



Corpus Christi Parish

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 9, 2018

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Immaculate Conception Church
Holy Redeemer Church
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Mrs. Joyce Cecconi,
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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.

September 9, 2018

Readings/Responsorial #1159
Gathering: #850 All Are Welcome
Offertory: #588 I Have Loved You
Communion: #930 Taste and See
Recessional: #686 Blest Be the Lord

**Weekly Collection
September 2, 2018**

\$8,647.55

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Religious Education & Confirmation Classes

Please note, Religious Education and Confirmation classes WILL NOT be starting in September 23, 2018 as planned. Once a starting date is chosen, we will mail announce it in the bulletin and mail a letter to students who attended class here last year.

The parent Confirmation meeting scheduled for Sunday, September 23 will be rescheduled.

Youth Group

Boys and girls who are in 7th grade and older are invited to join our parish Youth Group. The date for Sign-ups and the first meeting, which will be held in Immaculate Conception Church hall in October, will be determined and announced shortly.

Fall Adult Education Bible Study – “Spirituality of Paul”

These sessions, which are approximately 90 minutes and run for 8 weeks, will begin on Thursday, September 20th at 6:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church. 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. The cost is \$20.00 to cover books and study materials. If anyone is interested in the program and needs help with the cost, please contact Deacon Jim. Refreshments will be served!!

VIRTUS “Protecting God’s Children for Adults”

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

6:15PM-9:00PM

Immaculate Conception Church Hall

This program is aimed at establishing and maintaining a safe environment for all children. Before they volunteer working with children in our Diocese, all adults, 18 years of age and older must attend one VIRTUS session. Jerry Yakobitis will be the presenter this session at our parish. You must register to attend by calling the rectory at 570-654-2753 or email Joyce at jceccconi50@gmail.com. There is no fee to attend. All are welcome!

Liturgical Ministry Cookout

EM's, lectors, ushers, heavenly hosts, cantors, choir, baptism ministry members and their families are invited to join us on Sunday, September 23rd at 1:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church hall. In order for us to prepare enough food, please contact the co-ordinator of the ministry in which you serve to let them know the number of family members attending.

Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts

Scouting is for youth in Kindergarten through high school. Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts meet on Wednesdays in Immaculate Conception School. Registration for scouts will be held in Immaculate Conception School on Wednesday, September 12 from 6:00PM to 6:30PM. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 19th at 6:00PM. Registration will also take place on this date.

Social Concerns Meeting Date Changed

Please note our Social Concerns meeting which was scheduled for this Monday, September 10th has been re-scheduled for **Monday, September 24th at 6:00PM in the rectory.** Items on our agenda for this meeting will include, Soup Ministry, Fall Pasta Dinner, and a Mardi Gras. All are welcome!!

Social Concerns Fall Food Drive

It is that time of the year! We are looking to restock our food shelves for the fall and winter months. If you can help, we will gladly accept donations of all non-perishable foods. Donations may be left in the vestibules of the churches.

St. Clare Sewing Ministry

We have an abundance of yarn and would like to give to anyone who is willing to knit or crochet any and all types of hats, mittens, scarves, gloves, etc. for babies, children, and adults. Once made, if you would donate them back to the parish, this winter we will see to it that they are given locally to those who could use them. For more information or to make arrangements to get some yarn, call Pat Jacobs at 654-3671. **All are welcome to join us for our next meeting on Wednesday, September 19th at 6:00PM in the rectory.**

Big Prize Bingo

Save the date!! Our parish "Big Prize Bingo" will be held on **Sunday, November 4th in Immaculate Conception Church hall. Doors open at 11:30AM...bingo starts at 1:00PM.** All are welcome to join us for a fun afternoon of lunch followed by bingo with the chance to win some great prizes. To date we have received three, yes three beautiful Kate Spade handbags. This week, parishioners will receive a bingo mailing containing a letter and a donation request form. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 23rd at 5:00PM in the rectory.**

Courtesy Announcements

•Sarah's Sunflower...Painting Event

All are welcome to join us on **October 14, 2018 1:30 to 4:30PM in Immaculate Conception Church hall** for this "Art n' Vino" event to be held in memory of parishioner Sarah Gardner. This is the 2nd annual event Sarah's family and friends have 4 organized. All proceeds will benefit Avenues 12 Women's Recovery House in Daytona Beach, Florida. The goal of this organization is to provide women who struggle with addiction to drugs/alcohol a safe environment while helping them build a better life in recovery. Visit <http://www.avenues12recoveryhouse.com>. Cost is \$45.00 and the painting you will be doing is "Summer Memories" which can be viewed on their website. To sign up visit www.artnvino.com, view calendar and use passcode 754.

For more information or to donate a basket contact Maryann Oliveri at 570-357-1778.

•First Memorial Benefit in Honor of Jay Nocera

This benefit will be held on Sunday, **October 21st from 11:00AM to 5:00PM on grounds of Holy Redeemer Church.** This benefit, which is organized by parishioner Jay Nocera's family and friends, will feature a pink pumpkin sale, touch a truck, raffle baskets, 50/50, instant bingo, trunk or treat, face painting for kids, cow train rides, and delicious food and drink. All proceeds and donations will be given to breast cancer research and the Henry Cancer Center. All are welcome!!

Pirate's Treasure Lottery

Congratulations to the first five winners of our "Pirate's Treasure" lottery which will run through the month of September.

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| 9/1 | #055 | No Winner | \$100.00 |
| 9/2 | #395 | Donna Mason | \$1,000.00 |
| 9/3 | #025 | No Winner | \$100.00 |
| 9/4 | #889 | Patricia Burns | \$100.00 |
| 9/5 | #509 | No Winner | \$100.00 |

Special drawing winners include: Jason Yencha 9/1 \$100.00, Terri Zezza 9/3 \$100.00, Beverly Williams 9/5 \$100.00.

Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Faust Valenti** are donated by Ross & Rosemary DeNisco

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Sean Reynolds** is donated by a friend.

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Anthony Luczak** is donated by his wife Betty.

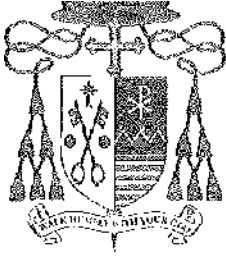
•Steph Fall 7th Annual Run/Walk

This 501(c)3 organization benefitting Colorectal Cancer Alliance and providing a WA scholarship will be holding its 7th annual 5Krun 3K walk on **Saturday, September 29th at the Luzerne County Sports Complex in Forty Fort. Raffle tickets & registration forms will be available at all masses September 15 & 16 or visit stephsfall5k.com.** Raffle items include Saquan Barlkey signed Penn State Jersey, Sesame St. Live (4 tickets), Mary Shelly's Frankenstein (2 tickets).

Mass Intentions

September 10 thru September 16, 2018

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| Mon | 7:30AM | Angelo Alfano & dtgr Frances By grand & great gandchildren |
| | 8:30AM | Rita & Earl Elm By Fran & Ray Franko |
| Tues | 7:30AM | Antoinette & Albino Ciampi By family |
| | 8:30AM | William Longstreet By HR morning mass group |
| Wed | 7:30AM | Lorraine Zielinski By Cella family |
| | 8:30AM | Edward Zawatski By HR morning mass group |
| Thurs | 7:30AM | Frank Manganello By wife Ann & family |
| | 8:30AM | Marty Pleban By M/M Michael LaNunziata |
| Fri | 7:30AM | Anthony Luczak By Patti Wiatrowski |
| | 8:30AM | Carl G. Ihnat By Matt & Marie Coleman & family |
| Sat | 4:00PM | Dec'd membs of Romiski Family By Donna Hritz & family |
| | 5:30PM | George R. (Bucky) Mazur By Norma Pascucci |
| Sun | 7:30AM | Louis & Agnes Lanzone By family |
| | 9:00AM | Peter Romani By daughter & grandson |
| | 10:30AM | Rev. Leonard Sabalis By friend |



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Bishop Bambera's Message Regarding This Year's Annual Appeal

Dear Friends,

After much thought and prayerful reflection and in consideration of the gravity of the findings of the Grand Jury report and the impact it is having on victims, their families and all members of the faithful, I have decided to make some changes to this year's Annual Appeal.

During the course of the past few weeks, I have had the opportunity to speak with pastors and hear from parishioners who have shared with me the pain and hurt that everyone is feeling. This is an extremely difficult time for all of us and we must be steadfast in our resolve to support one another and care for those among us who are suffering the most – the victims of sexual abuse and their families.

While we initially planned to move forward with the Diocesan Annual Appeal as we have done in past years, it has become clear to me that we must engage your support in a much different way this year.

With this in mind, some components of the Appeal will be suspended this year – the showing of the Appeal video in the parishes and our In-Pew Commitment Weekend.

We will be requesting support through an Appeal letter to be sent to past Appeal donors in September. There will also be pledge envelopes in the back of your Church for anyone wishing to make a gift to the Annual Appeal. The Appeal video is available on our website: www.AnnualAppeal.org and I encourage you to view the video which shares stories about some of the wonderful ministries that rely on your gifts each year.

I am sincerely grateful to you for your understanding and prayers and for your continued interest in supporting the Diocese. There has never been a more important time in the history of our Diocese for us to come together as one to meet the needs of our Diocese and the people we serve.

With your support, we will restore trust, care for all who seek our assistance and once again bring hope to our people.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.
Bishop of Scranton