



Corpus Christi Parish

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 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

April 2, 2017

Follow the readings in Gather #1028
 Gathering #596 Praise to You, O Christ,
 Our Savior (verse 4)
 Responsorial Psalm #1028
 Offertory #645 Amazing Grace
 Communion #721 You Are Mine
 Recessional #492 Jerusalem, My Destiny
 (verse 5)

Weekly Collection
 March 26, 2017

\$10,204.20

Care & Education for Priests
 March 2017
 \$771.00

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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.

April 2, 2017 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Second Collection This Weekend

This weekend at all masses, we will take up the "Rice Bowl" collection for Catholic Relief Services. Lent is our time to cultivate a spirit of global solidarity by reaching out to our brothers and sisters, worldwide, who are in need. Your generosity is appreciated.

The Light is on for You

Msgr. Sempa will be in the confessional at Holy Redeemer on Monday, April 3rd from 6:00PM to 7:00PM.

Lenten Soup & Scripture

Our own Father Michael Drevitch, Assistant Pastor of Epiphany Parish, Sayre will be our guest speaker for our final "soup & scripture" session on Tuesday, April 4th at 6:00PM in Immaculate Conception hall. All are welcome.

Altar Servers, EM's, Heavenly Hosts, Lectors - If you are available to serve at 7:00PM on Holy Thursday, 1:00PM on Good Friday, 8:00PM on Holy Saturday, 7:30AM, 9:00AM or 10:30AM Mass on Easter Sunday morning please contact one of the following coordinators. We thank you for your cooperation.

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New Ministry Schedule

All altar servers, EM's and lectors are asked to please notify your coordinators of any changes you wish to make for your mass serving preference for the new schedule, which will be prepared before the end of April. It would be very helpful if you would notify them of any changes to your personal contact information. Thank you.

Social Concerns Food & Easter Basket Drive

Thank you to all for your generous donations of non perishable foods, Easter candy, small toys and the generous monetary donations all of which will be used to prepare food baskets and Easter baskets for families and children in our community. We will be meet **in Immaculate Conception hall at 5:00PM on Sunday, April 9th** to fill food bags and put together Easter baskets for children. All are welcome to help with this project, bring the kids, bring the teens....a great way to earn service hours!

Homebound and Nursing Homes

Next weekend, Social Concerns members will be delivering Easter gifts to our parishioners who are homebound and who reside in nursing homes. We will be preparing a basket filled with traditional Easter foods which will be blessed at our Holy Saturday Blessing of Baskets,

then delivered to our homebound parishioners on Saturday, April 15th. If anyone is able to help with these deliveries on Saturday April 8 and/or Saturday, April 15, please contact Joyce at 570-654-2753 or jceconni50@gmail.com.

Social Concerns Meeting

We will meet on **Wednesday, April 5th at 6:00PM** in the rectory. All are welcome to join us.

St Clare's Sewing Ministry Meeting

All are welcome to join us at our next meeting, **Wednesday, Aril 5th at 6:00PM** in the rectory.

Organ Fund Envelope

In December, we withdrew from our diocesan savings account \$61,296.00 for the purchase of the new organ for Immaculate Conception Church. All donations specified for the organ fund and monies received from the organ fund envelopes are redeposited into our diocesan savings account. During the month of March we received **\$1,237.00** which has been deposited into our diocesan savings account leaving us with a balance of **\$56,081.00** to replace. Thank you to everyone for your continued generosity toward this fund.

Car Show

Car Show **May 21, 2017 (rain date is May 28)** Food trucks, vendors, car corral! Volunteers are needed to help at the car registration table as well as selling 50/50 tickets, numerous other tasks as well! Questions, please contact Carmen or Deb Altavilla at 570-574-4360 or nascargal.deb@gmail.com. Can you help us get the word out? Just take a few posters, which can be found in the vestibules of the churches, and place them in any local places of business you patronize. Thank you!

Living Stations Practice

Practice for Living Stations of the Cross will be held today, **Sunday, April 2nd from 7 to 8PM in ICC.**

Deanery Penance Service

Will be held on **Monday, April 10th at 7:00PM** in St. John the Evangelist Church, William Street, Pittston.

Flea Market

Flea market season is almost here! Are you downsizing, spring cleaning, or just want to rid yourself of unnecessary clutter? Well, now don't have to trash it. Just pack it up and save it for our annual flea market, which will be open on Saturdays during the month of June. Please remember we cannot accept clothing, stuffed animals, pillows, stuffed furniture, large appliances and electronics.

Beginning Wednesday, April 26th, flea market items may be dropped off at the school (behind ICC) every Wednesday from 6 to 8PM and Saturday mornings from 8AM to 12 noon.

"Jackpot Jingle" Lottery Winners

03/23	Judy Sokach	#521	\$50.00
03/24	M/M Michael Fino	#794	\$50.00
03/25	M/M Stephen Sokach	#523	\$50.00
03/26	Celeste Reedy	#583	\$100.00
03/27	Ronald Foy	#787	\$50.00
03/28	Amy Craig	#850	\$50.00
03/29	Christine Zongilla	#459	\$50.00

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

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

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Anthony (Bonaventura) & Carmella Denisco** is donated by their family.

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who supported Quinn Crispell and her 3.21 Run for World Down Syndrome Day. In addition to running 3.21 miles on March 21, Quinn has raised more than \$1,500 for the National Down Syndrome Society. She is among the top four individual fund-raisers in the county.

Mass Intentions

April 3 thru April 9, 2017

Mon	7:30AM	Rita, Ross, AnnaMaria DeNisco by Ross & Rosemary
	8:30AM	Chester Kuchnicki by Frank & Carolyn Swickel
	5:30PM	Helen Nuzzalo & Mary Melvin by Fred & Marie
Tues	7:30AM	Dec'd Membs Alexander & Josephine Parente Family by grandchildren
	8:30AM	Jean Holko by Godchild, Marilyn & family
	5:30PM	Frances Bellanco by Carmen & Bernie Ambrosino
Wed	7:30AM	Marie Brogna by Mary Lou Holby
	8:30AM	Viola & Matthew Michels by Dianne & Raymond Smith
	5:30PM	Dorothy Adrian by James Nocito
Thurs	7:30AM	Teresa & Joseph Cravatta by daughter, Phyllis
	8:30AM	Elizabeth Marranta by Cella family
	5:30PM	Jean Zezza by Judy Sokach
Fri	7:30AM	Cy Frankovich by wife & daughters
	8:30AM	Robert Zawatski by Lisa, Craig & Rachel Bieler
	5:30PM	Margaret Nocito by Joe & Dorothy Lacomis
Sat	4:00PM	Ronald Rosengrant by wife & children
	5:30PM	Irene White by M/M Edward Klein & sons
Sun	7:30AM	Louis & Agnes Lanzone by LuAnn & Bill Hancock
	9:00AM	Matthew Chipolis by Stephen, Christopher & Gina
	10:30AM	Hubert Dixon by wife, Marguerite

THE PASCAL TRIDUUM

This is your invitation to follow Jesus' journey from Holy Thursday through Good Friday to the telling of salvation's story at the Vigil. Do this and you will have an Easter like no other. The Triduum—the three days beginning on the evening of Holy Thursday and ending on Easter Sunday—is an opportunity to experience the essence of Lent and more. The high point of the liturgical life of the Church, The Triduum, allows us to walk with Jesus in his mission of salvation from suffering and death to glorious resurrection. As we do so, we are moving from death to life in our own lives, just as we did in baptism. God is holy. This week is holy. Lent only makes sense and reaches its fullness in our participation in The Easter Triduum.

Holy Thursday, April 13, 2017

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00PM

Night Prayer 10:00PM

This is the night when we remember how God freed his people enslaved in Egypt. It is the Passover of the Lord. At the Last Supper, Jesus washes the feet of the disciples as a sign of servanthood and commands us to do likewise. We hear again Christ's command (mandatum) to love and serve one another. We give thanks for the gift of Christ's presence in the Eucharist. All Extraordinary Ministers of Communion are called forth to be re-commissioned. There is no dismissal; we leave in silence; the story continues tomorrow. After communion the blessed sacrament is placed on the altar and remains there until night prayer.

Good Friday, April 14, 2017

Passion of our Lord 1:00PM

This is the day of our salvation! The service commemorating Christ's passion and death is the most somber and solemn liturgy in our church year. All who enter the church should feel a deep silence settle over them and be struck by the barrenness of the church. The Church comes together to read from Scripture and to pray for the whole world. Veneration of the Cross is a common custom and is done through a simple touch or a kiss. This is not only a time to mourn the death of Jesus on the Cross, but a moment to remember that through his death on the Cross, we are given eternal life with him.

Living Stations of the Cross

7:00PM Presented by Parish Youth Group with Youth Choir

Holy Saturday, April 15, 2017

Blessing of Baskets 12:00Noon

Holy Redeemer Church

Easter Egg Hunt 12:15PM

Holy Redeemer Church Grounds

Easter Vigil & Mass 8:00PM

This is the most sacred night in the church's liturgical year. We remember that the death and darkness of the tomb does not triumph. It is shattered in the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. The service begins with the lighting of the new fire. We hear salvation's story. We renew our baptismal vows. We sing Alleluia. We ring bells. Sing the Gloria. Eucharist is shared. We rejoice! The Lord is risen!!

Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017

Mass 7:30AM.....Immaculate Conception Church

Mass 9:00AM.....Holy Redeemer Church

Family Mass 10:30AM.....(Family Mass/Youth Choir) Immaculate Conception Church