply to public schools or government agencies. Public entities would still be able to claim sovereign immunity from lawsuits, even though the vast majority of Pennsylvania students -- 83 percent -- attend public school. Survivors abused in public schools, juvenile detention facilities, or county foster care programs could not bring suits under the legislation. In this regard, it is worth noting that while the abuse of minors by members of the clergy is particularly abhorrent, the percentage of abusers among members of the clergy is no different than the percentage that exists in the population at large.

Measures that nullified the civil statute of limitations in other states drained billions of dollars from current ministries, parishes, schools, and dioceses. Bankruptcy and severe debt was the only option for most dioceses in the states with retroactive windows. In Delaware, where a retroactive law was adopted, more than half of the individual parishes in the state were sued. One parish in Delaware was hit with a verdict of over \$3 million. Very few could afford to go to court; none were able to defend themselves on their own. Financially, they had no choice but to join a group settlement without establishing the facts of individual cases.

Sexual abuse is a serious crime that affects every institution and community in Pennsylvania, public and private. Concerning HB 1947, along with the other bishops of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference, I do not oppose the elimination of the criminal statute of limitations. We can all agree that anyone who sexually abuses a child should be severely punished by the law. Sexual predators should be locked behind bars and removed from society so they cannot hurt anyone else. Criminal cases require a burden of proof that is beyond a reasonable doubt and fairness is built into the system with many checks and balances. Because of its gravity, it needs to be dealt with comprehensively and fairly. Any discussion of a legislative remedy must protect all children, not simply penalize some institutions.

Everyone who values our parishes, schools, and charitable organizations should urge their state lawmakers to oppose unfair changes to the civil statute of limitations.

To use the Pennsylvania Catholic Advocacy Network to send this strong message to your legislators, please use the following website: <http://www.pacatholic.org/resources/voter-voice/?vvsrsrc=%2fCampaigns%2f45765%2fRespond>.

Thank you,

Faithfully yours in Christ,

† *Joseph C. Bambera*

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.

Bishop of Scranton

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Corpus Christi Parish Bazaar 2016

June 23rd – 24th – 25th

Name: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____

Email: _____

Please circle your preference(s) for day, time and task. We will try to honor your request.
You will be contacted to confirm your volunteer assignment the week before the bazaar.
**BE SURE TO CHECK IN AT THE VOLUNTEER TABLE WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT THE BAZAAR –
ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST SIGN IN PRIOR TO BEGINNING WORK.**

Kitchen Food Prep (circle day/time)

Monday, June 20: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Tuesday, June 21: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Wednesday, June 22: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Thursday, June 23: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Thursday, June 23: 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Thursday, June 23: 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Friday, June 24: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Friday, June 24: 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Friday, June 24: 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Saturday, June 25: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Saturday, June 25: 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday, June 25: 6 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Food Stand (circle day/time and task)

Thursday, June 23: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 23: 7:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Friday, June 24: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Friday, June 24: 7:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Saturday, June 25: 4 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 25: 7:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Pick a Task:

Order/Money Taker
Cook
Food Server
Food/Supply Runner

Kitchen Cleanup (circle day/time)

Thursday, June 23: 9 p.m. – 11 p.m.
Friday, June 24: 9 p.m. – 11 p.m.
Saturday, June 25: 9 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Setup and Breakdown (circle day/time)

Setup: Saturday, June 18: 10 a.m.
Breakdown – Sunday, June 26: 10 a.m.

Non-Food Areas (circle day/time and task)

Thursday, June 23: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 23: 7:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Friday, June 24: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Friday, June 24: 7:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Saturday, June 25: 4 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 25: 7:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Please return form to the church on or before Sunday, June 12

Thank You!

For questions, call the rectory at 570.654.2753