



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 10, 2017

The Second Sunday of Advent

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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**

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

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Readings/Responsorial #995

**Gathering: #403 Come, O Long-Expected
Jesus**

**Offertory: #395 O Come, O Come,
Emmanuel**

**Communion: #402 Like a Shepherd
Recessional: #680 We Walk By Faith**

**Weekly Collection
December 3, 2017
\$9,364.25**

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Second Collection This Weekend

This weekend at all Masses, we will take up a second collection to benefit the Retirement Fund for Religious and Diocesan Priests. Your generosity is appreciated.

Corpus Christi Parish Adult and Youth Choirs

Present

Sounds of the Season

Today, Sunday, December 10 at 6:00PM

Immaculate Conception Church

**Immediately following the concert, all are welcome to join us
for refreshments in the church hall.**

Christmas Wafers

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

Religious Education Classes

Please note there are no religious education classes during the month of December. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 7, 2018.

Christmas Weekend & New Year's Weekend Masses

Please note the Masses for the upcoming Christmas and New Year's holiday weekend. Please note...this year January 1st, Solemnity of Mary Holy Mother of God is not a Holy Day of Obligation

December 24th (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

Saturday 4:00PM IC & 5:30PM HR

Sunday 7:30AM IC, 9:00AM HR, 10:30AM IC

**Sunday, December 24th (Christmas Eve)
4:00PM IC (Family Mass), 5:30PM HR, 10:00PM IC (Adult Choir)**

Monday, December 25th (Christmas Day)

7:30AM IC, 9:00AM HR, 10:30AM IC

December 31st (Feast of the Holy Family)

Saturday 4:00PM IC & 5:30PM HR

Sunday 7:30AM IC, 9:00AM HR, 10:30AM IC

Sunday, December 31st (New Year's Eve)

4:00PM IC and 5:30PM HR

Monday, January 1st (New Year's Day)

9:00AM IC

Christmas Eve Family Mass

All children are welcome to participate in our Christmas Eve Family Mass as lectors, gift bearers, heavenly hosts or take part in the Nativity skit. If your child wants to participate, you must call Joyce at 654-2753 or e-mail jceconi50@gmail.com by Wednesday, December 13th. A member of the family ministry team will contact you with the details.

Social Concerns News

•Giving Trees

Thank you to everyone for your continued generosity!! This year, our Giving Trees were covered with hundreds of tags listing Christmas gift wishes for approximately 200 local children and teens. These children have the same wishes as our children. They all want the coolest toy and the latest style clothing. In these cases, their parents/guardians can barely afford to keep food on the table and pay the monthly utility bills. There is very little, if anything left for Christmas. But once again you are making Christmas wishes come true!

Please remember.....next Sunday, December 17th is the final day to bring in your Giving Tree gifts. Please be sure to wrap your gift and, because each tag has a family number on it, it is very important the tag is attached to the gift. Thank you!!

•Christmas Food Donations

Thank you for the monetary and non-perishable food donations which are coming in. We have about 80 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 or a ham 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 next 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 jceconni50@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 and Friday, December 15 at 9:00AM,** as they create another delicious homemade soup for our homebound. On Thursday, they make the soup and on Friday they pack it up for delivery.

•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 approximately 75 parishioners who are homebound or residing in nursing homes. The homebound will get a beautiful card, which is designed and made by the children in our religious education classes; a box of chocolates; a quart of homemade soup; a lovely adult bib, which is "made with love" by the members of our St. Clare Sewing Ministry; and a Christmas tin filled with homemade Christmas cookies donated by you, our parishioners. Those residing in nursing homes will receive the card from the kids, a box of chocolates and the Christmas tin filled with the cookies. They love it when parishioners, including children, come to visit. If you can help deliver, please contact Joyce at 654-2753 or jceconni50@gmail.com. Thank you

•Giving Tree and Christmas Food Gifts

Listed below are the dates and times when volunteer help will be needed to wrap things up for the holidays. We welcome everyone including teenagers needing service hours and teens who just want to help. Thank you!!

Thursday, December 14th 6:30PM-7:30PM

Volunteers will be sorting and counting the food in the church hall...getting it ready for boxing.

Sunday, December 17th at 5:00PM-7:00PM

Volunteers will be organizing and sorting the gifts from the Giving Trees...in preparation for pickup. Other volunteers will be packing and wrapping Christmas food "gift boxes".

Tuesday, December 19th from 5:00PM-6:00PM

The families will be picking up their Christmas food "gift" boxes and gifts from the Giving Trees. Help is usually needed bringing things out to their cars.

"Autumn Treasure" Lottery Winners

11/30	No Winner	#800	\$150.00
12/01	Terri Zezza	#000	\$50.00
12/02	Mary Ann Cipolla	#736	\$75.00
12/03	No Winner	#026	\$125.00
12/04	R.Kudasik	#367	\$50.00
12/05	Angelo Montante	#464	\$50.00
12/06	Robert Calpin	#002	\$75.00
Special drawing winners: Kim Yochem 11/30 \$150.00 and Abby Sempa 12/03 \$125.00			

Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **David Stankoski** are donated by his mother.

Holy family Candle at ICC

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

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

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

Night at the Races

Save the date!!!! Our annual "Night at the Races" will be held on **Saturday, February 10, 2018** in Immaculate Conception Hall. Our first planning meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 6:00PM** in the rectory.

Youth Group Christmas Wreath Sale

You may pick out your own wreath at Ciampi's Greenhouse on Tunkhannock Avenue by taking your prepaid ticket. Tickets may be purchased at the rectory for \$10.00.

Bereavement Mass Candles

If your deceased family member was remembered at our Bereavement in November, please stop by or call the rectory (570-654-2753) if you did not get their personalized candle and would like to pick it up.

Mass Intentions		
December 11th thru December 17, 2017		
Mon	7:30AM	Paschal DeGuglielmo by Eugene Lippi
	8:30AM	Horace Davies by M/M Charles Veety
Tues	7:30AM	Anthony Hassay by MaryJo Dileo
	8:30AM	Living & deceased members of the John Rupsky Family by daughter, Patricia
Wed	7:30AM	Agnes Lanzone by Loretta Anderson
	8:30AM	Frank Carney by family
Thurs	7:30AM	Cheryl Devers by Rosella Fedor
	8:30AM	Dorothy Foy by Nancy Burns
Fri	7:30AM	Josephine Mirabelle by Alice, Barb & Joey Antonio
	8:30AM	Albert Yanulavich, Sr. by John & Rosemary McHale
Sat	4:00PM	Deceased members of the Brown, Bishop, Serafin & Pasternak Familys by John & Maryellen Serafin
	5:30PM	Stephen Chipolis by Sam & Karen Aritz
Sun	7:30AM	Connie Angelella by Wesley visiting group
	9:00AM	John Borzell, Sr. by Ed & Mary Godri
	10:30AM	John Casey, Jr. by family