

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 10, 2017 Twenty-Third 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

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 10, 2017

Readings/Responsorial #1158
Gathering: #658 Seek Ye First
Offertory: #590 Christ, Be Our Light!
Communion: #784 We Have Been Told
Recessional: #807 We Are Called

Weekly Collection

September 3, 2017
\$8,599.95

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"We Walk Together in the Light of Christ"

"Since our earliest days we have been taught how to pray by the words that Jesus himself shared with us in the scriptures. He began that prayer by saying "Our Father." We walk together as brothers and sisters in the light of Christ by the very nature of our faith. In his great instruction to us, *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel), Pope Francis invites us all to missionary discipleship as authentic followers of the Lord Jesus. Missionary discipleship calls us to go out of ourselves and to preach the Gospel and to respond to the needs of our brothers and sisters with whom we walk."

- Bishop Joseph C. Bambera

You are invited to join with parishioners across the Diocese as they "Walk Together in the Light of Christ" proclaiming the Gospel by supporting the many ministries and services made possible through gifts to the 2017 Annual Appeal throughout the 11 counties of our Diocese.

Collection for Victims of Hurricane Harvey

This weekend at all masses, we will take up a special collection to benefit the victims of Hurricane Harvey. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Bereavement Group

Beginning Tuesday, September 12th from 7:00PM to 8:30PM, anyone who may be struggling to cope with the grief of losing a loved one, is welcome to join us in the rectory. Sr. Sarah Landis, IHM, a licensed and certified therapist will be conducting these sessions.

Mass of Healing

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

6:00PM Immaculate Conception Church

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. Please note we do have a chair lift to the church and one to the church hall.

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!!

Religious Education Classes

Religious education classes for boys and girls in grades K thru 7 will begin next Sunday, September 17th. All classes are held on Sunday mornings from 9:15AM to 10:15AM in Immaculate Conception school, hall and rectory. The schedule is as follows:

Grades K&1 (school) Saint John's Room, Grade 2 (school) Saint Mark's Room, Grade 3 (school) Saint Luke's Room, Grade 4 (school) Saint Matthew's Room, Grades 5 & 6 church hall and Grade 7 rectory.

Religious Ed Teacher Meeting

All religious education teachers and anyone interested in becoming a teacher or an aid is asked to attend a meeting on **Tuesday, September 12th at 6:00PM** in the school. At this time, we will be collecting our supplies and setting up our classrooms. We are in need of a few more substitute teachers, if interested, please contact Joyce at 570-654-2753 or jceconni50@gmail.com.

Youth Choir.....Pizza Party

All current members and anyone interested in joining our youth choir is invited to a "welcome pizza party" following a brief 1st practice on **Sunday, September 17th in IC church hall. Practice begins at 5:30PM in IC church.**

Fall Food Drive

Our Social Concerns Committee is conducting a "fall food drive" so we can begin filling up our food shelves. Please leave donations in the church vestibules. Thank you in advance for your donations. We gladly accept **ALL** non-perishable foods, but we especially need the following foods:

- **Meals in a can (soup, stew, chili)**
- **Tuna or canned chicken**
- **Peanut butter and/or jelly**
- **Canned vegetables**
- **Canned fruit and juices**
- **Boxed or canned potatoes and yams**
- **Snack foods (granola bars, nuts, crackers)**
- **Pastas and rice**
- **Hot and cold cereals**

School Supplies.....for Harvey Victims!

Through your generous donations for our back-to-school drive, we were able to supply 60 children with backpacks filled with school supplies. It was priceless to see the looks on their faces when the children were told to pick out any filled backpack. The parents could not believe the kids clothing that was donated!! **Because you were so extremely generous, we had a number of backpacks and plenty of school supplies left that we were able to donate to Wyoming Area Catholic for school children who are victims of Hurricane Harvey.**

Benefit for One of Our Own!!

Today, **Sunday, September 10th 1:00PM to 6:00PM at Bartolai Winery, Harding.** Tickets \$10 per person. Food, refreshments, DJ, raffle prizes, buffet style meal, soda and water (wine and beer not included-cash bar only) Sponsored by Harding Fire & Rescue, Harding/Mt Zion ambulance, Mt Zion Bicentennial Fire Department and West Pittston Hose Company. **One of our members, and a member of Corpus Christi parish, has an immediate family member battling cancer. All money raised will go to the family for medical bills and expenses.**

Cub Scout/Boy Scout Registration

Cub Scouting is designed for boys in kindergarten through fifth grades. Boy Scouting is designed for boys in fifth grade through high school. Scouting is affirmative and fun focused. Service, community engagement, and leadership development are important parts of the scouting program. These boys learn how to lead their own activities thus working their way toward earning Scouting's highest rank, Eagle Scout. **In our parish, registration will be held on Wednesday, September 13th between 6:00PM and 7:00PM in Immaculate Conception School. All are welcome!!**

"Summer Sizzle" Lottery Winners

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| 8/31 | Carl Nocek | #985 | \$50.00 |
| 9/01 | No Winner | #860 | \$50.00 |
| 9/02 | Michael/Lillian Yorina | #868 | \$75.00 |
| 9/03 | Sally Demellier | #210 | \$125.00 |
| 9/04 | Jon/MaryKay Melvin | #532 | \$250.00 |
| 9/05 | No Winner | #368 | \$50.00 |
| 9/06 | Anna Roche | #667 | \$50.00 |
| Special Drawing Winners: | | | Patty Pace 9/1 \$50.00 and Sandy Yastremski 9/5 \$50.00 |

VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children for Adults

This program is required for all adult employees and volunteers who have direct contact or routine interaction with children through the Diocese of Scranton. The program will be held at Saint Nicholas Parish, Wilkes-Barre on Sunday, October 8, 2017 at 2:00PM. If attending, you must register by calling the parish at 570-823-7736.

Are you interested in your Family History?

The Northeast Pennsylvania Genealogical Society, Inc. (NEPGS) has many available resources which can aid in your genealogical quest. We also offer our expertise on DNA testing and analysis which can complement traditional research. Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NEPGS or contact us at 570-829-1765.

Fall Craft Fair

The Queen of the Apostles Parish, Spring St, Avoca will conduct a fall craft fair on Saturday, September 16 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM in the parish hall. Hand crafted items, refreshments and a raffle. Admission is free. Proceeds benefit the parish social concerns/respect life ministry.

Designer Purse Bingo

Sponsored by Holy Rosary School Sunday, October 22, 2017 at Eagle McClure Hose Co#1, Old Forge. Doors open at 11:00AM...bingo starts at 1:00PM. Tickets in advance \$20.00 at the door \$25.00. For tickets call Anne at 570-885-0475 or arbronyx@comcast.net.

| Mass Intentions | |
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| Sept 11 thru Sept 17, 2017 | |
| Mon | 7:30AM Vincent Zinkavich by Parra Family |
| | 8:30AM Leona H. Gutowski by Ed & Marilyn Litwin & family |
| Tues | 7:30AM Joseph Kolmansperger by family |
| | 8:30AM Dena Del Serra by M/M Lou Ciampi |
| Wed | 7:30AM Carmella Salerno by Loretta Anderson |
| | 8:30AM Donald Hill by Ed & Marilyn Litwin |
| Thurs | 7:30AM Catherine Denisco by Judy Pomento |
| | 8:30AM Mary "Molly" Devers by Joseph & Florence Praciak |
| Fri | 7:30AM Frank Manganello by wife, Ann |
| | 8:30AM Catherine & Edward Shubert by Fran & Ray Franko |
| Sat | 4:00PM Anthony (Teeney) Manganiello by mom & family |
| | 5:30PM Deceased Members of Zongilla & Krafjack Families by Chris & Dan Krafjack |
| Sun | 7:30AM Jennie & George Holby by Mary Lou & Andy |
| | 9:00AM Daniel Smitka by family |
| | 10:30AM Paul Anzalone by family |