

Immaculate Conception Church Holy Redeemer Church Parish Office 605 Luzerne Avenue West Pittston, PA 18643 Phone (570) 654-2753 Fax (570) 654-9244 Msgr. John J. Sempa, Pastor Mr. James Meizanis, Deacon Mrs. Joyce Cecconi, Pastoral Associate

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

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.

JULY 28, 2019

Readings/Responsorial # 1142 Gathering: #638 We Gather Together Offertory: #590 Christ, Be Our Light! Communion: #777 Here I Am, Lord Recessional: #686 Blest Be the Lord

Weekly Collection July 21, 2019		
Sunday	\$7,665.50	
E Giving	1,102.91	
Total	\$8,768.41	

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 28, 2019

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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. Donation for the ticket is \$30.00 and is good for the month of September. Each ticket has two sets of numbers which will double your chances of winning. Just match the evening drawing of the Pa Lottery Daily for a chance to win \$50.00 daily, Monday thru Saturday or \$150.00 on Sundays. <u>Please note if you are dropping your</u> <u>lottery request form and check in the collection or mailing it to the</u> <u>rectory, you will receive your lottery tickets near the end of August.</u> Additional forms to purchase lottery tickets can be found in the vestibules of the churches.

Parish Finance Committee

Members of our parish finance committee are reminded we will be meeting on **Monday, July 29th at 5:30PM** in the rectory.

Seniors Meeting

All are welcome to join us on <u>Wednesday, July 31st at 1:00PM</u> 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 evenings. A letter and registration forms for the 2019-2020 year will be mailed to the families of children who attended classes here last year.

Sacraments

Boys and girls in 2nd grade will receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on February 8, 2020 and the Sacrament of First Eucharist on May 2, 2020. Students in 8th grade will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 31, 2020. All Sacraments will be held at Immaculate Conception Church.

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Baptism Ministry

This ministry consists of a group of volunteers who play an important role in the Sacrament of Baptism. They are there to greet and welcome the families and to assist Monsignor and Deacon Jim during baptisms. They present the newly baptized with a book, "My Baptism," a gift from the Holy Name Society and a beautiful baby afghan handmade by members of this ministry and members of our parish who like to crochet or knit. For information on joining this ministry or making afghans, call Pat Jacobs at 570-954-7552.

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. Our program is designed to help take some of the financial burden off low income families by supplying their children with backpacks filled with the school supplies they will need for school, a bag filled with personal hygiene products for children and a food "gift box" filled with nonperishable foods. To request back-to-school help, call the rectory at 570-654-2753 or e-mail Joyce at jcecconi50@gmail.com.

Backpacks/Supplies

Donations of <u>backpacks (elementary thru high</u> <u>school)</u>, <u>pens</u>, <u>#2 pencils</u>, <u>markers</u>, <u>notebooks/</u> <u>paper (wide & college ruled)</u>, <u>folders</u>, <u>calculators</u>, <u>rulers</u>, <u>stapler/staples</u>, <u>flash drive</u>, <u>binders (3-ring)</u>, <u>pencil pouches/pencil boxes</u>, <u>hand sanitizer and</u> <u>tissues</u> are all very welcome. Please know any donations will be greatly appreciated.

■Food Drive Donations

While donations of any non-perishable foods are always appreciated, this week we are asking for <u>canned</u> <u>or boxed fruits, vegetables and soups</u>. Kindly leave donations in the vestibules of the churches.

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.

Back-to-School Distribution & Pick-up

Volunteers will be needed on <u>Sunday, August 18th at</u> <u>5:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church hall</u> 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 **Josephine Tilton & Eleanor Rose** are donated by their sister, Mary Ann.

Holy Family Candle at ICC

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

■Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Stanley Gruner** is donated by Robert & Linda Gruner.

Courtesy News

Alanon Meetings An Alanon Meeting is held every Wednesday morning at 10:15AM in Immaculate Conception church hall. All relatives and friends of alcoholics are welcome to attend.

"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.

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 29 thru August 4, 2019

Mon	7:30AM	Barbara Cawley
		By Carl & Connie Rosencrance
	8:30AM	Kathryn Ferguson
T	7.00 4 44	By Judy Hine
lues	7:30AM	Teresa Cravatta
	0.20 AM	By daughter, Phyllis
	8:30AM	Michael J. Butera
Wed	7:30AM	By M. Bartoli & A. Sciandra
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	8:30AM	Florence B Angelella Cumbo
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Thur	5 7:30AM	Marion Krolick
mura		By Anna Roach & Grandchildren
	8:30AM	Ida Rowe
	0.50AM	By Deacon Jim & Lynn Meizanis
Fri	7:30AM	Helen & Kosty Harzinski
•••	1.00AM	By Dtgrs, Marie & Maureen
	8:30AM	Rita Zekoski
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Sat	4:00PM	Ann Hreha
•		By Family
	5:30PM	Anthony & Bertha Karpavich
		By Carole & Robert Swiontek
Sun	7:30AM	Joseph Berti
		By Wife, Donna & Family
	9:00AM	Marie Stemler
		By Nick & Sally Cirelli
	10:30AM	James & Helen Nuzzalo
		By Fred & Marie Melvin