

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.

July 30, 2017 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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

Gluten Intolerant?

If you cannot tolerate gluten, please receive communion on the tabernacle side of the church and let the person distributing communion know you need gluten free.

July 30, 2017

Readings/Responsorial #1140
Gathering: #686 Blest Be the Lord
Offertory: #782 Only This I Want
Communion: #790 The Summons
Recessional: #606 Glory and Praise to
Our God

Weekly Collection

July 23, 2017
\$8,610.90

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Second Collection This Weekend

This weekend at all masses we will take up the collection for Catholic Relief Services. Your generosity is appreciated.

Comboni Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus

Next weekend, a representative of the Comboni Missionaries, Fr Jean-Marie Noel Munketalingi will preach at all Masses in our parish. The Comboni Missionaries care for the poor and most abandoned people in any area of the world that the Holy See may want to entrust to them. Funds collected through our second collection will benefit people related projects in Africa and Latin America. Currently many of these projects are directed to refugee resettlement in the Sudan, Uganda and Congo, AIDS prevention and AIDS orphans assistance, training of local missionaries both lay and religious, establishing wells and other sources of safe water for desert dwellers in Ethiopia, Eritrea and Kenya.

Social Concerns Back-to-School Drive

At our recent meeting, the members of Social Concerns agreed to conduct a "back-to-school" drive once again this year. Listed below are some of the obvious items needed for students from K-12 grade. If you can help, donations may be left in the vestibules of the churches or dropped off at the rectory. If you prefer, you can make a monetary donation to Social Concerns for the back-to-school drive and a member will do the shopping for you. Donations received will be given to children in our parish and the surrounding communities.

Suggestions of items needed:

- New Backpacks (need at least 50, no wheels)
- New School Supplies for K-12th Grade Students:
 - Binders (1", 1 1/2", 2", 3"), Notebooks (5 subject, spiral, composition-black & white), Folders (2 pocket), Lined Loose Leaf Paper (wide rule or college rule)
 - Sets of Dividers for Binders, Scissors, Rulers, Glue Sticks, Liquid Glue
 - Markers (washable, Sharpies), Dry Erase Markers, Colored Pencils, Crayons (preferably 16-24 count)
 - Highlighters, Index Cards, Pens (blue/black), Post-it Notes (3x3 or 2x1 1/2 pack of 100), Scotch tape
 - Pencil Cases/Pouches (not plastic boxes), Pencils (#2), Pencil Sharpeners, Erasers (large & pencil top)
 - Earbuds (for computer usage), USB Drive (512MB or larger Scientific Calculators

Thank you for your generosity & support!

Help for "Back to School"

On Monday, August 28th from 5:00PM to 6:00PM in Immaculate Conception Hall, members of Social Concerns will be distributing "back to school" supplies to area families. If you or someone you know of could use help with school supplies for their children, please call the rectory at 570-654-2753 or email Joyce at jcecco-ni50@gmail.com.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations! You may be awaiting the birth of your child, have a newborn or young child whom you wish to have baptized. No matter the stage of parenting you are currently in, you have been entrusted with a great gift from God. In your role as parent, you will serve as the first and most influential teachers of your child's faith. Here at Corpus Christi Parish we seek to help you in this role through weekly celebration of the Mass and offering the Sacrament of Baptism.

Our Parish is now offering two options for celebrating Baptism. This fall we will begin celebrating monthly communal baptisms with a beautiful parish celebration of life. During these celebrations, the sanctuary will be adorned with a balloon bouquet depicting "We Celebrate Life at Corpus Christi Parish" and after the ceremony the balloons will be given to all children present. The altar will be decorated with personalized candles and bibs for each of the children to be baptized. Or, if you prefer, you may choose another date and time and have your child privately baptized.

At all baptisms, members of our Baptism Ministry are present to assist Monsignor or Deacon Jim with the ceremony. The ministers will welcome the child and family and at the end of each ceremony they will give each child a beautiful baby afghan (handmade by our St Clare Sewing Ministry), "My Baptism Book" a gift from our Holy Name Society, and a bib and candle. Please note that only the parish communal baptism will have the balloons and personalized bibs and candles. The first communal baptism will be held on Sunday, October 15, 2017 at 11:30AM at Immaculate Conception Church.

For further information or to schedule a baptism, please call the rectory at 570-654-2753.

New Ministry Schedules

The new ministry schedules are in the sacristies of the churches. All em's, altar servers, lectors and cantors are asked to take one home today. Also, for your convenience, the schedule will be posted on our website.

Finance Committee Meeting

All members of our parish finance committee are asked to attend this meeting on Monday, July 31st at 6:00PM in the rectory.

Adult Education Series

This will be the 4th week in this 9 week series, "The Gospel According to Matthew" which is presented by Deacon Jim Meizanis. Sessions are held on **Thursday evenings at 7:00PM in the school.** All are welcome.

Dr. Jen's Hope Memorial Ride and Block Party

The Fifth Annual Dr. Jen's Hope Memorial Ride and Block Party will be held Sunday August 13th, 2017 at Cooper's Catering & Banquet Facility at 304 Kennedy Blvd. in Pittston, Pa. Registration begins at 10:30am. \$20.00 per rider, \$10.00 per passenger, \$20.00 per car and kids under 10 are free. Free coffee and donuts will be provided before the start of the ride. All proceeds benefit local charities.

"Summer Sizzle" Lottery Winners

7/20	Marie Salvaggio	#693	\$50.00
7/21	Mary Ann Polit	#153	\$75.00
7/22	No Winner	#901	\$50.00
7/23	Pat/Barbara Cawley	#111	\$125.00
7/24	Sandra Genelow	#311	\$50.00
7/25	No Winner	#217	\$50.00
7/26	Cathy Mackin	#489	\$50.00

Special Drawing Winners: Tim Barrett 7/22 \$50.00, and Karen O'Brien 7/25 \$50.00.

Sanctuary Candle

At Immaculate Conception Church is donated in loving memory of **Sam Agolino, Sr** by his children.

Sacred Heart Church Polish Picnic

At 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont. August 3, 4, 5 Thursday and Friday 6 to 11pm and Saturday 5 to 11PM. Enjoy pierogi, golombki, halushki, kielbasi and placki and pizza, hotdogs. Great polka music nightly

Prince of Peace Parish

Chicken BBQ and Basket Raffle Sunday, August 13 11PM to 3PM Arcaro and Genell's Parking Lot, Main St., Old Forge. For tickets call the rectory at 570-457-5900. Deadline is August 1st.

St John the Baptist Church

Picnic on August 11, 12, 13 Nesbitt St., Larksville. delicious homemade pierogis, haluski, potato pancakes, piggies, etc. Great entertainment nightly.

Mass Intentions

July 31 thru August 5, 2017

Mon	7:30AM	Cy Frankovich by wife & daughters
	8:30AM	Davidica (Mattei) Ferretti by Bruno Ferretti, Jr.
Tues	7:30AM	Joey Gitkos by family
	8:30AM	Louise Manganiello by Mary Lepore
Wed	7:30AM	Marion Krolick by Anna & John Rocher & grandchildren
	8:30AM	Marion Young by Francis & Carolyn Swickel
Thurs	7:30AM	Ann Hreha by Connie Cleveland
	8:30AM	Marty Pleban by Joe & Carm Agolino
Fri	7:30AM	Donald Fetsko by Margie Burke
	8:30AM	Edward Stankoski by Joan Hennigan
Sat	4:00PM	Deceased Members of Grasso & Kurent Families by family
	5:30PM	Anthony & Bertha Karpovich by Bob & Carole
Sun	7:30AM	Melio Viti by Jady's Family
	9:00AM	Bernard Kenia by Anna Mae Davidson
	10:30AM	Charles Butera by sister, Sally Musto