DECEMBER 23, 2012 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 30, 2012 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS MARY & JOSEPH

> "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

WEEKDAY CELEBRATION
OF THE EUCHARIST

7:30 AM Immaculate Conception 8:30 AM Holy Redeemer

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 16, 2012
\$9,481.38

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

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Fourth Sunday of Advent- Gather Book # 1002 Reading I: Micah 5:1-4a /12; Responsorial Psalm: 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Reading II: Hebrew 10:5-10; Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Holy Family of Jesus- Gather Book # 1007 Reading I: Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14/17; Responsorial *Psalm: 128:1-2,3,4-5*; Reading II: Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Gospel: *Luke 2:41-52*

Please note this is a 2 week bulletin....the next bulletin will be published on January 6, 2013

Diocesan Annual Appeal

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

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve (December 24th)
4:00PM (Immaculate Conception) Family Mass
5:30PM (Holy Redeemer)
10:00PM (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)

Giving Trees - Tears of Joy

The outpouring of gifts from our parish family to our Giving Tree recipients was simply amazing and so generous. Your generosity made Christmas brighter for more than 30 families plus shut-ins and parishioners in nursing homes. The families who received the gifts were local families struggling during a tough year and families from Staten Island working to recover from a devastating natural disaster.

The reactions from the families included a mixture of joy and relief. Many, many tears were shed as they experienced the joy of receiving. All expressed profound gratitude that their children will have gifts to open on Christmas morning. The common response from the families was an overwhelming gratitude for your over whelming generosity. They want to make sure that their thanks and Christmas blessings were passed on to you, our parishioners.

Thank you so much for making Christmas a little brighter for these families. You were able to make a difference in the lives of many people.

Merry Christmas!!!

Thank you!

Members of our Confirmation Class delivered gifts of homemade Christmas cookies and flowers to our shut ins and parishioners residing in nursing homes this past week. As they returned, the kids were very excited by gratitude shown to them....."she thanked and hugged me!"...... "she invited us to sit down and talk with her"...."she started to cry".....he kept saying, "God bless you and thank you". To the parents and adult volunteers who donated baked goods and accompanied them on their deliveries, thank you!!

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.

"Stocking Stuffer" Lottery Tickets

If you have not yet made your return, please do so by the end of December...thank you!!

Night at the Races

Our annual "Night at the Races" will be held on Saturday, February 9, 2013. By now everyone has probably received the "Night at the Races" mailing. This year for every 10 horses you sell, your name will go into a drawing for a chance to win an Apple iPod!!

An important planning meeting will be held on <u>Wednesday, January 2nd at 6:30PM</u> in Immaculate Conception rectory. All are welcome!

Parish Bazaar Planning Meeting

Mark your calendar.....the dates for our bazaar are June 28, 29 & 30, 2013. Our first planning meeting for the bazaar will be held on in *Immaculate Conception Church hall. Wednesday, January 9th at 6:30PM.*

CCD Classes

CCD classes will resume on Sunday, January 6th.

Confirmation Prep Workshop

To help the students prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which will take place in the fall of 2013 in our parish, we will be holding a series of "Confirmation Prep Workshops". The first will take place on Monday, January 14th from 6:00 to 7:30PM in ICC hall. All students are asked to attend. Parents/Guardians will receive a mailing early in January explaining details of the workshops.

Mass Intentions



December 24th thru December 30th

Mon 4:00PM Family Mass

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:30PM Grace E. Alco

by John & Connie Lewis

10:00PM William Stead

by Family

CHRISTMAS DAY

Tues 7:30AM Sam Angelella

by Family

9:00AM Matthew Chipolis

by Coolbaugh Family

10:30AM Kathryn Gitkos

by Family

Wed 7:30AM Anna Maria, Ross Sr. & Rita DeNisco

by Family

8:30AM Jennie Bovani

by James & Paula Degnan

Thurs 7:30AM Frank Parente, Sr.

by Son & Family

8:30AM Ann DeGennaro

by Paul Pugliese & Family

Fri 7:30AM Helen Čerza

by Children & Grandchildren

8:30AM Catherine Fusco

by Troy & Gilda Massara

Sat 4:00PM Kenneth Williams

by Family

5:30PM Frances Franko

by Children

Sun 7:30AM Theodore Hughes

by Don & Barbara Fetsko

9:00AM Stephanie Johnston

by Fran & Ray Franko

10:30AM Edward Drevitch

Congratulations "Autumn Treasure" winners!!

| Dec 13 | Tom Pugliese | #190 | \$50.00 |
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| Dec 14 | Carl Ihnat | #988 | \$50.00 |
| Dec 15 | Norbert Katarsky | #852 | \$50.00 |
| Dec 16 | Judy Bohan | #507 | S100.00 |
| Dec 17 | No Winner | <i>#7</i> 14 | \$50.00 |
| Dec 18 | Catal Butera | #967 | \$50.00 |
| Dec 19 | Edward & Carol Bufalino | #538 | \$50.00 |
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Dec ember 24th thru December 30th

Vigil & Altar Candles at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of *Joe Marranca* are donated by the Marranca Grandchildren.

Holy Family Candle 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.

Dec ember 31st thru January 6th

Altar Candles at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of *Anthony & Josephine Recine* are donated by daughter, Jeanne.

Holy Family Candle at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of *Patrick Bryan* is donated by Ross & Rosemary Denisco

Vigil Candle at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of *Sam Angelella* is donated by his family.

Mass Intentions



December 31st thru January 6th

Mon 7:30AM Ada Rostock by Loretta & Raymonde

8:30AM Mary Ann Yatsko

by Kyra & Krisa Yurko

NEW YEAR'S EVE

4:00PM **Donna Yale Miscavage**

by Carl Kutzkowski

5:30PM Matthew Chipolis

by Exter Family

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Tues 9:00AM Anna Wierbowski

by John Wierbowski

Wed 7:30AM Maureen Aritz

by M/M James Nocito

8:30AM Joan B Fino

by Stephen, Donna & Lauren Menn

Lauren Menn

Thurs 7:30AM John J. Rindgen

by Ann Manganiella

8:30AM **NO MASS**

Fri 7:30AM Dorothy Gelso

by Dave Gavigan & Family

8:30AM Donna Licata

by M/M James Conlin

Sat 4:00PM Mafalda Baldini

by Michael Drevitch

5:30PM John (Beno) Brozell

by Barbara Cirelli

Sun 7:30AM Elizabeth Agolino

9·00AM

by Daughter, Marie **Peter Romani**

by M/M Stephen Chipolis & Family

10:30AM William James