



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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

December 4, 2016

Follow the readings in Gather #994
 Gathering #807 We Are Called
 Responsorial Psalm #994
 Offertory # Christ, Be Our Light!
 Communion #395 O Come, O come,
 Emmanuel
 Recessional #778 Anthem

Weekly Collection
 November 27, 2016

\$9,627.17

Diocesan Annual Appeal
 Our parish goal \$32,000.00
 To date we raised \$29,856.00 (\$2,144.00)
 Thank you for your generosity

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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.

**December 4, 2016
 Second Sunday of Advent**

Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses are as follows: Wednesday, December 7th 6:00PM at HR; Thursday, December 8th 7:30AM ICC, 8:30AM HR and 6:00PM ICC.

Social Concerns News

■The Giving Tree

Our Social Concerns Committee will be helping over 70 families this year for Christmas. If you can help, take a tag off the "giving tree", purchase a gift, wrap it, attach the tag and return it under the "giving tree" by Sunday, December 18th. If you have questions regarding the tags, please call or email Joyce at jceconi50@gmail.com or 570-654-2753. Once again, thank you for your support of this Christmas project.

■Christmas Food "Gift Baskets"

Our parish youth group along with social concerns will be preparing Christmas food "gift baskets" which will be given to approximately 70 families. If you would like to help, we will gladly accept monetary donations, frozen turkeys, gift certificates and donations of all nonperishable foods. Please leave donations in church vestibules. Thank You!!

■Christmas Cookie Challenge

For those of you who love to bake, we have a challenge for you. Will you consider baking a few extra dozen for our homebound and nursing home parishioners? If you do, please have your baked goods dropped off at the rectory or IC hall no later than Thursday, December 15th. If you are willing to bake, please call the rectory at 654-2753 or email Joyce at jceconi50@gmail.com. We will meet in the rectory on **Thursday, December 15 at 6:00PM** to package the homemade goodies. If you would like to help, please join us.

■Delivery to Nursing Homes & Homebound

On **Saturday, December 17th at 10:00AM** we will meet in the rectory to deliver Christmas gifts and homemade goodies to more than 70 parishioners who are homebound or residing in nursing homes. They love when parishioners, including children, come to visit. Join us if you can!!!

■Christmas Food Baskets & Giving Tree Gifts

On **Sunday, December 18th we will meet in IC Church hall at 4:00PM** to fill Christmas food baskets and sort the gifts from the giving trees for more than 70 families. All are welcome to join us!!

■Social Concerns Meeting

Members of social concerns and anyone who would like to learn more about this ministry, is welcome to join us for a meeting on **Tuesday, December 6th at 6:30PM in the rectory dining room.**

Religious Education News

■Christmas Cards

Today the children in our religious education classes will be making Christmas cards for our parishioners who are homebound and those residing in nursing homes. Parents of homeschooled children can pick up Christmas card making supplies from Joe Panzitta at Holy Redeemer or stop by the rectory.

■Family Mass

Our next family mass and donut Sunday will take place on **Sunday, December 11th at 9:00AM at Holy Redeemer.** Boys and girls who are in the 2nd

grade are invited to participate as lectors, gift bearers, heavenly hosts, ushers, etc. If your child would like to participate, contact **Sara Konopka** at **498-9304** or **skono1683@yahoo.com** or **Mary Ann Oliveri** at **357-1778** or **mare0912@epix.net**.

■Share-A-Stocking

Today children in our religious education program will bring home a Christmas stocking. If you can help, fill the stocking with Christmas candy, treats or small toys and they will be shared with children in need. Additional stockings may be found in the vestibule of the church.

■Cookies with Santa

All children are welcome to join us in IC hall on **Sunday, December 18th** from **9:15AM to 10:15AM** for "Cookies with Santa". Kids are asked to bring the filled Christmas stockings to give to Santa so he can deliver them to less fortunate children on Christmas Eve.

Youth Group News

■Youth Group Meeting

Our parish youth group will meet next **Sunday, December 4th at 7:00PM in IC hall**. All boys and girls in 7th grade and older are invited to attend.

■Youth Group Christmas Wreath Sale

Purchase a coupon for \$10.00 from any member and pick up your wreath at Ciampi's Greenhouse on Tunkhannock Avenue anytime before 12/22/16. Tickets are available at the rectory.

■Youth Choir & Youth Group Christmas Caroling

On **Sunday, December 18th, our youth choir and youth group will meet in the rectory at 5:45PM** to go Christmas Caroling.

Christmas Eve Family Mass

Children who wish to take part in the 4:00PM family mass on Christmas Eve as lectors, gift bearers, heavenly hosts, ushers or participate in the skit are asked to email **jcecco-ni50@gmail.com** or call the rectory 570-654-2753.

Night at the Races Meeting

It is time to start planning for Night at the Races 2017. All are welcome to join us for our first planning meeting on **Monday, December 5th at 6:30PM in the rectory**.

St Clare's Sewing Ministry Meeting

All members, including those of you who usually work from home, and anyone interested in this ministry are welcome to join us in the rectory on **Wednesday, December 7th at 6:30PM for a meeting and holiday get together. Refreshments will be served!!**

Christmas Wafers

Are available in the vestibules of the churches. Donation is \$2.00 for a pack of 4 wafers.

2017 Parish Calendars

Thank you, once again, to Recupero Funeral Home for donating the 2017 parish calendars. The calendars can be found in the vestibules of the churches.

Jackpot Jingle Lottery

Please make your lottery returns by Sunday, December 11th. At that time we will begin selling unsold numbers. We expect to have a number of unsold tickets available and we sure would like to sell them all to ensure a successful fundraiser, so contact the rectory so we can get your name on the list.

"Autumn Treasure" Lottery Winners

11/23	No Winner	#259	\$50.00
11/24	Ray/Dianne Smith	#065	\$500.00
11/25	Emily DeNardi	#330	\$50.00
11/26	Elayne Amico	#067	\$50.00
11/27	No Winner	#725	\$100.00
11/28	Rob/Kim Yochum	#857	\$50.00
11/29	Mary Ann Polit	#890	\$50.00
11/30	No Winner	#996	\$50.00

Special drawing winners: 11/23 Michael Lumley \$50, 11/27 R Wayne Williams, Sr \$100, 11/30 Linda Blandina \$50.

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of the deceased members of the **Stankoski & Menn Families** is donated by Florence Stankoski.

Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **John J. Kosisky** are donated by his daughter & sons.

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Angela Maria Talerico** is donated by her granddaughter, Geraldine.

Barbershop Harmony Chorus

"Love at Christmas Time"

Sunday, December 11th at 2:00PM

Immaculate Conception Church

Tickets are \$5.00 which can be purchased after mass this weekend or at the door. Following the concert, coffee, punch and cookies will be served in the church hall. All are welcome.

Mass Intentions

December 5 thru December 11, 2016

Mon	7:30AM	Vincent Cella by Charles DeMarco Family
	8:30AM	Louise Manganiello by Debbie Kitcho
Tues	7:30AM	Ann Petrofski by Robert & Noreen Phillips
	8:30AM	Charles Foy, Sr. by daughter, Mary Godri & family
Wed	7:30AM	Dina & Gary DeSerra by daughters, Barbara & Denise
	8:30AM	Martin Cirelli, Sr. by family
	6:00PM	Paul Zongilla by niece, Annette
Thurs	7:30AM	Morlyn Hensley by Merritt & Carmen Ciampi
	8:30AM	Edward Lisofsky by Mary & Michael Burke
	6:00PM	Jack & Carmella Salvaggio by children & grandchildren
Fri	7:30AM	Rita DeNisco by Ross & Rosemary DeNisco
	8:30AM	Matthew & Viola Michels by family
Sat	4:00PM	Teresa Montante by sons & families
	5:30PM	Elaine Pendleton by Anna Mae Davidson
Sun	7:30AM	Mary Wiatrowski by daughter, Patti
	9:00AM	Donald Davidson by Steven & Josephine
	10:30AM	Dominick & Lucy Occhiato by family