### August 17, 2014 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Feed The Hungry, Clothe The Naked,



Shelter The Homeless, Love One Another ....'

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WEEKEND CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST Sat 4:00PM Immaculate Conception Sat 5:30PM Holy Redeemer Sun 7:30AM Immaculate Conception Sun 9:00AM Holy Redeemer Sun 10:30AM Immaculate Conception

### **WEEKDAY CELEBRATION** OF THE EUCHARIST

7:30AM - Immaculate Conception 8:30AM - 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.

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## CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

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#### **Music Ministers**

Who are the music ministers in liturgy? We refer to the instrumentalists and vocalists who lead us in song as the music ministers. And so they are.

However, this can be misleading, because WE, the COMMUNITY, are the primary music ministers in liturgy. Our job is to sing the songs, to witness to our faith to one another through our singing, and to encourage others to do the same through our enthusiastic song. It is important that we support one another in song and that we hear one another and are not overwhelmed by electronic simplification or muted by sound-absorbing materials. Singing together is an important element of the liturgy which transforms us from independent individuals to a unified worshiping body.

If we feel we do not sing well, we can always remember that Psalm 95:1 invited us to make a "joyful noise" in our praise of God.

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#### **Cantors...What is their function?**

If we, the gathered assembly, are the primary music ministers, what is the function of those whom we label music ministers or cantors? They lead us in our songs. They provide the mechanics which enable us to sing together and in tune. Among other things, they can on occasion provide solo music for inspiration or enhance the ambiance of the liturgy. Would you like to become a cantor, a leader of song? At present, we have only a handful of cantors. Ideally, we would like to have a cantor at all weekend masses. If you would like to hear more about this ministry, please join us on Wednesday, August 27th at 7:00PM in ICC rectory for a discussion session with our cantors and other members of our music ministry.

Often an usher can set the tone of our readiness to experience God more than any other minister. They are usually the first to greet us when arrive in church. Their job is to be sure that the church is ready for the community's arrival: heat or A/C on, windows opened or closed, pews and worship aids neat, bulletins ready for distribution. They are also there to attend to any emergencies which might occur during Mass. They facilitate seating at crowded Masses, taking up of the collection, and the communion procession. On special holydays they can have additional functions such as handing out palms or candles, or directing processions. Both men and women with the ability to be gracious hosts and to make people feel welcome are called to this ministry.

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To become a part of this ministry, please contact one of the following liturgical coordinators:

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#### **Greeting/Welcoming**

As members of the assembly part of our ministry is to greet and welcome others who celebrate liturgy with us. Although we come to Mass as individuals or individual families, as members of the Body of Christ we are to be welcoming to those around us. This is, in fact part of what forms us into the Body of Christ. Feeling welcomed helps to make it possible for people, especially visitors, to participate freely. If we know someone near us is a newcomer or visiting, we should make it a point to help them feel comfortable and to invite them back. As members of the parish, we reach out to others we do not know. Even if they are already parishioners our friendliness can assist them in feeling more comfortable at Mass.

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For more information or to become part of our Heavenly Hosts Ministry, please contact one of the following liturgical coordinators:

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#### Altar Servers

Ministers of the altar, altar servers, serve the community's prayer by helping to make the ritual of the Mass proceed with style and grace. Servers are boys and girls who have already made their First Holy Communion. They remind us at every weekend Mass that in the task of worship there is a place for everyone. Their ministry includes being an example to the rest of the community through their faithful attention and participation during the liturgy.

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Would you like to become an altar server? For more information about this ministry or to sign up, please contact one of the following liturgical coordinators:

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#### Corpus Christi Car Show...What a hit!!

We wish to thank the car enthusiasts who joined together to plan and run the car show last weekend on the grounds of Holy Redeemer Church. The event was certainly well planned with well over 100 cars, ice cream, vendors and a delicious chicken barbeque which was a sellout at 400 dinners. Thank you to all who volunteered and to those of you who so graciously delivered chicken dinners to our homebound parishioners. Pictures from the car show can be viewed on our website and facebook.

#### **Family Liturgy Committee**

During the school year, we celebrate "family masses" at the holidays and occasionally at the 9:00AM and 10:30AM weekend liturgies. We are looking for a team of volunteers who would be instrumental in planning and implementing these liturgies. A meeting to explain just what is involved will be held on Tuesday, August 26th at 7:00PM in ICC rectory. For further information, please contact Joyce at jcecconi50@gmail.com or at the rectory 570-654-2753.

#### "Back to School " drive

Members of our Social Concerns Committee wish to thank everyone for their generous donations of clothing, school supplies, gift cards and monetary gifts. Your gifts were instrumental in easing the financial burdeon placed on some families ass they try to prepare their children for another school year!!

#### **ShurSave Community Rewards**

Corpus Christi Parish is now set up in the ShurSave Community Rewards program which will give back to the parish \$.03 for every Shurfine and Western Family brand item purchased by registered Gold Card members. To register, go to www.shursavemarkets.com. If you do not have on line access and would like to participate, just call Lori at the rectory and she will gladly register you. Thank you for taking advantage of this opportunity to help our parish.

#### Redner's 1% Save-A-Tape Program

When you shop at Redner's Warehouse Markets use your Redner's Pump Perks card for every purchase. Then submit your receipt to us and we will receive 1% rebate for all items purchased (excluding milk and tobacco products). Your receipts can be dropped off at the rectory or placed in the collection basket in an envelope marked Attention Lori. Thank you!

#### **Weight Watchers**

Our 3rd Weight Watchers 8 week session will begin at our parish on Monday, August 18. The group meets in ICC rectory at 5:30PM for weigh in and the meetings are 6:00PM to 6:30PM. Cost for the session is \$80.00. All are welcome!!

#### Yoga, Pilates, Aerobics

Classes, which are conducted by certified instructors, are held weekly in ICC hall. Yoga classes are Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30AM to 9:30AM; Pilates classes are Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00PM, and aerobics classes are Tuesday evenings from 6:00PM to 7:00PM. A portion of the donations from these classes benefits our Social Concerns outreach programs.

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

Liturgy Committee Mon, Aug 18 6:30PM ICC rec Brochure Planning Tues, Aug 19 7:00PM ICC rec Pastoral Council Thurs, Aug 21 6:30PM ICC rec Finance Committee Mon, Aug 25 6:00PM ICC rec Family Liturgy Tues, Aug 26 7:00PM ICC rec Cantor Meeting Wed, Aug 27 7:00PM ICC rec

#### **Religious Education Classes**

Religious Education classes will begin in our parish on Catechetical Sunday, September 21st. Classes at Holy Redeemer will be held following the 9:00Am Mass from 9:45AM to 10:45AM in the church hall and rectory. Classes at ICC will be held prior to the 10:30AM Mass from 9:15AM to 10:15AM in the school, church hall and rectory.

#### **Teachers/Aides Needed**

We are very lucky to have a wonderful group of dedicated teachers and subs, but this year with anticipated increased enrollment, we are in need of more volunteers at both worship sites. We welcome parents as well as teenagers looking for service hours. You can volunteer as much or as little as fits your busy schedule. For more information or if you can help, please contact Joyce at jcecconi50@gmail.com or at the rectory 570-654-2753. Thank you!

#### **Holy Family Candle at ICC**

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Jean** (**Cookie**) **Zezza** is donated by the Patrick Cawley Family.

#### Vigil Candle at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Mary E**. **(Molly) Devers** is donated by Nancy Pader.

#### Altar Candles at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Mary Anne Fino** are donated by William & Vicky Wierbowski.

# Mass Intentions Aug 18th thru Aug 24th

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! !		by Grandchildren
i I	8:30AM	Anna Ross
! !		by Graziano Family
Tues	7:30AM	Olga & Bill Orsheski
; i !		by Tom & Carolee
 	8:30AM	Helen DeLucca
 		by Reilly Family
Wed	7:30AM	Kathryn "Keenie" Salvo
I I		by Anita Prula
 	8:30AM	George (Bucky) Mazur
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Thur	7:30AM	Jean (Cookie) Zezza
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 	8:30AM	Robert Bowman
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Fri	7:30AM	
 	8:30AM	by Dorothy Joseph McHugh, Jr.
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Sat	4:00PM	Anthony (Teeney) Manganiello
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 	5:30PM	Mary Berg
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Sun	7:30AM	Joseph Falzone
l !		by wife, Angeline
! ! !	9:00AM	Living & Dec'd Members of Franko Fam.
i i		by Franko Family
l !	10:30AM	Frank Skibinski
! ! !		by Corpus Christi Visiting Group