

December 14, 2014
Third Sunday
of Advent

*"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

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
December 7, 2014
\$8,018.10

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To follow the readings in your Gather book, please see #998

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Our Parish Goal is \$32,000... Pledges received.... \$30,700. (\$1,300)

Christmas & New Years Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2014

4:00PM ICC Family Mass

5:30PM HR

10:00PM ICC

Christmas Day, December 25, 2014

7:30AM ICC

9:00AM HR

10:30AM ICC

New Year's Eve, December 31, 2014

4:00PM ICC

5:30PM HR

New Year's Day, January 1, 2015

9:00AM ICC

Second Collection This Weekend

This weekend at all Masses we will take up the collection for Retirement Fund for Religious. Please be generous. Thank you.

Deanery Penance Service

This penance service will take place on Monday, December 22nd at 7:00PM at St. John the Evangelist, William Street, Pittston.

Christmas Wreaths

Members of our youth group will be at the Masses this weekend selling Christmas wreaths. The cost is \$10.00 for a fresh wreath with a red bow.

Giving Tree Gifts & Christmas Food

Join us as we sort gifts, fill stockings, and prepare food baskets for the families on our Christmas lists, today Sunday, December 14th from 5:00PM to 7:00PM in IC church and school. Christmas gifts and baskets will be picked up on Thursday, December 18 from 6:00 to 7:00PM in IC school.

Stocking Stuffer Lottery

During the months of January, February, and March, each ticket holder has the opportunity to win **\$50 Monday thru Friday, \$100 on Saturday & Sunday, and 6 bonus days with payouts of \$500.00 each.** If you would like more tickets, just stop by or call the rectory. They make great gifts!! Tickets not returned by December 22nd will be reissued. As always, thank you for your support of this important parish fundraiser.

Christmas Eve Family Mass

Children who would like to take part in "Someone is Coming to Our House" the little skit we are planning for the 4:00PM Mass on Christmas Eve are asked to attend a practice on Tuesday, December 16th at 6:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church. The next 2 practices will be Thursday, December 18th and Monday, December 22nd at 6:00PM. Children can be involved in the skit (no speaking roles) or they can participate as lectors, heavenly hosts, or gift bearers. If you have any questions or if you cannot attend the practice on Tuesday, please contact Joyce @ jcecco-ni50@gmail.com or 570-654-2753.

Decorating the Churches for Christmas

Your help is needed!! On Sunday, December 21st, we will need the help of a few strong young men and boys to bring up the Christmas trees, set up the mangers and prepare the worship sites for Christmas.

If you can help, join us at Holy Redeemer Church following the 9:00AM Mass or you can join us at Immaculate Conception Church at 1:00PM.

Christmas Wafers

Christmas wafers are available in the vestibules of the churches for a donation of \$2.00 for a pack of 4 wafers.

Attention EM's, Lectors, Altar Servers

EM's, Lectors, and Altar Servers are asked to contact one of the following coordinators to let them know which Mass/Masses you are available to serve during the holidays.

Altar Servers: Jim Meizanis 570-239-2783/
Jim.Meizanis @opm.com
Donna Mason 570-903-9142/
mmason8589@aol.com

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minnick@verizon.net
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EM's: Elaine Pendleton 570-388-2204 or
Teresa Crossin 570-357-3985/
tacross5@comcast.net

New Ministry Schedule

The new ministry schedule, which will run from the weekend of January 10-11 thru the weekend of March 28-29, 2015, will be published the end of December. If any altar server, em, lector or cantor wishes to make any changes to their mass preferences, please contact your coordinator.

2015 Calendars

Our 2015 parish calendars, compliments of Recupero Funeral Home, can be found in the church vestibules. Please take one home today.

Confirmation Class & Blog

Class for boys and girls in 6th grade and older will be held next Sunday, December 21st from 5:30 to 7:00PM in ICC hall. All Confirmation students and parents are encouraged to keep abreast of what is happening in our Confirmation classes. Visit our Confirmation Blog @ <http://corpuschristiconfirmation.wordpress.com/>.

2015 Night at the Races

Save the date!! Our 2015 Night at the Races will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2015 in Immaculate Conception Church hall. Our first planning meeting will be held on Monday, January 5th at 6:30PM in ICC rectory.

Autumn Treasure Lottery Winners

Dec 04	Jennifer Bonita	#920	\$50.00
Dec 05	No Winner	#662	\$50.00
Dec 06	Marie & Joe Marranca	#479	\$50.00
Dec 07	Joseph Pasternak	#355	\$100.00
Dec 08	D or M DeStefano	#738	\$50.00
Dec 09	Susan Gloeckner	#135	\$50.00
Dec 10	Lori Singer	#251	\$50.00

Special Drawing winner for December 5th is Marguerite Dixon.

Holy Family Candle at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Rose Hudak** is donated by the Patrick Cawley Family

Vigil Candle at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Margaret Cawley** is donated by the Patrick Cawley Family.

Altar Candles at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Steve Sokach** are donated by Kathy Minnick.

Pasta Dinner & Craft Show

Sponsored by the Wyoming Area Senior Parents to be held on Sunday, December 14th from 12-5PM in the school cafeteria. Tickets are \$8.00 each. Eat in or take out.

West Pittston Library

Parents and grandparents are invited bring their children to our weekly "You and Me Story Time". This theme-based program filled with read-aloud stories, songs and crafts will be held every Friday at 1PM. Call the library at 654-9847 by Wednesday to register for that week.

Cherry Blossom Pole Banner Fundraiser The committee is selling pole banners to support West Pittston. Cost is \$150.00 for the first year and renewal of \$50.00. Donations to be sent to Toni Valenti, 316 Damon St, WP.

Mass Intentions December 15th thru December 21th			
Mon	7:30AM	Harry O'Dell by Harold & Gloria Green	
	8:30AM	Charlotte Chairge by Aritz Family	
Tues	7:30AM	Madeline White & Margaret Maryovich by Family	
	8:30AM	Dec'd membs of Rezykowski Family by Eleanor Rezykowski	
Wed	7:30AM	Patricia Donnelly by Jeanne Rowker	
	8:30AM	Donald Davidson by Fran & Ray Franko	
Thur	7:30AM	John Casey by Family	
	8:30AM	John "Beno" Borzell by Sharon & Frank Mazzeo	
Fri	7:30AM	Marilyn Kile by Daughter & Grandchildren	
	8:30AM	Matthew & Viola Michels by Family	
Sat	4:00PM	Leonard & Helen Brown & Geraldine Serafin by John & Maryellen Serafin	
	5:30PM	Steve Sokach by M/M Richard Mooney	
Sun	7:30AM	Theodore Hughes by Sandra Cella	
	9:00AM	Marion Ciampi by sisters, Anne Ferrare & Yolanda Parente	
	10:30AM	John & Lola Rindgen by daughter, Patricia	