

February 8, 2015

Fifth 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

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

February 1, 2015

\$9,271.75

# CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

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To follow the readings in your Gather book: 1105

## Diocesan Annual Appeal...Thank you!!

Our parish goal is \$32,000.00 and to date we have raised **\$33,705.00!!!**

## Gluten Intolerant?

For those of you who may have an allergy to gluten we continue to offer hosts you can safely consume. These hosts are available at **all liturgies** on the side aisle closest to the tabernacle. These hosts are contained in a special small vessel which attaches to the ciborium. When you approach the minister be sure to tell him/her you want the special host. If you are not sure which line to get into, please just ask an usher and he will direct you.

## Martha's Ministry

*"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all people."* 1Corinthians 12:4-6

In the gospel, there are stories of a woman named Martha whose gifts were in service to her Lord and those around her. Martha's ministry will focus on service to the community through weekly cleaning of our worship sites. Martha's Ministers will ensure that our church is always clean, organized and welcoming. Included in this ministry will be tidying up the sacristy and the laundering of albs and church linens. This ministry offers a "behind the scenes" way of serving, which many of you are already part of. To help us get a handle on just what is being done and when, please contact Diane Melvin at 570-654-7447. The workload is always lighter with many hands and yours are welcome. All are welcome to become part of this ministry, for more information, please contact Diane.

## Social Concerns News

### Ash Wednesday Fish Dinner

February 18, 2015

Immaculate Conception Church Hall

Serving 5:00PM to 6:30PM

Takeouts available from 4:30PM

Tickets will be available in the vestibule of the churches before and after all masses or you may call the rectory to reserve your tickets 570-654-2753

Adult donation: \$10 includes deep fried breaded haddock w tartar sauce, baked potato w butter/sour cream, coleslaw, fresh fruit cup, homemade dessert and beverage.

Children donation (3 to 12) \$3, under 3 yrs free

includes homemade macaroni & cheese, applesauce, dessert and beverage.

### ■Fish Dinner Set up

All are welcome to join members of Social Concerns with food prep and set up the hall for the fish dinner on **Tuesday, February 17 at 6:00PM.**

### ■Bakers Wanted

If you are willing to bake for our Ash Wednesday Fish Dinner or help in the kitchen, please contact Margaret Rogo at 570-237-5339.

### ■Ashes for our Homebound Parishioners

On Ash Wednesday, Social Concerns members will be taking ashes to our parishioners who are homebound. In addition, we will be delivering to them complimentary fish dinners. If you are able to help deliver to our homebound, please be at ICC hall between 3:30 and 4:00PM.

### ■Easter Baskets for Kids

Members of our Social Concerns Committee will be preparing Easter baskets for some less fortunate children. We will gladly accept donations of colorful Easter baskets and anything youngsters would be delighted to find on Easter morning including baskets, small toys, games, stuffed animals, treats, and of course Easter candy!

### ■Easter "food" drive

We will be filling dozens of food baskets which will be given to local families this Easter. To be sure to have a variety of foods, each week we will be asking for a few specific foods to be donated. Of course, we always welcome any non-perishable foods. This week we are asking for breakfast foods including cereals,

oatmeal, breakfast bars, coffee, tea, juice, etc. Donations may be left in the vestibules of the churches. Thank you.

### Valentine's Day Gifts for Homebound and Nursing Homes

Next Saturday, February 14th Social Concerns members will be delivering Valentine gifts to our parishioners who are homebound and residing in nursing homes. Anyone interested in helping (great way to earn service hours) is asked to be at ICC rectory at 11:00AM.

### Financial Statements

If you would like a copy of your financial contributions for the 2014 calendar year, contact Lori at lkasky1@epix.net or call the rectory at 570-654-2753.

### Paschal Candle

If you wish to donate the paschal candle at Holy Redeemer Church in memory of a loved one, please call Joyce at 570-654-2753.

### Sacrament of First Reconciliation

The sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated in our parish on **Saturday, March 7th at 10:00AM at Holy Redeemer Church**. A brief parent meeting and practice will be held on **Thursday, March 5th at 6:00PM at Holy Redeemer**. A letter has been sent to the parents of children who are registered in our 2nd grade religious education program.

### Confirmation Class Time Changes & Blog

**Today, Sunday February 8th and next Sunday, February 15**, Confirmation students in 6th grade and older will meet in ICC hall from 5:30PM to 7:00PM. In case of inclement weather please check the blog or contact Jim Meizanis at 570-239-2783. **Visit our Confirmation Blog @ <http://corpuschristiconfirmation.wordpress.com/>**.

### Hospital Visitation

In the event that a loved one is admitted to an area hospital or other health care facility, please notify the parish office. Although we call for listings, there have been many occasions when someone's name was inadvertently omitted due to an oversight or computer glitch at the hospital.

### Building & Grounds Meeting

Members are asked to attend a meeting on **Thursday, February 12th at 6:30PM** in ICC rectory.

### Youth Choir

Our youth choir will practice next **Sunday, February 15th from 5:30 to 6:15 in ICC** to prepare for our next "family mass" which will take place on Sunday, February 22 at 10:30AM.

### Youth Group Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who baked, donated, supported or helped with the youth group bake sale last weekend. A profit of \$645.00 was netted for the group.

### Stocking Stuffer Lottery Winners

1/29/15	Brian Hritz	#751	\$50.00
1/30/15	Tommy Morgan	#908	\$50.00
1/31/15	Patricia Kearns	#880	\$100.00
2/01/15	<b>No Winner</b>	#987	\$100.00
2/02/15	Maureen Harzinski	#056	\$50.00
2/03/15	<b>No Winner</b>	#428	\$50.00
2/04/15	Mary Ann Zezza	#663	\$50.00

The special drawing winner for February 1st is Helen Harzinski \$100.00 and for February 3rd is Mary Kay Baloga \$50.00.

### Altar Candles at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Joseph DeLuca** are donated by Ross & Rosemary DeNisco.

### Holy Family Candle at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Charles Olshemski** is donated by Dolores & Stan Swaintek.

### Vigil Candle at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Julia Stanko** is donated by M/M Jim Caparoni.

### Vigil Candle at HR

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Andrew, Sr. & Anna Lugar** is donated by their children.

### Wedding Anniversary Mass

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2015 to a **Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 7, 2015. Please note this date has been changed, as to not conflict with Father's Day.** The event includes a 2:30PM mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. **To request an invitation, please contact the rectory office before March 16.**

### Italian Festival

Sunday, Feb 15th from noon to 5:00 PM (take-outs begin at 11:30 AM) St. Joseph Marelo Parish Center Banquet Hall. Menu: pasta or polenta with meatballs/sauce, salad, roll, cake & drink (Price: \$10.00 adults; \$5.00 for students 12 to 16 yrs. Also available: sausage & peppers and pizza frita. Cash bar: beer, wine, soda, water.....cash raffle, instant bingo & specialty baskets.

### **Mass Intentions**

#### **February 9th thru February 15th**

<b>Mon</b>	7:30AM	<b>Jule Carmody</b> by Children
	8:30AM	<b>Fred Loechel</b> by Elaine Pendleton
<b>Tues</b>	7:30AM	<b>Rose Shurmanek</b> by Vince Perta
	8:30AM	<b>Frank D. Serino</b> by Neil & Anita Allen
<b>Wed</b>	7:30AM	<b>Tony Chimento</b> by Family
	8:30AM	<b>Donald Davidson</b> by Bob Ell & Family
<b>Thur</b>	7:30AM	<b>Robert Pradel</b> by Wife & Sons
	8:30AM	<b>Mary Kuffa</b> by Fran & Ray Franko
<b>Fri</b>	7:30AM	<b>Theresa, Helen &amp; James Gavigan</b> by Dave & Family
	8:30AM	<b>Paul Tropiak, Jr.</b> by Mom & Dad
<b>Sat</b>	4:00PM	<b>Joseph Falzone</b> by wife, Angeline
	5:30PM	<b>Andrew, Sr. &amp; Anna Lugar</b> by Children
<b>Sun</b>	7:30AM	<b>Doris &amp; Robert Caruthers</b> by Children & Grandchildren
	9:00AM	<b>Irene (Dolly) Baranousky</b> by Betty, Sue & Jessika
	10:30AM	<b>Karen Cella</b> by Sisters