



## 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.

**March 10, 2019**

**First Sunday of Lent**

**Immaculate Conception Church  
Holy Redeemer Church  
Parish Office**

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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  
5:30PM Immaculate Conception (Lent)**

### CONFESSION

**Saturday 3:00PM - 3:30PM  
Mondays 5:45-6:45PM (during Lent)  
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.

### March 10, 2019

**Readings/Responsorial # 1018  
Gathering: #480 Mercy, O God  
Offertory: #691 On Eagle's Wings  
Communion: #932 One Bread, One Body  
Recessional: #492 Jerusalem, My Destiny**

### Weekly Collection March 3, 2019

**Collection \$7,743.65  
E Giving 844.16  
Total **\$8,587.81****

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### Let's Play Ball!!

This weekend, at all Masses, boys and girls are invited to begin their Lenten journey by signing up to play "Corpus Christi Baseball." You can help us hit it out of the park and run the bases throughout the five Sundays of Lent. All you need is your Corpus Christi "bat" which will be given out at all masses this weekend. You will be playing for Team Sempa Saints or Team Alco Angels. Each week you will be tasked with a good deed to perform that week. When you come to Mass, place them in the bucket on your team dugout. As good deeds are brought in, your team will advance the bases. On Easter Sunday at the Family Mass, we will see who makes it to home plate. Always remember to have fun, play hard and Let's Play Ball!

### Family Mass & Donut Sunday

Boys and girls in 3rd Grade will lector, greet, bring up the gifts and our youth choir will sing at the 10:30AM Family Mass today, Sunday. Following this Mass all are invited to join us in the church hall for donuts!!!

### Twilight Bingo Tickets

Tickets for this bingo which will be held on Saturday, March 30th in Immaculate Conception Hall will be available before and after all Masses this weekend.

### Youth Group Board Game Party

All students in grades 7 thru 12 are welcome to join us today, Sunday, March 10th from 6:00PM to 8:00PM in IC hall for an evening of fun and games. Pizza, snacks, and drinks will be provided; bring your board games!!!

### Stations of the Cross for Children

Next Friday, March 15th, all children from the parish are invited to lead the Stations of the Cross. To participate, just come to practice on Wednesday, March 13 at 6:00PM in IC Church. For further information contact:

**Lisa Falzone 237-2739 [mybudge1@aol.com](mailto:mybudge1@aol.com)  
Sara Konopka 498-9304 [skono1683@yahoo.com](mailto:skono1683@yahoo.com)  
Mary Ann Oliveri 357-1778 [mare0912b@epix.net](mailto:mare0912b@epix.net)**

### New Ministry Schedule

A new ministry schedule which will run from April thru June 2019 will be published at the end of March. All altar servers, EM's, and lectors are asked to contact their coordinator if they wish to make any changes to their mass preference availability for those 3 months. Please contact:

**Lectors: Rosalie Cullagh 570-430-7319 [rosan814@comcast.net](mailto:rosan814@comcast.net)  
EM's: Teresa Crossin 570-357-3985 [tacross5@comcast.net](mailto:tacross5@comcast.net)  
Altar Servers: Donna Mason 570-903-9142 [mmason8589@aol.com](mailto:mmason8589@aol.com)**

### Ash Wednesday Food Sale, Thank you!

Thank you to all who supported our Ash Wednesday food sale. To our expert cooks, the volunteers who delivered to our homebound, the clean up crew and to everyone who came and bought the food, thank you! We apologize to those who we had to turn away because we were sold out of food. Through your support this fundraiser netted a profit of \$1,985.42 for Social Concerns. Once again, thank you to everyone!!

### The Light is on for You

Monsignor Sempa will be in the confessional at Immaculate Conception Church on **Monday, March 11th from 5:45PM - 6:00PM.**

### Lenten Soup & Scripture

Our first Lenten Soup & Scripture Session will be held next **Tuesday, March 19 at 6:00PM** in Immaculate Conception Church Hall. All are welcome to join us as we gather to enjoy a simple Lenten meal of soup and sandwiches and some Lenten reflections from a guest speaker. The first session will be hosted by the following parish groups: Social Concerns, Finance, Ushers, Liturgy, and the Holy Name Society. They will provide the soups and sandwiches and help with set up and clean up. Those of you who are providing soups and sandwiches are asked to contact Joyce at 570-654-2753 or [jceconconi50@gmail.com](mailto:jceconconi50@gmail.com). Thank you!!

### Living Stations Good Friday, April 19th

All boys and girls are invited to take part in our parish youth group's production of Living Stations. To take part contact JuelAnn Klepadlo at 570-430-1470 or e-mail [jaklepadlo@comcast.net](mailto:jaklepadlo@comcast.net).

### Yearly contributions

For a report of your yearly contributions for 2018, please contact Lori at 570-654-2753 or e-mail [lkasisky1@epix.net](mailto:lkasisky1@epix.net).

### Social Concerns Spring Food Drive

To help us keep our food shelves in stock, we are asking for donations of **crackers, rice, pancake mix and cereal**. As always, all non-perishable foods and monetary donations are welcome!!

### Help for Easter

If you or someone you know is struggling and could use help with food and Easter baskets for their children, please call the rectory or e-mail [jceconconi50@gmail.com](mailto:jceconconi50@gmail.com).

### Online Giving is Now Available!!

**■HOW DO I SIGN UP?** Signing up is as simple as going to our parish website [www.corpuschristinepa.com](http://www.corpuschristinepa.com) and looking for the green computer mouse icon. That button will take you to the my E offering page for our parish. Simply sign up and begin giving online today! For help signing up or for more information regarding on-line giving, call Lori at 570-654-2753.

### Rail Riders Faith & Family Night

Our Holy Name Society is sponsoring this event on behalf of our parish on **Saturday, April 27th at 4:05PM at the SWB RailRiders PNC Field.** We will be joining other congregations on this special night. Our seating is the field reserved seats in the seating bowl and are \$5.00 each. We need at least 10 people to sign up. There will be live music, a pregame sermon on the field and our group's name in lights on the big board in the middle of the 4th inning!! PNC Field gates open @ 2:30 pm that evening. Please contact Dave Palovchak @ 570-763-5616 or see him after ushering at the 4:00PM Mass to sign up. We will need to know how many people will be attending the game. Transportation to and from the ballpark will be up to the individuals. Please make reservations early.

### Corpus Christi Car Show

Our annual Corpus Christi Parish Car Show will be held on **Sunday, May 19, 2019** on the grounds of Holy Redeemer.

### Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Ann & Andrew Hreha** is donated by their family.

### Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **John (Beno) Borzell** is donated by his mom, dad and Juliana.

### Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **John (Beno) Borzell** is donated by his mom, dad and Juliana.

### Diocesan Annual Appeal

**DAA 2018 Parish Goal: \$32,000.00**  
**Total Raised: \$27,582.22**  
**Over (Under) (\$4,417.78)**

### Weight Watchers

We are beginning a 10-week Weight Watchers program in our parish. The sessions, which will be held on Monday evenings at 6:00PM in the rectory, will begin on **Monday, March 11th**. The cost of the program is \$125.00. All are welcome!!

### Mass Intentions

#### March 11 thru March 17, 2019

Mon	7:30AM	<b>Mary Brennan</b> By West Pittston Class of 1948
	8:30AM	<b>Stanley Niznik</b> By Samantha & Kimberly
	5:30PM	<b>Faust Valenti</b> By Capizzi Family
Tues	7:30AM	<b>Dante Bovani, Sr.</b> By M/M Michael Cefalo
	8:30AM	<b>Margaret Grabowski</b> By Loretta Anderson
	5:30PM	<b>Marietta Cefalo Wisnewski</b> By Patti Wiatrowski
Wed	7:30AM	<b>Dominick Burlone</b> By Hennigan Family
	8:30AM	<b>Michael Weiss</b> By Joan Hennigan
	5:30PM	<b>George (Buster) Sanko</b> By Jim & Margie Gelgot
Thurs	7:30AM	<b>Josephine T. Mirabelle</b> By Janelle Kaczmarek
	8:30AM	<b>Cheryl Devers</b> By Barb & Quinn Gillespie
	5:30PM	<b>Celia Korea</b> By Henry & Jeanie Romanowski
Fri	7:30AM	<b>Joseph Yastremski</b> By Grandchildren, Carl & Paige
	8:30AM	<b>Susan Palermo</b> By M/M Stanley Doblovasky
	5:30PM	<b>Leonard Insalaco, II</b> By Family
Sat	4:00PM	<b>John (Beno) Borzell</b> By Mom, Dad & Julianna
	5:30PM	<b>Richard Wienckoski</b> By Francis Talarico
Sun	7:30AM	<b>Doris &amp; Robert Caruthers</b> By Children & Grandchildren
	9:00AM	<b>Anthony Denisco</b> By Cataldo Saitta
	10:30AM	<b>Frances Bellanco</b> By Roseann, Josie & Family