

September 28, 2014
26th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

*"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

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

EUCCHARISTIC 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 21, 2014

\$7,497.95

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

www.corpuschristinepa.com

To follow the readings in your Gather book, please see #1167

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Our Catholic life begins and ends in the Parish because a Parish is the gathering of God's faithful people. Today, more than ever, we must connect with our fellow parishioners, reinforcing our faith and keeping it vital for the next generation of Catholics. For the many who belong to a new parish community, it is important that we foster a rich parish life, where neighbors, families and friends come together in the spirit of Catholic fellowship. The Appeal helps us to provide faith-based programs for those preparing for marriage, for youth and young adults, for the deaf and persons with disabilities, and Hispanic ministry; and enables us to provide added support through parish-based religious education for more than 70,000 children, instilling in them an intimate knowledge of the faith and the love of God first fostered by parents and caregivers. Our parish goal is \$32,000.00.

Second Collection this 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.

Lighting Renovation Envelope

During the month of August, **\$989.00** has been collected from the lighting renovation envelopes and has been deposited back into our parish diocesan savings account. This reduces the amount we borrowed for the lighting renovation project for both worship sites to **\$11,032.00**. Thank you for your continued support!!

The Blessing of Animals

Next Saturday, October 4th is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Although he was the son of a wealthy Assisi merchant, after a conversion experience St Francis relinquished the trappings of this world to minister to lepers and preach to the spiritually hungry. His home was the earth; his clothing; humility; and his identity, that of an impoverished beggar seeking God. In his honor, Monsignor will be blessing the animals next Saturday and Sunday as follows: **Sat, Oct 4th @1:00PM Holy Redeemer Church grounds & Sun, Oct 5th @ 1:00PM ICC grounds**

Daily Mass Schedule at Holy Redeemer

Because of the installation of new carpeting in the nave of the church and hardwood floor in the sanctuary, daily Mass at Holy Redeemer will be held in the former rectory Monday, September 29th thru Friday, October 3rd. There will be no Eucharistic Adoration at Holy Redeemer on Wednesday, October 1st.

Parish Financial Report

Attached to this week's bulletin is a copy of our parish financial report for the fiscal year July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. At all masses this weekend, please welcome a member of our parish finance committee who will do a brief presentation of our financial status.

Ministry of Acoloyte

Today, Sunday, September 28th, at the 10:00AM Mass in St. Peter's Cathedral, our deacon candidates, Jim Meizanis and Jim Rose will be installed as acoloytes. Please keep both men and their families in your prayers as they continue their studies for the permanent diaconate.

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 are 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 rec-

tory 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 Parent Meeting An informational meeting for the parents of children who will be receiving Confirmation in the fall of 2016 will be held in Immaculate Conception hall on **Sunday, October 12 at 5:30PM.** At least 1 parent/guardian is asked to attend. If you absolutely cannot attend, please contact Joyce at jcecon50@gmail.com or 570-654-2753. You are welcome to bring you son/daughter with you.

•Confirmation Classes Classes for children in 6th grade and older, who will be preparing for Confirmation will take place in Immaculate Conception Church hall. Classes will begin on Sunday, October 19th and will be held from 5:30PM to 7:00PM twice a month.

Youth Group “Kick Off” Meeting All boys and girls in 6th grade and older are invited to join our parish youth group. Our “kick off” meeting will take place next Sunday, October 5th at 7:00PM in Immaculate Conception hall.

Family Masses Through active participation in the liturgy, children grow more fully in their faith and worship. The Mass becomes a more natural, meaningful part of their lives. All children are welcome to participate in our Family Masses as lectors, gift bearers, ushers, greeters or as members of our youth choir. A sign up form with the date and times of our family masses can be found in the vestibules of the churches or on our website.

Youth Choir.....Make a Joyful Noise! Participation in our youth choir will enable young children to be active participants in the joyous celebration of the Mass by leading the congregation in worshipping the Lord through song. Our purpose is not to have a perfectly well-tuned “performing” choir, but to stress participation, to build self-esteem through group singing and to simply enjoy themselves. There is no specific age requirement....the only requirement is they want to sing. The first practice will take place on **Sunday, October 12th from 5:30 to 6:15PM in Immaculate Conception Church.** For more information please contact director, Mary Supey at 570-654-8402 or tsupey@hotmail.com. Youth choir registration forms can be found on our web site.

Thank You to Blue Ribbon Dairy On behalf of the members of our parish social concerns committee, we wish to thank the guest scoopers and Blue Ribbon Dairy for the donation of \$270.00 from their recently held “guest scooper night”. Thank you!!

Holy Family Candle at ICC
which will burn this week in loving memory of **Bernadine Hines** is donated by her daughter, Beverly and family.

Vigil Candle at ICC
which will burn this week in loving memory of **Marion Krolick** is donated by Heather & Heidi O'Brien.

Altar Candles at ICC
which will burn this week in loving memory **Mary Bebey** are donated by Betty Skibinski & Joanne Nerbecki.

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.

Help Fight Hunger Locally!
Vote online for CEO’s Weinberg Food Bank at www.walmart.com/fighthunger. The Food Bank can receive a \$60,000 grant that will help get more good healthy food to families and children in need.

Queen of the Apostles Buffet Breakfast
Sunday, September 28 from 8AM to 1PM at QAP Parish Hall, 742 Spring Street, Avoca. Menu includes eggs, home fries, 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!!

UNBOUND—Seminar/Retreat
St Monica’s Parish, 8th St, West Wyoming on Friday, October 3rd at 7:00PM and Saturday, October 4th at 8:30AM. Kyle and Val Clement will present this seminar based on the book by Neal Lozano— UNBOUND. Registration fee is \$20. To register go to www.cordejesu.com or call 570-693-1991.

Mass Intentions Sept 29th thru Oct 5th		
Mon	7:30AM	John J. Rindgen by George & Beverly Mazur & Family
	8:30AM	Madeline White by M/M Jack Elko
Tues	7:30AM	Lillian Nuzzalo Morris by Aunt Mary Hensley
	8:30AM	Gaetano Zarra by Harry & Paula Rose
Wed	7:30AM	Joan Ansilio by sister, Beverly and family
	8:30AM	Stephen Zurla by Noreen DeMark & Family
Thur	7:30AM	Marion Krolick by daughter Anna Roche & Family
	8:30AM	Frank A. Galli by Marilyn & Ed Litwin
Fri	7:30AM	Morlyn A. Lesho by Marion Ciampi & Family
	8:30AM	Anna Gadello by Barry & Hillary Stubeda
Sat	4:00PM	Dec'd Members of Vanavage Family by Mike & Betty Ann Capizzi
	5:30PM	John Costello by wife, Johanna
Sun	7:30AM	Jacob Konopka by Family
	9:00AM	Dec'd Members of Kozloski & Poluski Families by Family
	10:30AM	Gus Scripkunas by Marguerite Dixon