

DECEMBER 16, 2012  
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THIRD  
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 9, 2012

\$10,328.50

Second Collection

\$1,052.15

# CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

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Gather Book #999 Reading I: *Zephaniah 3:14 - 18 a / 9*; Responsorial Psalm  
*Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6*; Reading II: *Philippians 4:4-7*; Gospel *Luke 3:10-18*

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Our parish goal for the 2012 Diocesan Annual Appeal is \$32,000. To date we have  
raised \$29,620. We only need \$2,380 to reach our goal!!!

Dear Parishioners:

I am overwhelmed with your generous love and support that you  
have shown me for the people of Staten Island. I am truly blessed that I  
am from this great parish, Corpus Christi.

My students and their families do not know how to thank you for  
what you are doing to help rebuild their lives. They have tears in their  
eyes when I hand them a check or money and they realize that someone  
they have never met is helping them.

It will be a long process to rebuild their lives but I know that with  
all the prayers and support from you that it will be done. May God  
Bless you during this Advent season and have a wonderful Christmas.

Sincerely,

Sr. Susan

*(In addition to the \$7,140 we collected for St Joseph by the Sea High School, Sr  
Sue received an additional \$2,000 from parishioners)*

Giving Tree Gifts

Thank you all, once again, for your support of our “Giving Tree” project. The re-  
cipients of your generosity are 30 families, mostly local and a few from Staten Is-  
land. Tomorrow, Monday, December 17 at 6:00PM, we will meet in Immaculate  
Conception Hall to sort the gifts and prepare Christmas food “gift” baskets. We  
invite Confirmation students (they will receive credit for service hours), youth group  
members and any one else to help with this project.

Distribution of Christmas Gifts

We are asking for a few adult volunteers to help distribute the gifts and food baskets  
in ICC hall on Tuesday, December 18 from 2:00PM to 4:00PM. If you can help,  
please contact Joyce at 654-2753 or email jceccconi50@gmail.com.

Christmas Delivery to Shut ins and Nursing Homes

Confirmation students and youth group members are asked to meet at 6:00PM in  
ICC hall on Wednesday, December 18 to help deliver Christmas packages to shut ins  
and nursing homes. We will need some parents/adults willing to drive.  
Please help us if you can.

Youth Group Christmas Caroling

Our youth group will be Christmas caroling around West Pittston tonight, Sunday.  
Members are asked to meet at ICC at 6:00PM. Following caroling, the kids will  
have a pizza party in the rectory. Family members and friends are invited to join  
this fun “youth group” tradition!

Family Movie Night

Friday, December 21st in Immaculate Conception Hall we will feature 2 favorite  
Christmas movies.....*“The Polar Express” at 6:00PM followed by everyone’s favorite old  
classic “The Christmas Story”*. We have adult volunteers willing to supervise the chil-  
dren if the mom’s and dad’s have some last minute Christmas errands. So kids, put  
on your pj’s, bring your sleeping bag....we will supply the hot chocolate and pop-  
corn!!! All are welcome!!!

*Christmas Wafers are available in the vestibules of the churches...donation is \$2.00 for a  
pack of 4 wafers.*

**Deanery Advent Penance Services**

**Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM**  
**St. John the Evangelist Church, Pittston**  
**Tuesday, December 18th 7:00PM**  
**St. Anthony's Church, Exeter**

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

*Christmas Eve (December 24<sup>th</sup>)*

**4:00PM (Immaculate Conception) Family Mass**  
**5:30PM (Holy Redeemer)**  
**10:00PM (Immaculate Conception)**  
*Christmas Day (December 25<sup>th</sup>)*  
**7:30AM (Immaculate Conception)**  
**9:00AM (Holy Redeemer)**  
**10:30AM (Immaculate Conception)**

**New Year's Mass Schedule**

*New Year's Eve (December 31<sup>st</sup>)*  
**4:00PM (Immaculate Conception)**  
**5:30PM (Holy Redeemer)**  
*New Year's Day (January 1<sup>st</sup>)*  
**9:00AM (Immaculate Conception)**

***Congratulations "Autumn Treasure" winners!!***

Dec 06	Michael Lanunzinta	#955	\$50.00
Dec 07	Beth Ann Capizzi	#559	\$50.00
Dec 08	Leonard Pribula Jr	#185	\$50.00
Dec 09	Judy Bohan	#507	\$100.00
Dec 10	No Winner	#558	\$50.00
Dec 11	Litwin Family	#914	\$50.00
Dec 12	No Winner	#660	\$50.00

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**Altar Candles at ICC**

which will burn this week in loving memory of the *Deceased Members of the Galante & Dominick Families* are donated by the Galante Family

**Holy Family Candle at ICC**

which will burn this week in loving memory of *Gus Scripkunas* is donated by his daughter, Marguerite

**Vigil Candle at ICC**

which will burn this week in loving memory of *Louise & Nicholas Zurenda* is donated by Marranca Family.

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**New Ministry Schedules**

All EM's, lectors and altar servers, are reminded to take home the new ministry schedule which runs from January 1 thru March 17. They are in the vestibule of the churches. Schedule can also be viewed on our parish website.

**Christmas Wreaths**

Our youth group is selling Christmas wreaths. Donation is \$10....tickets are available at the rectory.

**"Stocking Stuffer" Lottery Tickets**

About half of our returns are in. Please make your returns as soon as possible. Remember they make great Christmas gifts! For a \$20 donation the recipient has the chance of winning \$50, \$100, or \$500 daily beginning January 1 thru April 30, 2013. For additional tickets, just call or stop by the rectory. Beginning tomorrow, December 17th we will begin reissuing unsold ticket numbers as needed. As always, We thank you for your support!

**Holy Name Lotto Winners**

Congratulations to the following winners of \$100.00 on Thanksgiving Day...Tony D' Angelo, Tony Denisco, Susan Feeney, Stanley Mackachinas, Judy Sokach

**Ping Pong Tournament Winners**

Congratulations to the following winners of the Youth Group Ping Pong Tournament.....A good time was had by all!!

Elementary 1st place:

*Patrick Mushinski & Dan Wiedl*

Middle school 1st place:

*Michael Bonita & Eric Speicher*

High School/College:

*Trent Grove & Zack LaNunziata*

Adult/Family:

*Pete Andrews & Sam Andrews*

Overall Winners:

*Trent Grove & Zack LaNunziata*

**Mass Intentions**



**December 17th thru December 23rd**

<b>Mon</b>	7:30AM	<b>Pauline &amp; Anthony Aufiero</b> by Jim & Joanne
	8:30AM	<b>Robert McDonough</b> by Family
<b>Tues</b>	7:30AM	<b>Joseph Fusco</b> by Family
	8:30AM	<b>Robert C. Kowalczyk</b> by M/M John Wesolowski
<b>Wed</b>	7:30AM	<b>Catherine Williams</b> by Loretta & Raymonde
	8:30AM	<b>Mary Ann Yatsko</b> by M/M Richard Yurko
<b>Thurs</b>	7:30AM	<b>Dolores La Brutte</b> by Mary Hensley
	8:30AM	<b>Providence Katarsky</b> by M/M Ralph Butchko
<b>Fri</b>	7:30AM	<b>Dec Mem of Galante &amp; Dominick Families</b> by Galante Family
	8:30AM	<b>Donato Battista</b> by Ed & Mary Godri
<b>Sat</b>	4:00PM	<b>Josephine &amp; Henry Mantione</b> by Daughter, Rose Mary
	5:30PM	<b>Margaret Klotz</b> by Elaine Pendleton
<b>Sun</b>	7:30AM	<b>John F. O'Boyle</b> by Andy & Michelle Kosik
	9:00AM	<b>Michael James</b> by Rita & Ron Wiczork
	10:30AM	<b>Lola &amp; John J. Rindgen</b> by Daughter, Patricia

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*Pics of Ping Pong  
Tournament*

*Volunteer Form*