



Mission Statement

We as members of the Body of Christ, through our thoughts, words and deeds, celebrate the presence of God in all people. As a community of believers, we answer Christ's call to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless and love one another.

September 6, 2015 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

August 30, 2015
\$7,137.40
Second Collection
\$960.10

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To follow the readings in your Gather book: 1159

2015 Diocesan Annual Appeal

The 2015 Annual Appeal, "Good Hearts, Generous Spirits" will be launching in parishes throughout the Diocese of Scranton on September 12 and 13. Our parish goal is **\$32,000.00**.

Religious Education News

Classes (K thru grade 5)

Classes for children **K thru grade 5 will begin on Sunday, October 4, 2015.** All classes will be held at the Immaculate Conception site on Sunday mornings from 9:15AM to 10:15AM. Registration is \$25.00 per child or \$50.00 per family. The fee does not have to be paid now, but we do need the completed registration forms so we can begin preparation for the classes. A letter, student information form and a parent volunteer form have been mailed to the parents of all children who attended classes last year. Forms can be found in the vestibule of the churches or on our website.

Confirmation Prep (Grades 5 thru 8)

Our Confirmation Prep classes are held on 2 Sunday evenings a month from 5:30PM to 7:00PM in Immaculate Conception hall. This year children who are in **6th grade ONLY, will attend 2 classes... on Sunday, September 13 & 27th.** Classes for the rest of the Confirmation students (including grade 6) will begin on Sunday, October 4th.

Sacrament Preparation

Children who are in 2nd grade and who have attended religious education classes last year or are enrolled in a Catholic school will be preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Children who are currently in grade 6, 7, and 8 and have attended classes last year will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in the early fall of 2016.

Home Schooling

Religious Education and learning about our Catholic faith does not have to take place in a classroom setting. In fact, the formation of a practicing Catholic begins and is nurtured within each family. If, for whatever reason, you prefer to home school your children, we will provide you with the teaching materials. Children in 2nd grade and Confirmation prep classes that are home schooled are required to attend any retreats.

Religious Education Volunteers

If you are interested in volunteering as a substitute teacher, a class aide or an occasional helper, we will have a spot for you. Just fill out a religious education volunteer form, which can be found on our website or in the vestibule of the church. We look for extra adult or teenage help in the classrooms when the children are doing a special project, or a class is preparing to do a family mass or on Donut

Sunday to help set up and clean up the hall. All volunteers 18 years of age and older who will be working with children are required to attend a VIRTUS training session and have background clearances.

Liturgical Ministers Cookout
Sunday, September 13th from 2 to 4PM
Immaculate Conception Church grounds
All altar servers, lectors, em's, heavenly hosts, ushers, adult choir, youth choir, cantors and their families are welcome. If you care to, you can bring along a favorite dish or dessert. We will supply the hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, drinks and condiments. Please contact your coordinator to let him/her know how many will be attending and if you are bringing a covered dish.

Autumn Treasure Lottery
This week you should be receiving your "Autumn Treasure" lottery ticket in the mail. The tickets are mailed to parishioners who are listed as active. If you did not receive a ticket and want one or if you would like additional tickets, just stop by or call the rectory 570-654-2753. All returns must be in by September 30th. This lottery runs from October 1, 2015 thru December 31, 2015.

Back to School Needs
Can you help? A couple of local families are looking for help with clothing for their school age children. If you "gently" used clothing in the following sizes, please leave it in the church vestibule or drop off at the rectory.....Girls: size 14 pants and size 16 shirts. Boys: size 7-8 and 8-10 pants, boys medium and large shirts, and boys shoes size 2 and 2 1/2.

Karma Hour of Power @ HOME Yoga & Barre
Doing something good for society on a Friday night? Yes, please! This is a Power Vinyasa class, meaning it is a high paced class with lots of energy and sweat. HOME Yoga & Barre wants to make a difference in the community, so 100% of all proceeds from all the Friday evening classes in September will go to Corpus Christi Parish Social Concerns. Each class begins at 5:30PM and drop in is only \$8.00 for a Karma class. If you have never attended a Karma class, this is a great opportunity to do so while benefitting Social Concerns!! For more information visit <http://homeyogabarre.com/> or find us on Facebook.

Summer Sizzle Lottery Winners
8/27/15 M/M James Dolhon #782 \$50.00
8/28/15 Mike & Ashley Keaney #975 \$50.00
8/29/15 Kristen Bitto #575 \$50.00
8/30/15 NO WINNER #456 \$100.00
8/31/15 Bernard Romanowski #286 \$50.00
9/01/15 Thomas Coleman #633 \$50.00
9/02/15 NO WINNER #000 \$50.00
Special Drawing winners: Ann Alaimo \$100
8/30/15 and Marguerite Dixon \$50 9/2/15

Holy Family Candle at ICC
which will burn this week in loving memory of **Mary "Molly" Devers** is donated by Philip & Jeanne Devers White.

Altar Candles at ICC
Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Ann Yanulavich** are donated by Stella Policare & family.

Friends of the West Pittston Library
All are welcome to a wine tasting event hosted by Bartolai Winery on Sunday, September 20, 2015 from 2:00PM to 5:00PM at the library. Enjoy wine, hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Tickets which are \$20 each for 2 or \$35.00 can be purchased at the library or from members.

Kindergarten Readiness Program
This early-literacy enhanced program is designed to introduce children to the library, get them interested in books and develop the skills needed for school. Spend some fun one-on-one time with your child or grandchild as we read books together, sing songs, play games and make crafts centered around a weekly kid-friendly theme. **Join us on Fridays at 1:00PM starting September 18th at the West Pittston Library.**

Knights of Columbus Rosary Rally
Knights of Columbus combined Councils of the Wyoming Valley will host their 39th annual Rosary Rally on Sunday, September 13, 2015 at All Saints Parish, Plymouth. The procession from the church will begin at 1:45PM. Those who choose not to be in the procession are invited to go directly to the Church by 3 PM for Marian devotions and Mass. This Mass will satisfy your Sunday obligation. Refreshments will be served in the school hall following Mass. All are welcome!

Little Rock Scripture Study
Beginning Tuesday, September 8th, Father Maloney will lead Scripture Study in the morning 8:30-10AM and in the evening 7:00PM –8:30PM in the parish hall of Our Lady of the Eucharist Parish, N Main St, Pittston. To register 570-654-0263 or epittston@gmail.com.

| Mass Intentions Sept 7th thru Sept 13th, 2015 | | |
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| Mon | 7:30AM | Madeline Menchi by M/M Dominick Fino |
| | 8:30AM | Elizabeth LaNunziata by M/M Thomas Medico |
| Tues | 7:30AM | Catherine Williams by husband, Jack & family |
| | 8:30AM | Patricia Chiampi by Terry & Barbara McDermott |
| Wed | 7:30AM | Antoinette & Albino Ciampi by family |
| | 8:30AM | Edwin Loechel by Elaine Pendleton |
| Thur | 7:30AM | Angelo Alfano & Family by grandchildren & great grandchildren |
| | 8:30AM | John "Beno" Borzell by mom. Dad, & sister |
| Fri | 7:30AM | Sam Agolino, Sr. by daughter, Marie |
| | 8:30AM | Gerald Tallo by Fran and Ray Franko |
| Sat | 4:00PM | Elizabeth Marranca by Leonard & Barbara Insalaco |
| | 5:30PM | Ben & Ursula Danoski by daughter |
| Sun | 7:30AM | James Jennings by wife, Joanne & son, Michael |
| | 9:00AM | Matthew & Viola Michels by family |
| | 10:30AM | James & Laura Tracy by family |