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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 Sun10:30AM Immaculate Conception

WEEKDAY CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

7:30AM Immaculate Conception 8:30AM Holy Redeemer

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00PM - 3:30PM Immaculate Conception

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Wednesdays 9:00AM - 10:00AM Holy Redeemer

October 9, 2016

Follow the readings in Gather #1175 Gathering #616 Praise to the Lord the Almighty Responsorial Psalm #1175 Offertory #691 On Eagle's Wings Communion #783 Unless a Grain of Wheat Recessional #636 Now Thank We all Our God

> Weekly Collection October 2, 2016

> > \$9,328.35

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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.

October 9, 2016 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Next Weekend is In-Pew Commitment Weekend

Diocesan Appeal materials and pledge cards will be available to all parishioners next weekend. You are invited to list your personal prayer intentions on the inside form and to attend a special Mass of Thanksgiving at St Peter's Cathedral on Sunday, November 20 at 10:00AM. Your intention will be remembered at this Mass celebrated by Bishop Bambera. Thank you for your support of the annual appeal. Our parish goal for the 2016 annual appeal is **\$32,000.00**.

Holiday Office Hours

In observance of Columbus Day, the rectory office will be closed on Monday, October 10th. The Office will open on Tuesday, October 11th at 10:00AM.

Final Confirmation Practice Session

All young men and women who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish on Sunday, October 23, 2016 are asked to attend this final practice on Sunday, October 16th. <u>The candidates only, will meet with the</u> <u>photographer to be set up for the group photo, which will be taken on</u> <u>the day of Confirmation. Following the photo set up, the candidates will</u> <u>meet their sponsors in ICC for a practice. If the sponsor is unable to</u> <u>attend, we welcome a parent to stand in for them.</u>

Donate to a Hungry Plate!

Our parish youth group is asking for your help in building up our parish food pantry for Thanksgiving and Christmas giving by "donating to a hungry plate!" Donations of ALL non perishable food items including boxed juices and drinks, breakfast bars, crackers, pastas, sauces and fruit snacks. The youth group will be preparing Thanksgiving food bags which will be distributed to families in our community. <u>You may continue to make monetary donations intended for the purchase of food to Social Concerns</u>. Thank you.

Youth Choir...Practice Sunday, Oct 9th at 5:30PM

All are welcome, no auditions are required. The goal of our parish youth choir is to bring together kids, music and fun! The youth choir sings monthly at the 10:30AM or 9:00AM "family mass and donut Sundays" and on holidays. Under the direction of choir director, Mary Supey and organist Eric McKitish, the children learn basic singing skills and grow in self-confidence. There is no age limit, if you like to sing, we would like you to join

Social Concerns "Big Prize" Bingo Sunday, Nov 13th

Doors open at noon. Games start at 1:00PM. We will be selling a variety of homemade foods including Italian Wedding Soup, pulled pork, homemade chicken salad, broccoli & shells and desserts. <u>Our next social concerns</u> and bingo planning meeting will be held on Monday. October 10th at <u>6:00PM in the rectory</u>. All are welcome to attend!

Halloween Mass & Party

Save the date!! Our annual Halloween Mass will be celebrated at <u>4:00PM on</u> <u>Saturday, October 29th.</u> All children, as well as adults, are invited to come in costume. Immediately following Mass, all are invited to a fun filled Halloween party in the church hall. Members of our youth group are planning games, a candy & prize table and Social Concerns will provide home made pizza, hotdogs, cupcakes and an ice cream bar. Donation: please bring a non perishable food item for our food pantry. Hope to see everyone there!!

Veterans Day Mass & Social

All are welcome to attend our Veteran's Day celebration at the 10:30AM liturgy on Sunday, November 6th. Following the Mass, all are welcome to join us for refreshments in the church hall. Veterans and members of the armed forces are asked to sit in the reserved pews in the front of the church and if you would like to participate in this Mass by carrying one of the flags, contact Rosemary Gitkos at 693 -5650

Car Show 2016

The Car Show Committee wishes to report another successful year for our annual Car Show, raising a record \$ 3,936.00 which will go towards our Parish operating expenses. Also, \$ 546.00 was made from the chicken dinner sales which will be donated to Social Concerns for their important mission. Many thanks all our entries, sponsors, workers, and attendees for the success of this year's show. Next year's Show will be moved to May 21st, so save the date.

Bereavement Mass

Our annual bereavement mass honoring the memory of our loved ones who have died this past year will be held on Monday, November 21, 2016 at 6:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church.

Religious Education Homeschooling Meeting

Parents/guardians who have chosen to homeschool their children in religious education this year are asked to attend a meeting next Wednesday, October 12 at 6:30PM in the rectory. At this meeting homeschooling parents can connect with our religious education teachers and will be given a calendar of events, parties, and family mass information in which their children are invited to participate. We will review with the parents, what is expected of their children in the homeschooling program. Any questions, contact Joyce at 570-654-2753 or jcecconi50@gmail.com.

Courtesy News

Weight Watchers

A new 8 week session will begin on Monday, October 9th. All are welcome to join us in the rectory on Mondays at 5:00PM for the meetings.

Thank You!

On behalf of our family we would like to thank Msgr. Sempa, Father Alco, Father Arbo, our sponsors and all who purchased raffle tickets, donated money and baskets, or participated in the 5th Annual Stephs Fall 5K on September 24th. We are looking forward to awarding a WA senior a scholarship in 2017 and presenting a check to the Colon Cancer Alliance to help those with colon cancer or in need of screening. Pictures of the event and sponsor information can be found by going to stephsfall5k.com. Ed and Mary Godri Family

Nearly New Purse & Jewelry Sale

West Pittston Library Sunday, October 16th 11:00AM to 2:00PM PLUS a visit from "The Sweet Lush Cupcake Truck"!

Preached Retreat "The Passion of Jesus Christ

For men and women St Gabriel's Retreat Center, Clarks Summit October 21st to 23rd. Retreat directed by Passionist Father Richard Nalepa of St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Monastery, Pittsburgh, Pa. Cost is \$110 per person. To register email kporter@epix.net, phone 570-586-4957, fax 570-587-3314.

Summer Sizzle Lottery...Thank You!

Final	Summer Sizzle Lottery	Winners	
9/29	Walleye Greskiewicz	#328	\$50.00
9/30	Nancy Murman	#570	\$50.00

Once again thank you to everyone for your continued support of our parish lotteries. The profit for our Summer Sizzle lottery is \$9,425.96.

"Autumn Treasure" Lottery Winners

Listed below are the first week's winners of our "autumn treasure" lottery. Thank you to everyone for your participation in our fall lottery. Good luck! 10/01 No Winner #860 \$50.00 10/02 Maureen & Rob Dovin #501 \$100.00 10/03 Carl Yastremski #864 \$50.00 10/04 Tom Romanoski

#673

\$50.00

10/05 No Winner #000 \$50.00 Special drawing winners: John & Barb Kozloski

10/1 \$50.00 and Jim & Debbie Keaney 10/5 \$50.00

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of Mayor Tony Denisco is donated by his wife, children and grand children.

Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of Mayor Tony Denisco are donated by Rosemary & Ross DeNisco.

Holy Redeemer Open House

Sunday, October 23 1:00PM to 3:00PM Everyone is welcome.

Scranton Prep Open House

Sunday, October 16 from 1:00PM to 4:00PM. Seventh and eighth grade students, parents and families are invited to attend.

Mass Intentions October 10, thru October 16, 2016				
Mon	7:30AM	Joseph P & son, Joseph A Le- pore & Dorothy Morgan Maney by family		
	8:30AM	Robert Zawatski by John & Connie Lewis		
Tues	7:30AM			
		DeNisco by Ross & Rosemary DeNisco		
	8:30AM	Daniel Smitka by Fran Franko		
Wed	7:30AM	Leonard Insalaco, II by family		
	8:30AM	Richard Chabala by sister, Barbara Cirelli		
Thurs	7:30AM	Ann Mirabelle by Letizzia Colarusso		
	8:30AM	Jean Zezza by husband and children		
Fri	7:30AM	Joseph & Peter Kolmansperger by wife/mother		
	8:30AM	Elizabeth LaNunziata by M/M Charles P. Medico		
Sat	4:00PM	Leo & Thomas Ford by wife/mother		
	5:30PM	James Golden, Sr by family		
Sun	7:30AM	Agnes Durosky by Mary & LuAnn		
	9:00AM			
	10:30AM	-		