



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.

November 26, 2017

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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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

Gluten Intolerant?

If you cannot tolerate gluten, please receive communion on the tabernacle side of the church and let the person distributing communion know you need gluten free.

November 26, 2017

Readings/Responsorial #1191

Gathering: #881 Lift High the Cross

Offertory: #596 Praise to You, O Christ,
 Our Savior

Communion: #402 Like a Shepherd

Recessional: #573 To Jesus Christ, Our
 Sovereign King

Weekly Collection

November 19, 2017

\$9,510.30

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Corpus Christi Parish Diocesan Annual Appeal Update

Our parish goal for the 2017 DAA is **\$32,000.00**. To date we raised **\$26,506.00** which leaves us under **\$5,494.00**. Thank you to everyone for your pledges and donations.

Big Prize Bingo

On behalf of our Social Concerns members, thank you to everyone who helped make our "Big Prize Bingo" the success it was. Thank you all who attended, cooked, baked, set up, cleaned up worked the bingo and of course those who donated all the fabulous prizes. Our final profit from the bingo is **\$9,283.85**.

Corpus Christi Parish Adult & Youth Choirs

present

"Sounds of the Season"

Sunday, December 10, 2017

Immaculate Conception Church at 6:00PM

All are welcome to join us in the church hall for refreshments following the concert.

Social Concerns Holiday Events

•Thanksgiving Kindness

Many, many thanks for your generous monetary donations and donations of non-perishable foods and turkeys. Because of your kindness, 75 local families received a gift box of food, a grocery gift certificate, and a turkey, if they needed one. A couple of families received a pre-paid turkey dinner with all the trimmings from a local grocery store. Thank you to all who helped prepare the food boxes, write out "giving tree" tags, and those who helped with the distribution. St. Francis of Assisi said *"Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words."* On behalf of our entire parish community our volunteers did just that.....we were able to preach the gospel message of Jesus by helping to feed those in need. May the Lord continue to bless our parish.

•Thanksgiving for Nursing Homes/Homebound

Thank you to our "soup ministry" volunteers who made a delicious beef vegetable soup and to those of you who made the delicious assortment of pumpkin, bread, muffins, cookies, etc. Our homebound, parishioners, recipients of the soup and pumpkin goodies, were very grateful and let us know how delicious everything was. Our parishioners in nursing homes received a gift of chocolates. Thank you to those who did the deliveries.

•The Giving Trees

Located in the sacristies, adorned with hundreds of gift tags are our parish "giving trees". On the back of each tag is a "family number", which is how we identify the family. This year we did a couple of tags for each child. One tag will have his or her size and a clothing suggestion; other tags will have toys or depending on the age, another gift

suggestion. There are a few circumstances where a coat, hat, gloves or comfortable clothing is listed for an adult. If you have any questions regarding the giving tree tags, please contact Joyce at 570-654-2753 or email jcecco-ni50@gmail.com. Please remember, all gifts must be wrapped with the tag attached, and placed under the giving trees no later than **Sunday December 17th**.

•Christmas Food Gift Boxes

Preparing Thanksgiving food boxes for 75 families really wiped out our food supply. Our goal is to fill our shelves and be able to feed the same 75 families for Christmas. If you can help, please leave donations of any non-perishable foods in the vestibules of the churches. Thank you!!

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Will be celebrated in our parish on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 10:00AM in Holy Redeemer Church.

Sacrament of First Eucharist

Will be celebrated in our parish on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 10:00AM in Immaculate Conception Church.

Seniors Meeting

All are welcome to join us on Wednesday, November 29th **at 1:00PM** in the rectory dining room. All are welcome!!

Youth Group Meeting

Our parish youth group will meet next **Sunday, December 3rd at 7:00PM** in Immaculate Conception Church. All kids in 7th grade and older are invited to attend.

Youth Group Christmas Wreath Sale

The youth group will be selling Christmas wreaths. The cost is \$10 for a fresh wreath decorated with a red bow. To order a wreath, see any member of the youth group or call JuelAnne Klepadlo at 570-430-1470. You may pick out your own wreath at Ciampi's Greenhouse on Tunkhannock Avenue by taking your prepaid ticket. If you would like your wreath delivered...let us know!

Christmas & New Year's Masses

The Masses for Christmas and New Years are as follows:
 Sunday, December 24th 4:00PM, 5:30PM, 10:00PM
 Monday, December 25th 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM
 Sunday, December 31st 4:00PM, 5:30PM
 Monday, January 1st 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM

Altar Servers, EM's and Lectors

Please contact your coordinator to let them know which Mass you are available to serve on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve or New Year's Day.

Altar Servers:

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

Lectors:

Donnie Minnick 570-212-8774 sokach-minnick@verizon.net

Paula Panzitta 570-388-6129 ppanzitta@msn.com

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:

Teresa Crossin 570-357-3985 tacross5@comcast.net

"Autumn Treasure" Lottery Winners

11/16	Anna Roche	#593	\$75.00
11/17	Jean Marie Radle	#571	\$50.00
11/18	No Winner	#966	\$75.00
11/19	Patti Wiatrowski	#771	\$125.00
11/20	No Winner	#906	\$50.00
11/21	Adam Kowalczyk	#350	\$75.00

Special drawing winners: E. Green 11/18 \$75.00 and Jack & Mary Claire Borzell 11/20 \$50.00.

Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Caroline & Joseph Just** are donated by their daughter, Geraldine & family.

Holy Family at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Eleanor Garzella** is donated by Ross & Rosemary DeNisco.

Sanctuary Candle at HR

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Robert Kowalczyk** is donated by his wife, son and family.

Exeter Lions Craft Show

The 3rd annual Exeter Lions Holiday Vendor and Craft Show will be held on December 2, 2017 from 10:00AM to 5:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church hall. We will have 30 vendors, food, desserts, instant bingo, and a chance to win a lottery balloon filled with PA lottery tickets. For further information on the event or to be a vendor, please call Lori DeAngelo at 570-239-5260.

Mass Intentions	
November 27 thru December 3, 2017	
Mon 7:30AM	Martina Jacobs by Donald & Patricia Jacobs
8:30AM	All Souls Intentions
Tues 7:30AM	Sylvia Smith by family
8:30AM	Phil Walsh by Carol & Mary Ann Naessig
Wed 7:30AM	Andrena Borick by family
8:30AM	Davidica (Mattei) Ferretti by Bruno Ferretti, Jr.
Thurs 7:30AM	Anthony J. Manganiello by Kitty Bruce
8:30AM	Daniel Smitka by family
Fri 7:30AM	Mary Hensley by Jim & Marion Ciampi & sons
8:30AM	Mary Ann Fino by M/M Al Balzano
Sat 4:00PM	George Menn & Joseph Butera by wife & sister
5:30PM	Mary Ann Mirro by JoAnn & Ron Patoka
Sun 7:30AM	Donald Fetsko by Lori & Julian Campenni
9:00AM	Steve Chipolis by Ed & Mary Godri
10:30AM	Robert Brown, Sr. & Robert Brown Jr. by family