



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.

July 12, 2020

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Immaculate Conception and Holy Redeemer Church

**Corpus Christi Parish
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Msgr. John J. Sempa
Pastor

Mr. James Meizanis
Deacon

Mrs. Joyce Cecconi,
Pastoral Associate

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday thru Friday
7:30AM Immaculate Conception
8:30AM Holy Redeemer

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday
4:00PM Immaculate Conception
5:30PM Holy Redeemer
Sunday
7:30AM Immaculate Conception
9:00AM Holy Redeemer
10:30AM Immaculate conception

Weekly Collection July 5, 2020

**Weekly \$6,939.00
E Giving \$1,452.64
Total \$8,391.64**

To sign up for E Giving..... Just go to our parish website www.corpuschristinepa.com, click on the green computer mouse icon. That will take you to the my E offering page for our parish. Simply sign up and begin giving online today! If you need help signing up, contact Lori at 570-654-2753 or lkasisky1@epix.net.

SUNDAY & DAILY MASS

on our
WEBSITE

corpuschristinepa.com

and

FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/corpuschristiparishpa

WELCOME BACK!

▶ **PLEASE REMEMBER.....**"The obligation to attend Mass and the sacraments remains suspended."

▶ The elderly and others at high risk of infection, should consider staying home.

▶ **Masks must be worn by all throughout the entire Mass.** Only when receiving communion, can you take off your mask, but must put it back on immediately as you prepare to leave church.

▶ **Social distancing will be observed at every Mass.** Assigned seating will be directed by the ushers. Remember during this time you will not be able to select your seat.

▶ You will be directed to receive Holy Communion at the end of Mass and then be directed to exit the church.

▶ If you choose to receive Holy Communion by mouth, you must remain in your seat until after everyone has received then approach the minister.

▶ **CONFESSIO.....At ICC confession will take place in the sacristy which is on the tabernacle side of the sanctuary. Msgr. will be hearing confessions on Saturdays from 3:30PM to 3:50PM.**

▶ **The churches will be completely sanitized after every Mass/Baptism/Funeral/Wedding.**

Novena Prayers to Saint Ann

Beginning Friday, July 17 thru July 26, Novena prayers to St Ann will be offered after all Masses.

Parish Census

We are in the process of updating our parish census information. If you have not yet received a phone call from one of our volunteers, you will during the next couple of months. We thank you for your help with keeping our census information current.

Mass Scheduling for 2020

We have begun taking Mass requests for the year 2021. To schedule masses, please call Dorothy at 570-654-2753 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 10:00AM and 2:00PM.

Sacrament of First Eucharist

Next Saturday, July 18, fifteen boys and girls will receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist and on Saturday, July 25 fifteen more boys and girls will receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist in our parish. There is a brief practice on Thursday, July 16 at 6:00PM for the children who are receiving on July 18th.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Because of social distancing, we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish on two dates in August....Saturday, August 22 and Saturday, August 29, 2020 at 10:00AM in ICC. A letter has been sent to the 8th grade students who are registered in our Confirmation Prep class. If your son/daughter is a Catholic school student and is not registered in our Religious Education program, please contact Joyce at 570-654-2753 or icecconi50@gmail.com.

Parish Bingo and Holy Name Breakfast

If you purchased tickets or gave a monetary donation to sponsor either of these parish events, call the rectory 570-654-2753 or send in your tickets with your name & address and we will gladly refund your money.

Corpus Christi Parish Car Show

Sunday, August 16, 2020

Holy Redeemer Church Grounds

All are welcome to join us at our 10th annual car show on Sunday, August 16. Car registration begins at 11:00AM.



Donation is \$10 prior to August 16 or \$15 day of the event. Come seeAntiques, Classics, Customs, Street Rods, Low Riders & Motorcycles. We will have Food Trucks, Car Corral, Give-A-Ways and Music all day! Prizes/Awards will be given for: Best in Show, Monsignor's Choice, People's Choice, and Hard Luck Award.

Social Concerns....Food Pantry

"For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink...."Matthew 25:35

While just about everything in our parish has scaled back and otherwise paused during this pandemic, we feel it is vital to keep the Food Pantry shelves stocked and ready to serve our community when needed. As we all are aware, our pantry is primarily stocked by donations of non-perishable food items donated by you our parishioners and friends of Corpus Christi Parish.

We would appreciate donations of ANY non-perishable canned goods.

Your donations may be left in the vestibules of the churches or dropped off at the rectory Monday thru Thursday from 9:00AM to 5:00PM. Thank you!!



Candles July 12 thru July 18

Altar Candles

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Marie Terese Golden** are donated by her family.

Holy Family Candle

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Teresa Montante, Theresa Montante & Theresa Alessi** is donated by the Montante Family.

Sanctuary Candle

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Susan & Tony Menchi & Susan Son** is donated by their family.

We will continue to video the daily and weekend masses...please know all intentions for that day will be announced during the video masses.

Mass Intentions July 13 thru July 19, 2020

Monday	7:30AM	Joseph Mikita By Family
	8:30AM	Mary Zanghi By Romaine Panek
Tuesday	7:30AM	Jack LaNunziata By Denis & Christine Perugino
	8:30AM	Dolores Perry By Jer & Tom Vickers
Wednesday	7:30AM	Robert & Theresa Hamlin By Aritz & Campenni Fams.
	8:30AM	Susan Palermo By Edward & Pat Hosier
Thursday	7:30AM	Dino Pieri By Wife & Family
	8:30AM	Aurelia Menichini By Nancy Fusco
Friday	7:30AM	Leo White By Rosalie
	8:30AM	Gerald Barkovitz By Bruno Ferretti, Jr
Saturday	4:00PM	Dec'd Members of the Romiski Family By Donna Hritz & Fam.
		Tamra Smith By Mary & Mike Flynn
	5:30PM	Marie Terese Golden By Patti Wiatrowski
Sunday	7:30AM	Joseph Ciampi By Mom & Dad
	9:00AM	Nora Santini By Lorraine & Family
	10:30AM	Thomas C. Carr, III By Jack, Susan & Fam.



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON
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July 1, 2020

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the calendar turns to July this week, it is hard to believe just how much has changed in our lives over the last four months. With summer now upon us, things may be gradually returning to normal in some ways – but the threat of COVID-19 is still very present in our communities.

With the virus surging in many parts of our country, we need to be more vigilant than ever in exercising precautionary measures to keep us all safe. While all parishes in the Diocese of Scranton are now able to hold in-person Masses, this is not the time for us to let down our guard. I want to thank you – our faithful people, as well as all of our pastors and parish life coordinators – for your continued patience in following all of the safety protocols in your parishes.

As a people of God, we always need to think about how our actions impact others. Maintaining proper social distancing and wearing face masks are vital in preventing the spread of this virus. They are also acts of charity, helping to safeguard our fellow parishioners, our community and ourselves. Right now, we do not have a vaccine for the coronavirus, but we do have something that is just as important: We have the ability to help keep each other safe.

I'm thankful that so many of you have stepped-up to help your parishes stay safe at this time. From volunteering to make sure people are properly welcomed and healthy – to sanitizing your church after Mass – each action is truly making a difference to protect those around us.

While our capacity for attendance might be temporarily limited – the love of God knows no limits. If nothing else, this difficult time has helped to emphasize to us how important the communal celebration of the Eucharist is.

While the Sunday obligation to attend Mass remains suspended at this time – you and I know very well that nothing can replace coming together as a faith-filled community for the shared celebration of the Eucharist. These past months have reminded us that for as challenging and difficult as the journey may have been, Jesus alone is our light, our hope and our strength.

This coming weekend, we'll listen to very familiar and encouraging words of Jesus from Saint Matthew's Gospel: "*Come unto Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.*" (Matthew 11:28)

We've all been burdened and stressed these last few months, haven't we? Yet, as always, we manage to find a hopeful way forward through the grace of God and Jesus' abiding presence in our lives. As we continue to re-gather as a local church week-by-week, may the Good News of Jesus be the message that we spread far and wide. It alone has the power to provide hope and to impart lasting peace to those who open their lives and hearts to Jesus.

You, your family and loved ones are always in my prayers. Please stay safe and well.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

† *Joseph C. Bambera*

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.
Bishop of Scranton