



**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 17, 2017 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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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

**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 17, 2017

Readings/Responsorial #1161  
 Gathering: #807  
 Offertory: #686  
 Communion: #691  
 Recessional: #871

Weekly Collection

September 10, 2017

**\$10,348.70**

Second Collection

(Victims of Hurricane Harvey)

**\$4,432.81**

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**Catholic Social Services & Parish Social Justice Grants**

*"Strengthening our commitment to social justice and to those in need."*

Your gifts to the Diocesan Annual Appeal enables us to serve the poorest, the weakest and the most vulnerable among us through the ministries of Catholic Social Services that feed the hungry, clothe the naked and provide shelter, counseling and assistance for those most in need. Many more individuals in parish communities receive assistance through parish-based Social Justice Programs funded by the Appeal. Diocesan Grants were awarded to 45 parish programs this year including food and clothing pantries, monthly dinners for families in need and outreach to prison inmates. **Our parish Social Concerns Committee received a check in the amount of \$4,000.00.**

**Religious Education Class Schedule**

**9:15AM—10:15AM**

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  
 Grade 7 rectory

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a wonderful summer. Our teachers are eager to meet their new students and together, begin an exciting and fun year of religious education classes.

**Youth Choir "Pizza Party"**

All boys and girls in pre school and older are welcome to join our "youth choir". Our first practice is today, **Sunday, September 17th at 5:30PM in Immaculate Conception Church followed by a "pizza party" in the church hall.** The youth choir practices on various Sunday evenings from 5:30 to 6:15 and they sing at our "family masses" which take place approximately once a month at 10:30AM at ICC or 9:00AM at HR. The family masses are followed by "donut Sundays" in the church hall. In addition, the youth choir will sing at the 4:00PM Halloween Mass, October 28th, 4:00PM Christmas Eve Family Mass, and the 10:30AM Easter Sunday Family Mass.

**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.

**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**
- **Boxed stuffing**
- **Cranberry sauce and/or gravy**

### Next Adult Education Series

The next program being offered by our Parish for Adult Education will be a study on Sacred Scripture and the Mysteries of the Rosary. This is the perfect time to start a scripture study series on the Rosary with October 7<sup>th</sup> being the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. We will be studying the scriptural basis for the Rosary Mysteries, "The Joyful Mysteries", "The Luminous Mysterious", "The Sorrowful Mysterious", and "The Glorious Mysteries" that are mediated upon while praying the Rosary.

This program, "Scripture and the Rosary", will be held on five consecutive Thursday sessions beginning on October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Each session will last for approximately 75 minutes and will be held in the Immaculate Conception Church. The program is designed by Little Rock Scripture Study. We plan on offering an informative and fun filled scripture study series.

To sign up for the program or to find out more information, please contact Deacon Jim Meizanis at 570-239-2783 or [deacon.meizanis@gmail.com](mailto:deacon.meizanis@gmail.com) or Donna Valenti at 570-885-5432 or [d\\_romo251@hotmail.com](mailto:d_romo251@hotmail.com).

We would like to have a count by 9/25/17 so we can order enough materials.

Don't miss out!!! Join the fun and learn more about our faith though Sacred Scripture and the Mysteries of the Rosary.

Oh, and we will still have snacks.....

### Steph's Fall 5k

Next weekend at all masses, please welcome Ed Godri who will speak to us on behalf of the 6th Annual Steph's Fall 5k which will take place on Saturday, September 30th at the Luzerne County Sports Complex. The 5k run/3k walk benefits a WA scholarship and the Colon Cancer Alliance's screening program. This annual event is held in memory of Stephanie Godri Johnston, a WA graduate and member of our parish, who passed away from colon cancer in 2012 at the age of 32. As you are leaving church, raffle tickets will be available. For registration information go to [stephsfall5k.com](http://stephsfall5k.com). Registration forms are in vestibule of the churches.

### St Clare Sewing Ministry Meeting

This ministry consists of a group of talented and crafty women who love to sew, knit, crochet, etc. They usually meet monthly in the rectory. If you enjoying sewing, knitting or crocheting or if you would like to learn, come to our next meeting on **Wednesday, September 20th at 6:00PM in the rectory.**

### Celebration of 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. Our first monthly communal baptism will be held on **Sunday, October 15th at 11:30AM in Immaculate Conception Church.** Or, if you prefer, you may choose another date and time and have your child privately baptized. To schedule a baptism, please call the rectory at 570-654-2753.

### "Summer Sizzle" Lottery Winners

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|---|---------------------|------|----------|
| 9/07  | D & P Jacobs        | #391 | \$50.00  |
| 9/08  | William Thornton    | #800 | \$75.00  |
| 9/09  | No Winner           | #587 | \$50.00  |
| 9/10  | Joseph G. Steve     | #770 | \$125.00 |
| 9/11  | No Winner           | #989 | \$50.00  |
| 9/12  | Stanley Mackachinas | #775 | \$50.00  |
| 9/13  | John Walsh          | #829 | \$50.00  |
| Special Drawing Winners: Walleye Greskiewicz \$50 |                     |      |          |
| 09/09, Jimmy Musto \$50 09/11                     |                     |      |          |

### Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Carmella Chimento & son, Anthony** is donated by their family.

### 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.

### 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.

### Parish Breakfast

St Joseph Mareello, William St, Pittston "all you can eat" breakfast Sunday, October 1 from 8:30Am to 1:00PM. Donation is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 10 years of age.

### 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

### Mass Intentions

Sept 18 thru Sept 24, 2017

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| <b>Mon</b>   | 7:30AM  | <b>Jasper &amp; Barbara Parrino</b><br>by Barbara & Quinn            |
|              | 8:30AM  | <b>Ann Petrofski</b><br>by Belenski Family                           |
| <b>Tues</b>  | 7:30AM  | <b>Michael Naples</b><br>by John & Ann Marie McGlynn                 |
|              | 8:30AM  | <b>Grace Alco</b><br>by son, James                                   |
| <b>Wed</b>   | 7:30AM  | <b>Lawrence Kohnevich</b><br>by Jean Stoss                           |
|              | 8:30AM  | <b>Leonard Cumbo</b><br>by Ernie & Barbara Gelb                      |
| <b>Thurs</b> | 7:30AM  | <b>Anthony Chimento, Jr.</b><br>by family                            |
|              | 8:30AM  | <b>Theodore Hughes</b><br>by Sue DiPietro & David                    |
| <b>Fri</b>   | 7:30AM  | <b>Jeanne Conway</b><br>by Radzwilla Family                          |
|              | 8:30AM  | <b>Patricia R. Donnelly</b><br>by Sam Aritz Family                   |
| <b>Sat</b>   | 4:00PM  | <b>Dec'd Membs' of the Romiski Family</b><br>by Donna Hritz & family |
|              | 5:30PM  | <b>Gregory Mantione</b><br>by Edward & Marilyn Litwin                |
| <b>Sun</b>   | 7:30AM  | <b>Mary Montagna</b><br>by Robert & Judith Marmo & family            |
|              | 9:00AM  | <b>Peter Romani</b><br>by daughter, Gina Chipolis & family           |
|              | 10:30AM | <b>Jimmy Parry</b><br>by wife & son                                  |