



## Corpus Christi Parish

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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

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

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

### November 27, 2016

Follow the readings in Gather #991  
Gathering #766 City of God  
Responsorial Psalm #991  
Offertory #402 Like a Shepherd  
Communion #395 O Come, O Come,  
Emmanuel  
Recessional #865 Soon and Very  
Soon

Weekly Collection  
November 20, 2016

**\$8,352.47**

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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.**

**November 27, 2016  
First Sunday of Advent**

### Diocesan Annual Appeal

Our parish goal \$32,000.00 To date we raised \$29,806.00 (\$2,194.00)  
Thank you for your generosity.

### Social Concerns News

#### ■ Thanksgiving Kindness

Many, many thanks for your generous donations of non-perishable foods which have filled our parish youth group's "food locker". This Thanksgiving our youth group filled Thanksgiving food gift bags for 56 plus families. Each family received an abundance of non perishable foods, a turkey or a gift certificate to purchase one. Of course, thank you to our youth group and everyone else who showed up to help pack and wrap. **St. Francis of Assisi said "Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words."** On behalf of our parish community, our Social Concerns Ministry did just that....we were able to preach the gospel message of Jesus by helping to feed those in need. May the Lord continue to bless our parish.

#### ■ The Giving Tree

Located in the sanctuaries of the churches, beautifully decorated with hundreds of gift tags are our parish "giving trees". On the back of each tag, you will find a "family number" and gift wishes from children/teenagers. Simply choose a tag (s), purchase a gift, wrap it, attach the tag and return it under the Giving Tree. It is very important you securely attach the tag with the family number to each gift. All gifts **must** be returned by **Sunday, December 18th**. We realize these are challenging economic times, but we hope you will be able to come through again for us like you always do. With your help, our Social Concerns Committee will be helping approximately 60 families this holiday season. These families are one of us, they are your neighbors, their children attend school with your children, and have the same Christmas wishes as your children. Many of them were referred to us for Christmas help by their teachers, fellow parishioners and friends. If you have questions regarding the tags, please call or email Joyce at [jceconi50@gmail.com](mailto:jceconi50@gmail.com) or 570-654-2753. Once again, thank you for your support of this Christmas project.

#### ■ Christmas Food "Gift Baskets"

Our parish youth group along with social concerns will be preparing Christmas food "gift baskets" which will be given, along with the gifts from the giving tree to approximately 60 families we are helping for Christmas this year. We hope to provide them with the fixins for a festive Christmas dinner. If you would like to help, we will gladly accept monetary donations, frozen turkeys, or gift certificates from grocery stores. We will be accepting donations of all non perishable foods. Please check the weekly store ads and pick up whatever is on sale. The families are most appreciative of whatever foods they get. Don't forget items for baking...flour, sugar, chocolate chips, etc. Many of these families would enjoy baking Christmas cookies together. Please leave donations in church vestibules. Thank You!!

#### ■ Homebound and Nursing Home Parishioners

Thank you to everyone who helped deliver 75 Thanksgiving "goodie" bags to our parishioners who are homebound and residing in nursing homes. They all received delicious chocolates and homemade miniature pumpkin breads and lots of lovely Thanksgiving cards which were made by children of the parish.

#### Jackpot Jingle Lottery

We mailed out the new "jackpot jingle lottery" ticket to well over 900 families. For a donation of \$25 you have the chance to win \$50 daily (Monday thru Sat-

urday), \$100 on Sundays and \$500 on the following "bonus" days...New Year's Day (January 1), St. Valentine's Day (February 14), Mardi Gras (February 28) and St. Patrick's Day (March 17). If you did not get a ticket for if you would like additional tickets, they will be available at the rectory after December 11th. **If you received a lottery ticket and do not want it, please return it to us so we can sell it to someone else. Just drop it in the collection or mail it.** **Thank you**

### Christmas Wafers

Are available in the vestibules of the churches. Donation is \$2.00 for a pack of 3 wafers.

### Sacraments of First Reconciliation & First Eucharist

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation for boys and girls in 2nd grade will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 10:00AM in Holy Redeemer Church. The Sacrament of First Eucharist will be celebrated on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at Immaculate Conception Church. A letter to all parents of boys and girls who will be receiving these sacraments has been mailed. If your child is in 2nd grade and you did not receive a letter, you must call the office to register your child.

### Seniors Meeting

All are welcome to join us on **Wednesday, November 30th at 1:00PM** in the rectory dining room as we spend an afternoon of cards, refreshments and friendly chatter.

### Youth Group Meeting

Our parish youth group will meet next Sunday, December 4th at 7:00PM in IC hall. All current members and anyone in 7th grade and older are invited to attend.

### Christmas & New Year's Ministry Schedule

Altar servers, lectors and em's, if you are available to serve during the holidays at the following Masses, please contact one of the appropriate coordinators:

**December 24th 4:00PM, 5:30PM, 10:00PM**

**December 25th 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM**

**December 31st 4:00PM, 5:30PM,**

**January 1st 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM**

**Contact for altar servers:**

**Kerrie Basara 570-333-0470 kbasara@comcast.net**

**Donna Mason 570-903-9142 mmason8589@aol.com**

**Contact for lectors:**

**Donnie Minnick 212-8774 sokach-minnick@verizon.net**

**Paula Panzitta 570-388-6129 ppanzitta@msn.com**

**Contact for em's:**

**Teresa Crossin 570-357-3985 tacross5@comcast.net**

We welcome boys and girls in 3rd grade and older to become altar servers, teenagers and adults to become lectors, and adults 18 years of age and older to become em's. For information or to become active in one of these ministries, please contact the coordinator.

### Barbershop Harmony Chorus

We will be hosting the Wyoming Valley Barbershop Harmony Chorus "Love at Christmas Time" on Sunday, December 11th at 2:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church. Admission is \$5.00 which can be paid at the door. Following the concert, coffee, punch and cookies will be served in the church hall. All are welcome.

### "Autumn Treasure" Lottery Winners

11/17	Dorothy Engleman	#750	\$50.00
11/18	Ann/Bud Ellis	#885	\$50.00
11/19	No Winner	#229	\$50.00
11/20	No Winner	#231	\$100.00
11/21	No Winner	#621	\$50.00
11/22	Ron & Jane Tomko	#091	\$50.00

Special drawing winners: Jim Ciampi 11/19 \$50.00, Joseph Sorick 11/20 \$100.00, Leonard/Ruth Osiecki 11/21 \$50.00.

### Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Mary Hensley** is donated by Fred & Marie Melvin.

### Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Thomas Crispino** are donated by his wife, Dorothy.

### Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Tony Denisco** is donated by his wife & family.

### Sanctuary Candle at HR

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Robert Kowalczyk** is donated by his wife, son & family.

### Pasta Dinner & Craft Fair

Sunday, December 4th 11:00AM to 4:00PM eat in or take out Wyoming Area Cafeteria, Memorial St., Exeter. Cost \$8.00 per person. Walk ins are welcome.

### Toyland Bingo

Friday, December 9th at Holy Rosary School in Duryea. Doors open at 5pm and bingo starts at 6pm. Specials valued from \$200 to \$500, food and refreshments for sale. Admission if \$5.00. All are welcome!

### Mass Intentions

#### November 28, thru December 4, 2016

<b>Mon</b>	7:30AM	<b>Andrena Borick</b> by family
	8:30AM	<b>Stella Martin</b> by Jay & Alison Martin
<b>Tues</b>	7:30AM	<b>Richard Wienckoski</b> by wife & children
	8:30AM	<b>Elaine Pendleton</b> by Donna & Kathleen Mason
<b>Wed</b>	7:30AM	<b>All Souls Intentions</b>
	8:30AM	<b>Robert McDonough</b> by family
<b>Thurs</b>	7:30AM	<b>Ann Petrofski</b> by Robert & Noreen Phillips
	8:30AM	<b>Carmelita Maira</b> by Maria C. & Chester Montante
<b>Fri</b>	7:30AM	<b>Harry O'Dell</b> by Judy Sokach & family
	8:30AM	<b>Robert Zawatski, Sr.</b> by Ed & Mary Godri
<b>Sat</b>	4:00PM	<b>Joseph Butera &amp; George Menn</b> by Lucy Butera, Tina Menn & Family
	5:30PM	<b>Elaine Pendleton</b> by Christine & Donald Krafjack
<b>Sun</b>	7:30AM	<b>Richard Wienckoski</b> by Ann Marie & Adam Kowalczyk
	9:00AM	<b>Michael &amp; Christopher Kozloski</b> & <b>Frank Poluski</b> by family
	10:30AM	<b>Johanna Kalinosky</b> by Angie, Sandy & Mary Jo