



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

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

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

September 3, 2017

Readings/Responsorial #1155
Gathering: #881 Lift High the Cross
Offertory: #801 Take Up Your Cross
Communion: #785 Now We Remain
Recessional: #546 Go to the World

Weekly Collection

August 27, 2017
\$8,536.07

Second Collection

\$1,157.82

Care & Education for Priests

August 2017

\$726.00

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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 3, 2017 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rectory Closed

In observance of Labor Day, Monday, September 4th, the rectory office will be closed.

Second Collection Next Weekend

Over the past several days, all of us have been following the historic flooding in southeast Texas. Hurricane Harvey is a catastrophic weather event of enormous proportions. Twelve million people thus far have been affected. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has requested that each diocese participate in an emergency collection to assist the victims of Hurricane Harvey. This collection will take place in our diocese next weekend at all masses.

Organ Fund Envelope

During the month of August we collected **\$930.00** from the organ fund envelopes. Each month these funds are put back into our diocesan savings account. Though your continued support, we are able to replace these funds which were used to purchase the new organ at ICC. Thank you.

A Back to School Prayer

As you head off to school today, this is what I'm praying for you:
I'm praying that your day will go smoothly — that your locker will open, that you'll get to class on time, that you won't forget anything, that you'll find friends in your classes.
I'm praying that your teachers will know just how to teach you in a way that you will love to learn.
I'm praying that you will make friends who will have your back, make you laugh and will make you better.
I'm praying that you'll have the opportunity to be the light of Jesus to someone.
I'm praying that you will always be kind, even in the face of conflict or disagreement.
I'm praying that you will seek out the new person or the lonely person and help them find their place.
I'm praying that you'll learn to be a leader.
I'm praying that you will do everything to the best of your ability — even when you don't want to.
I'm praying that you will be focused on the things your teachers are trying to teach you.
I'm praying that you'll have confidence from knowing you are a child of God.
I'm praying that if things go wrong, you'll always remember that God loves you and so do we.
I'm praying that you'll laugh a lot during your day.
I'm praying that you will follow in Jesus' footsteps and grow in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.
Most of all, I'm praying that this year will be filled with learning, growth, joy and fun.
Have a great year!

Bereavement Group

For those of you who may be struggling to cope with the grief of losing a loved one, this group may be for you. Led by Sr. Sarah Landis, IHM, a licensed and certified therapist, the group will meet in the rectory on Tuesdays from 7:00PM to 8:30PM beginning September 12th. For further information or to sign up to participate in this bereavement group, contact Joyce at 570-654-2753 or jceconi50@gmail.com.

Mass of Healing

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

6:00PM Immaculate Conception Church

As only a priest can administer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we will have 3 to 4 priests concelebrating this beautiful liturgy. This mass is for everyone seeking emotional as well as physical healing including those senior citizens who have reached an age at which the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can provide strength. Following the liturgy, members of Social Concerns will host a reception in the church hall.

Thank You!

Giavanna Cella would like to thank all Corpus Christi parishioners and friends for their generous patronage of her "Alex's Lemonade Stand" on Sunday, August 20th. Gia raised \$2021.00 to benefit pediatric cancer research through the Alex's foundation. Thank you to John Carr for his very generous donation and for Northwestern Mutual's matching donation. Way to go Gia!!!!

Liturgical Ministry Cookout

Sunday, September 17, 2017

2:00PM Immaculate Conception Hall

We welcome all altar servers, extraordinary ministers of communion, lectors, heavenly hosts, ushers, choir members and cantors to join us for an afternoon of good food and fellowship. We will supply the hamburgers, hotdogs, drinks, condiments, etc. If you would like to bring your favorite "covered dish", or to help with set up and clean up, please contact Teresa Crossin at 570-357-3985 or Paula Panzitta at 570-388-6129. Hope to see everyone there!!

Big Prize Bingo

Sunday, November 12, 2017

Immaculate Conception Church Hall

Save the date!! All proceeds from this event directly benefit the works of our parish Social Concerns Committee. We are a ministry of volunteers who recognize and answer the needs of people. This ministry draws attention to the plight of members of our parish community and families residing in neighboring towns who may be struggling. We initiate programs within our parish to help them, such as back to school help, fall food drives, giving tree at Christmas, etc. In the next couple of weeks, we will send out a mailing to all parishioners asking for support of this fundraiser. We will be looking for donations of designer handbags, electronics, fine jewelry, flat screen TV, fitness bands, tickets to shows, sporting events, gift cards for restaurants, hair/nail salons, gyms, home improvement stores, etc. We will gladly accept monetary donations (no gift is too small). Thank you for your continued support of our parish Social Concerns Committee. Whether you are able to help with a donation or not, we hope to see you at the bingo!! We are looking forward to another fun and successful event!

Catechetical Sunday

September 17, 2017

Religious education classes will begin on Catechetical Sunday, September 17th. Classes for boys and girls in grades K thru 7 will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:15AM to 10:15AM at Immaculate Conception school, hall & rectory. Registration forms, calendars and parent letter can be found in the vestibules of the churches or downloaded from our website. We must have a registration form filled out for each child attending religious education classes at our parish.

"Summer Sizzle" Lottery Winners

8/24	No Winner	#034	\$50.00
8/25	Michael Dziak	#247	\$50.00
8/26	Barb Lumley	#486	\$50.00
8/27	No Winner	#966	\$125.00
8/28	Nicolina Briggs	#066	\$250.00
8/29	No Winner	#060	\$50.00
8/30	No Winner	#626	\$150.00
Special Drawing Winners: Frank Parentelli 8/24 \$50.00, Skylar Glockner 8/27 \$125.00, Stephanie Agati 8/29 \$50.00, Laura Kosco 8/30 \$150.00.			

Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Orlando & Madeline Menchi** are donated by their family.

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **James J. Ciampi** is donated by his wife Connie and family.

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **James J. Ciampi** is donated by his sister Helen and family.

VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children for Adults Program

This training session is required for all adult employees and volunteers who have direct contact or routine interaction with children. The training session will be held on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at Saint Monica Parish, West Wyoming. Register by calling Nancy at 693-1991 or email 363monicast@comcast.net.

Wine Tasting at the Library

Friends of the West Pittston Library present "Wine Tasting at the Library" on Sunday, September 10 fromn 2:00PM to 5:00PM hosted by Ray Bartolai of Bartolai Winery, Harding. Cost is \$20 per person or \$35 per couple and includes wine, cheese, hors d'oeuvres and dessert. For information visit wplibrary.org or call 654-9847.

Mass Intentions

Sept 4 thru Sept 10, 2017

Mon	7:30AM	Mary & Theresa Lepore by nieces & nephews
	8:30AM	Anthony J. Fino by Joan Churnetski
Tues	7:30AM	James J. Ciampi by Ed & Mary Godri
	8:30AM	John Parente by Ross Trischetti
Wed	7:30AM	Helen Manganiello by Anthony Scalzo & family
	8:30AM	James J. Ciampi by wife, Connie & family
Thurs	7:30AM	Deceased Members of Ristagno & Crispino Families by Dave & Mary Ann Ristagno
	8:30AM	Deceased Members of Alexander & Josephine Parente Families by grandchildren
Fri	7:30AM	Antoinette & Albino Ciampi by family
	8:30AM	Marty Pleban by Roger & Irene Nenni
Sat	4:00PM	John Antoinette & Catherine Denisco by family
	5:30PM	Elizabeth Marranta by Edward & Janet Walsh
Sun	7:30AM	Angelo Alfano & daughter, Frances by grandchildren & great grandchildren
	9:00AM	George Yurchak by Romaine Panek
	10:30AM	Chester & Marie Hine by Donna & Chet Hine