

DECEMBER 9, 2012
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**SECOND
SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*"Feed The Hungry,
Clothe The Naked,*



*Shelter The Homeless,
Love One Another"*

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH

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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
December 2, 2012
\$7,580.30**

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

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Gather Book #996 Reading I: *Baruch 5:1-9 / 6*; Responsorial *Psalm 126:1-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6*; Reading II: *Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11*; Gospel *Luke 3:1-6*

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Our parish goal for the 2012 Diocesan Annual Appeal is \$32,000. To date we have raised **\$28,485**. We only need **\$3,515** to reach our goal!!!

Second Collection This Weekend

Your gift to today's second collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious** helps to provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

Christmas Wafers

Wafers are available (while they last) after all masses or at the rectory. Donation is \$2.00 for a pack of 4 wafers.

CCD Class & Reminder

There will be no CCD class today Sunday, December 9th. Reminder....red gift bags must be returned with the children to class next Sunday. All kids are welcome to carry up the "Christmas Gift Bags for Children" in the offertory procession at the 9:00AM and 10:30AM masses next Sunday.

Giving Tree "The Beauty is in its Bareness"

Our Giving Trees are almost bare!! Thank you to all who are participating in this project. If you are able to help, simply choose a tag (s), purchase the gift, wrap it, attach the tag and return it under the Giving Tree. **Please note all gifts must be returned by next 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!!!

Collection for St Joseph by the Sea High School

We should all be very happy to know that our parish raised a total of \$7,140.01 for the teachers, children and their families who were affected by Hurricane Sandy. The ping pong tournament, sponsored by our youth group, raised **\$695.26**, the second collection totaled **\$3,704.75** other donations we received totaled **\$2,740.00** giving us a grand total of **\$7,140.01**. Surely your generosity will make Christmas just a little merrier for these families this year!!!

Brunch with Santa & Friends

Will take place today, Sunday, at 12 Noon in Immaculate Conception Church hall. Enjoy a hot brunch of ham, sausage, scrambled eggs plain or with peppers & onions, French toast, breakfast potatoes, fresh fruit and coffee/juice. Special guests will include Santa, Mrs. Claus, Frosty and Rudolph. There will be Christmas Caroling, visits with Santa, crafts, prizes and games for the kids! **Tickets available at the door.... \$8.00 Adults, \$3.00 Children (3 yrs and under free)**

Calling all Christmas Bakers

As you are preparing to bake your family's favorite Christmas goodies....cookies, candy, etc., perhaps you will consider baking a few extras for our parishioners who are shut ins and residing in nursing homes. On **Saturday, December 15th** our Youth Group and Confirmation students will be baking cookies and making home made Christmas candy. If you would like to help, please join us...the fun starts at 10:00AM in Immaculate Conception Church hall. Your home baked donations for this project may be dropped off at the rectory or IC church hall.

"Stocking Stuffer" Lottery Tickets

Many of you have already made your returns...thank you for that. If you would like additional tickets for yourself or gift giving, just call or stop by the rectory. Please make your returns as soon as possible. After next Sunday, December 16th, unsold numbers will be reissued if needed. As always thank you for your support.

EM's, Lectors and Altar Servers

We understand that during the holidays, travel plans, family obligations, etc., dictate what mass you and your family will be attending. You can help us be sure all masses are adequately covered by calling the rectory or email jceconi50@gmail.com to let us know what mass/masses you are available for during the holiday season. We thank you for your dedication and service to our parish community.

New Altar Server Training

Once a child has received the Sacrament of First Eucharist he/she is eligible to become an altar server. If you child would like to become part of this ministry, just bring him/her to a training session on **Thursday, December 13th at 6:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church.** We invite all children to become altar servers.

New Ministry Schedules (Jan 1, 2013 thru Mar 17, 2013) will be available next weekend.

Congratulations "Autumn Treasure" winners!!

Nov 29	David Balent	#473	\$50.00
Nov 30	Gerald & Jo Ellen Turner	#575	\$50.00
Dec 01	Fran Sempa	#824	\$50.00
Dec 02	Bob Hamlin	#788	\$100.00
Dec 03	No Winner	#173	\$50.00
Dec 04	No Winner	#707	\$50.00
Dec 05	Roxanne Flannery	#728	\$50.00

Altar Candles at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Sam, Mary & Lillian Denisco** are donated by their children.

Holy Family Candle at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Anthony & Maria Fonzo** is donated by Catherine & Gene.

Vigil Candle at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Michael Butera** is donated by his wife, Lorraine.

Holy Name Society Meeting

The members will meet this **Tuesday, Dec 11th at 7:00PM** in ICC rectory.

Christmas Food Collection

We have a list of 30 local families for whom we will be preparing Christmas food gift baskets. If you can help with donations, of any non perishable foods, please leave them in the sacristies of the churches by next Sunday, Dec 16. Thank you for your help!

Building & Grounds Committee Meeting

The members of our Building & Grounds Committee will meet on **Monday, December 10th at 6:00PM** in Immaculate Conception rectory.

Cleaning the Church

We will be meeting in Immaculate Conception Church on Wednesday, December 12 at 10:00AM to do some pre holiday cleaning. We will be cleaning the choir loft, sanctuary, vestibule and narthex of the church. If you are able to help, just bring a bucket and some old rags, we will supply the rest. Thank you

Lectors Workbooks

We have place a few 2013 Year C Lector Workbooks in the sanctuary of each church. Lectors are welcome to borrow or use them to review readings before mass.


Courtesy Announcements

West Pittston Library Cake Decorating

Two sessions will be held in Immaculate Conception Church hall. The first session "Holiday Petit Fours" will be held on Monday, December 10th and the second session "Romancing the Cake" will be held on February 4th. To sign up for one or both sessions contact the Library at 654-9847.

Story Time for Grown-Ups at West Pittston Library

Next Friday, Dec 14 at 7:00PM. Tickets \$20 before 12/10, \$25 after 12/10 and \$300 at the door (buy your tickets early!). For information and tickets call the library at 654-9847

Mass Intentions 

December 10th thru December 16th

Mon	7:30AM	Rita Ann DeNiseo, Ross DeNiseo, Sr. Anna Maria DeNiseo by Family
	8:30AM	Frank Felice by Palmisano Family
Tues	7:30AM	Kathryn Gitkos by Family
	8:30AM	Mary "Mollie" Devers by M/M Don Fetsko
Wed	7:30AM	Joseph Falzone by Carol Dietrich & Mary Hughes
	8:30AM	Frank D Serino by Ann Manganello
Thurs	7:30AM	Charles Gelso by Ky Saitta
	8:30AM	Helen Venetz by Jean Twardowski
Fri	7:30AM	James & Jean Yates by Joan Speziale
	8:30AM	Susan Fetch by Bitters Family
Sat	4:00PM	Margaret Maryovich & Madline White by Nieces & Nephews
	5:30PM	Leona Weisgerber by Family
Sun	7:30AM	Julia Melberger by M/M Anthony Winsock, Sr.
	9:00AM	Theresa Wassil by Mary Anne Kratzer & son, Kevin
	10:30AM	Leonard & Helen Brown & Geraldine Serafin by John & Maryellen

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