



Corpus Christi Parish

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

September 6, 2015

\$8,118.88

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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 13, 2015 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

To follow the readings in your Gather book: 1162

2015 Diocesan Annual Appeal

"Make my heart open to goodness. Make my heart open to the beauty of God every day."

You are invited to join with parishioners across the Diocese as they express "Good Hearts, Generous Spirits" by supporting the 2015 Annual appeal. As explained by our Bishop, Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, "When we work together in the unity of the Holy Spirit, serving one another as our Lord Jesus Christ served, and sharing the gifts our heavenly Father has given us, we truly live our Faith....None of us can do this great work alone. Across the 120 parishes of our Diocese, however, we have enormous power to be the presence of Christ in the world." This is the mission and purpose of the vital ministries made possible by the Diocesan Appeal throughout the 11 counties of our Diocese.

When we support the Appeal with our "good hearts and generous spirits," we enhance the programs offered in each of our 120 parishes that help pass on the faith to children in our Diocesan schools and parish religious education programs; you respond to the poorest, the weakest and those most in need through the good works of Catholic Social Services; and you support our retired and aging priests as well as the men currently studying for the priesthood.

Bake/Craft Sale

Our newly formed St. Clare's Sewing & Yarn Ministry will sponsor a craft and bake sale the weekend of September 26/27 after the 5:30PM and 9:00AM Masses at Holy Redeemer Church. Anyone willing to donate baked goods, please call Pat Jacobs 570-654-3671. The following weekend, October 3/4 the craft/bake sale will take place after the 4:00PM, 7:30AM and 10:30AM Masses at Immaculate Conception Church. Anyone willing to bake is asked to contact Theresa Colella 570-654-8970.

St Clare's Sewing & Yarn Ministry

Our next meeting will take place on **Wednesday, September 26th at 6:30PM in ICC hall**. We welcome anyone who likes to knit, crochet, sew or make any other crafts to benefit the elderly or the needy.

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 children who attended classes last year. Additional forms can be found in the vestibule of the churches or on our website.

Confirmation Prep (Grades 6 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... today Sunday, September 13th & Sunday, September 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.

Social Concerns Meeting

All are welcome! We will meet on Monday, September 14th at 6:30PM in ICC rectory.

Autumn Treasure Lottery

Remember your "autumn treasure" lottery returns are due by September 30th. If you would like additional tickets, just stop by or call the rectory 570-654-2753. This lottery runs from October 1, 2015 thru December 31, 2015.

Summer Sizzle Lottery Winners

9/03/15	Joe Romanowski	#290	\$50.00
9/04/15	No Winner	#656	\$50.00
9/05/15	Alyssa Aritz	#534	\$50.00
9/06/15	No Winner	#062	\$100.00
9/07/15	David & Jenny Rosengrant	#251	\$500.00
9/08/15	No Winner	#357	\$50.00
9/09/15	Joseph Walsh III	#999	\$50.00

Special drawing winners include: John J Helme \$50.00 9/4/15, Karen Ferrett \$100.00 9/6/15, John & Nancy Ciampi \$50.00 9/8/15.

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.

Protecting God's Children (PGC-VIRTUS)

All adult volunteers who have direct contact or routine interaction with children, must attend a VIRTUS session. Listed are two upcoming sessions.

•Sunday, September 20th at 6:00PM at Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish, Hanover Township.

•Wednesday, September 30th at 6:30PM at Saint Jude Parish School, Mountaintop.

For full details, check the diocesan website @ www.dioceseofscranton.org.

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 are \$20 each or 2 for \$35.00.

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.**

Adult Catechesis on the Christian Life

The Pope highly encourages it! It is a way to re-discover your faith and to find happiness in your life. Those 13 and older, come and listen. Beginning, September 15 at 7:30PM at St. Monica's Church and continuing each Tuesday and Thursday. For information contact 570-693-1991 or 363monicast@comcast.net.

Pope Francis in America

•View the live coverage provided through CTV Catholic Television) on your EWTN network.

•View the World Meeting of Families 2015 website

•Share the pilgrim prayer journal, which will guide the prayer of those traveling by bus to Philadelphia for Mass with Pope Francis.

•There are no tickets for the Papal Mass-it is a public event-do not let anyone try to sell you tickets. Mass is scheduled for 4:00PM on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

•This is a "walking event" all pilgrims need to be prepared to walk several miles, to stand for lengthy periods and to adjust to unpredictable circumstances in such a large crowd.

•It is anticipated pilgrims will need to bring onto your vehicle/bus some type of food and beverage. Be sure to check what personal items may be taken into the secured areas.

Mass Intentions Sept 14th thru Sept 20th, 2015		
Mon	7:30AM	David Carey by M/M Francis Hood
	8:30AM	Jennie & George Holby by family
Tues	7:30AM	Frank Manganello by wife, Ann
	8:30AM	Decd members of Alexander & Josephine Parente Family by Grandchildren
Wed	7:30AM	Frances Petrosky by M/M Gerald Stofko
	8:30AM	Beatrice Burginia by Dr. & Mrs Peter Andrews
Thur	7:30AM	Mary Dotter by Joe & Marge Gentile
	8:30AM	Grace E. Alco by Paluch Family
Fri	7:30AM	Jasper & Barbara Parrino by Barbara & Guinn Gillespie
	8:30AM	Cathy & Ed Shubert by Fran and Ray Franko
Sat	4:00PM	Joan Hudycyk by children & grandchildren
	5:30PM	Margaret Klotz by Elaine Pendleton
Sun	7:30AM	Sal, Angie & Jennie Grasso by son, Frank & family
	9:00AM	Don Davidson by Marion Franko & family
	10:30AM	Rev. Leonard J. Sabalis by a friend