

**DECEMBER 2, 2012
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**FIRST
SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*“Feed The Hungry,
Clothe The Naked,*



*Shelter The Homeless,
Love One Another”*

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
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Mr. James Rose, DEACON CANDIDATE**

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**WEEKEND CELEBRATION
OF THE EUCHARIST
Saturday - 4:00PM -Immaculate Conception
Saturday - 5:30PM - Holy Redeemer
Sunday - 7:30AM - Immaculate Conception
Sunday - 9:00AM - Holy Redeemer
Sunday - 10:30AM -Immaculate Conception**

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**WEEKDAY CELEBRATION
OF THE EUCHARIST
7:30 AM Immaculate Conception
8:30 AM Holy Redeemer**

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**CONFESSION SATURDAYS
3:00PM - 3:30PM Immaculate Conception**

Corpus Christi Parish Community welcomes new parishioners who have moved into the parish. Contact the parish office at 570-654-2753. All parishioners are asked to notify the parish office of a change of address or telephone number.

**COLLECTION
November 25, 2012
\$6,205.51**

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH
www.corpuschristinepa.com

Gather Book #993 Reading I: *Jeremiah 33:14-16 / 3; Responsorial Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10 & 14; Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2; Gospel Luke 21:25-28, 34-36*

CHRISTMAS LESSONS FOR ADVENT

**When you constantly ask me what I want and what I’m going to get, I learn that
Christmas is GETTING.**

**When you tell me I’d better be good, I learn that
Christmas is CONDITION.**

**When you make promises and don’t keep them, I learn that
Christmas is DISAPPOINTMENT.**

**When you are short tempered and make idle threats, I learn that
Christmas is UNPREDICTABLE.**

**When you hit and scream, I learn that
Christmas is SCARY.**

**When you are mean and lose control, I learn that
Christmas is DISASTER.**

**When you drink or eat too much, I learn that
Christmas is INDULGENCE.**

**When you hurry around, get up early and stay up late, I learn that
Christmas is BUSY.**

BUT

**When I see the lights and smell the cookies, I learn that
Christmas is PLEASURE.**

**When you do things for other people and help me to do the same, I learn that
Christmas is SHARING.**

**When you buy and make things for others, I learn that
Christmas is GIVING.**

**When you go to church and take me with you, I learn that
Christmas is WORSHIP.**

**When you hum to yourself and smile to strangers, I learn that
Christmas is PEACE.**

**When you stop in your busy day and spend time with me, I learn that
CHRISTMAS is LOVE.**

Giving Tree “The Beauty is in its Bareness”

Our annual Giving Trees, located in the sanctuaries of the churches, are beautifully decorated with hundreds of gift tags. On the back of each tag is a specific gift request from a local child, teenager or other family member. Simply choose a tag(s), purchase the gift, wrap it, attach the tag and return it under the Giving Tree. To allow us ample time to sort and distribute the gifts.... all gifts must be returned by Sunday, December 16th. We realize these are challenging economic times, but we hope you will be able to come through again for us like you always do. The gift tags this year were made by our youth group and the students at Wyoming Area Catholic School.....Thank you kids!!!

Special Collection This Weekend

This weekend at all masses, we will have a special collection which will be given to Sister Sue Brown for the children and teachers of St. Joseph by the Sea High School, Staten Island, New York who were affected by Hurricane Sandy.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is on Saturday, Dec 8th. Masses are as follows: 6:00PM Fri, Dec 7th and 7:30AM Sat, Dec 8th at ICC and 8:30AM, Dec 8 at HR

Second Collection Next Weekend

Retirement Fund for Religious, will be collected throughout our Diocese next weekend, December 8th & 9th.

Parish Youth Group Ping Pong Doubles Tournament

Today, Sunday, in ICC hall. Registration @ 12:00 Noon Tournament starts @ 1:00PM....\$10.00 per team of 2 players \$20.00 per team of 2 (Adult) players. All proceeds will benefit St. Joseph by the Sea High School, Staten Island, New York. Refreshments will be sold. All are welcome!!!!

Our parish goal for the 2012 Diocesan Annual Appeal is \$32,000. To date we have raised **\$26,960**. We only need **\$5,040** to reach our goal!!!

The Altar & Rosary Society will be selling wafers after all masses. Donation is \$2.00 for a pack of 4 wafers.

There will be no CCD classes next Sunday, December 9th.

All are invited to join us on Monday, December 3 at 7:00PM in ICC hall for our next cookbook planning meeting.

10:30AM **Dominick & Lucy Occhiato**
by Family

Nov 22	David Balent	#473	\$500.00
Nov 23	No Winner	#497	\$50.00
Nov 24	No Winner	#869	\$50.00
Nov 25	Lisa Ahmadifar	#502	\$100.00
Nov 26	David Cipolla	#498	\$50.00
Nov 27	Marion Occhiato	#123	\$50.00
Nov 28	Christine Conahan	#958	\$50.00

Altar Candles at ICC which will burn this week in loving memory of **David Stankoski** are donated by his parents, Florence & Ed.

Holy Family Candle at ICC which will burn this week in loving memory of **Rita Ann Denisco** is donated by her grandparents & Catherine & Gene.

Vigil Candle at ICC which will burn this week in loving memory of **Jennie Galante** is donated by the Galante Family.

Wednesday, December 5th at 6:30PM in ICC rectory.
All are welcome!!

The ladies will meet on Monday, December 3rd at 7:00PM in IC Church to recite the Rosary. Immediately following will be a Christmas gathering in the rectory. Please bring a small wrapped gift suitable for a man. Gifts will be given to local Vets.

These are a great gift idea for someone who has everything or for that individual you just don't know what to get. This gift gives individuals an opportunity to win for *FOUR* months starting in January. Additional tickets are available at the rectory. Thank you for all your support!.

For the month of November 2012, the sum of **\$1,091.00** was collected from the air conditioner envelopes and deposited into our Diocesan savings account reducing the amount withdrawn for the air conditioner to **\$16,735.00**. Thank you for your support.

Our Designer Bingo was a greater success than we could have imagined profiting **\$12,404.31**. As with all our endeavors, this success is in no small part due to our parishioners and friends whose hard work, donations and dedication enable us to meet our financial obligations and fulfill our parish mission. To all those we are eternally grateful.

EM's, Lectors and Altar Servers.....please call the rectory or email jceconi50@gmail.com to let us know what masses you are available to serve on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Advent Christmas Concert with the Catholic Coral Society, Sunday Dec 2 at 3pm at St. Monica's Parish West Wyoming. A social will follow.

Check out the latest Parish News

Parish Census

www.corpuschristinepa.com

Pics of Family Mass & Trunk & Treat

Volunteer Form

Calendar

December 2012 Calendar of Events

- Sunday, December 2nd **Youth Choir Christmas Party and Tree Decorating**
Youth Choir members and their parents are invited to the rectory for a pizza party and help decorate Msgr. Sempa's Christmas Tree following their practice session. All children are welcome!
- Saturday, December 8th **Set up and prepare food for "Brunch with Santa"**
10:00AM in ICC hall...we need volunteers to decorate the stage and hall and help with food prep.
- Sunday, December 9th **Brunch with Santa and Friends**
All are invited to join us next Sunday at 12 noon in ICC hall for this annual event. Special guests will include, Santa, Mrs. Claus, Rudolph and Frosty. Enjoy a hot brunch, Christmas Carols, crafts and prizes for the kids. Donation: Adults \$8.00, Children \$3.00 (3 yrs and under are free). For reservations call the rectory 654-2753, email jceconi50@gmail.com. Or you can purchase tickets this weekend after all masses.
- Saturday, December 15th **Calling all Christmas Bakers**
On Saturday, December 15th at 10:00AM in ICC hall our Confirmation students and youth group members will meet to bake Christmas cookies for our shut ins and parishioners residing in nursing homes. We are asking for additional help with this project. As you are preparing to bake your family's favorite Christmas goodies....cookies, candy, etc, perhaps you can help us out.....just bake a few extras and drop them off at the church hall on or before Saturday, December 15th.
- Sunday, December 16th **Youth Group Christmas Caroling**
Our youth group will go Christmas Caroling around West Pittston then have a pizza party in the rectory. Time to be announced.
- Monday, December 17th **Giving Tree Gifts**
Our Confirmation students and youth group members are invited to help sort and package the gifts from our Giving Trees from 6:00PM to 8:00PM in ICC hall. Adult volunteers are welcome!!
- Tuesday, December 18th **Distribution of Giving Tree gifts**
Volunteers needed in ICC hall from 2:00PM to 4:00PM in ICC hall to help distribute gifts.
- Wednesday, December 19th **Christmas Gifts to Shut ins and Nursing Homes**
Confirmation students and youth group members are asked to meet at ICC hall at 6:00PM to help deliver Christmas packages to shut ins and nursing homes. We will need some parents and adult volunteers willing to drive.
- Friday, December 21st **Christmas Movie Night Double Feature**
Hey kids....come in your pj's, bring your sleeping bags and enjoy hot chocolate, popcorn and **"The Polar Express"** at 6:00PM followed by the classic **"The Christmas Story"** at 7:30PM. Hey moms and dads.....We have adult volunteers willing to supervise the children if you have last minute Christmas errands to do during the movie. Please email jceconi50@gmail.com to let us know.

Christmas and New Year's Schedule



Advent Penance Service
Monday, December 17th 7:00PM
St. John the Evangelist Church, Pittston



Advent Penance Service
Tuesday, December 18th 7:00PM
St. Anthony's Church, Exeter

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Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve (December 24th)

4:00PM (ICC) Children's Mass... Youth Choir "Birthday Party for Jesus"

5:30PM (Holy Redeemer)

10:00PM Adult Choir (Immaculate Conception)

Christmas Day (December 25th)

7:30AM (Immaculate Conception)

9:00AM (Holy Redeemer)

10:30AM (Immaculate Conception)

New Year's Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve (December 31st)

4:00PM (Immaculate Conception)

5:30PM (Holy Redeemer)

New Year's Day (January 1st)

9:00AM (Immaculate Conception)

Lectors, EM's, and Altar Servers are asked to call the rectory 654-2753 or e-mail jcecconi50@gmail.com to be scheduled for the above masses.

Thank you