

September 21, 2014  
25th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

*"Feed The Hungry,  
Clothe The Naked,*



*Shelter The Homeless,  
Love One Another ...."*

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HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH  
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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**  
Sept 14, 2014  
\$8,906.40

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People are often unreasonable and self-centered.  
**FORGIVE THEM ANYWAY.**  
If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives.  
BE **KIND** ANYWAY.  
If you are honest, people may cheat you.  
BE **HONEST** ANYWAY.  
If you find happiness people may be jealous.  
BE **HAPPY** ANYWAY.  
The good you do today maybe forgotten tomorrow.  
DO **GOOD** ANYWAY.  
Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough.  
GIVE YOUR **BEST** ANYWAY.  
For you see, in the end, it is between you and God.  
**IT NEVER WAS BETWEEN YOU AND THEM ANYWAY.**  
Mother Teresa

### Diocesan Annual Appeal

Through the efforts made possible by Annual Appeal funds, the faithful of our Diocese are "Transform Lives Together" as did Jesus, His Apostles and their successors. As St. John reminds us in his Gospel-"...all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another...". Show your love by supporting the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Everything we do as Christians is meant to draw us together in unity for the sake of proclaiming Jesus through our imitation of his life. Your generosity in funding the Appeal allows us to care for and encourage those who answer the call to religious life; the next generation of the faithful in our parishes and our Catholic schools; freely share the message of the Gospel; support the vibrant holiness of our parish communities; and strengthen our commitment to social justice issues while feeding the hungry, caring for the sick and comforting the dying. Our parish goal is \$32,000.00.

### Second Collection next Weekend

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has requested that a special collection be taken up in all parishes on the weekend of September 27-28 to support our Christian brothers and sisters and other innocent victims of violence in the Middle East, most specifically in areas of Iraq, Gaza and Syria. All funds received from the collection will be used by Catholic Relief Services working in partnership with local Churches in the Middle East to meet urgent humanitarian needs. Your generosity is appreciated.

### Religious Education News

#### •Religious Education Classes

Classes for children Pre K through grade 5 will begin in our parish this Sunday, September 21st. If you have not yet registered your child/children you may do so today. There is a registration fee of \$25 per child or \$50 per family which does not have to be paid at the time of registration.

#### •Holy Redeemer Site

Classes at Holy Redeemer will be held following the 9:00AM Mass from 9:45AM to 10:45AM in the former rectory. Please note, immediately following the 9:00AM Mass, the teachers and children will meet in church then go over to the former rectory together. Parents are asked to pick up their children promptly at 10:45AM in the former rectory.

#### •Immaculate Conception Site

Classes at ICC will be held prior to the 10:30AM Mass from 9:15AM to 10:15AM. Classes for grades Pre K, 1, 2, 3, and 4 will be held in the school and grade 5 classes will be held in the rectory dining room. Because of the volume of cars pulling into the parking lots for 10:30 Mass, children will not be excused until a parent/guardian or older sibling, comes into the school.

#### •Sacrament of Confirmation

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish in the fall of 2016. At that time, children who are members of our parish, 12 years of age or older, have completed 6th grade and two consecutive years of religious education will be eligible to receive. Also, children who are members of our parish attending a Catholic

school, who will have completed grade 6 and are 12 years of age or older will be eligible to receive.

### **Confirmation Classes**

**Classes for children in 6th grade and older, who will be preparing for The Sacrament of Confirmation will begin in the middle of October. Parents/guardians will receive an informational packet in the mail by the end of September.**

### **Snowplowing ICC Parking Lots**

Our Building & Grounds Committee is seeking someone who is interested on putting in a bid to snowplow the Immaculate Conception parking lots. For more information or if interested, please contact Mike Tomas at 570-466-5720. Please be aware we will need proof of insurance.

### **Autumn Treasure Lottery**

Anyone who wished to purchase their autumn treasure lottery ticket must do so by September 30th. To be in compliance with the Pa Small Games of Chance, once the lottery begins, October 1st, we can no longer accept monies for the sale of tickets.

### **Designer Bingo**

Please mark your calendars!! This, our 3rd annual designer bingo, will be held in Immaculate Conception Church Hall on Sunday, November 2nd. In order to keep our costs down, we are asking for monetary donations or donations of designer items such as handbags, jewelry, accessories, electronics, gift cards, etc. If you can help, please drop donations off at the rectory. The designer bingo is being organized by members our Social Concerns Committee. All proceeds will be used to subsidize the works of the committee which includes helping those in need with food, clothing, rent, utilities, counseling, etc.

## **Meetings This Week**

### **Weight Watchers**

This Monday, September 22nd, Weight Watchers will meet in ICC hall.

### **Finance Council**

Monday, September 22nd at 6:00PM in ICC rectory, members of the parish finance council will meet.

### **Family Liturgy Committee**

Members will meet Tuesday, September 23rd at 7:00PM in ICC rectory. We will be planning our "family masses", which will be taking place in our parish beginning October 25th. New members are welcome

### **Seniors Meeting**

All are welcome to join us on Wednesday, September 24th at 1:00PM in ICC rectory for some laughs, lively chatter, refreshments and games.

### **Sewing/Craft Ministry**

All are welcome to join us on Wednesday, September 24th at 7:00PM in ICC rectory as we begin to plan our fall and winter schedule of events.

### **VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children for Adults**

This training session is required for all adult volunteers who work a minimum of 20 hours or more per year with children. A training session will be held at Wyoming Area Catholic School, Exeter on Tuesday, September 30th at 6:30PM. Please contact the school office to register 570-654-7982.

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

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Anthony Chimento** is donated by his dad & family.

### **Vigil Candle at ICC**

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Mary Anne Anzalone** is donated by Grace & Joseph Cerra.

### **Altar Candles at ICC**

which will burn this week in loving memory **James Parry** are donated by his wife and son.

### **3rd Annual Steps Fall 5K**

will be held on September 27th at Luzerne County Sports Complex. The 5K run 3K walk with a children's fun run will benefit the Stephanie Godri-Johnston Memorial Scholarship at Wyoming Area. To register contact Mary or Ed at 570-388-2433 or stephsfall5k.com. The Godri-Johnston families thank you for your support and hope to see you there. .

### **West Pittston Library—Story Time**

Foster your child's love of reading with this free, fun interactive, theme-based program filled with read-aloud stories, songs and crafts. Parents and grandparents...this is a a great way to introduce them to the library and get them interested in books! Held every Friday at 1PM..call the library 654-9847 by Wednesday to register for that week. September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month. Any child who gets their own card gets a free goodie bag!

### **Queen of the Apostles Buffet Breakfast**

Sunday, September 28 from 8AM to 1PM at QAP Parish Hall, 742 Spring Street, Avoca. Menu includes eggs, homefries, pancakes, sausage, toast, coffee, tea, juice and home baked goods. Tickets, which are available at the door or call the rectory at 570-457-3412. Adults are \$6.00 and children 12 and under are \$4.00. All are welcome!!

## **Mass Intentions Sept 22th thru Sept 28th**

<b>Mon</b>	7:30AM	<b>Sam Agolino, Jr.</b> by Family
	8:30AM	<b>Bruno. Sr. &amp; Velia Ferretti</b> by Bruno, Jr. & Davi Ferretti
<b>Tues</b>	7:30AM	<b>Helen Wrobleski</b> by Family
	8:30AM	<b>Dec'd Members of Godri &amp; Pete Families</b> by Ed & Mary Godri
<b>Wed</b>	7:30AM	<b>Health &amp; God's Blessing for Thomas Ford</b> by mother, Leonora
	8:30AM	<b>Julia Cherba</b> by M/M Anthony Manganiello
<b>Thur</b>	7:30AM	<b>Rose Ambrosino</b> by Carl & Connie Rosencrance
	8:30AM	<b>Dorothy Gadomski</b> by Justave Family
<b>Fri</b>	7:30AM	<b>Eric Speicher, Jr.</b> by Montgomery Ave. School - Teachers Staff
	8:30AM	<b>Margaret &amp; Jack Klotz</b> by Elaine Pendleton
<b>Sat</b>	4:00PM	<b>James Parry</b> by M/M Frank Parra
	5:30PM	<b>John Wierbowski</b> by Regina Wierbowski & Robert Hanna
<b>Sun</b>	7:30AM	<b>George &amp; Jennie Holby</b> by Family
	9:00AM	<b>Mary Pello</b> by Helen Oschal
	10:30AM	<b>Joseph &amp; Helen Wolyniec</b> by Rosalie & Denis Cullagh