



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.

January 6, 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord

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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
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.

January 6, 2018

Readings/Responsorial # 1011
Gathering: # 428 Go Tell It on the Mountain
Offertory: # 463 We Three Kings of Orient Are
Communion: #436 Wood of the Cradle
Recessional: #424 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Weekly Collection

December 23 & 30, 2018
\$20,030.76
Christmas
\$23,372.95

Feast of the Solemnity

January 1, 2019
\$2,518.60

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Overwhelming Giving....Overwhelming Help!!

This year members of Social Concerns wrote out and trimmed the "giving trees" with 800 gift tags. These tags were written with gift requests for children and teens of 107 local families. As a result, hundreds and hundreds of gifts were distributed to many children, some of whom would not have had a single gift to open on Christmas morning.

On behalf of these children, thank you to everyone who helped make Christmas happen for them. Whether you gave monetary donations, purchased gift cards, took one or more tags from our "giving trees"....YOU made Christmas special. Whether you donated the hundreds of pairs of socks which engulfed the snowman at each worship site, or as a member of our St. Clare Sewing Ministry spent precious hours knitting or crocheting hundreds of hats and scarves which were gifted to the elderly and families on our giving trees....YOU made Christmas special. If you baked or helped gift box homemade cookies for the elderly or if you delivered gifts to our homebound and parishioners residing in nursing homes...YOU made Christmas special. Whether you shopped for gifts or food, wrapped food boxes or presents, or if you were one of the hundred plus volunteers who spent time sorting and organizing the hundreds and hundreds of gifts from under the giving trees.....whatever you did to help, please know that TOGETHER, WE MADE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL FOR 107 FAMILIES AND 85 ELDERLY PARISHIONERS.

Thank you!

To all who sent delicious home baked goodies to the rectory over the holidays, thank-you!!!

Online Giving is Now Available

■WHAT IS my E offering? This is a service we've teamed up with to give you the ability to send your offerings online in the same way that many of you already pay bills and purchase products.

■WHY SHOULD I USE my E offering? We have decided to offer this service as a convenience to you—you can stop writing checks or having to remember to bring cash every weekend when you attend Mass. Simply log in to our service and set up your offering. You can set the donations to match your pay periods and even send your one-time donations to the special collections we may have from time-to-time. This new service allows you to give any amount, at any time, from home or on the road, with your computer or your mobile device. You control how and when you give your tithes.

■HOW DO I SIGN UP? Signing up is as simple as going to our parish website 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 on on-line giving, call Lori at 570-654-2753.

Family Mass

Our next family mass will be held on **Sunday, January 13, 2019 at 9:00AM at Holy Redeemer Church**. Boys and girls who are in 5th grade are invited to take part in this Mass as lectors, ushers, and greeters. Following the Mass, everyone is invited to join us in the church hall for "donut Sunday."

Please note there will be no Religious Education Classes on Sunday, January 13, 2019.

Bingo Planning Meeting

Save the date! Our "Twilight Bingo" will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2019. A planning meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 9th at 6:00PM** in the rectory. All are welcome!!

St Clare Sewing Ministry

All members of our St. Clare Sewing Ministry and anyone interested in joining this ministry are asked to attend a meeting on **Wednesday, January 16th at 6:00PM in the rectory**. At this meeting, the members will be asked to make stuffed dinosaurs, which will be given to the children who are receiving First Eucharist.

Communal Baptisms

We have two upcoming communal baptisms scheduled: **Sunday, January 20, 2019 and Sunday, February 24, 2019**. Both baptisms will take place immediately following the 10:30AM liturgy in Immaculate Conception Church. Members of our baptism ministry will be on hand to welcome the families and present to the children gifts from our Holy Name Society and our St. Clare Sewing Ministry. Call the rectory to make arrangements to have your child baptized.

Bazaar Planning Meeting

Mark your calendars! Our first planning meeting for Bazaar 2019 will be held on **Wednesday, January 30 at 6:00PM in the rectory**. All former chairpersons as well as anyone interested in helping plan this bazaar are encouraged to attend!!

Diocese Adds Names to List of Credibly

Accused Individuals

Following the release of the Grand Jury report last year, Bishop Bambera made a promise that he would be more open and transparent in the way our diocese handles occurrences of child sexual abuse. The following names have been added to the list of clergy, staff and volunteers who had been credibly accused of child sexual abuse.

If you are aware of additional allegations of wrong doing or any information that should be included on this list, contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551 or Msgr Thomas Muldowney, Vicar General at 570-207-2269. If you have suffered abuse by clergy or anyone working on behalf of the Diocese, you are encouraged to contact Mary Beth Pacuska. The following names have been added to the original list of credibly accused individuals: Clergy: Michael C. Palcha, Michael J. Pulicare, Religious Orders: Francis C. Bourbon (S.J.), Joseph Fertal (SVD), Stephen M. Garrity (S.J.), Arthur J. Long (S.J.), Sister Clare Pisaneschi (M.P.F.), John Rebovich (OSJ) and Laity: Mark Maroni, Richard Smith, David Yarros.

Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Nancy & Harry Ardoline** are donated by Fred & Marie Melvin.

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Stephen Sokach** is donated by his wife Judy & family.

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Biagio & Josephine Dente** is donated by their children and grandchildren.

Children's Envelopes

2019 children's envelopes will be given to religious education students or you can pick them up in the vestibule of the churches. If your child/children do not currently receive envelopes and you would like them, please call Lori at the rectory 570-654-2753.

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated in our parish on **Saturday, February 16, 2019** and the Sacrament of First Eucharist will be celebrated on **Saturday, May 4, 2019**. Both Sacraments will be celebrated at 10:00AM in Immaculate Conception Church. A letter and a registration form will be mailed to the 2nd grade students in our religious education program.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

DAA 2018 Parish Goal	\$32,000.00
Total Raised	\$24,792.22
Over (Under)	(\$7,207.78)

Mass Intentions

January 7 thru January 13, 2019

Mon	7:30AM	Rose Mariette By Patti Wiatrowski
	8:30AM	Marie Stemler By Michael & Theresa Strassner
Tues	7:30AM	Carmella Salerno By Patrick & Marina Clarke & Family
	8:30AM	Margaret Repasky By Apple Tree Road Neighbors
Wed	7:30AM	Helen Manganiello By M/M Archie Salvo
	8:30AM	Gerald J. (Barr) Barkovitz By Bruno Ferretti, Jr.
Thurs	7:30AM	Kevin Powers By M/M Sam Rizzo & Mary Ann
	8:30AM	Stanley Kapish Jr. By Kasisky Family
Fri	7:30AM	Joseph Venetz, Jr. By Joan Hennigan
	8:30AM	Jeroma Foy By daughter, Mary & Family
Sat	4:00PM	Florence Reilly By Family
	5:30PM	David Leary By Ann & Don Wall
Sun	7:30AM	Trudi Holleran By Ralph & Sandra Nardell
	9:00AM	Mary Alice Wolcott By Sandra Cella & Family
	10:30AM	Jean Klush By daughter, Lisa