



## 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 11, 2016

Follow the readings in Gather #997  
 Gathering #949 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!  
 Responsorial Psalm #997  
 Offertory #418 On Jordan's Bank  
 Communion #395 O Come, O Come,  
 Emmanuel  
 Recessional #409 People, Look East

Weekly Collection  
 December 4, 2016

**\$10,081.81**

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 11, 2016  
 Third Sunday of Advent**

### Second Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend at all Masses we will take up a second collection to benefit the Retirement Fund for Religious and Diocesan Priests.

### New Organ at ICC

This past week Cunningham Piano installed the new organ in Immaculate Conception Church. Beginning January 2017 an "organ fund" envelope will appear monthly in with your envelopes. All donations received for this project will be deposited back into our diocesan savings account. Monthly reports on the donation progress will appear in the bulletin.

### Organ Fund Donation

A monetary Christmas gift to our new organ fund in loving memory of John & Dolores Coniglio, Martin Andres and Jack McGovern has been given by Janet & Gregg Andres and family.

### Social Concerns News

#### ■ Giving Trees

Thank you to everyone for your continued participation in our giving tree project every year. This year we have 75 families who, no matter what they are going through, will have a very Merry Christmas because of the generosity of this parish. If you have taken a tag and have not yet returned your gifts, please have them under the giving trees no later than next Sunday, December 18th. It does not matter which tree you got the tag from, ICC or Holy Redeemer, the gifts can be placed under either giving tree. Immediately following the 9:00AM Mass next Sunday, Msgr will ask for help loading the gifts from the giving tree into cars. And after the 10:30AM Mass next Sunday, Msgr will ask for help bringing the gifts to the church hall. If you have a tag and have a question or concern, or did not get a tag and would like to help a child, please contact Joyce at 570-654-2753 or [jceccconi50@gmail.com](mailto:jceccconi50@gmail.com). Once again, thank you for your help!!

#### ■ Volunteers are Welcome

Listed below are days and times when members of our Social Concerns Committee and Youth Group will be busy playing Santa's helpers organizing, packing, wrapping, sorting and delivering for the holidays. If you can help, join on one or more of the following days:

**Thursday, December 15th 6:00PM Rectory** .....We will sort, pack and wrap for distribution, homemade cookies and chocolates for our parishioners in nursing homes and those who are homebound.

**Saturday, December 17th 10:00AM Rectory** .....We will deliver Christmas gifts to nursing homes and our homebound parishioners.

**Sunday, December 18th 4:00PM ICC hall** .....We will fill and wrap Christmas gift "food" baskets and sort and package giving tree gifts

**Monday, December 19th 5:00PM to 6:00PM** ..... Distribution of giving tree gifts and Christmas gift baskets.

### Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

**Christmas Eve December 24th**  
 4:00PM (Family Mass)..... ICC 5:30PM..... Holy Redeemer

**Christmas Day December 25th**  
 7:30AM.....ICC 9:00AM.....HR 10:30AM.....ICC

**New Year's Eve**  
 4:00PM..... ICC 5:30PM.....HR

**New Year's Day**  
 7:30AM.....ICC 9:00AM.....HR 10:30AM.....ICC

EM's and lectors are reminded to contact your coordinator to let them know of your availability to serve during the holidays. Thank you.

### Altar Servers

If your son/daughter is an altar server and is available to serve any of the masses on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve or New Year's Day, please fill out the sign up sheets in the sacristies or contact coordinators:

**Keirie Basara 570-333-0470 kbasara@comcast.net**

**Donna Mason 570-903-9142 mmason8589@aol.com**

### Religious Education Classes

There are no religious education classes today, Sunday, December 11th. Next Sunday, December 18th all children will meet in IC church hall for "Cookies with Santa". Please drop off and pick up your children at the church hall. There will be no classes December 25 and January 1st. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 8, 2017.

### 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.

### Christmas Caroling

All are welcome to join our parish youth group and youth choir Christmas Caroling on Sunday, December 18th. Anyone interested is asked to meet at the rectory at 5:45PM. The group will walk to the Garden Village Apartments where they will entertain the residents in the community room.

### Children's Envelopes

Are in the vestibules of the churches. If you would like children's envelopes, please call Lori at the rectory @ 570-654-2753.

### 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 our parish calendars. The 2017 parish calendars can be found in the vestibules of the churches. Take one home today!

### Jackpot Jingle Lottery

Please get your lottery returns in asap. This week we will begin reissuing unsold lottery numbers. We have a list of people who would like additional tickets, which will be available on Tuesday, December 13th. We would like to sell as many tickets as possible, to insure a successful fundraiser, Stop by or contact the rectory for additional tickets.

### Barbershop Harmony Chorus

**"Love at Christmas Time"**

**Today, Sunday, December 11th at 2:00PM**

**Immaculate Conception Church**

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

### Parish Madri Gras Planning Meeting

On Tuesday, December 13th at 6:30PM, anyone who would like to be a part of the committee planning our first parish Madri Gras dance/party is welcome to attend our first planning meeting.

### "Autumn Treasure" Lottery Winners

12/01	Corrine Guilford	#027	\$50.00
12/02	T/C Campenni	# 338	\$50.00
12/03	Heather Santee	#784	\$50.00
12/04	S. Mackachinas	#768	\$100.00
12/05	R. Yakobitis	#787	\$50.00
12/06	Dolores Anzalone	#445	\$50.00
12/07	Bob DiPetro	#985	\$50.00

### Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Leonard & Helen Brown & Geraldine Serafin** is donated by John & Maryellen Serafin.

### Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Sam Denisco** are donated by his children.

### Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Tony Denisco** is donated by his wife & children.

### Sanctuary Candle at HR

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **St. Pio of Pietreleina** is donated by M/M Anthony Luczak.

### Weight Watchers

A new 8 week session of Weight Watchers will begin on Monday, January 9, 2017. The group meets in the rectory on Mondays at 5:00PM. All are welcome to join this new session.

### 2017 Night at the Races

Mark your calendars, our 2017 Night at the Races will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2017 in Immaculate Conception Church Hall.

### Mass Intentions

#### December 12, thru December 18, 2016

<b>Mon</b>	7:30AM	<b>Lawrence Kohnevich</b> by John & Nancy Puskar
	8:30AM	<b>Thomas Kudrako</b> by family
<b>Tues</b>	7:30AM	<b>John Hudyck</b> by children
	8:30AM	<b>Stella Martin</b> by Marian Franko
<b>Wed</b>	7:30AM	<b>Gerry Kresge</b> by Sue & Joe Uhnak
	8:30AM	<b>Robert Zawatski, Sr.</b> by HR Morning Mass Group
<b>Thurs</b>	7:30AM	<b>Raymonde Baiera</b> by Loretta & Marta
	8:30AM	<b>Daniel Smitka</b> by Katie Bodnar
<b>Fri</b>	7:30AM	<b>Helen Hilbert</b> by family
	8:30AM	<b>General Jerome F. O'Malley</b> by Bruno Ferretti, Jr.
<b>Sat</b>	4:00PM	<b>Scott Romiski</b> by sister, Donna & family
	5:30PM	<b>Albina Saracino</b> by Vince & Mary Ann Mirro
<b>Sun</b>	7:30AM	<b>Ann, Robert &amp; Margaret Hreha</b> by family
	9:00AM	<b>Ron Musto</b> by wife, Mary Jean & children
	10:30AM	<b>John Casey, Jr.</b> by family