

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.

August 18, 2019 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 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.

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Readings/Responsorial #1151
Gathering: #881 Lift High the Cross
Offertory: #685 How Can I Keep from
Singing?

Communion: #961 Remember Your

Recessional: #615 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Weekly Collection August 11, 2019

 Sunday
 \$9,086.35

 E Giving
 1,125.22

Total \$10,211.57

Social Concerns Back-to-School Project

This coming Monday, August 19th, Social Concerns volunteers will be giving out backpacks full of back-to-school supplies to some 70 plus children and teenagers. Along with that, each of these 30 plus families will receive a bag full of personal hygiene products for their children including new toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, body wash, deodorant and shampoo. Each family will receive boxes of non-perishable groceries which will also include assorted snacks for the kids. All this is made possible simply because of the generosity of this parish. Whatever project Social Concerns initiates to help the less fortunate, you, our parishioners, always respond very generously. We thank you for that!! This Back-to-School Drive was developed by our committee several years ago because we realized how costly it can be for families to get their children ready for school. Helping them with toiletries, school supplies and food will financially enable them to purchase the shoes and clothing their children need. Many of them have expressed just that to us. So, please know, whatever you donate....monetarily or otherwise, it is very much appreciated.

Thank You!!

Back-to-School Volunteers Needed

If you can help, we will be in Immaculate Conception Church hall today, **Sunday, August 18 at 5:00PM** filling backpacks, food boxes and bagging toiletries.

Volunteers will also be needed in the church hall on **Monday, August 19 from 5:00PM to 6:00PM** as the items are picked up.

500 Club Lottery

Our 500 Club Lottery tickets will be available for sale this weekend and next before and after all Masses. Just match the evening drawing of the Pa Lottery Daily for a chance to win \$50.00 daily, Monday thru Saturday or \$150.00 on Sundays. Each ticket has two numbers which doubles your chance to win. Donation is \$30.00. Thank you for your support!

Adult Choir

Our adult choir will be rehearsing on Mondays at 6:30PM in Immaculate Conception Church. Adults and teens, if you like to sing, you are welcome to join our adult choir.

Bazaar Wrap-Up Meeting

A bazaar wrap-up meeting is schedule for <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>August 21st at 6:00PM</u> in the rectory. All are welcome to attend this meeting as we recap our experiences during our bazaar.

Twilight Cash Bingo Planning Meeting

Save the date!! Our fall bingo will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2019 in Immaculate Conception hall. Our first planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 28th at 6:00PM in the rectory. All are welcome to attend!!

Social Justice Trust Grant Program

Through the generosity of donors to the Diocesan Annual Appeal, our parish Social Concerns Committee was awarded a grant in the amount of \$5,000.00. As the recipient of this grant, our parish is recognized for our commitment in serving the needs of our elderly who are homebound and of those parishioners and neighbors who are struggling.

New Ministry Schedule

In the next few weeks we will be preparing a new ministry schedule which will run from October 1st thru December 31, 2019. All altar servers, extraordinary ministers of communion, lectors and cantors are asked to contact their coordinator with any changes they wish to make for the future schedule.

Liturgical Ministry Cookout Sunday, September 15, 2019 1:00PM Immaculate Conception Hall

Save the Date!! We welcome altar servers, baptism ministry, cantors, choir members, extraordinary ministers of communion, heavenly hosts, lectors, ushers, and your families to join us for an afternoon of good food and fellowship. If you would like, you are welcome to bring along your favorite dessert to share. In order for us to prepare enough food, please contact the coordinator of the ministry in which you serve to let them know how many from your family will be attending. The coordinators are as follows:

Altar Servers: Donna Mason 570-903-9142 mmason8589@aol.com Lectors: Rosalie Cullagh 570-430-7319 rosan814@comcast.net Teresa Crossin 570-357-3985 tacross5@comcast.net EM's: H.Hosts Rosella Fedor 570-654-7803 rosellafedor@verizon.net Ron/Rose Gitkos 570466-1232 ronrose@gmail.com Debra/Al Dirlam 570-388-2874 cheridge@epix.net Ushers: JerryYakobitis570-655-5528 usten@aol.com Joe Panzitta 570-388-6129 joe@panzittaent.com Adt Choir: Bill Baldauff 570-650-2807 isingbadly@verizon.net Cantors: Eric McKitish 570-299-9064 eric-sab@hotmail.com Baptism: Pat Jacobs 570-954-7552 donpatj@msn.com

Religious Ed/Confirmation Prep Classes

Classes for the 2019-2020 school year will begin in our parish on Sunday, September 8, 2019. Classes for boys and girls K thru Grade 7 will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:00AM to 10:10AM. Classes for grades K thru 4 will be held in the school, grade 5 will meet in the rectory and grades 6 & 7 will meet in the church hall. Confirmation prep classes for students in grade 8 will be held twice a month on Sunday evenings from 5:30PM to 7:00PM. A letter and registration forms for the 2019-2020 year will be mailed to the families of children who attended classes here last year.

Sacraments

Boys and girls in 2nd grade will receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on February 8, 2020 and the Sacrament of First Eucharist on May 2, 2020.

Students in 8th grade will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 31, 2020. All Sacraments will be held at Immaculate Conception Church.

Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Lillian Denisco** are donated by her children.

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Betty Margle** is donated by her family.

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Cheryl Devers** is donated by Rosella Fedor.

Admittance to Hospitals/Nursing Homes/ Homebound

If you or a family member are admitted to a hospital, please remember to tell the admissions office you belong to Corpus Christi Parish. The hospitals will not release names of parishioners to us without this release and we will not know that you are in the hospital. Please let us know if your loved ones are in a nursing home or if they are homebound.

Online Giving is Now Available!!

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 regarding on-line giving, call Lori at 570-654-2753.

Mass Intentions August 19 thru August 25, 2019

Mon	7:30AM	Eleanor T. Banyar
		By RoseMary & Dolores Lynch
	8:30AM	Vincent Cella
		By Sandy & Stephen Mykulyn
Tues	7:30AM	John Thomas
		By Ed Pulaski
	8:30AM	Jane R. Landau
		By Mary Kate McGinty
Wed	7:30AM	Mary Ann Ristagno
		By husband
	8:30AM	Raymond Saporito
		By Beatrice & Chuck Karcutskie
Thurs	7:30AM	Fred Armbruster
		By Theresa Murphy
	8:30AM	Claire Carr
		By Tom Hannigan
Fri	7:30AM	Patrick Conway, Jr.
		By Patti, Rox & Teresa
	8:30AM	Elizabeth Baldiga
		By Mary Champi Clark
Sat	4:00PM	Helen Manganiello
		By Charles Salvo
	5:30PM	In Honor of Daniel & Kathy
		Chuzas 40th Anniversary
Sun	7:30AM	Anna Mooney
		By Leonard & Celestine Bonfan
	9:00AM	Steve Franko
		By Pat
	10:30AM	Theresa Olshemski
		By family