

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 22, 2017 Twenty-Ninth 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

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 22, 2017

Readings/Responsorial #1176

Gathering: #816 Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty

Offertory: #606 Glory and Praise to Our God

Communion: #721 You Are Mine

Recessional: #607 Sing a New Song

Weekly Collection
October 15, 2017
\$9,290.30

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Corpus Christi Parish Diocesan Annual Appeal Update

Our parish goal for the 2017 DAA is **\$32,000.00**. To date we raised **\$15,415.00** which leaves us under **\$16,585.00**. Thank you to everyone for your pledges and donations.

Second Collection This Weekend

This weekend at all masses, we will take up the collection for World Mission Sunday. Your generosity is always appreciated!

Parish Financial Report

For your information, attached to this bulletin is our parish financial report for the fiscal year July 2016 thru June 2017.

Halloween Family Mass & Party

Next Saturday, October 28th our 4:00:PM Mass will be a family mass with our youth choir singing and children of our parish participating as lectors, ushers, gift bearers and heavenly hosts. **All are welcome to come in costume!** Immediately following the Mass, please join us in the church hall for a Halloween party sponsored by Social Concerns which will include games planned by our youth group, food, and a Halloween "treat and prize bar" for the kids. **Social Concerns members will be setting up and decorating the hall for the Halloween party this Thursday, October 26th at 6:30PM. All are welcome to help.**

Inaugural Coat Drive

Next weekend at all masses, please welcome young members of the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick (ages four to fourteen). These children are doing something wonderful to help other people. Their goal is to collect new and gently used coats or monetary contributions to purchase coats which will be given to various organizations, in the Greater Pittston Area, that assist those in need. The student representatives will be at all masses next weekend to speak briefly about their cause and to accept your donations. Whatever help you can give will be greatly appreciated.

Social Concerns/Big Prize Bingo Meeting

All are welcome to join us on **Monday, October 23rd At 6:00PM** in the rectory. On the agenda for this meeting will be our Big Prize Bingo, Bereavement Mass & Social, Thanksgiving & Christmas.

Senior Meeting

All are welcome to join us on **Wednesday, October 25th at 1:00PM** in the rectory for an afternoon of card playing, refreshments and friendly chatter!!

Big Prize Bingo

Sunday, November 12, 2017

Immaculate Conception Church Hall

All are welcome to join us for a fun afternoon and a chance at winning some great prizes. The doors open at 12 Noon and the games start at 1:00PM. Come early, join us for lunch. Available for sale will be an assortment of homemade foods including Italian Wedding Soup, pulled pork, chicken salad on a croissant, broccoli and cavatappi, hamburgers, turkey burgers, hotdogs and desserts. 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. We wish to thank everyone for the gifts and monetary donations, which are arriving daily. Proceeds benefit Social Concerns. **We are asking for donations of homemade baked goods to sell at our bingo. If you can help, contact Margaret at 570-237-5339 or mrogo@epix.net.**

Help for the Holidays

If you or someone you know will be needing help for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas, please e-mail Joyce at jceconni50@gmail.com or call the rectory. We need a contact name and phone number as a Social Concerns member will call with the time and date for Thanksgiving pick-up and they will be asking for Christmas gift ideas for our Giving Trees. If someone you know is no longer getting out, we would like to add them to our homebound and/or First Friday list. Please call Dorothy at the rectory 570-654-2753. Thank you for your help.

Parishioners in Hospitals and Nursing Homes

If you or a family member is going to be admitted to a hospital, rehab or nursing facility, please call the rectory to let us know. Because of the HIPA laws, it seems to be getting more difficult for us to get information. Please be sure to tell them you are a member of Corpus Christi Parish when entering a health care facility.

Veterans Day Mass & Social

The 10:30AM liturgy on Sunday, November 5, 2017 will be a celebration in honor of all veterans, living and deceased, members of the armed forces and their families. Following the Mass everyone is invited to join us in the church hall for refreshments. Veterans and members of the armed forces attending this mass are asked to sit in the pews reserved for the military. For more information or if you like to participate in this Mass by carrying one of the flags, contact Rosemary Gitkos at 570-954-2121.

Communal Baptism

Thank you to Deacon Jim Meizanis and the members of our baptism ministry for making our first communal baptism beautiful and special for the families and for the four precious babies who were baptized last Sunday.

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.

Adult Education Series

Our adult education series is held on Thursday evenings at 7:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church. For information on this series or upcoming series, 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.

Bereavement Mass

Our annual Bereavement Mass will be held on **Wednesday, November 15th at 6:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church**. All are welcome to join us to support your fellow parishioners who have lost family members and dear friends this past year. For a special presentation we are asking for a picture of your deceased family member. Please mail, drop it off at the rectory or email to jceconni50@gmail.com.

Corpus Christi Choir Concert

Save the date! Sunday, December 10, 2017 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.

Homemade Pasta & Sausage Dinner

Church of St. Maria Goretti Banquet Center, Laflin on **Sunday, November 12 Noon to 5PM**. Take-outs Noon to 4PM. Tickets at the door \$10. Children 5 years and under are FREE "eat in only"

"Autumn Treasure" Lottery Winners

10/12	No Winner	#224	\$50.00
10/13	H & J Romanowski	#603	\$50.00
10/14	Kristen Krulack	#365	\$75.00
10/15	M/M Richard Shields	#663	\$100.00
10/16	H & J Romanowski	#603	\$50.00
10/17	No Winner	#952	\$75.00
10/18	David Pacchioni	#518	\$50.00

Special Drawing winners: Mary Grace Balent 10/12 \$50.00, Beverly Williams 10/17 75.00

Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **David & Edward Stankoski** are donated by their mother & wife

Holy Family at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Kevin Curley** is donated by Michael Valenti.

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **James Oliveri, Jr.** is donated by his wife, Ruth & family.

Sanctuary Candle at HR

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Ron Musto** is donated by his wife, Mary Jean & children.

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.

Roast Beef Dinner

Saturday, November 4th at The First Congregational U.C.C., 500 Luzerne Ave, West Pittston. Donation: \$11 children under 12: \$5. Serving: 5PM -7PM. Take-outs start at 4PM. For tickets call Melinda at 570-388-2889.

Mass Intentions Oct 23 thru Oct 29, 2017

Mon	7:30AM	Connie Angelella by sons, Joseph & John
	8:30AM	Jack Borzell, Sr by Fran & Ray Franko
Tues	7:30AM	Kay Thornton by Robert Gallagher
	8:30AM	Paul Zongilla by Annette Moss
Wed	7:30AM	Jean Zezza by Alex Pucilowski
	8:30AM	Steve Chipolis by Justave Family
Thurs	7:30AM	Leonard Insalaco II by family
	8:30AM	Theresa Olshemski by Patti Wiatrowski
Fri	7:30AM	Helen Hilbert by family
	8:30AM	Davidica (Mattei) Ferretti by Bruno Ferretti, Jr.
Sat	4:00PM	God's Blessings for all Children
	5:30PM	Ron Musto by wife, Mary Jean & Children
Sun	7:30AM	Doris & Robert Caruthers by children & grandchildren
	9:00AM	Robert Kowalczyk by Kreseski Family
	10:30AM	Louis & Sophie Forlenza by daughter, Marilyn

Corpus Christi Parish
Financial Statement July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

INCOME

COLLECTIONS INCOME (Offertory envelopes)	\$ 499,749.26
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INCOME (Program fees)	\$ 3,210.00
FUND RAISING / DEVELOPMENT INCOME (Gifts & donations, parish activities & societies)	\$ 87,815.13
OTHER INCOME (Interest, votives, weddings, funerals, social concerns & miscellaneous)	\$ 28,963.08
NON-OPERATING INCOME (Non-assessed by the Diocese & Church organ loan)	\$ 62,711.64
STIPENDS (Mass offerings)	\$ 7,080.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 689,529.11

EXPENSES

ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE (Salaries & benefits)	\$ 178,165.47
(Diocesan parish assessments)	\$ 60,730.92
(Office expenses)	\$ 35,549.09
RECTORY EXPENSE (Salaries & benefits, household expenses)	\$ 33,514.67
LITURGY EXPENSE (Salaries & benefits, liturgy expenses, sacristy & music supplies)	\$ 58,009.46
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION EXPENSE (Salaries & benefits, confirmation, reconciliation & program expenses)	\$ 13,222.48
PLANT OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE EXPENSE (Salaries & benefits, contracted services, utilities, general & vehicle equipment repairs, snow plowing)	\$ 72,213.94
FIXED EXPENSE (Self-insurance & property taxes)	\$ 28,957.35
CAPITAL OUTLAY (Building & Grounds Improvements)	\$ 18,183.60
NON-OPERATING EXPENSE (School subsidy & church organ)	\$ 153,088.95
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 651,635.93
PARISH SURPLUS	\$ <u>37,893.19</u>

CHECKING ACCOUNTS BALANCE - JUNE 30, 2017

<i>Parish Societies</i>	\$ 41,221.51
<i>Parish General Fund</i>	\$ 55,517.69
<i>Parish Fundraising Account</i>	\$ 38,425.14
<i>Parish Bingo Account</i>	\$ 411.78
<i>Parish Stipend Account</i>	\$ 6,834.45

PARISH SAVINGS ACCOUNT WITH THE DIOCESE - JUNE 30, 2017	\$ 326,365.61
ORGAN LOAN BALANCE - JUNE 30, 2017	\$ 52,907.00
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE - JUNE 30, 2017	\$ 23,823.31

Committee Members: Pete Albano, Joyce Cecconi, Lori Kasisky, Darlene Medico,
Deacon Jim Meizanis, Paula Panzitta, Monsignor Sempa, John Serafin, Jerry Wall