



**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.

**May 10, 2020**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Immaculate Conception Church**  
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**Weekly Collection**  
**May 3, 2020**  
**Weekly \$6,483.00**  
**E Giving \$1,542.92**  
**Total \$8,025.92**

**SUNDAY MASS**  
**now on the**  
**WEBSITE**  
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**"The Meanest Mother"**

"I had the meanest mother in the world," writes a housewife who is now raising a family of her own. "While other kids ate candy for breakfast, I had to have cereal, eggs or toast. When others had Cokes and candy for lunch, I had to eat a sandwich. As you can guess, my supper was different than the other kids' also. But at least I wasn't alone in my sufferings. My sister and two brothers had the same mean mother as I did.

"My mother insisted upon knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we were on a chain gang. She had to know who our friends were and what we were doing. She insisted if we said we'd be gone an hour, that we be gone one hour or less—not one hour and one minute.

"We had to wear clean clothes and take a bath. The other kids always wore their clothes for days. We reached the heights of insults because she made our clothes herself, just to save money.

"The worst is yet to come. We had to be in bed by nine each night and up at eight the next morning. We couldn't sleep till noon like our friends. So while they slept—my mother actually had the nerve to break the child-labor law. She made us work. We had to wash dishes, make beds, learn to cook and all sorts of cruel things. I believe she lay awake at night thinking up mean things to do to us.

"She always insisted upon our telling the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, even if it killed us—and it nearly did.

"By the time we were teenagers, she was much wiser, and our life became even more unbearable. None of this tooting the horn of a car for us to come running. She embarrassed us to no end by making our dates and friends come to the door to get us. If I spent the night with a girl friend, can you imagine she checked on me to see if I were really there. I never had the chance to elope to Mexico. That is, if I'd had a boy friend to elope with.

"Through the years, things didn't improve a bit. We could not lie in bed, 'sick,' like our friends did, and miss school. If our friends had a toe-ache, a hang-nail or other serious ailment, they could stay home from school.

"My Mother was a complete failure as a mother. Out of four children, a couple of us attained some higher education. None of us has ever been arrested, divorced, or beaten his mate. Each of my brothers served his time in the service of this country. And whom do we blame for the terrible way we turned out? You're right, our mean mother. But look at all the things we missed. We never got to march in a protest parade, nor to take part in a riot, burn draft cards, and a million and one other things that our friends did. She forced us to grow up into God fearing, educated, honest adults.

"Using this as a background, I am trying to raise my three children. I stand a little taller and I am filled with pride when my children call me mean. Because, you see, I thank God. He gave me the meanest mother in the world."

## Corpus Christi Coffee Shop Discussions

In an effort to stay connected to each other and to our faith, Deacon Jim is holding a virtual discussion group. We will meet together using the popular and easy to use Zoom application. The application can be used on smartphones or laptops with a camera and a microphone. We will meet on each Wednesday evening at 6:00 PM for approximately 45 minutes.

We will be sharing our experiences and reviewing the readings for the upcoming Sunday. The goal for this group is for hope and faith filled discussions during these trying times.

If you need help setting up the application, we can help. If you are interested, contact Deacon Jim at 570-239-2783 or [deacon.meizanis@gmail.com](mailto:deacon.meizanis@gmail.com).

## my E Offering

[www.corpuschristinepa.com](http://www.corpuschristinepa.com)

### WHAT IS my E offering?

my E offering is part of a trusted Christian family-owned company, who has been serving the needs of churches for nearly 100 years. Their product is solid, secure, easy and convenient. It is a service that will give you the ability to send your offerings online.

### WHY SHOULD I USE my E offering?

Many of you pay for most of your purchases electronically, whether online or with a credit or debit card. With this service you no longer have to write out checks for your offering. Simply log in to our service and set up your offering. You can set your donations to match your pay periods and even send a one-time donation to the special offerings we may have from time-to-time. This service allows you to give any amount, at any time, from home or on the road, with your computer or mobile device. Now you can control how and when you give your tithes.

### HOW DOES IT HELP?

Online giving is the future. In the lifetime of our young people, we will see electronic payments overshadow traditional methods of paper payments. Online offering has many benefits for the church. It allows us to more easily track contributions for budgeting, saves us from check processing fees and the cost of mailing offering envelopes.

### HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Just go to our church website, [www.corpuschristinepa.com](http://www.corpuschristinepa.com), and look for the green computer mouse icon. That button will take you to the my E offering page for our church. Simply sign up and begin giving online today! For help signing up, contact Lori at 570-654-2753 or [lkasisky1@epix.net](mailto:lkasisky1@epix.net).

## Scheduled Fundraisers

Due to the situation that the Coronavirus has put us in, all of our scheduled fundraisers are postponed/cancelled. When we are granted permission to meet, our fundraising committee will begin discussions on our scheduled and future fundraisers.

## Sacraments of

### First Eucharist & Confirmation

We have had a number of inquires concerning both of these sacraments. Once we get word from the Governor, and the Bishop allows us to do so, we will reschedule these sacraments. Thank you for your understanding.

## Candles May 10 thru May 16, 2020

### Altar Candles

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Sammy Denisco** are donated by his sisters.

### Holy Family Candle

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Mary Ann Mirro** is donated by her daughters and grandchildren.

### Sanctuary Candle

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Christopher Ryan Bone & John Beno Borzell** is donated by the Bone Family.

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

## Mass Intentions

**May 11 thru May 17, 2020**

Monday	<b>Louis &amp; Elvera Cella</b> By Children <b>Stella Franko</b> By Daughter, Romaine
Tuesday	<b>Joe Cravatta</b> By Daughter, Phyllis <b>Stephen Franko, Jr.</b> By Sister, Romaine
Wednesday	<b>Jeanne Conway</b> By M/M Al Kondracki <b>Susan Palermo</b> By King, Freeman & Scarantino Families
Thursday	<b>John Beno Borzell</b> By Friends & Family <b>James D. Alco</b> By Son, James
Friday	<b>Mary Hensley</b> By M/M John Matosky Fam. <b>Mary &amp; Jan Berg</b> By Dianne & Ray Smith
Saturday	<b>Joseph, Josephine &amp; Joseph Dente, Jr.</b> By Dente Family <b>James Pendleton</b> By Mary Alice Reeves
Sunday	<b>Marie Williams</b> By Family <b>Carol Dente</b> By Bob & JoAnn Vincenti <b>Simon &amp; Anna Anthony &amp; Children</b> By Elizabeth Yanora