

October 27, 2013  
Thirtieth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

*"Feed The Hungry,  
Clothe The Naked,*



*Shelter The Homeless,  
Love One Another ...."*

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**

**HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH**

**PARISH OFFICE**

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### WEEKEND CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday -4:00PM -Immaculate Conception

Saturday - 5:30PM - Holy Redeemer

Sunday - 7:30AM - Immaculate Conception

Sunday - 9:00AM - Holy Redeemer

Sunday - 10:30AM -Immaculate Conception

### WEEKDAY CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

7:30 AM Immaculate Conception

8:30 AM Holy Redeemer

### CONFESSION SATURDAYS

3:00PM - 3:30PM Immaculate Conception

### Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Redeemer

Wednesday

9:00AM-3:00PM

### Parish Mission Statement

To promote and improve the  
community of God by  
living the Gospel message;  
caring for the elderly, youth, sick,  
needy, and participating in the  
liturgy.

Weekly Collection  
October 20, 2013  
**\$7,536.55**  
2nd Collection  
**\$1,064.80**

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### Solemnity of All Saints.... A Holy Day of Obligation

On Friday, November 1st, All Saints Day we recognize all the saints of heaven in a universal celebration, a festival of the triumphant church of the resurrection in the new and holy city of Jerusalem. The saints, in a way are God's harvest. God has reaped the fruits of good sowing and gathered the mature faithful into the eternal storehouse.

November opens a season of the year when our thoughts turn toward the fear of death, the hope of eternal life, the gratitude we feel for God's gifts, and the charity we owe to others. In the northern hemisphere, trees turn barren and the chill of late fall settles in to stay.

Masses for All Saints Day, Friday, November 1st are as follows: Thursday, October 31st 6:00PM at Holy Redeemer and Friday, November 1st, 7:30AM at ICC, 8:30AM at HR and 6:00PM at ICC.

### All Souls Day

Saturday, November 2nd is All Souls Day which is not a Holy Day of Obligation. On this day we remember our beloved deceased family members and friends who have gone before us to live with Christ in glory.

### Bereavement Mass

Our Bereavement Mass will be celebrated on **Tuesday, November 19th at 6:30PM in Immaculate Conception Church**. At this beautiful liturgy, we will be remembering those members of our parish community who have died this past year. An invitation will be sent to the next of kin, inviting them and their families to this special liturgy honoring the memory of their loved ones. For a special presentation at this liturgy, we are asking for a picture of your deceased family member. Pictures may be dropped off at the rectory, in the weekend collection or emailed to [jceconi50@gmail.com](mailto:jceconi50@gmail.com). Following the Mass, all are invited for light refreshment in the church hall hosted by our Social Concerns Committee.

### Diocesan Annual Appeal "Serve with Love"

**Reminder: In Pew Commitment Next Weekend, Nov 9th & 10th**

*"Serve with Love"...*three powerful and profound words spoken by Pope Francis...reflect the vital programs and ministries funded by the Diocesan Annual Appeal throughout the 11 counties of our Diocese. When you support the Appeal, you respond to the call to be servant leaders in your own communities, lovingly and generously responding to the needs of God's people. Prayerfully consider your Appeal response. ***Our parish goal for the 2013 Diocesan Annual Appeal is \$30,000. To date we have raised \$17,620.00. Thank you to all who have contributed.***

### Youth Choir

The next practice for our youth choir will be **Sunday, November 10th** from 6:00PM to 5:45PM in Immaculate Conception Church. Children of all ages are welcome to attend.

### CCD.....Class to Mass

Every Sunday following CCD classes the children are welcome to attend the 10:30AM Mass with their class and teachers. Immediately following Mass, parents can pick up their children in church.

### VIRTUS

Today, Sunday, October 17th 6:00PM to 9:00PM ICC hall. This session is a requirement for all adult volunteers who wish to work with children in the Diocese of Scranton.

### Liturgy Committee Meeting

Members of our liturgy committee will meet on **Tuesday, October 29th at 7:00PM** in the rectory dining room.

### Seniors Meeting

Our parish "seniors" will meet on **Wednesday, October 31st at 1:00PM** in the rectory. All are welcome to join us as we enjoy some light refreshments, lively chatter and a game or two. Hope to see you there!!

**Sewing/Knitting/Crocheting Ministry**

Anyone interested in knitting and/or crocheting can join us on **Wednesday, October 23 at 6:30PM** and **Thursday, October 24 at 1:00PM** in the rectory. As this ministry develops, we hope to crochet and/or knit lap blankets, prayer shawls, scarves, hats, mittens, etc. for gift giving to our parishioners who are shut ins or residing in nursing homes and for the less fortunate children in our community. For this ministry we are asking for donations of yarn which can be left in the vestibules of the churches.

**Help for the Holidays**

If you or someone you know of is struggling financially and could use help for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas, call or e-mail Joyce at 654-2753 or jcecconi50@gmail.com.

**Thanksgiving Food Drive**

Our Social Concerns Committee is asking for donations of any non-perishable foods which will be given to less fortunate families in our area for Thanksgiving. Aside from the traditional Thanksgiving foods boxed stuffing, canned sweet & white potatoes, and canned pumpkin, we are seeking donations of hot and cold cereal, peanut butter, jelly, Nutella, macaroni & cheese, canned soups, vegetables and fruit, tuna fish and crackers, etc. Donations may be left in the vestibules of the churches. Anything you can give will be appreciated.

**Mass Intentions  
October 28th thru November 3rd**

<b>Mon</b>	7:30AM	<b>Mary Pello</b> by Marilyn Dante
	8:30AM	<b>All Souls Intentions</b>
<b>Tues</b>	7:30AM	<b>Anne H Parente</b> by Charles E Parente
	8:30AM	<b>Muriel Doherty</b> by Wayne Doherty
<b>Wed</b>	7:30AM	<b>Frances Cirelli</b> by Altar & Rosary Society
	8:30AM	<b>Stephen Zurla</b> by Gloria & Ed Pupa
<b>Thurs</b>	7:30AM	<b>Louise Dashaw</b> by Fran French & Family
	8:30AM	<b>John (Beno) Borzell</b> by Megan Lokuta & Family
	6:00PM (HR)	<b>Viola Michels</b> by Judy Sokach
<b>Fri</b>	7:30AM	<b>Mary Schwartz</b> by Ron Gitkos
	8:30AM	<b>Gary Ball Jr.</b> by C Liberski & M Pacchioni
	6:00PM (ICC)	<b>Helen Nuzzalo</b> by John O'Boyle, Jr
<b>Sat</b>	4:00PM	<b>All Souls Intentions</b>
	5:30PM	<b>All Souls Intentions</b>
<b>Sun</b>	7:30AM	<b>All Souls Intentions</b>
	9:00AM	<b>All Souls Intentions</b>
	10:30AM	<b>All Souls Intentions</b>

**Stocking Stuffer Lottery**

Just in time for Christmas gift giving!! For a donation of \$25.00 you have the chance to win a cash prize of \$50.00 Monday thru Friday, \$100.00 on Sundays and \$500.00 on 4 designated days from January 1st thru March 31, 2014 Our past lottery players as well as new parishioners will be receiving a "stocking stuffer" lottery ticket in the mail this week. In the event you do not receive a ticket and would like one, just stop by the rectory and pick one out.

**Holy Name Society**

Members of our parish Holy Name Society will be selling lotto tickets \$2.00 for 10 chances to win the cash prize on Thanksgiving Day.

**Designer Bingo**

Save the date! Our second annual "designer bingo" will be held in Immaculate Conception Church hall on **Sunday, November 10, 2013**. Doors will open at 12 Noon...Games start at 1:00PM. **A planning meeting will be held today, Sunday, October 27th at 11:30AM in the rectory.** All are welcome to join us and help plan this parish event. The committee is asking for donations of new only, designer items such as purses, jewelry, scarves, home goods, electronics, etc. Value of prizes for games should equal \$100 or more. We will gladly accept lesser priced items for door prizes.

**Parking Courtesy**

A number of parishioners have contacted the rectory concerning parking during Masses at ICC. Anyone parking in the lots (Freemont Street or rectory lot) is kindly reminded to park within the lines and be careful not to park in a spot that blocks empty parking spaces. Thank you for your help!!

**Altar Candles at ICC** which will burn this week in loving memory of **Sam Angella** are donated by his Family.

**Holy Family & Vigil Candles at ICC** which will burn this week in loving memory of **the deceased members of the Harzinski & Brennan Families** are donated by William & Marie Gray.

**Courtesy Announcements**

**Baker Needed**

The Passionist Nuns of Saint Gabriel's Monastery are looking for someone to bake hosts in the Altar Bread Department at their facility. For inquiries call Barbara at 570-586-2791.

**Holy Redeemer High School Open House** will be held on Sunday, October 27 from 1:00PM to 4:00PM. Visit our website at: [www.holyredeemerhs.org](http://www.holyredeemerhs.org).

**Holy Redeemer High School Musical "Anything Goes"** Friday, Nov 15 & Sat, Nov 16 7:00PM Adults \$7.00-Seniors \$6.00-Students \$5.00. For tickets call 829-2424

**Homemade Pasta & Sausage Dinner** St. Maria Goretti, Laflin Road, Laflin. Sunday, November 3 Noon to 5:00PM. Dinner includes salad, bread/butter, beverage, dessert. Take outs Noon to 4:00PM. Tickets at the door...cost is \$10.00. Children 5 years and under are FREE for "eat in only".