

November 24, 2013
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

*"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

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

November 17, 2013

\$7,557.50

Second Collection

(Philippines)

\$2,638.95

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To follow the readings in your Gather book, please see # 1193

Diocesan Annual Appeal "Serve with Love"

Our parish goal is \$30,000.00 To date our pledges are \$29,045.00. We are just \$955.00 short of our goal. Thank you for your continued support!

Second Collection Next Weekend

Next Weekend our parish will take up the Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS). Their mission is to provide the Sacraments and the re-affirming Word of Christ to the men and women serving in our armed forces, patients in VA Medical Centers, civilians working for the federal government beyond US borders and their families. To provide this service they need our help—the AMS receives no federal funding.

Happy Anniversary Deacon Pete

This Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, also marks the 20th anniversary of Deacon Pete's ordination as a permanent deacon. The call to the permanent diaconate is a call to a ministry of service to all people, especially those most in need. During these past 20 years of service in three parishes, Pete has been a true example to us all of a person who is "faithful in believing what he reads (in the gospel), teaching what he believes, and practicing what he teaches." We thank Pete for the wonderful gift he has been in the lives of so many people he has touched through his ministry and life. Congratulations, Deacon Pete, and God's continued blessings on you and your family.

Thanksgiving....A Time for Sharing

Thank you to everyone for the non perishable foods, turkeys and monetary donations. Your generosity has once again enabled our Social Concerns Committee to fill and distribute approximately 30 Thanksgiving food baskets!!

This weekend at the 9:00AM Mass at Holy Redeemer and the 10:30AM Mass at Immaculate Conception, all children are invited to take part in the offertory procession, bringing up bags filled with their favorite foods which they are "sharing" with some less fortunate families this Thanksgiving.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Will be held in Immaculate Conception Church on Sunday, November 24th at 3:00PM. Immediately following the service, Social Concerns will host a social in the church hall.

Thanksgiving Gifts for Shut ins and Nursing Homes

Members of our Social Concerns Committee have prepared and delivered a Thanksgiving bag filled with sweets to our parishioners who are shut ins and those residing in nursing homes.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Please note on Thanksgiving Day there will be one Mass only at 9:00AM at Immaculate Conception church.

Heavenly Hosts Ministry

Next weekend, the First Sunday of Advent, marks the beginning of the new Church year and the beginning of a new ministry of welcome in our parish..."heavenly hosts ministry". Their ministry is to greet and welcome parishioners and visitors. We invite adults and children in grade 6 and older to join this ministry. If interested, pick up a sign up form in the church vestibules.

Stocking Stuffer Lottery Tickets

If you already purchased your lottery ticket...thank you! If you have not, you still have time. Stocking Stuffer lottery tickets will be available for sale until December 31, 2013. To purchase tickets, just stop by or call the rectory. They make great Christmas gifts!!

The Parish Office will be closed Thursday & Friday, Nov. 28 & 29th.

Happenings this Week

Sun 11/24	3:00PM	Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service & Social ICC
	6:00PM	Prepare Thanksgiving baskets ICC hall
Mon 11/25	4-7PM	Pick up Thanksgiving Baskets & Prepare tags for Giving Trees
	6:30PM	AA Meeting (school)
Tues 11/26	8:30AM	Yoga ICC hall
	5-6PM	Pilates ICC hall
	6-7PM	Pilates ICC hall
	7:00PM	Holy Name Mtg (rec)
Wed 11/27	8:30AM	Pilates ICC hall
Thurs 11/28	9:00AM	Thanksgiving Mass ICC
Sat 11/30	8:30AM	Pilates ICC hall
	10:00AM	Set up Giving Trees & prepare churches for Advent

Vigil Candle at HR

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Robert Kowalczyk** is donated by his Family.

Holy Family and Vigil Candles at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Kosty Harzinski** are donated by his wife, Helen and Family.

Altar Candle at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Joseph Just** is donated by his Family.

Holy Name Society

A meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 26 at 7:00PM in the rectory. Members are asked to make money returns from the lotto ticket sales. Those of you who purchased tickets, don't forget to check their ticket number on Thanksgiving Day the 7:00PM daily number drawing. All proceeds benefit the youth of our parish.

2014 Calendars

We wish to thank Recupero Funeral Home for once again sponsoring our parish calendars. The new calendars are in the vestibule of the churches, please take one home today.

No CCD classes Sunday, December 1st.

Mass Intentions

November 25th thru November 31th

Mon	7:30AM	Maureen Hoegen by Dr. & Mrs. Matthew Berger
	8:30AM	Leonard Charney, Sr by John & Stella Kashuda
Tues	7:30AM	Dec Mem of Redding & Bean Families by Joan
	8:30AM	Stephanie Johnston by Dan & Helen Smitka
Wed	7:30AM	Victor & Linda Menichini by Daughter, Aurelia
	8:30AM	Dorothy Foy by Jason & Charlene DePietropaolo Family
Thurs	9:00AM	Health & God's Blessings for our Parishioners
Fri	7:30AM	Ada Rostock by Larry & Jill Marianacci
	8:30AM	All Souls
Sat	4:00PM	Anthony & Maria Fonzo by Catherine & Gene Manganello
	5:30PM	Anna Wierbowski by Regina & Bob Wierbowski
Sun	7:30AM	William Kile by Grandchildren
	9:00AM	Robert W McDonough by Family
	10:30AM	Mary Montagna by Roseann & Sam Maira

Courtesy Announcements

Winter Coat Drive

The Care & Concern Committee at St. John the Evangelist in Pittston is looking for clean, gently used winter coats for adults and children. Donations may be dropped off at the center.

Pasta Dinner & Craft Show

Wyoming Area Senior Parents are sponsoring a pasta dinner & craft show in the secondary center cafeteria on Sunday, December 8th from 11Am to 5PM. Eat in or take out. Donation is \$8.00. If you wish to donate baskets or gift cards for the "basket giveaway", drop them off on Saturday Dec 7th from 4 to 7PM.

"Awake, Awake", an Advent Service of Word & Song

Sunday, December 1 at 7:00PM at SS Anthony & Rocco Parish, Smith Street, Dunmore and Sunday, December 8 at 7:00PM at Holy Family Parish Church, Bennett Street, Luzerne. Both programs are free and open to the public.

Pilgrimage.....March for Life

St Joseph Mareello Parish will hold a pilgrimage on January 22, 2014 to attend the March for Life in Washington D.C. Please join in bearing witness to the beauty of life and in being a voice for the unborn. "This March will mark the 41st anniversary of legalized abortion in our nation and subsequently the death of 57 million babies. Cost is \$35 per person. For reservations call 654-6902.