



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.

July 29, 2018

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Immaculate Conception Church
Holy Redeemer Church
Parish Office**

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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.

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Readings/Responsorial #1141
Gathering: #850 All Are Welcome
Offertory: #932 One Bread, One Body
Communion: #940 You Satisfy the
Hungry Heart
Recessional: 901 For the Life of the World

Weekly Collection July 22, 2018

\$8,250.66

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Social Concerns News

Social Concerns is running a "Back-To-School" program to help equip local students with the tools they need to be successful in school. The best part? Everything is free!! If you have school-age children, you know how expensive it is to get them ready for school. Not considering clothes and shoes, it is costly to get the supplies every child needs. For low income families, this is just about impossible.

If you or someone you know of needs help getting their children ready to go back to school, please have them call the rectory or email Joyce at jceccconi50@gmail.com.

We put together a list of back to school items needed by every child, depending on his or her grade. Whether you choose from the list below or donate any other items, they will be greatly appreciated!!

- Backpacks (elementary thru high school)
- #2 pencils/ pens (blue, black, red)
- Colored pencils (8-10 colors)
- Markers wide 8-10), crayons (24 box)
- Pencil pouches (for 3 ring binder), pencil boxes
- Pencil sharpeners
- Calculators (simple or scientific)
- Scissors (elementary/Friskars)
- Paper (wide ruled & college ruled)
- Notebooks (spiral & composition, 1 or more subject)
- Folders (plastic or paper, with or without pockets)
- Stapler/staples
- Ear buds (cheap)
- Flash Drive
- Binders (3-ring 2")
- Rulers, protractors
- Hand sanitizer, tissues (small packs)

■Personal Hygiene Donations

Establishing proper hygiene is key to a sense of self and better health. If you can help, we are asking for donations of personal hygiene products especially for children. Some suggested items include: toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, shampoo, body wash, deodorant, soap, etc.

■Next-to-New Clothing Donations

For anyone with school age children, if you have school appropriate clothing that your children have outgrown and is in good condition, please consider donating it here. It will be appreciated by some less fortunate families.

■Food Drive Donations

We are asking for donations of fun lunch size snacks of cookies, crackers, puddings, etc. the items all kids like to pack for school. This week we are looking for donations of any hot or cold cereals, breakfast bars, boxed milk, peanut butter, jelly, crackers, etc. As always, we thank you in advance for all donations.

■Help is Needed

Our Social Concerns Committee is asking for volunteers to join us on **Sunday, August 19th at 5:00PM in Immaculate Conception Hall.** We will be packing backpacks, organizing school supplies, sorting and organizing personal hygiene donations, and packing bags of groceries.

“Pirate’s Treasure” Lottery

This lottery, which will run from September 1 thru September 30, 2018 is featuring bigger and better prizes. Just match the evening drawing of the 3 digit daily number and you could win a pirate’s treasure of :

- \$1,000.00 Sunday’s in September
- \$ 600.00 Wednesday, September 19th
- \$100.00 every other day during September

For your chance to become a lucky pirate, just call or stop by the rectory for a “pirate’s treasure” lottery ticket!!

Religious Education News

■Classes

Classes for the 2018-2019 school year will begin in our parish on Sunday, September 23, 2018. Classes for boys and girls K thru Grade 7 will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:00AM to 10:15AM. Classes for children in grades K thru 4 will be held in the school, grades 5 & 6 in the church hall and grade 7 in the rectory. In the next couple of weeks, a letter and registration forms will be mailed to the families of children who attended classes here last year.

■Confirmation Classes/Parent Meeting

Classes for students who will be in 8th grade this fall will be held in the school twice a month on Sundays from 5:30 to 7:30PM. Parents/guardians of students who will be in 8th grade this fall, are asked to attend a meeting on Sunday, September 16th at 6:00PM in IC hall.

■ Religious Ed Teachers (Catechists)

The word *catechist* comes from a Greek word meaning “*to echo*”. Catechists echo the Word of God to our parish children. They can be women, men, confirmed teenagers, parents, grandparents, etc. They are not expert teachers or brilliant theologians. They are ordinary people who generously volunteer their time to share our Catholic faith, values, and traditions with our children. They are positive role models who help children grow in faith. Their gift has tremendous value....because through their words and actions, the message of Christ continues to spread throughout the world.

■Volunteers Needed

Your help is needed!! This year we are in need of volunteers to help with Religious Education in our parish. We are in need of teachers for grades 3 and 7. Because of our class sizes, we would like to have assistants in every classroom this year. Would you consider teaching a grade weekly or perhaps you and a friend would like to team teach, or maybe your teenage son/daughter would like to volunteer with you. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Joyce at 570-654-27583 or jceccconi50@gmail.com.

Courtesy News

Angels in the Outfield...Softball Tournament

On August 4 & 5 MVP Sports Complex, Terrace St, Forty Fort will host an all-day slow pitch softball tournament to benefit the Fallen Warrior Scholarship Fund in memory of John “Beno” Borzell, Matt Chipolis, and Mark Dushok. All raffle proceeds will be donated to the Wyoming Area Dr. Jennifer Sidari Memorial Scholarship Fund. They are asking for monetary donations, baskets, gift certificates, etc. Checks made payable to “Fallen Warrior Scholarship Fund” may be sent to: Ashley Artiz, 121 Schooley Avenue, Exeter, Pa. 18643.

Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Louis & Sophie Forlenza** are donated by their daughter, Marilyn.

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **James J. Ciampi** is donated by Diane & Rick Melvin.

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Joseph Berti** is donated by Pete & Patty Sidari & Family.

Sanctuary Candle at Holy Redeemer

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Eleanor Cherkosky Rose** is donated by her sister, Mary Ann.

Breast Cancer Fundraiser

A bus trip to NYC will take place on August 18, 2018. All proceeds from the trip go to breast cancer research. An en route aluction will be held. We ask you to donate and bid on such items as restaurant, supermarket, and gas gift cards as well as new/unused articles. We will depart at 7:00AM from the Pittston Park and Ride on the corner of Oak Street and Rout 315. Upon reaching NYC, you will be free to do as you please...shop, tour, see a play. We will leave NYC at 7:00PM and be back in Pittston at 9:30PM. Tickets are \$35.00 per person. To reserve your tickets call Carol at 570-655-0766 or 570-239-8042 or MaryAnn at 570-654-9814 or 570-299-9379.

Mass Intentions
July 30 thru August 5, 2018

Mon	7:30AM	Marion Krolick By Anna & John Roche
	8:30AM	Rose Ambrosino By Carm & Joe Agolino
Tues	7:30AM	Cy Frankovich By Wife, Barbara
	8:30AM	James J. Ciampi By Son, James and Family
Wed	7:30AM	Laura Butera By Daughter, Margaret
	8:30AM	Joan Sherinsky By Bob & Ellen Behlke
Thurs	7:30AM	Helen Harzinski By Elaine DeMarco
	8:30AM	James Bestider By David & Andrew Kovalchik
Fri	7:30AM	Ann Hreha By Family
	8:30AM	Vera & Arthur Dupras By Family
Sat	4:00PM	Joseph Berti By Wife & Family
	5:30PM	Anthony & Bertha Karpavich By M/M R. Swiontek
Sun	7:30AM	Connie Angelella By Sons, Joseph & John
	9:00AM	Richard J. Weinckoski By Marilyn & Edward Litwin
	10:30AM	Suzanne Golden By Marie Terese Golden & Family