February 2, 2014 Presentation of the Lord

"Feed The Hungry, Clothe The Naked,



Shelter The Homeless, Love One Another"

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH PARISH OFFICE 605 Luzerne Avenue West Pittston, PA 18643

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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

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

CONFESSION SATURDAYS
3:00PM - 3:30PM
Immaculate Conception

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
WEDNESDAYS 9:00AM —3:00PM
HOLY REDEEMER

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 January 26, 2014 \$7,691.80

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<u>Blessing of Throats</u> This weekend at all Masses we will offer the Blessing of Throats, in honor of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. His feast day is commemorated with a blessing of throats because legend says that he cured a young boy choking on a fish bone. Blessed candles are available in the church vestibules for a donation of \$2.00 a box.

<u>Year End Financial Statement</u> For a copy of your contributions for the year 2013, please contact Joyce at jcecconi50@gmail.com.

<u>Air Conditioner Envelope</u> For the month of January 2014 we have received the amount of \$607.00 in our air conditioner envelope which has been deposited into our diocesan savings account reducing the amount we used for the air conditioning to \$435.00. Thank you for your continued support!

SOCIAL CONCERNS NEWS

<u>Valentine Gifts for Shut ins</u> We will be delivering Valentine gifts to our shut ins and parishioners residing in nursing homes next Saturday, February 8th. If you can help deliver, meet us at ICC hall at 10:00AM.

<u>Easter Food Drive</u> We are seeking donations of non perishable foods which will be distributed for Easter. To help us accumulate a stock of certain foods, every week we will list specific foods we are requesting. This week we are asking for <u>peanut butter & jelly</u>. Of course, any non perishable food donations are always appreciated. Donations may be left in church vestibules or at the rectory. Thank you!

Every child should be visited by the Easter Bunny.....you can help us make that happen. We will be assembling approximately 100 baskets for children this Easter. If you would like to help, we will need items including: small toys & stuffed animals, which can be found in the Dollar Stores; and Easter candy and chocolates; and Easter baskets & grass, etc.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

<u>"Souper Bowl" Competition</u> We will meet briefly today, Sunday, February 2nd, after the 10:30AM Mass in ICC hall to count the cans and figure out the winner of the "souper bowl". Our next meeting will be held on the first Sunday in March.

<u>Snow Tubing</u> Sunday, February 9th at Montage Mountain from 1 to 4PM. Cost is \$20 per person for a 3 hour session. Cost for members is \$16. We will meet at ICC parking lot at 12 noon to car pool. Corpus Christi permission slips must be on file to attend. For info or if attending contact Mrs Klepadlo by February 2nd @ jaklepadlo@comcast.net or 430-1470.

<u>Hockey Game</u> We will be attending the Penguins-Binghamton Game on Saturday, April 12th. For \$10 per person you get a hat, a meal at McDonald's, the hockey game and a Star War's mug. <u>Reservations and money due by March 2nd meeting.</u>

<u>Living Stations</u> Friday, April 20 at 7:00Pm in IC Church. Sign ups at youth group meeting March 2 at 6:00PM in IC hall. All members are welcome to sign up!!

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Night at the Races Meeting-Monday, February 3rd 6:00PM IC rectory. All are welcome!

<u>Liturgy Committee Meeting</u>-Monday, February 3rd 7:00PM IC rectory.

Mardi Gras Planning Meeting-Wednesday, February 5th at 6:30PM IC rectory. We are planning a "family friendly" Mardi Gras complete with food, games, decorations, and a DJ to will be held on Sunday, March 2nd from 11:30 to 1:30PM in ICC hall. All are welcome to help plan this fun event!!

Youth Choir We will be singing at the 10:30AM Mass at ICC on Sunday, March 2nd and at the 9:00AM Mass at Holy Redeemer on Sunday, March 23rd. The children will practice next Sunday, February 9th at 5:30PM in IC Church.

Religious Education

Today, Sunday, February 2nd, the children will be making special Valentines for our parishioners who are shut ins and living in nursing homes.

Sewing Ministry

We will meet on Wednesday, February 12th at 6:30PM in ICC rectory. At the next meeting, we will discuss a project which involves sewing hats for cancer patients. Also, we will discuss doing a craft booth for our parish bazaar this summer. This booth will consist of any donated hand made and craft items which could include sewing, knitting, crocheting, painting, beading, ceramics, ornaments, wreaths, etc, etc. If you have any questions, contact Barbara @ 655-2365 Pat @ 654-3671or Rosalie @654-1356.

Blood Pressure Screening

Philadelphia College of Pharmacy 6th year student and parish member, Ashley Zielen and fellow classmate Alexandra Hauser will conduct a blood pressure screening in ICC hall next Sunday, February 9th from 8:00AM to 12:30PM. In addition to the free blood pressure checks, the students will be dispensing blood pressure monitoring logs and educational pamphlets. Those who participate will have a chance to win prizes and/or gift cards. Refreshments will be served. As high blood pressure is a chronic disease that affects those of all ages, everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this event!!

Congratulations Stocking Stuffer Lottery Winners

Jan 23	No Winner	#333	\$50.00
Jan 24	M/M David Nocera	#036	\$50.00
Jan 25	Jason Yencha	#702	\$50.00
Jan 26	No Winner	#001	\$100.00
Jan 27	Kathy Chuzas	#371	\$50.00
Jan 28	Lynn Meizanis	#081	\$50.00
Jan 29	Norman Darling, Sr.	#051	\$50.00

The following winners were drawn last Sunday, January 26 after the 10:30AM Mass for the 2 days last week when we had no winners.

Congratulations to:

 Jan 17
 Ruth Mackiewicz
 #903
 \$50.00

 Jan 21
 Bonnie Kudrako
 #137
 \$50.00

Today, Sunday, February 2, a drawing will be held in the church hall to pick winners, for January 23 & 26. All are welcome.

Altar Candles at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Edward Wiatrowski** are donated by his family.

COURTESY NEWS

President's Day Bingo

Sunday, February 16 1:00 to 4:00PM Wyoming Area HS Cafeteria. Doors open Noon. Admission \$20. Proceeds benefit Senior Class of 2014. Gift Certificates, Vera Bradley, Coach, I-Gourmet Baskets, mountain bike and much more!! Door prizes, specials, and give-a-ways, food available for purchase. Call Ann Marie at 814-2380 for more info.

Mass Intentions February 3th thru February 9th

Mon	7:30AM	Florence Pilkonis
		by Family
	8:30AM	Elizabeth LaNunziata
		by Tony & Al Tossi
Tues	7:30AM	Mary Lepore
		by Aurelia Menichini
	8:30AM	Angela & Leo Tallo
		by Fran & Ray Franko
Wed	7:30AM	Evelyn Kleback
		by Family & Staff of
		Montgomery Ave Elem
8:30AM		Caroline Ciampi
		by Connie & Richard Trotta
Thurs	7:30AM	Mary Mantione
		by Family
	8:30AM	Stephanie Johnston
		by Margie Burke
Fri	7:30AM	Catherine Williams
		by Janet Kolmansperger
	8:30AM	Matthew Chipolis
		by Coaches - Fanti & Pizano
Sat	4:00PM	Jule Carmody
		by Children
	5:30PM	Marguerite MacMorran
		by Louise & Jack Brogan
Sun	7:30AM	Eleanor Troiani
		by Corpus Christi Wesley
		Village Visiting Group
	9:00AM	Ann Wierbowski
		by Regina & Bob Wierbowski
	10:30AM	Ann Gadello

by Marguerite Dixon