



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 22, 2019

Twenty-Fifth 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

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.

September 22, 2019

Readings/Responsorial: #1166

Gathering: #807 We Are Called

Offertory: #658 Seek Ye First

Communion: #782 Only This I Want

Recessional: #557 Send Down the Fire

Weekly Collection

September 15, 2019

Sunday \$8,128.63

E Giving 1,717.60

Total \$9,846.23

2019 Diocesan Annual Appeal

"Serving in Faith, Hope and Gratitude" is the theme for this year's annual appeal. Your gifts to the Appeal support our Diocesan ministries and services that feed the hungry, shelter the poor, counsel individuals and families and provide a place for a veteran to receive needed care and support. Our parish goal for the 2019 Appeal is \$32,000.00.

Twilight "All Cash" Bingo

Saturday, November 2, 2019

Doors Open 5:00PM Bingo Starts 6:00PM

Immaculate Conception Church Hall

Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door which includes 15 regular games where you can win \$150 each. There will be "five special games" available at cost of \$5.00 each. The specials have 2-\$500 winners, 1-\$750 winner and 2-\$1,000 winners. A variety of homemade foods will be available for purchase. Feel free to BYOB. Reserved seating is available.

How Can I get my "Twilight Bingo" ticket?

- ▶ Just mail or drop in the weekend collection your check for your bingo tickets and we will mail the ticket/tickets to you. Please specify on the envelope "bingo tickets".
- ▶ If you would like reserved seating, you must let us know how many seats you need.
- ▶ You may stop by the rectory Monday thru Friday to purchase your bingo tickets and request reserved seating.

Confirmation Prep Classes

Classes for students in grade 8 who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin on Sunday, September 29th. Classes will be held in the school twice a month on Sunday evenings from 5:30PM to 7:00PM. Deacon Jim Meizanis and his wife Lynn will conduct the classes. A brief parent meeting will be held on Sunday, September 29th at 5:30PM.

Family Mass & Donut Sunday

Next Sunday, September 29th the 10:30Am Mass is our first "Family Mass" followed by "Donut Sunday" in the church hall. At this Mass, our Youth Choir will sing and boys and girls in 7th grade will take part in the Mass as lectors, ushers, and gift bearers. Immediately following the Mass, everyone in attendance is invited to join us for refreshments in the church hall.

Seniors Meeting

All are welcome to join us for an afternoon of cards, snacks and friendly chatter on Wednesday, September 25 at 1:00PM in the rectory.

St Clare Sewing Ministry

Members and anyone interested in sewing, knitting, crocheting and crafting are invited to join us for a meeting on Wednesday, September 25th at 6:00PM in the rectory.

Adult Education Bible Study – “Turning Point – A Study of the Gospel of John – Part 1”

The next adult bible study program that our parish will be offering is on the “Gospel of John”. Classes will be on four Thursdays as follows, October 10th, 17th, 24th, and November 7th, at 6:00 PM in the Immaculate Conception Church. Each session will last for approximately 60-75 minutes. This is a brand new program designed by the Dynamic Catholic Institute. We will study the Gospel of John and concentrate on eight encounters people had with Jesus.

Please sign-up as soon as possible so we can order the materials. To sign up for the program or to find out more information, please contact Deacon Jim Meizanis at 239-2783 or deacon.meizanis@gmail.com. **The cost for the study 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.**

Don't miss out join the fun and learn more about our faith though the scriptures.

Oh, and always there will still be snacks.....

Courtesy News

8th Annual Steph's Fall 5K

Will be held at the Luzerne County Sports Complex on Saturday, September 28th. You can register online at <http://stephsfall5k.com> or contact Mary Godri at 570-388-2433.

On May 10, 2012, Stephanie Godri Johnston died at the age of 32 from Colon Cancer. Steph's Fall 5K was created to keep her memory alive, award a WA scholarship and provide funding to the Colorectal Cancer Alliance for their mission to raise awareness, support patients and survivors, and fund research to end colorectal cancer-the 2nd leading cause of cancer deaths in men and women in the U.S.

500 Club Lottery

Congratulations to the following winners in our “500 Club Lottery.”

Sept 12	Judith Sokach	#158	\$50.00
Sept 13	Kathleen James	#248	50.00
Sept 14	John Hoover	#950	50.00
Sept 15	NO WINNER	#985	150.00
Sept 16	Carol Fanti	#537	50.00
Sept 17	MaryAnn Battista	#301	50.00
Sept 18	Carl Nocek	#620	50.00

Special drawing winner: 9/15 \$150.00 Marie & Jody Marranca

Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Jimmy Parry** are donated by his wife and son.

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **John “Beno” Borzell** is donated his family & friends.

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Helen & Joseph Wolyniec** is donated by Rosalie Cullagh & Family.

St Barbara Parish Italian Roast Chicken Dinner

This dinner featuring Accaro & Genell's famous Italian Roast chicken will be held in St. Anthony Center, Erie Ave, Exeter on Sunday, September 29th. Take-out from 11AM to 3PM and Eat-in from 12 Noon to 3PM. Cost is \$10 per person, pre-sales only! For tickets call the rectory at 570-654-2103. Dinner includes 1/2 chicken, potato, vegetable, salad, roll and desert.

Mass Intentions

September 23 thru 29, 2019

Mon	7:30AM	Lillian Yorina By Cella Family
	8:30AM	MaryAnn Fino By M/M Alberft Strellish
Tues	7:30AM	Mary Hensley By Joan Hennigan
	8:30AM	James Sabol By M/M Ken Hetro
Wed	7:30AM	Andrew & Val Vacula By Rosemary & Ron Gitkos
	8:30AM	Frances Petrosky By M/M John Marsh & daughters
Thurs	7:30AM	Jimmy Parry By Wife & Son
	8:30AM	Leonard Tallo By Sister, Fran & Family
Fri	7:30AM	Patrick Salerno By Daughter, Patti
	8:30AM	Margaret O’Fier By Helen & Maria Markert
Sat	4:00PM	Joseph S. Agolino, Sr By Family
	5:30PM	Angelo & Dolores Salvatore By Children
Sun	7:30AM	Doris Caruthers By Children & Grandchildren
	9:00AM	Agnes Rupsky By Daughter
	10:30AM	Chester & Marie Hine By Donna & Chet Hine & Family

2019 **DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL** | SERVING IN FAITH WITH HOPE AND GRATITUDE

The Annual Appeal begins in Parishes this September

- More direct support to parishes for Social Justice Grants & New Faith Formation Grants
- Increased support for Catholic Social Services
- Opportunity to designate your Appeal gift to the ministry of your choice
- Unique videos featuring parishioners & clergy showing the Appeal at work in your region

Gifts to the 2018 Appeal touched thousands of lives.

4,143 Families served in Catholic Social Services Food & Clothing Pantries	12 Seminarians receiving tuition & living expenses	16,555 Nights of Shelter & Support
104 Retired & Ill Priests Received Care	44 Parishes using Social Justice Grants to serve countless	15,000 Children in Religious Education & 4,500 in Catholic Schools

118 Parishes receiving support in all aspects of Parish Life

Share your blessings. Support the Appeal.

GIFTS to the APPEAL support Diocesan ministries & will not be used to defray legal fees or fund the Survivors Compensation Program.

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH
FINANCIAL STATEMENT JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019

REVENUE

COLLECTIONS INCOME <i>(Offertory envelopes)</i>	\$ 507,818.11
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INCOME <i>(Program fees)</i>	\$ 5,495.00
FUND RAISING / DEVELOPMENT INCOME <i>(Gifts & donations, parish activities & societies)</i>	\$ 138,792.00
OTHER INCOME <i>(Interest, votives, weddings, funerals, social concerns & miscellaneous)</i>	\$ 35,341.47
NON-OPERATING INCOME <i>(Non-assessed by the Diocese)</i>	\$ 2,100.65
STIPENDS <i>(Mass offerings)</i>	\$ 7,110.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 696,657.23

EXPENSES

ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE <i>(Salaries & benefits)</i>	\$ 188,579.70
<i>(Diocesan parish assessments)</i>	\$ 61,167.00
<i>(Office expenses)</i>	\$ 43,196.17
RECTORY EXPENSE <i>(Salaries & benefits, household expenses)</i>	\$ 39,520.49
LITURGY EXPENSE <i>(Salaries & benefits, liturgy expenses, sacristy & music supplies)</i>	\$ 52,766.04
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION EXPENSE <i>(Salaries & benefits, confirmation, reconciliation & program expenses)</i>	\$ 8,873.52
PLANT OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE EXPENSE <i>(Salaries & benefits, contracted services, utilities, general & vehicle equipment repairs, snow plowing)</i>	\$ 97,125.91
FIXED EXPENSE <i>(Self-insurance & property taxes)</i>	\$ 30,735.13
CAPITAL OUTLAY <i>(Building & Grounds Improvements)</i>	\$ 1,000.00
NON-OPERATING EXPENSE <i>(School subsidy)</i>	\$ 92,226.81
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 615,190.77
EXCESS REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$ 81,466.46</u>

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE - JUNE 30, 2019	\$ 28,346.58
ORGAN LOAN BALANCE - JUNE 30, 2019	\$ 29,265.00
PARISH SAVINGS ACCOUNT WITH THE DIOCESE - JUNE 30, 2019	\$ 380,072.00

CHECKING ACCOUNTS BALANCE - JUNE 30, 2019	\$ 221,602.86
<i>Parish Societies</i>	\$ 32,051.92
<i>Parish General Fund</i>	\$ 152,761.92
<i>Parish Fundraising Account</i>	\$ 29,227.47
<i>Parish Bingo Account</i>	\$ 1,011.14
<i>Parish Stipend Account</i>	\$ 6,550.41

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