



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 21, 2019

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Immaculate Conception Church
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
Mondays 5:45-6:45PM (during Lent)
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.

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Readings/Responsorial # 1139
Gathering: #850 All Are Welcome
Offertory: #846 Come, Host of
Heaven's High Dwelling Place
Communion: #735 Blest Are They
Recessional: #596 Praise to You,
O Christ, Our Savior

Weekly Collection

July 14, 2019

Sunday	\$9,314.90
E Giving	<u>1,297.07</u>
Total	\$10,611.97

Admittance to Hospitals/Nursing Homes/Homebound

If you or a family member are admitted to a hospital, please remember to tell the admissions office you belong to Corpus Christi Parish. The hospitals will not release names of parishioners to us without this release and we will not know that you are in the hospital. Also please let us know if your loved ones are in a nursing home or if they are homebound.

Mass Scheduling for 2020

To schedule masses and candles for the year 2020, please call Dorothy at 570-654-2753 on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays between 10:00AM and 2:00PM. Or you can mail or drop in the collection a note with the following information: who the mass/candle is intended for, who it is requested by and a phone number so we can call to confirm the request. The stipend for a mass/candle is \$10.00.

500 Club Lottery

This past week, our newest lottery, the "500 Club" has been mailed to our parishioners. Each ticket has two sets of numbers which will double your chances of winning. Just match the evening drawing of the Pa Lottery Daily r for a chance to win \$50.00 daily, Monday thru Saturday or \$150.00 on Sundays. Your donation is \$30.00 per ticket and is good for the month of September. Remember only 500 tickets will be sold so be sure to send in your lottery ticket order form as soon as possible.

Seniors Meeting

All are welcome to join us on Wednesday, July 31st at 1:00PM in the rectory for an afternoon of cards, games, snacks and friendly chatter.

Religious Education

■Religious Ed Classes

Classes for the 2019-2020 school year will begin in our parish on Sunday, September 8, 2019. Classes for boys and girls K thru Grade 7 will be held on Sunday mornings. Confirmation prep classes for students in grade 8 will be held twice a month on Sunday evening. A letter and registration forms for the 2019-2020 year will be mailed to the families of children who attended classes here last year.

■Volunteer Classroom Aides Needed

We are looking for volunteers who would periodically assist in our classrooms as aides to the teachers and/or who would be able to take over the class in the absence of the teacher. We welcome grandparents, parents and teens who have been confirmed to help out with religious education. Great way for teens to earn service hours!! For more information or to volunteer, please contact Joyce at 570-654-27583 or jceconi50@gmail.com.

■Teacher/Volunteer Meeting

A religious education teacher/volunteer meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 24th at 6:00PM in the rectory. At this meeting we will plan the calendar for the year as well as discuss the implementation of an additional religious education program. All current teachers/aides as well as anyone who may be interested in volunteering in our program for the 2019-2020 school year are asked to attend this planning meeting. Thank you!

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. 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 for children/teens. Some suggested items could include: toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, shampoo, body wash, deodorant, soap, etc.

■Food Drive Donations

Along with the back-to-school and personal hygiene products, we will be gifting the families a "food box." Donations of any non-perishable foods are always appreciated and along with that 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 peanut butter & jelly, macaroni & cheese, rice, and pasta & sauce. As always, we thank you in advance for all donations.

■ Donations/Monetary Donations

All donations may be left in the vestibules of the churches or dropped off at the rectory. If you prefer, you can make a monetary donation to Social Concerns for the back-to-school drive and a member will do the shopping for you. All donations will benefit children in our parish community and children residing in the surrounding communities. Thank you for your continued support!!

■To Request Back-to-School Help

If you or someone you know of needs help getting their children ready to go back to school, please have them call the rectory at 570-654-2753 or e-mail Joyce at jcecco-ni50@gmail.com.

■Back-to-School Distribution & Pick-up

Volunteers will be needed on Sunday, August 18th at 5:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church hall to pack and prepare for distribution, the back-to-school supplies, personal hygiene products and food.

■Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **John Tracy** are donated by his sisters, Rosalie & Grace.

■Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Sam Denisco** is donated by his children.

■Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Paul Clapps** is donated by Ross & Rosemary DeNisco.

Courtesy News

"Angels in the Outfield" Softball Tournament

This tournament held in memory of John "Beno" Borzell, Matt Chipolis, Mark Dushok & Dr. Jennifer Sidari will be held Friday to Sunday, August 9-11 at the West Pittston Little League Field. Donations for this project may be sent to: Ashley Aritz, 601 Monument Avenue, Wyoming, Pa. 18644.

Basketball Skills & Drills Camp

Wyoming Area Catholic School is holding a basketball camp for boys and girls in grades 3 thru 8 from July 29 thru August 2 (5:30PM-9:00PM). To register call the school at 570-654-7982. Fee is \$50 per participant. All welcome.

Prince of Peace Chicken BBQ & Basket Raffle

Sunday, August 11th from 11AM to 2PM at Arcaro & Genell's Parking Lot, Main St, Old Forge. \$10 donation includes 1/2 chicken, corn on the cob, pasta salad, roll & dessert. For tickets call 570-451-0112. Walk-ins limited.

Mass Intentions

July 22 thru July 28, 2019

Mon	7:30AM	Patricia Noone By Patti Wiatrowski
	8:30AM	Margaret Repasky By M/M Jon Melvin
Tues	7:30AM	MaryJo Spellman By Denise Bartoletti
	8:30AM	Marty Pleban By Central Catholic Class of 1972
Wed	7:30AM	Genevieve Rogo By Family
	8:30AM	Charles Parente, Jr. By Pete Lanza Family
Thurs	7:30AM	Harold Ash By Rosalie & Pat Messina
	8:30AM	Aurelia Menichini By Marian Pisano & Family
Fri	7:30AM	Eleanor T. Banyan By RoseMary, Delores Lynch & Family
	8:30AM	Michael LaNunziata By Jerry, Sharon & Justin Pompey
Sat	4:00PM	MaryAnne Franklin By Son, Jeffrey & Family
	5:30PM	Providence Katarsky By Husband & Sons
Sun	7:30AM	Andrew Hreha By Family
	9:00AM	Joseph Slusser By Emily Kocian
	10:30AM	Gloria Costello By Daughter & Family