



## 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 3, 2017  
The First Sunday of Advent**

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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.

December 3, 2017

Readings/Responsorial #992

Gathering: #403 Come, O Long-Expected  
Jesus

Offertory: #395 O Come, O Come,  
Emmanuel

Communion: #939 Behold the Lamb

Recessional: #865 Soon and Very Soon

Weekly Collection

November 26, 2017

**\$10,047.00**

Care & Education of Priests

November 2017 \$789.00

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### 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.

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Masses are as follows: Thursday, December 7th Mass 6:00PM at Holy Redeemer and Friday, December 8th Mass at 7:30AM & 6:00PM at Immaculate Conception and Mass at 8:30AM at Holy Redeemer.

### Organ Fund Envelope

For the month of November the amount received through the organ fund envelopes is **\$905.00**. This amount has been deposited into our Diocesan Savings account leaving **\$48,047.00** to replenish. Thank you for your donations.

### Christmas Wafers

Christmas wafers are available in the sacristy of each church. Donation is \$2.00 for a pack of 4 wafers.

## Corpus Christi Parish Adult & Youth Choirs

### "Sounds of the Season"

**Sunday, December 10, 2017**

**Immaculate Conception Church at 6:00PM**

Following the concert, all are invited to join us in the church hall for refreshments.

### Christmas & New Year's Masses

The Masses for Christmas and New Years are as follows:

**Sunday, December 24th** 4:00PM (ICC), 5:30PM (HR), 10:00PM (ICC)

**Monday, December 25th** 7:30AM (ICC), 9:00AM (HR), 10:30AM (ICC)

**Please note, because January 1st Solemnity of Mary Holy Mother of God is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, the Masses are as follows:**

**Sunday, December 31st** 4:00PM (ICC), 5:30PM (HR)

**Monday, January 1st** 9:00AM (ICC)

### Altar Servers, EM's and Lectors

Please contact your coordinator to let them know which Mass you are available to serve for Christmas and New Years..

#### Altar Servers:

Donna Mason 570-903-9142 [mmason8589@aol.com](mailto:mmason8589@aol.com)

#### Lectors:

Donnie Minnick 570-212-8774 [sokach-minnick@verizon.net](mailto:sokach-minnick@verizon.net)

Paula Panzitta 570-388-6129 [ppanzitta@msn.com](mailto:ppanzitta@msn.com)

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:

Teresa Crossin 570-357-3985 [tacross5@comcast.net](mailto:tacross5@comcast.net)

### Sacraments of Reconciliation & First Eucharist

We will celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 10:00AM in Holy Redeemer Church. The Sacrament of First Eucharist will be celebrated on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 10:00AM in Immaculate Conception Church. All boys and girls in 2nd grade and older who are students in a Catholic school or who are attending religious education classes in our parish are eligible to receive these sacraments.

## Social Concerns News

### •The Giving Trees

Last weekend we filled the giving trees with hundreds of tags. It is wonderful to see how many tags are gone from the trees already. On the back of each tag is a "family number", which is how we identify the family. It is very important to attach the tag to the wrapped gift. In most cases, we did a couple of tags for each child with one toy/gift or clothing suggestion on each tag. In certain circumstances we listed a gift or clothing item for an adult. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the giving tree tags, please do not hesitate to contact Joyce at 570-654-2753 or email [jceconi50@gmail.com](mailto:jceconi50@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**. Thank you!!

### •Christmas Food Donations

Thank you for the monetary and non-perishable food donations which are coming in. We have a list of 77 families we will be feeding for Christmas. If you can help, we are looking for donations of any non-perishable foods. We have 50 turkeys, which were donated by a friend of the parish. If we can, we would like to give a turkey to every family. As always, thank you for your help.

### •Christmas Stockings for Children

In the vestibules of the churches are Christmas stockings. If you can help, please take a stocking and fill with Christmas candy, treats or Dollar Store trinkets for children. These stockings will be given to the children of the families we are helping for Christmas. Please return filled stockings to the rectory or leave them under the "giving trees" on or before Sunday, December 17th. Thank you for your help!!

### •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 no later than Thursday, December 14th. If you are willing to bake, please call the rectory at 654-2753 or email Joyce at [jceconi50@gmail.com](mailto:jceconi50@gmail.com). We will meet in the rectory on **Thursday, December 14 at 5:00PM** to package the homemade goodies. If you would like to help, please join us.

### •Homemade Soup Ministry

Join our soup ministers in the kitchen of IC church on **Thursday, December 14 at 9:00AM** as they create another delicious homemade soup for our homebound.

### •Delivery to Nursing Homes & Homebound

On **Saturday, December 16th 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 it when parishioners, including children, come to visit. If you can help deliver, please contact Joyce at 654-2753 or [jceconi50@gmail.com](mailto:jceconi50@gmail.com). Thank you

### •Giving Tree and Christmas Food Gifts

For teenagers needing service hours and teens who just want to help, please keep these dates in mind.....Thank you!!

**Thursday, December 14th at 6:30PM**

**Sunday, December 17th at 5:00PM**

**Tuesday, December 19th from 5:00PM to 6:00PM**

See next week's bulletin for more details!!

## "Autumn Treasure" Lottery Winners

11/22	Bellissa Klein	#692	\$50.00
11/23	No Winner	#371	\$250.00
11/24	John Cenera	#037	\$50.00
11/25	Daniel Margle	#414	\$50.00
11/26	Jeanne Recine	#576	\$125.00
11/27	No Winner	#800	\$75.00
11/28	Eileen Sempa	#554	\$50.00
11/29	Regina Pesta	#543	\$50.00

Special drawing winners: John Cenera 11/23 \$250.00 and Sherri Petrokonis 11/27 \$75.00

### Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Genevieve Keating** are donated by Marilyn Fessler.

### Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Thomas Crispino** is donated by his wife, Dorothy.

### Youth Group Meeting

Our parish youth group will meet today, **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 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.

## Mass Intentions

### December 4th thru December 10, 2017

Mon	7:30AM	<b>Mary Burke</b> by M/M Chris Tracy & family
	8:30AM	<b>Charles Olshemski</b> by Bowman & Ercolani Families
Tues	7:30AM	<b>Eleanor Kashuda</b> by Vincent Kashuda
	8:30AM	<b>All Souls Intentions</b>
Wed	7:30AM	<b>Joseph DeLucca, Sr.</b> by Chet & Donna Hine
	8:30AM	<b>Charles Foy, Sr.</b> by daughter Mary Godri
Thurs	7:30AM	<b>Health &amp; God's Blessings for Jim Gelgot</b> by wife, Margie
	8:30AM	<b>Martin Cirelli, Sr.</b> by family
	6:00PM	<b>Minnie Melvin</b> by Fred & Marie Melvin
Fri	7:30AM	<b>MaryAnn Mirro</b> by Kathleen & Richard Gill & Family
	8:30AM	<b>Patricia Krulack</b> by John & Connie Lewis
	6:00PM	<b>Jack &amp; Carmella Salvaggio</b> by children & grandchildren
Sat	4:00PM	<b>Theresa Montante</b> by sons and families
	5:30PM	<b>Ursula &amp; Ben Danoski</b> by daughter, Christine
Sun	7:30AM	<b>Mary &amp; John Fadden, Sr.</b> by Patrick Fadden
	9:00AM	<b>Michael &amp; Christopher Kozloski &amp; Frank Boluski</b> by family
	10:30AM	<b>Dominick &amp; Lucy Occhiato</b> by family