

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.

October 15, 2017 Twenty-Eighth 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.

October 15, 2017

Readings/Responsorial #1173
Gathering: #850 All Are Welcome
Offertory: #938 We Come to Your Feast
Communion: #930 Taste and See
Recessional: #636 Now Thank We All
Our God

Weekly Collection
October 8, 2017
\$9,593.30

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2017 Diocesan Annual Appeal

This Weekend is In-Pew Commitment Weekend. Thank you to those who have already joined us as we "Walk Together in the Light of Christ" by making a pledge to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. On behalf of all who benefit from your gifts, Bishop Bambera extends his sincere gratitude to everyone who has already make a pledge to the 2017 Diocesan Annual Appeal. If you have not yet made your gift and would like to do so, we have placed envelopes and pencils in the pews this weekend. You are invited to list your personal prayer intentions on the inside of the pledge envelope and to attend a special Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Peter's Cathedral on Sunday, November 26 at 10:00AM. Prayer intentions will be remembered at this Mass.

Corpus Christi Parish Diocesan Annual Appeal Update

Our parish goal for the 2017 DAA is \$32,000.00. To date we raised \$12,465.00 which leaves us under \$19,535.00. Thank you to everyone for your pledges and donations.

Second Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend at all masses, October 21-22, we will take up the collection for World Mission Sunday. Chat with Pope Francis using your Facebook Messenger App to learn more about his Missions.

"We Celebrate Life at Corpus Christi Parish"

Today, Sunday, October 15, 2017 at 12:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church we are celebrating our first communal baptism. The beautiful candles and bibs adorning the altar are personalized with the names of the four babies who will be baptized today as children of God, in the presence of family, friends and members of our Baptism Ministry. Along with the personalized bibs and candles, each child will receive a beautiful baby afghan handmade by our parishioners and members of our St. Clare Sewing Ministry and "My First Baptism" book, a gift from our Holy Name Society.

Our next communal baptism will be held on **Sunday, November 5th at 11:30AM in Immaculate Conception Church**. To schedule your child's baptism, call the rectory at 570-654-2753. If you prefer, you may choose another date and time for the baptism of your child.

Homebound Soup Ministry

Our Social Concerns Committee is beginning a new project. Each month we will make a homemade soup to be delivered to our parishioners who are homebound and in some cases, unable to prepare home cooked meals for themselves. Along with the soup, we would like to deliver some homemade or specialty bread. If you enjoy baking bread, why don't you consider baking a few loaves and we will distribute it along with the soup to our homebound parishioners. Surely they would enjoy any bread you like to make.

■ On **Thursday, October 19th at 9:00AM**, volunteers are needed to meet in ICC hall to prep and make 40 quarts of chicken soup.

■ On **Friday, October 20th at 10:00AM** volunteers are needed to prepare the soup for delivery by packing it in quart containers.

■ On **Saturday, October 21st at 10:00AM** volunteers are needed to deliver the soup to our homebound parishioners. Volunteers will also be delivering to our parishioners residing in nursing homes, as well as the homebound, Halloween cards made by children in our Religious Ed classes and Halloween treats from Social Concerns.

If you can help with making the soups, baking bread or delivery, please contact Joyce at 570-654-2753 or jcecconi50@gmail.com. Thank you!

If you have a favorite soup our homebound parishioners might enjoy, please let us know so we can get together and prepare it for them!!

Adult Education Series

The second weekly series in adult education "Scripture and the Rosary", offered by our parish and led by Deacon Jim Meizanis is held on Thursdays at 7:00 PM. Each session will last for approximately 75 minutes and will be held in Immaculate Conception Church. For information, please contact Deacon Jim Meizanis at 570-239-2783 or deacon.meizanis@gmail.com or Donna Valenti at 570-885-5432 or d_romo251@hotmail.com. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome to attend.

Halloween Mass & Party

4:00PM Mass

Saturday, October 28, 2017

All are invited to come in costume!!

Immediately following the Mass, all are welcome to join us in the church hall for a Halloween party sponsored by Social Concerns. We will be serving pizza, hot dogs, Halloween cupcakes and ice cream. There will be a treat and prize bar for the kids. Our parish youth group is planning some games for the kids.

St Clare Sewing Ministry Meeting

All are welcome to attend our meeting on Wednesday, October 18th at 6:00PM in the rectory. If anyone can help, we are looking for donations of white baby yarn.

Big Prize Bingo

Sunday, November 12, 2017

Immaculate Conception Church Hall

Proceeds Benefit Social Concerns

For tickets and reservations, stop by the rectory or e-mail jceconi50@gmail.com. Tickets are \$20 if purchased in advance or \$25 at the door. Thank you to all who have already made monetary and in-kind donations. To date we have received a flat screen TV, cash donations, and 4 tickets to the Jeff Dunham Show at the Mohegan Sun Arena, Michael Koors bag and an assortment of gift cards. We will gladly accept monetary donations (no gift is too small), designer handbags, electronics, fine jewelry, fitness bands, tickets to shows or sporting events, and gift cards for restaurants, hair/nail salons, gyms, home improvement stores, etc. Whether you donate or not, hope to see you at the bingo!!

Bereavement Group

A new bereavement group will be starting in our parish. The group, led by Sr. Sarah Landis, IHM, a licensed and certified therapist, will meet in the rectory on Tuesdays from 7:00PM to 8:30PM beginning on November 7th. The group size is kept to a minimum, so if interested, please call the rectory to register.

Bereavement Mass

Our annual Bereavement Mass will be held on Wednesday, November 15th at 6:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church. At this Mass we will remember over 70 friends and family members who died from November 1, 2016 thru October 31, 2017. In the next week or so the next of kin will receive an invitation to this beautiful liturgy in the mail. For a special presentation at this Mass, we are asking for a picture of your deceased family member. Please mail or drop it off at the rectory or email to jceconi50@gmail.com.

Corpus Christi Choir Concert

Save the date! Sunday, December 10th our Adult Choir and Youth Choir will hold a Holiday Concert at 6:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church. Following the concert, a reception will be held in the church hall.

"Autumn Treasure" Lottery Winners

10/05	No Winner	#105	\$75.00
10/06	No Winner	#739	\$50.00
10/07	Allen Rooney	#606	\$50.00
10/08	Donna Valenti	#747	\$125.00
10/09	No Winner	#956	\$50.00
10/10	No Winner	#317	\$75.00
10/11	No Winner	#381	\$50.00

Special Drawing winners: Helen Zarychta 10/5 \$75.00, Joe Agolino 10/6 \$50.00, Pat Karlonis 10/9 \$50.00, Marianne Paieski 10/10 \$75.00, Ida LaFratte 10/11 \$50.00

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Doris Sorick** is donated by her husband Joe and family.

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Clem Parulis** is donated by his wife Diane and family.

Giving Tuesday

This is a movement which celebrates and supports giving back to charities and non-profits. This year Diocesan Catholic Schools will participate in **Giving Tuesday** with a campaign beginning in October and ending on the official **Giving Tuesday**, November 28. At each one of our 20 schools, there is a gift opportunity for a unique project the school would like to have funded. For information, or to make a gift to a specific school,

<https://www.crowdrise.com/>

DOSCatholicSchoolsGivingTuesday2017

Toy Bingo

Andre Bessette Parish in Wilkes-Barre will sponsor a Toy Bingo on Sunday, November 5th at St. Mary Byzantine Social Hall, 522 Madison Street, Wilkes-Barre. Doors open 12 Noon and games begin at 1:00PM. \$10.00 admission includes three regular bingo cards. Food, specials, basket raffles will be available for purchase. Seating is limited. For tickets call Mary at the parish office 570-823-4988. All are welcome!

Mass Intentions

Oct 16 thru Oct 22, 2017

Mon	7:30AM	Leonard Charney, Sr. by Petro & Capizzi Families
	8:30AM	Lena Lynch by Dave & Corrine Hudzinski
Tues	7:30AM	Peter Kolmansperger by Family
	8:30AM	Vera & Arthur Dupras by Family
Wed	7:30AM	Ann Petrofski by Belenski Family
	8:30AM	Rose Lovecchio by Donna, Joe, Madonna & Lillian Mantione
Thurs	7:30AM	Deceased Members of Dancisin Family by Mary Ann Kohnevich
	8:30AM	Carmella Salerno by K. Martinelli & Compass Home & Health
Fri	7:30AM	Joseph S. Agolino, Sr. by Dr. Alyce M Zura
	8:30AM	Richard Chabala by sister, Barbara Cirelli
Sat	4:00PM	Joan Hudycck by children
	5:30PM	James Golden, Sr. by Family
Sun	7:30AM	David Cipolla by Jean Mihalick
	9:00AM	Claude Cowart by Ell Family
	10:30AM	Dolores Small by sister Jean and Paul

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Halloween Family Mass & Party

Sponsored by Social Concerns

Saturday October 28, 2017

4:00PM Mass

Immaculate Conception Church

Put on your costume, join us at Mass and afterwards in the church hall for

pizza, hotdogs, ice cream, cupcakes and a candy & prize bar for the kids

Games and activities for the kids are planned by our youth group

Donation?non-perishable food item for our "fall food drive"

Halloween Family Mass

We invite ALL children to take part in our "Halloween Family Mass" on Saturday, October 28th at 4:00PM. Kids can join our youth choir as they will be singing, participate as lectors, heavenly hosts, ushers, or gift bearers. To participate, please fill out this form and return it in the collection, to the rectory or give it you your child's religious ed teacher.

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Phone # _____ e-mail _____

I prefer a reading part (lector/petitions) _____

Non reading part (usher, heavenly host, gift bearer) _____

Sing with the youth choir _____

(We will contact your child regarding his/her part in the Mass)