

August 31, 2014
22th 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.

Weekly Collection
Aug 24, 2014
\$7,304.55

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

www.corpuschristinepa.com

To follow the readings in your Gather book, please see #1155

Second Collection This Weekend

Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This Collection supports Catholic Organizations that provide affordable shelter and training for seminarians in a region that still struggles with the effects of Soviet rule. By providing pastoral care, catechesis and funding for building renovations, your donations help to restore the Church and build the future in the region. To learn more visit www.usccb.org. Please give generously.

Preparing for Liturgy

How do we prepare to celebrate Liturgy?

Not only the musicians, lectors, and preside prepare for the celebration. We all do. We prepare as we select our clothes, get our children ready, and begin to move toward the church building. Perhaps you have a routine you follow each Sunday. This is part of what prepares you to join in the celebration. Many people read the Scripture readings for the Sunday so they have had time to think about them in advance. This might be a good idea of something to do as a family, taking time to discuss them. Then you can compare your thoughts with the homily on Sunday.

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How Music is Chosen

Not all religious songs are suitable for the liturgy. The songs that are used must be appropriate for the action. The words must be theologically sound. Mostly the songs that are chosen for a particular celebration are ones that focus on the feast or occasion. For example, at Easter, hymns about the Resurrection are chosen. At Communion, songs that are chosen should speak of the communal aspect of what we are doing. The songs can be about Eucharist for they can be about the focus of the day. The best ones will combine all those aspects. Communion, while on one level a personal experience, is at the same time one that is shared with all who are participating. This is an opportunity to open our hearts to one another as well as to Our Lord. Whole workshops and even classes are given on the topic. Choosing music is a huge responsibility since it is essentially putting words in people's mouths. It is important that they be edifying, prayerful and formative.

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The Celebrating Assembly

This concept has been discussed many times, but it bears repetition. Mass is something we do together. It is not something the priest does while we watch. We all have important tasks to do. In days past people were brought up with the thinking that we "attended" Mass in the same way you would go to a concert or a movie. There are really four tasks or steps for an assembly. We gather. We listen. We respond. We are sent. If we understand these steps as an assembly, we will better understand what it means to say that Sunday Mass is not a private act, but something we all do together. It is in this sense that we say that we are all celebrants. A worshiping community that begins to believe in itself and act as God's priestly people will unleash tremendous power for life. It is through that faith experience that God touches us and we touch God. If we actively work at the task of being an assembly, then we will see what a difference that can make.

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Contemporary Choir

We are looking for teens and young adults who like to sing or who play select musical instruments. This is an invitation for those young adults, teens and their parents to come to a planning meeting on **Sunday, September 14 at 6:00PM in ICC rectory**. This is an opportunity to create the music you would like to hear at select liturgies during the year. If you are an adult with a musical background and would like to help, please join us.

Autumn Treasure Lottery

Later this week, those of you who have been participating in our past lotteries, will be receiving the 2014 Autumn Treasure lottery ticket in the mail. This lottery will run from October thru December 2014. Donation is \$25 per ticket. Match the evening drawing (straight) of the PA Daily Lottery for a chance to win \$50 daily, \$100 on Sundays, and \$500 on 4 bonus holidays. Every day there will be a winner!! If the winning ticket is unsold, a winner will be drawn at random from the sold tickets.

The winners will be published weekly in our bulletin. For additional tickets, stop by or call the rectory.

Rectory Office Closed

In observance of Labor Day, the rectory office will be closed. We wish everyone and safe and happy holiday.

New Ministry Schedules

Altar servers, em's, lectors and cantors are reminded to take home a copy of the new ministry schedule which are in the sacristies of the churches. For your convenience, the schedule is also on our website.

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 former 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

VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children for Adults

Interested in supporting and protecting our children's future? Then please consider attending this diocesan-sponsored program. This training session is required for all adult volunteers who work a minimum of 20 hours or more per year with children.

During the three-hour training, a facilitator, who will teach you the tools and show you the resources to maintain a safe environment for all children, will incorporate techniques in a discussion-format to help you recognize the warning signs of child sexual abuse and how to respond to it appropriately and effectively.

Listed below are dates, places and contact info where this program will be held in the next two months.

Sunday, September 14th at 2:00PM at Saint Nicholas Parish, Wilkes-Barre. For details visit www.dioceseofscranton.org.

Thursday, September 18th, 6:30 to 9:30PM at St Faustina Kowalska Parish, Nanticoke. To register contact Peggie Jimcoski at hthc@comcast.net or 570-735-4833.

Thursday, October 9th, 6:30 to 9:30PM at Holy Rosary School, Duryea. To register contact Kathy Bolinski at Kathleen-Bolinski@dioceseofscranton.org or 570-207-1453.

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!

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 ShurSave 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 or fill out the form below and place in the collection basket. **Please note that we had a lapse in the program and are just restarting it so you will need to re-register your card and choose corpus Christi Parish for us to get credit.** Thank you for taking advantage of this opportunity to help our parish.

ShurSave Number _____

Last Name _____

Holy Family Candle at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of the **Deceased Members of the Lepore Family** is donated by the Family.

Vigil Candle at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Carmelita Maira** is donated by Phil & Marie Amico.

Altar Candles at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory the **Deceased Members of the Joseph Galante Family** are donated by the Family.

Breast Cancer Fundraiser Trip

This trip to New York City will be held on Wednesday, September 10. Martz bus will depart at 7:30AM from Pittston Oak Street Park & Ride and will return at 9:30PM. A fundraising auction will be held en route to NYC. Please consider donating something such as gift certificates to local stores or any "new" items you may have at home. Cost of trip is \$35 per person. For reservations call 570-696-1410, 570-239-8042, 570-239-9379.

Part-time Cleaning Person Needed

Wyoming Area Catholic School, 1690 Wyoming Avenue, Exeter needs person to clean classrooms after school from 3:30 to 7:30PM daily. \$8.50 per hour. If interested call 570-654-7982

Ham Dinner

Jenkins Township Lions will hold its annual ham dinner on September 28 from noon to 5:00PM at the Jenkins Township Hose Company. Tickets are \$9.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. For tickets call Stephen 570-655-5307, Jack 570-654-4977, or Bob 570-654-3315. Those attending are asked to donate canned goods for the Greater Pittston Food Pantry. Takeouts available.

Mass Intentions		
Sept 1st thru Sept 7th		
Mon	7:30AM	Barbara Parrino by Barbara & Quinn Gillespie
	8:30AM	Ada Rostock by Frank & Angela Sperrazza
Tues	7:30AM	John Michael Vincavage by Lorraine & Jack Zelinski
	8:30AM	Grace E. Alco by Mary & Wilbur Dotter
Wed	7:30AM	Thong Guse Nguyen by wife, Muoi
	8:30AM	Catherine Calore by Richard & Linda Adams
Thur	7:30AM	Mary & Theresa Lepore by Nieces & Nephews
	8:30AM	Stephanie Johnston by Frank & Michele Urban
Fri	7:30AM	Dec'd Members of Joseph Galante Family by Galante Family
	8:30AM	George J. Plevel by M/M Robert Stella
Sat	4:00PM	Tina Gitkos Dabny by Family
	5:30PM	John "Beno" Borzell by Charlene & Lori Tarnalicki
Sun	7:30AM	Joan Messina by husband Sam, and daughter
	9:00AM	Attilio & Jennie Anzelmo by daughter, Vita & Family
	10:30AM	Elizabeth Marranta by Erick Austin