

February 15, 2015

Sixth 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

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 8, 2015

\$11,304.11

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

www.corpuschristinepa.com

To follow the readings in your Gather book: 1105

Diocesan Annual Appeal

We have surpassed our parish goal of \$32,000.00 by \$1,956.00. We have raised a total of **\$33,956.00** for the appeal. Congratulations and thank you for a job well done!

Lighting Renovation Envelope

During the month of January, **\$870.00** was 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 **\$4,786.00**. Thank you for your continued support!!

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.** Following the Sacrament, the children and their families are invited to join us in the parish hall for a light brunch. If your child was not baptized at Holy Redeemer or Immaculate Conception, we must have a copy of his/her baptismal certificate. If you have any questions, contact Joyce at jceconi50@gmail.com or 570-654-2753.

Martha's Ministry

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There 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.

Night at the Races Wrap up

If you weren't with us last Saturday for our annual Night at the Races you missed lots of great food and fun! Our thanks to all the workers, sponsors as well as the individuals who donated food and baskets. **The baskets accounted for \$993.00 of the \$8,922.01** total we raised which goes to our parish operating budget. The iPad was won by Irene Gai. Hope to see you next year!

Valentine Gifts for Homebound & Nursing Homes

This week members of Social Concerns along with some Confirmation students delivered Valentine packages to our parishioners who are homebound and residing in nursing homes. The festive package included homemade cookies, chocolates, a heat/cold pack (made by members of our Craft Ministry) and Valentines made especially for them by our CCD students. We do this to remind them that their parish family is always thinking of them!!

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 pastas, sauces, macaroni & cheese, rice, canned meats and tuna. Donations may be left in the vestibules of the churches. Thank you.

Confirmation Class Time Changes & Blog

Today, Sunday February 15, Confirmation students in 6th grade and older will meet in ICC hall from 5:30PM to 7:00PM. Our next class will be held on Sunday, March 1st. 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.

Youth Choir

Our youth choir will practice today **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.

Living Stations

The living stations will take place on Good Friday, April 3, 2015 at 7:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church. Anyone interested in participating is asked to be at sign ups on **Sunday, February 22, 2015 at 7:00PM in ICC hall.**

Stocking Stuffer Lottery Winners

2/05/15	Joseph Agolino	#000	\$50.00
2/06/15	John & Marianne Nordell	#434	\$50.00
2/07/15	Lora Lombardo	#995	\$100.00
2/08/15	Patricia Burns	#832	\$100.00
2/09/15	Rose Kapish	#207	\$50.00
2/10/15	No Winner	#970	\$50.00
2/11/15	Father Rick Frechette	#306	\$50.00

Special drawing winner for February 10, 2015 is Celia Doknovitch.

Altar Candles at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Leonard Cumbo** are donated by Gloria DeRosa & son, John.

Holy Family Candle at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Madeline Menchi** is donated by Kevin & Diane Canney.

Vigil Candle at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Helen Pesta** is donated by Cindy & Bob Manini.

Diocese of Scranton Cursillo “Grand Ultreya”

All diocesan parish Cursillistas and friends are invited to join us for an afternoon of prayer, friendship, sharing and fun on Sunday, March 8 from 2 to 6PM at Queen of the Apostles Parish, Avoca. A pot luck dinner and music are part of the day. For questions contact madcroft526@msn.com.

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.**

Falls Senior Center

We are looking for donations of worsted weight yarn, any color will do. Please leave donations in the vestibules of the churches. Thank you.

Mass Intentions February 16th thru February 22nd			
Mon	7:30AM	Dec'd Members of the Mikita & Chechele Families by Mikita Family	
	8:30AM	Wayne MacLendon by Anna Mae Davidson & Family	
Tues	7:30AM	Dec'd Members of Zekoski, Oleski, Gentile & Manganello Families by Joe & Marge Gentile & Family	
	8:30AM	Frank D. Serino by Neil & Anita Allen	
Wed	7:30AM	Leo Ford by wife, Leonora	
	8:30AM	Don Davidson by Wife & Family	
	5:30PM	Sally Murphy by Fred & Marie Melvin	
Thur	7:30AM	Leonard Charney by Michael Yorina, Jr. & Family	
	8:30AM	John Cirelli by Family	
	5:30PM	Robert Chechele by Katie & Jerry Stofko	
Fri	7:30AM	Rose Ambrosino by Mary Ann Zezza	
	8:30AM	Richard Wienckoski by Carol Romanowski	
	5:30PM	Dorothy Adrian by M/M Gerald Stofko	
Sat	4:00PM	Joan Hudycck by Children	
	5:30PM	Viola Michels by Family	
Sun	7:30AM	Joan Messina by husband, Sam & daughter	
	9:00AM	Ron Musto by M/M Charles Persall	
	10:30AM	Dec'd Members of Caputo & Chiampi Families by Rosemary & Tony Oliveri	

Lent is Approaching

Lent is the season of endings becoming beginnings. It mirrors and prepares us to celebrate the mystery of the Cross, where the end of mortal life becomes the beginning of eternal life.

February 18th is Ash Wednesday

Distribution of Ashes will be as follows:

7:30AM Mass & distribution of ashes @ ICC

8:30AM Mass & distribution of ashes @ HR

12:00 Noon distribution of ashes only @ICC (no mass)

3:30PM distribution of ashes only @ ICC (no mass)

5:00PM distribution of ashes only @ HR (no mass)

5:30PM Mass & distribution of ashes @ ICC

Ash Wednesday Fish Dinner

Immaculate Conception Church Hall

Serving 5:00PM to 6:30PM Take outs Available from 4:30PM

Donation \$10.00 Adults \$3.00 Children (under 3yrs free)

Daily Lenten Mass Schedule

Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 18th daily Masses will be

7:30 AM @ Immaculate Conception Church

8:30 AM @ Holy Redeemer Church

5:30 PM @ Immaculate Conception Church

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday evening during Lent from February 20th thru March 27th

6:00PM @ Immaculate Conception Church

7:00PM @ Holy Redeemer Church

The Light is on for You

In addition to our normal Saturday afternoon confession time at 3:00PM, Msgr Sempa will be available on the following Lenten Mondays from 6:00 to 7:00PM.

Feb. 23, March 2, March 9, March 16 Immaculate Conception Church.

Monday, March 23 Holy Redeemer Church

Lenten Soup & Scripture

Mondays during Lent, March 2nd , 9th, 16th, and 23rd

6:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church Hall

East Side Road to Resurrection (Wednesdays during Lent at 7:00PM)

February 25 St. Maria Goretti, Laflin

March 4 Our Lady of the Eucharist

March 11 Queen of the Apostles, Avoca

March 18 Sacred Heart, Dupont

March 25 St. John the Evangelist, Pittston

Deanery Penance Service

Monday, March 30th - 7:00PM St John the Evangelist, Pittston

Living Stations of the Cross

Good Friday, April 3rd 7:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church

Blessing of Baskets

Saturday, April 4th 12 Noon at Holy Redeemer Church

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4th 12:15PM on the grounds of Holy Redeemer Church

Paschal Triduum

The Paschal Triduum (the “Three Days”) is the heart of our liturgical year and celebrates the heart of our faith, the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ: his life, Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

Holy Thursday, April 2nd

Mass of the Lord’s Supper

7:00PM Immaculate Conception Church

The scripture readings we hear of the Last Supper address the heart of our faith. We believe the Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Christ and that Jesus told us this and commanded us to eat and drink in remembrance of him.

We are also called to engage in service to our neighbor, following Jesus’ example of washing the disciple’s feet.

The Blessed Sacrament will be reserved on the altar of repose until 10:00PM when we conclude with night prayer.

Good Friday, April 3rd

Passion of the Lord

1:00PM Immaculate Conception Church

We journey with the Lord, the innocent servant of God, who has taken our sins upon himself as he walks the path to Calvary. At the end, Jesus says,

“It is finished.” It doesn’t mean, “It is over.”

It means, “It is accomplished” or “It is perfected.”

He has completed the task he was given. He hands over his spirit.

Holy Saturday, April 4th

The Easter Vigil

8:00PM Immaculate Conception Church

On that most sacred night, we gather at the Easter Vigil to rejoice in the Good News of Christ’s Resurrection. All of Lent has led to this pivotal night of the entire liturgical year; even Advent and Christmas prepared us for this night. Everything we celebrate for the next fifty days until Pentecost results from our belief that Jesus is risen from the dead.

Easter Sunday Masses

7:30AM Immaculate Conception Church

9:00AM Holy Redeemer Church

10:30AM Easter Sunday Family Liturgy

Immaculate Conception Church