



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 21, 2019

Easter Sunday

Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

Immaculate Conception Church

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

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.

April 21, 2019

Readings/Responsorial # 1065

Gathering: #540 Jesus Christ Is Risen

Today

Offertory: # 524 Alleluia No1

Communion: # 939 Behold the Lamb

Recessional: # 519 Sing to the Mountains

Weekly Collection

April 14, 2019

Collection	\$12,214.56
E Giving	1,022.29
Total	\$13,236.85

Alleluia! He is Risen

Paschal Candles

The Paschal Candle (or Easter Candle) that leads us out of darkness into the celebration of the Easter Vigil is the main symbol for the Easter season. Throughout the year, the Easter Candle will be lit at baptisms and funerals. This year the paschal candle for Immaculate Conception Church is donated in loving memory of **Carmen, Mary and James Ciampi** by their family. The paschal candle for Holy Redeemer Church is donated in loving memory of **Tom and Mary Coleman, Grace and Ed Evans, and Frank & Mary Andrews** by their family.

Easter Water

During the Easter Vigil, the new water is blessed and faithful renew their baptismal promises. Bottles of blessed Easter water will be available tonight and at all Easter Masses.

THANK YOU!

It is only through your generous monetary donations as well as your continued donations of non perishable foods, Easter candy and toys for children, that members of our Social Concerns Committee were able to do so much for so many this Easter.

We gifted 60 families with an abundance of food, hams, homemade Easter cookies donated by a parishioner and Easter baskets for their children. Forty-five homebound parishioners and 50 residing in nursing homes received an Easter gift bag of chocolates (purchased through our Boy Scouts), Girl Scout cookies, blessed palm, beautiful Easter cookies donated by a parishioner and Easter cards made by children in our religious ed classes. In addition the homebound received a blessed Easter basket filled with traditional Easter foods including ham, paska, poppy and nut roll, a chocolate cross and a small bottle of wine. Please know, once again, YOU made a holiday special for so many people.

A special thank you to our music ministry including our adult choir, cantors, and our youth choir for the wonderful music which beautifully enhances our liturgies; thank you to our art & environment volunteers who always make sure we are prepared and artfully decorated for the sacraments and holidays; thank you to our youth group & Confirmation class who are always there when called upon to help us out; thank you to our heavenly hosts, ushers, and our liturgical ministers including EM's, lectors and altar servers for your dedication and service at all our liturgies. Of course thank you to all our groups, committees and ministries because without your talents and commitment our vibrant and welcoming parish would merely be a building.

Family Mass.....Make Your Own Sundae, Sunday

Our last family mass for this school year will take place at **10:30AM next Sunday, April 28**. Boys and girls who are in Kindergarten and 1st grade will participate as lectors, heavenly hosts, and gift bearers and our youth choir will sing. Following this Mass everyone is invited to join us in the church hall for our annual "make your own sundae, Sunday."

Bazaar Meeting

Our next general bazaar meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 8th at 6:00PM in the rectory. All are welcome to attend.

Flea Market

If you are thinking of spring cleaning, do not throw away those unwanted treasures. Save them for our flea market. We will begin collecting your merchandise on Saturday, May 4th from 8:00AM to 12 Noon and Wednesday, May 8th from 6:00PM to 8:00PM and every Saturday & Wednesday thru May. Drop-offs are at IC school (door in the rear of the building). We accept almost anything but, please NO CLOTHES, NO STUFFED ANIMALS, NO VHS TAPES, NO OLD TVS (ONLY FLAT SCREENS), NO LARGE EXERCISE EQUIPMENT. Bring your kitchen items, linens, lamps, pictures, toys, books, jewelry, baby items, Christmas and all holiday decorations, etc.

Corpus Christi Parish Car Show

All are welcome to join us on Sunday, May 19, 2019 on the grounds of Holy Redeemer Church for our annual "car show." Some new features at the car show will include: Display of historical military vehicles sponsored by Northeast Military Vehicle Group; Antique & Collectible vendors will be on site with some unique finds; a vendor with a display of nostalgic tin signs. For more information contact Mike @ 570-760-5704.

Adult Education Bible Study – "Genesis – Part 2"

The next adult bible study program that our parish will be offering is on the book of "Genesis." Classes will be on five consecutive Thursdays beginning on May 9th at 6:00 PM in Immaculate Conception Church. The sessions will be on May 9th (THIS SESSION ONLY WILL BE HELD IN THE SCHOOL), 16th, 23rd, 30th, and June 6th. Each session will last for no longer than 90 minutes. This is a brand new program designed by Little Rock Scripture Study. We will study chapters 25 to 50 of the book of Genesis, the first book in the bible. This study moves us forward from the time of Abraham to the unfolding of his family in the stories of Isaac and Jacob, as well as the story of Joseph and his brothers and their clans. Please sign-up as soon as possible so we can order the materials. To sign up for the program or to find out more information, please contact Deacon Jim Meizanis at 570-239-2783 or deacon.meizanis@gmail.com. The cost for the study is \$20.00 to cover books and study materials. If anyone is interested in the program and needs help with the cost, please contact Deacon Jim. Don't miss out. Join the fun and learn more about our faith through the scriptures. Oh and did we say there will be snacks!

Senior Meeting

All are welcome to join us on Wednesday, April 24 at 1:00PM in the rectory for an afternoon of laughter, card playing and friendly chatter!

St Clare Sewing Ministry Meeting

Members are asked to attend a meeting on Wednesday, April 24th at 6:00PM in the rectory. At this meeting, the ladies will be working on the stoles for our Confirmation class.

Graduation Mass & Brunch

Our annual Graduation Mass and Brunch honoring our 2019 high school graduates will be held on Sunday, May 5th at 10:30AM. Following the Mass the graduates and their families are invited to a brunch in the church hall.

Lottery Winners

4/11	Mike Rollman	#084	\$50.00
4/12	No Winner	#621	\$50.00
4/13	Michelle Tracy	#452	\$50.00
4/14	No Winner	#498	\$100.00
4/15	Leonard/Ruth Osieski	#235	\$150.00
4/16	Debi Secor	#352	\$50.00
4/17	Cara O'Hop	#229	\$50.00

Special Drawing Winners:

4/12 Theresa Wysocki \$50.00 and 4/14 Rosella/George Fedor \$100.00

Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Ann, Margaret, Robert & Andrew Hreha** are donated by their family.

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Mayor Tony Denisco** is donated by his wife & family.

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Sam & Connie Angelella** is donated by their sons, Joseph & John Angelella.

Sanctuary Candle at HR

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Arthur Rogo** is donated by his family.

Easter Lilies at Holy Redeemer

The beautiful Easter Lilies in the sanctuary at Holy Redeemer Church are donated in loving memory of **Dorothy Coolbaugh** by Kathleen Galvin Nazar and Jeffrey Reid Kiefer.

Mass Intentions

April 22 thru April 28 2019

Mon	7:30AM	Louis P. & Anthony Cella By Family
	8:30AM	Kay Thornton By Peter & Mary Cwalina
Tues	7:30AM	Marguerite MacMorran By Daughter, Judy
	8:30AM	Helen Zielen By Garry & Patty Halecki
Wed	7:30AM	Griffin Schumow By Joan Pribula
	8:30AM	Claire Carr By Amy Moses
Thurs	7:30AM	Vincent Savoca By John & Susan Carr & Family
	8:30AM	Philip Walsh By M/M Herb Wiedlich
Fri	7:30AM	Mayor Tony Denisco By Wife & family
	8:30AM	Margie O'Fier By Edward & Marilyn Litwin
Sat	4:00PM	Andrew Vacula By Family
	5:30PM	Hubert Dixon By Wife, Marguerite
Sun	7:30AM	Louis & Agnes Lanzone By Family
	9:00AM	Grace Loyack By Margaret Rogo
	10:30AM	Mary Anzalone By Lisa Falzone