



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 22, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Immaculate Conception Church
Holy Redeemer Church

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Immaculate Conception Church
Will be Open for Private Prayer
Daily
7:00AM-7:00PM

Weekly Collection
March 15, 2020

Sunday	\$5,610.81
E Giving	\$ 847.82
Total	\$6,458.63

SUNDAY MASS now on the
WEBSITE

corpuschristinepa.com

And

FACEBOOK

www.facebook.com/corpuschristiparishpa

[Virtual Bible Study](#)

In an effort to stay connected to each other and to our faith, Deacon Jim will be offering a virtual bible study. We will meet using the Zoom application. The application can be used on smartphones or laptops. We will be reviewing and discussing the upcoming Sunday readings each week. We will meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM for approximately one hour. Each Wednesday we will discuss the following Sunday's readings. Our first session will be held on Wednesday, March 25th at 6:00 PM. If you are interested, please contact

Deacon Jim at 570-239-2783 or deacon.meizanis@gmail.com. And since it is virtual, snacks are on your own!!!

PARISH MASSES AND PUBLIC GATHERINGS SUSPENDED

Effective on Monday, March 16, 2020, and until further notice, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera announced the suspension of Masses open to the public and all public gatherings in all diocesan parishes, worship sites, college campuses, chapels and health care facilities in the eleven counties of the Diocese of Scranton.

Despite the suspension of all public Masses, churches will, however, remain open daily for individual private prayer. The timeframe for each parish is to be determined by its pastor or parish life coordinator. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass during this time remains in effect.

If an individual is sick, or shows symptoms of the coronavirus or flu-like symptoms, they are being urged to stay home and not visit a church during the opportunity for private prayer in an effort to protect their own well-being and that of others.

Scheduled sacramental celebrations, such as weddings, baptisms and funerals, will be permitted but attendance will be limited to immediate family members and follow any guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation will be available, when requested individually, by the faithful in cases of serious need.

Priests are still directed to celebrate Masses non-publicly on a daily basis for the good of the People of God, the Church and the intentions of the day.

All parish events, including fundraisers, dinners, etc. should be cancelled.

Directives for the celebration of Holy Week, Easter, and the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation will be forthcoming.

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

The outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) may be stressful for people. Fear and anxiety about a disease can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions in adults and children. Coping with stress will make you, the people you care about, and your community stronger.

Everyone reacts differently to stressful situations.

How you respond to the outbreak can depend on your background, the things that make you different from other people, and the community you live in. People who may respond more strongly to the stress of a crisis include:

- ▶ Older people and people with chronic diseases who are at higher risk for COVID-19
- ▶ Children and teens
- ▶ People who are helping with the response to COVID-19, like doctors and other health care providers, or first responders
- ▶ People who have mental health conditions including problems with substance use

Stress during an infectious disease outbreak can include:

- ▶ Fear and worry about your own health and the health of your loved ones
- ▶ Changes in sleep or eating patterns
- ▶ Difficulty sleeping or concentrating
- ▶ Worsening of chronic health problems
- ▶ Increased use of alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs

People with preexisting mental health conditions should continue with their treatment and be aware of new or worsening symptoms. Additional information can be found at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration ([SAMHSAexternal icon](#)) website.

Taking care of yourself, your friends, and your family can help you cope with stress. Helping others cope with their stress can also make your community stronger.

Candles March 22 thru 28, 2020

Things you can do to support yourself:

- ▶ Take breaks from watching, reading, or listening to news stories, including social media. Hearing about the pandemic repeatedly can be upsetting.
- ▶ Take care of your body. Take deep breaths, stretch, or meditate. Try to eat healthy, well-balanced meals, exercise regularly, get plenty of sleep, and avoid alcohol and drugs.
- ▶ Make time to unwind. Try to do some other activities you enjoy.
- ▶ Connect with others. Talk with people you trust about your concerns and how you are feeling.

The Following Parish Events are postponed/cancelled:

- ▶ **Holy Name Breakfast** (Should be rescheduled. If you prefer a refund, please call the rectory 570-654-2753.)
- ▶ **Religious Ed Classes**
- ▶ **Confirmation Class**
- ▶ **Soup & Scripture**
- ▶ **First Eucharist Retreat**
- ▶ **Communion to the Homebound**
- ▶ **Soup to the Homebound**
- ▶ **Twilight Bingo** (To all who sent in sponsorships and those who purchased tickets, the bingo will be rescheduled once this ban is lifted. If you prefer a refund, please call the rectory 570-654-2753.)
- ▶ **Living Stations of the Cross**
- ▶ **Easter Egg Hunt**

CLEVER WORDS FOR CLEVER PEOPLE

- 1. ARBITRAITOR**
A cook that leaves Arby's to work at McDonald's.
- 2. BERNADETTE**
The act of torching a mortgage.
- 3. BURGLARIZE**
What a crook sees through.
- 4. AVOIDABLE**
What a bullfighter tries to do.
- 5. COUNTERFEITER**
Workers who put together kitchen cabinets.
- 6. LEFT BANK**
What the bank robbers did when their bag was full of money.
- 7. HEROES**
What a man in a boat does.
- 8. PARASITES**
What you see from the Eiffel Tower.
- 9. PARADOX**
Two physicians.
- 10. PHARMACIST**
A helper on a farm.
- 11. RELIEF**
What trees do in the spring.
- 12. RUBBERNECK**
What you do to relax your wife.
- 13. SELFISH**
What the owner of a seafood store does.
- 14. SUDAFED**
Brought litigation against a government official.

Holy Family Candle @ ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Leo & Thomas Ford** is donated by their wife & mother.

Holy Family Candle @ HR

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **John Rada** is donated by Joseph Rada & Family.

Sanctuary Candle @ ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Katherine Krushnowski** is donated by Jim Gallagher.

On a daily basis, Msgr. Sempa will celebrate Masses privately for the good of the following Intentions of the day.

Mass Intentions

March 23 thru March 29, 2020

Monday	Jasper Parrino By Barbara & Quinn Gillespie Ceil Ignatovich By Fran & Ray Franko Ida Favata By Mary McFarland, Rose Watkins, Michael Policare & Families
Tuesday	Colton Cikota By Grandma Florence Angella Cumbo By M/M James Deice Patrick & Sally Murphy By Salvaggio Family
Wednesday	Marie Brogna By Mary Lou Holby Samuel Saracino By Mirro & Saracino Families Patricia Ann Noone By Dolores Bone
Thursday	Katherine Krushnowski By Jim Gallagher Charles Foy, Jr. By Sister, Mary & Family Lillian Yorina By Louis & Teresa Drobenak
Friday	John Rada By Sharon Bewick Rita Zekoski By M/M Joseph Tomasetti Jennie & Michael Champi & Carm Uter By Family
Saturday	Barbara Chronowski By Krissy Supey & Family Barry Brown By Wife, Paula
Sunday	Joseph DeLucca, Sr. By Frank Pisano James Oliveri, Jr. By Wife, Ruth & Family