

November 3, 2013
Thirty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time

*"Feed The Hungry,
Clothe The Naked,*



*Shelter The Homeless,
Love One Another"*

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH PARISH OFFICE

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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

Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Redeemer

Wednesday

9:00AM-3:00PM

Parish Mission Statement

To promote and improve the
community of God by
living the Gospel message;
caring for the elderly, youth, sick,
needy, and participating in the
liturgy.

Weekly Collection
October 27, 2013
\$7,461.82

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

www.corpuschristinepa.com

To follow the readings in your Gather book, please see #1184

Book of Remembrance

As we know, each year the Church gives us the entire month of November as an opportunity to remember our loved ones who have gone before us in death, praying for their happiness and preparing ourselves to be reunited with them one day. A special book with the names of our beloved dead is located in the Sanctuary of the church. Please take a moment and write the names of departed family and friends in the parish Book of the Dead.

Bereavement Mass

Our Bereavement Mass will be celebrated on **Tuesday, November 19th at 6:30PM in Immaculate Conception Church**. At this beautiful liturgy, we will be remembering those members of our parish community who have died this past year. An invitation will be sent to the next of kin, inviting them and their families to this special liturgy honoring the memory of their loved ones. For a special presentation at this liturgy, we are asking for a picture of your deceased family member. Pictures may be dropped off at the rectory, in the weekend collection or emailed to jceconi50@gmail.com. Following the Mass, all are invited for light refreshments in the church hall hosted by our Social Concerns Committee.

Annual Financial Report

Attached to this weeks bulletin is a copy of our parish annual financial report. This weekend at all masses, please welcome a member of our finance committee who will present a report of our parish finances.

Air Conditioner Envelope

For the month of October 2013 we have received the amount of \$806.00 in our air conditioner envelope which has been deposited into our diocesan savings account reducing the amount we used for the air conditioning to \$3,245.00. Thank you for your continued support!

Diocesan Annual Appeal "Serve with Love"

Next Weekend is In-Pew Commitment Weekend

Diocesan Appeal materials and pledge cards will be distributed to all parishioners during all Masses next weekend. If you have not already done so, please make your pledge to help the thousands of people who will directly benefit from your caring support. Our parish goal is \$30,000.00 To date our pledges are \$22,200.00. We are \$7,800.00 short of our goal.

Thank You!

What a success!! Our youth group and the adult volunteers did an amazing job with their first attempt at a "haunted rectory". A special thank you to Mary Coolbaugh for her "decorating expertise" and loan of her Halloween props!! Thank you to everyone who supported and helped raise over \$2,300.00 for very special family!!

Designer Bingo

Save the date! Our second annual "designer bingo" will be held in Immaculate Conception Church hall on **Sunday, November 10, 2013**. Doors will open at 12 Noon...Games start at 1:00PM. If you can help us out by baking, please contact Margaret at 570-237-5339. We will have a number of volunteer opportunities before and at the bingo.....kitchen help, setting up, cleaning up, selling, collecting money, etc.....if you are willing to help, please call Kim at 570-814-4745. **Help will be needed on Saturday, November 10 at 10:00AM both in the church hall to set up for the bingo and in the kitchen preparing the food.**

Youth Choir

The next practice for our youth choir will be next **Sunday, November 10th** from 6:00PM to 6:45PM in Immaculate Conception Church. Children of all ages are welcome to attend. Our youth choir will be singing at the 10:30AM Family Mass on Sunday, November 24th.

CCD.....Class to Mass

Every Sunday following CCD classes the children are welcome to attend the 10:30AM Mass with their class and teachers. Immediately following Mass, parents can pick up their children in church.

Sewing/Knitting/Crocheting Ministry

The group will be gathering on **Wednesday, November 6th at 6:30PM** in the rectory. As this ministry develops, we hope to crochet and/or knit lap blankets, prayer shawls, scarves, hats, mittens, etc. for gift giving to our parishioners who are shut ins or residing in nursing homes and for the less fortunate children in our community. For this ministry we are asking for donations of yarn which can be left in the vestibules of the churches.

Help for the Holidays

If you or someone you know of is struggling financially and could use help for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas, call or e-mail Joyce at 654-2753 or jcecconi50@gmail.com.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Our Social Concerns Committee is asking for donations of any non-perishable foods which will be given to less fortunate families in our area for Thanksgiving. Aside from the traditional Thanksgiving foods boxed stuffing, canned sweet & white potatoes, and canned pumpkin, we are seeking donations of hot and cold cereal, peanut butter, jelly, Nutella, macaroni & cheese, canned soups, vegetables and fruit, tuna fish and crackers, etc. Donations may be left in the vestibules of the churches. Anything you can give will be appreciated.

Mass Intentions



November 4th thru November 10th

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| Mon | 7:30AM | Kosty Harzinski by Ann Marie Kopetchny |
| | 8:30AM | Jennie Bovani by M/M Thomas Blanett |
| Tues | 7:30AM | Joseph Prula by Wife and Sons |
| | 8:30AM | Freda DeGuglielmo by M/M Leo Smith |
| Wed | 7:30AM | Teresa Mountante by Sons & Family |
| | 8:30AM | Mary Miano by Dr Alyce Zura |
| Thurs | 7:30AM | Olga & Bill Orsheski by Carolee & Tom |
| | 8:30AM | Sam Maira by M/M Donald La Torre |
| Fri | 7:30AM | COMMUNION SERVICE |
| | 8:30AM | NO MASS |
| Sat | 4:00PM | Stanley & Frank Lisowski by M/M Joseph Kosak, Jr. |
| | 5:30PM | Deceased Members of Dierkes & Stemler Families by M/M Quinton Stemler |
| Sun | 7:30AM | Jennie Champi by Jennifer Pokrinchak |
| | 9:00AM | Louis Cella by Family |
| | 10:30AM | Bernard Romanowski by Family |

Stocking Stuffer Lottery

Just in time for Christmas gift giving!! For a donation of \$25.00 you have the chance to win a cash prize of \$50.00 Monday thru Friday, \$100.00 on Sundays and \$500.00 on 4 designated days from January 1st thru March 31, 2014. Our past lottery players as well as new parishioners will be receiving a "stocking stuffer" lottery ticket in the mail this week. In the event you do not receive a ticket and would like one or a few, just stop by the rectory and you can pick your number.

Holy Name Society

Members of our parish Holy Name Society will be selling lotto tickets \$2.00 for 10 chances to win the cash prize on Thanksgiving Day.

Church Envelopes

To be sure to get your proper credit, please mark the outside of your envelopes with the dollar amount enclosed. Thank you

Parking Courtesy

A number of parishioners have contacted the rectory concerning parking during Masses at ICC. Anyone parking in the lots (Freemont Street or rectory lot) is kindly reminded to park within the lines and be careful not to park in a spot that blocks empty parking spaces. Thank you for your help!!

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Will be held in Immaculate Conception Church on Sunday, November 24th at 3:00PM. A social will follow in the church hall. All are welcome

Altar Candles at ICC which will burn this week in loving memory of **Kosty Harzinski** are donated by his wife Helen & family.

Holy Family Candle at ICC which will burn this week in loving memory of **Caroline Just** is donated by her

Courtesy Announcements

West Pittston Library The West Pittston Library's 140th Anniversary Celebration will be held on Saturday, November 16th at 6:00PM at Fox Hill Country Club. Cost is \$60 per person. For reservations call 654-9847.

Mt Airy Bus Trip to Benefit Holly Family Residence Bus trip on Saturday, November 16...bus will leave residence at 10am and return at 5pm. Tickets Are \$30. Proceeds will be donated to Little Sisters of the Poor to purchase Christmas presents for the residents. For tickets call 343-4065 ext 3144.

Roast Beef Dinner November 8 & 9 from 4:30 to 8:00PM each day at VFW Post 1227, Duryea. Take outs available...Tickets are \$11.00.

Catholic Choral Society will present the 12 Generations Sing Concert XI on Sunday, November 24th at 7:30PM at St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton. All are invited to attend. There is no admission, however the opportunity to support the concert through a free will offering will be available.