

December 15, 2013

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

WEEKDAY CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

CONFESSION SATURDAYS

3:00PM - 3:30PM

Immaculate Conception

Parish Mission Statement

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

Weekly Collection

December 8, 2013

\$11,542.00

2nd Collection

&1,095.50

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

www.corpuschristinepa.com

To follow the readings in your Gather book, please see # 997

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!

Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

December 24th Christmas Eve 4:00PM Family Mass
ICC

5:30PM Mass HR
10:00PM Mass ICC

December 25th Christmas Day 7:30AM Mass ICC

9:00AM Mass HR
10:30AM Mass ICC

December 31st New Year’s Eve 4:00PM Mass ICC

5:30PM Mass HR

January 1st New Year’s Day 9:00AM Mass
ICC

Advent Penance Service

An Advent Penance Service will be held on Tuesday, December 17th at 7:00PM at St. John the Evangelist on William Street in Pittston.

EM’s, Lectors and Altar Servers

You can help us be sure all Christmas & New Year’s Masses are adequately covered by calling the rectory or email jcecco-ni50@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.

Christmas Eve Family Mass

A group of CCD class parents and teachers are putting together a skit titled “A Super Christmas”, which is about some of our favorite “super heroes” preparing for the birth of Christ. The skit will take place during homily at the 4:00PM Mass on Christmas Eve. Traditionally at this Mass we welcome the youngsters of the parish to participate and share their gifts and talents. Our youth choir will share their gift of singing, while other children will share their gifts of gift giving, reading, acting and greeting. If you would like to help work with the children, for this Mass, please join us for a meeting today, Sunday at 11:30AM in the rectory.

Christmas Gift & Food Basket Distribution

Your help is needed on the following days and times as we sort and package hundreds of gifts, fill & wrap over 70 food “gift” baskets, wrap 60 plus gifts for our shut ins and nursing homes residents, package homemade cookies, and deliver to nursing homes and shut ins, etc. etc...

Sun, Dec 15th 3:00PM IC Church giving tree gifts

Mon, Dec 16th 6:00PM IC hall fill & wrap food baskets

Wed, Dec 18th 6 to 8PM IC hall pick up gifts & food baskets

Thurs, Dec 19th 6 to 8PM IC hall package cookies for shut ins

Sat, Dec 21st 10:00AM IC hall deliver shut ins/nursing homes

Home Baked Goodies!!

We are asking for donations of home baked Christmas cookies and treats which will be given to our shut ins for Christmas. If you are willing to bake, please bring baked goods to ICC hall by 6:00PM on Thursday, December 19th.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Children who are in our 2nd grade CCD classes and children who are in 2nd grade in a Catholic school will be receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Saturday, February 1, 2014 at 10:00AM at Holy Redeemer Church. A retreat for the children will take place on Saturday, January 11, 2014 from 9:00AM to 12 Noon at Holy Redeemer Church. If your child is a member of our parish and is currently enrolled in a Catholic school and will be receiving

Mass Intentions

December 16 thru December 22th

Mon	7:30AM	Joseph Fusco by family
	8:30AM	All Souls
Tues	7:30AM	Salvatore Palermo by Nieces & Nephews
	8:30AM	William James by M/M Emmit Coolbaugh, Jr.
Wed	7:30AM	Kathryn Gitkos by Family
	8:30AM	Joseph Kuharchik by Ed & Mary Godri & Family
Thurs	7:30AM	Anthony 'Jake' Sobeski by Atty Anthony Lupas & Fam
	8:30AM	Stephanie Johnston by Loretta & Raymonde
Fri	7:30AM	Decd Membs of the Galante Family by Galante Family
	8:30AM	Hedwig Terescavage by Sherry, Damian & Rachael
Sat	4:00PM	George Menn, Jr. & Joseph Butera by wife & sister Tina Menn
	5:30PM	George 'Bucky' Mazur by M/M Bernard Wierbowski
Sun	7:30AM	Anna Maria Ross, Sr & Rita Ann DeNisco by Ross & Rosemary
	9:00AM	Special Intention
	10:30AM	John & Lola Rindgen by daughter, Patricia

the Sacrament here, please call the rectory or email jceccconi50@gmail.com.

Stocking Stuffer Winning Numbers Available!

There are still hundreds of "potential winning numbers" left to be purchased in our Stocking Stuffer Lottery! They make great Christmas gifts and help meet our parish expenses. **PLEASE NOTE: NO TICKET RETURNS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2013.** If you have not purchased your ticket yet but intend to, you still have time to do so. If you would like more tickets, just stop by the rectory, we just might have your lucky number!!

Heavenly Hosts Ministry

As you are arriving for Mass this weekend you will certainly be greeted by one of our "heavenly hosts". Their ministry is to greet and welcome parishioners and visitors and to make everyone feel at home. 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.

Holy Family at ICC which will burn this week in loving memory of **Stanley Modeski** is donated by his wife, Marie & family.

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

Vigil Candle at ICC which will burn this week in loving memory of **Margaret McHale Cawley & Rose Hudak** is donated by the Cawley Family.

VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children for Adults Program

A session will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 from 6 to 9PM at Holy Rosary School in Duryea. To register, call Kathy Bolinski at 570-207-1453ext 1078.

Wedding Anniversary Mass

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C Bambera, Bishop of Scranton and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2014 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 22. The event includes a 2:30PM Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. For an invitation, please call the rectory office with your mailing address.

Know a Marriage that Needs Help?

Throw them a lifeline and tell them about Retrouvaille, an international program that helps couples who are experiencing marital difficulties. This program is for all couples, at any stage of marriage, that need help to communicate with each other in a more attentive and loving manner. The next program in the Diocese of Scranton is Febru-