

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 8, 2018
Second Sunday of Easter

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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 (during Lent)

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00PM - 3:30PM Immaculate Conception Monday 5:45-6:45PM Immaculate conception (during Lent)

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.

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Readings/Responsorial #1066

Gathering: # 540 Offertory: #922 Communion: #784 Recessional: #680

Weekly Collection

Holy Thursday \$2,093.0

(Social Concerns)

 Sunday
 6,382.71

 Easter
 17,009.41

 Total
 \$25,485.13

Good Friday (Holy Land) 1,425.30

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Easter Family Mass

It has come to my attention that the skit at the 10:30 a.m. mass on Easter Sunday was offensive to some people. I **sincerely apologize** to anyone who was offended by the skit. My intention was to use the popular children's superheroes to teach our children that we are all capable of being "superheroes" when we do God's work of helping others by using the grace (love) that God has given each one of us, and that God's love is given to all to build his kingdom in this world by sharing, helping, caring and forgiving.

Monsignor Sempa

Sacrament of First Eucharist

On <u>Saturday</u>, <u>May 5</u>, <u>2018</u> at <u>10:00AM</u> we will celebrate the Sacrament of First Eucharist in Immaculate Conception Church. There will be 2 mandatory practices for the children: <u>Sunday</u>, <u>April 29th</u> at <u>6:00PM</u> and <u>Friday</u>, <u>May 4th</u> at 6:00PM.

First Eucharist Retreat

Our retreat for the children who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist in May will be held on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>April 14</u>, <u>2018 from 9:00AM to 12</u> <u>Noon in Immaculate Conception hall</u>. All boys and girls, including those who attend Catholic school and those who are homeschooled are asked to be at this retreat. If your child cannot attend the retreat, please contact Joyce at 570-654-2753 or jcecconi50@gmail.com.

Holy Name Father Son/Daughter Breakfast Sunday, April 22, 2018

Following the 10:30AM Mass in ICC hall

All fathers and sons/daughters are welcome to join us for this annual breakfast prepared and served by the women of our parish. Donation is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 5–10, children under 5 are free. Tickets may be obtained from the ushers at all weekend masses or call the rectory to reserve your tickets 570-654-2753. The speaker this year will be Msgr. Sempa.

Schedule for Breakfast Volunteers

Volunteers will be needed the following days and times to help with Holy Name Breakfast:

Saturday, April 21st 10:00AM Food prep/church hall Sunday, April 22nd 8:00AM Set up hall/cook food

10:15AM Servers 12:00PM Clean up

If you can help with the breakfast, please call or email Joyce at 570-654-2753 or jcecconi50@gmail.com. Thank you.

Religious Education Classes

We only have 3 religious education classes left for this year......April 8, April 15 and April 29....NO CLASS on April 22.

"Make Your Own Sundae" Sunday!

April 29, 2018
Following the 10:30AM Family Mass
Immaculate Conception Hall

In celebration of our last day of religious education classes, all boys and girls are invited to join us in the church hall immediately following the 10:30AM

liturgy for "Make Your Own Sundae, Sunday." Hey boys and girls, this year we will be joined by our favorite Superheroes. At this Mass, the youth choir will sing and all boys and girls in 1st grade Religious Ed, Catholic school or home school are welcome to take part as lectors, heavenly hosts, gift bearers, etc. If your child would like to participate, please contact one of the following coordinators:

Lisa Falzone 237-2739 mybudge1@aol.com Sara Konopka 498-9304 skono1683@yahoo.com Mary Ann Oliveri 357-1778 mare0912b@epix.net

Graduation Mass & Brunch

This annual Mass and brunch honoring our high school graduates will be held on Sunday, May 6th at 10:30AM followed by brunch in the church hall. Invitations have been mailed to 2018 high school graduates who are members of our parish. If you did not receive one, please call the rectory.

Corpus Christi Car Show Sunday, May 27, 2018 (rain date May 28) 11:00AM to 4:00PM **Grounds of Holy Redeemer Church**

Food trucks, car corral, give-a-ways! Antiques, classics, customs, street rods, low riders, motorcycles!! Pre-registration \$10 prior to May 27th or \$15 day of event. Music all day!! For more info contact Mike Flynn 570-760-5704, Carmen or Deb Altavilla at 570-574-4360 or nascargal.deb@gmail.com.

Corpus Christi Parish Bazaar Thurs. thru Sat., June 21, 22, and 23, 2018 **Immaculate Conception Church Grounds**

Bazaar Meeting

Monday, April 9th at 6:00PM in the rectory will be our next bazaar planning meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Flea Market Meeting

All are welcome to join us at our first flea market planning meeting on Wednesday, April 11th at 6:00PM in the rectory.

Annual Flea Market

If you are spring cleaning or downsizing and you have household items which are no longer of use to you, don't discard them, save them for our flea market. **Beginning Wednesday, May** 2nd, items may be dropped off at Immaculate Conception school every Wednesday between 6:00PM and 8:00PM and Saturday mornings from 8:00AM to 12 Noon. Remember your junk is someone else's treasure!! We do not accept clothing, stuffed animals, exercise equipment.

Social Concerns Soup Ministry

On Thursday and Friday, April 12 and 13, volunteers will meet at 9:00AM in IC kitchen to make soup for our homebound. All are welcome!! On Saturday, April 14, volunteers are asked to meet at 10:00AM in the church hall to deliver soup to our homebound.

Rail Riders Faith & Family Night

On behalf of Corpus Christi Parish, our Holy Name Society is sponsoring this event on **Saturday, April 21st at 4:05PM** at the SWB. 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!! Please contact Dave Palovchak @ 570-763-5616 or see him after ushering at the 4:00PM Mass to sign up.

Final Jackpot Jingle Lottery Winners

Listed below are the final winners in our "Jackpot Jingle" lottery. Thank you to everyone for your continued participation in these lotteries. The final profit from our "Jackpot Jingle" is **\$8,971.60.** Next week, we will begin listing our "Spring Fling" lottery winners.

3/22	R & P Forlenza	#094	\$50.00	
3/23	Ann Lisowski	#231	\$50.00	
3/24	P. Loiacono	#292	\$75.00	
3/25	Len Shimko	#569	\$250.00	
3/26	No Winner	#156	\$50.00	
3/27	Rose Rooney	#851	\$125.00	
3/28	John M. Sempa	#629	\$50.00	
3/29	Joan Urban	#648	\$50.00	
3/30	M/M J O'Boyle	#430	\$50.00	
3/31	Carolyn smith	#978	\$125.00	
Special Drawing Winner: Rene & Ron Musto \$50.00, 3/26				

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Altar Candles at Immaculate Conception

Which will burn this week in loving memory of Mary **<u>Dente Denisco</u>** is donated by her children.

Holy Family Candle at Immaculate Concep-

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Cy Frankovich** is donated by his wife Barbara & daughters.

Sanctuary Candle at Immaculate Conception

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Susan Pivarnik** is donated by her daughter Betty.

Mass Intentions April 9 thru April 15, 2018

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Mon	7:30AM	Marie Brogan by Mary Lou & Andy Holby
	8:30AM	Joseph Franko, Jr. by Romaine Panek
Tues	7:30AM	Communion Service
	8:30AM	Rita Zekoski by Marty & Gail Sivar
Wed	7:30AM	Communion Service
	8:30AM	No Mass
Thurs 7:30AM		Communion Service
	8:30AM	Eleanor Garzella by Dave & Maria Purvel
Fri	7:30AM	Angelo Alfano & Family by Grand & Great Grandchildren
	8:30AM	Lucy Polak by Romaine Panek
Sat	4:00PM	Anna Sokach by Judy & Family
	5:30PM	Marc Menichello by Balberchak Family
Sun	7:30AM	William & Carol Hancock by Family
	9:00AM	Joseph Franko by Anna Mae Davidson
	10:30AM	Josephine Mirabelle by M/M Robert Kandrac