

February 22, 2015

First Sunday  
in  
Lent

*"Feed The Hungry,  
Clothe The Naked.*



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

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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 SATURDAYS**

3:00PM - 3:30PM

Immaculate Conception

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

WEDNESDAYS 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**

February 15, 2015

\$7,095.35

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**In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross.**

**Lenten Soup & Scripture**

6:00PM ICC hall

Monday, March 2, 9, 16, 23

This year our "soup & scripture" series will be led by deacon candidate Jim Rose. All are welcome to join with us and enjoy camaraderie and fellowship while dining on a variety of delicious soups and sandwiches prepared by fellow parishioners. Following the meal, Jim will guide us through a brief video presentation followed by a question and answer period. Our first session will be hosted by members of our Social Concerns Committee.

**Family Mass**

Today, Sunday, February 22nd the 10:30AM Mass will be a family Mass with the youth choir singing and children from the parish taking part as lectors, greeters, ushers.

**Sacrament of First Reconciliation**

The sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated in our parish on **Saturday, March 7th at 10:00AM at Holy Redeemer Church.** A brief parent meeting and practice will be held on **Thursday, March 5th at 6:00PM at Holy Redeemer.** Following the Sacrament, the children and their families are invited to join us in the parish hall for a light brunch. If your child was not baptized at Holy Redeemer or Immaculate Conception, we must have a copy of his/her baptismal certificate. If you have any questions, contact Joyce at jceconi50@gmail.com or 570-654-2753.

**Daily Lenten Mass Schedule**

Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception: 7:30AM & 5:30PM.....Holy Redeemer 8:30AM.

**Stations of the Cross**

Every Friday during Lent, 6:00PM at Immaculate Conception and 7:00PM at Holy Redeemer. Anyone who would like to take part in Stations, please fill out sign up sheet in the sacristy or call the rectory and will help you.

**Lenten Confessions**

In addition to our regular 3:00PM confession time every Saturday, Msgr will be in the confessional at Immaculate Conception from 6:00PM to 7:00PM on Monday, February 23, Mar 2, 9, 16 at Immaculate Conception and on Monday, Mar 23 at Holy Redeemer.

**Living Stations**

The living stations will take place on Good Friday, April 3, 2015 at 7:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church. Anyone interested in participating is asked to be at sign ups on **Sunday, February 22, 2015 at 7:00PM in ICC hall.**

**Liturgy Committee Meeting**

Members of our Liturgy Committee will meet on **Tuesday, February 24th at 6:30PM** in ICC rectory to discuss and plan the Triduum and Easter.

### Seniors Group

This lively group will meet on **Wednesday, February 25th at 1:00PM** in Immaculate Conception rectory. All are welcome to join for a few card games, conversation and refreshments.

### Craft Ministry

A meeting for persons interested in working at the craft booth during our parish bazaar will be held on **Wednesday, February 25 at 6:30PM** in ICC rectory. For further information, contact Theresa Colella at 570-654-8970.

### Confirmation Class Time & Blog

The next class for students in 6th grade and older will be held on **Sunday, March 1st from 5:30 to 7:00PM** in Immaculate Conception Church hall. In case of inclement weather please check the blog or contact Jim Meizanis at 570-239-2783.

Visit our Confirmation Blog @ <http://corpuschristiconfirmation.wordpress.com/>.

### Stocking Stuffer Lottery Winners

2/12/15	Mack Royer	#524	\$50.00
2/13/15	Kathy & Marty Cirelli	#429	\$50.00
2/14/15	Tony Petcavage	#470	\$500.00
2/15/15	<b>No Winner</b>	#673	\$100.00
2/16/15	<b>No Winner</b>	#960	\$50.00
2/17/15	Vince Perta	#712	\$50.00
2/18/15	Mary Catherin Ihnat	#586	\$500.00

The following special drawing winners were drawn: Mark Kolmansperger for February 15th \$50.00 and Mary Jo & Brian Reedy for February 16th \$50.00.

## Social Concerns

### ■Easter Baskets for Kids

Members of our Social Concerns Committee will be preparing Easter baskets for some less fortunate children. We will gladly accept donations of colorful Easter baskets and anything youngsters would be delighted to find on Easter morning including baskets, small toys, games, stuffed animals, treats, and of course Easter candy!

### ■Easter “food” drive

We will be filling dozens of food baskets which will be given to local families this Easter. To be sure to have a variety of foods, each week we will be asking for a few specific foods to be donated. Of course, we always welcome any non-perishable foods. This week we are asking for canned fruits, vegetables, crackers, soups, etc. Donations may be left in the vestibules of the churches. Thank you.

### ■Homebound and Nursing Homes

If someone you know is no longer getting out and would like communion brought to them or has taken up residence in a nursing home, please notify the rectory office. This help us keep our records accurate.

### ■Help for Easter

If you or a family you know of could use our help for Easter, please email [jcecconi50@gmail.com](mailto:jcecconi50@gmail.com) or call the rectory.

### Altar Candles at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Julie Cecconi** are donated by her family.

### Holy Family Candle at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Steve Sokach** is donated by Joe Palaima.

### Vigil Candle at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Charles Olshemski** is donated by the Shevock Family.

### Vigil Candle at HR

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Ron Musto** is donated his wife, Mary Jean & family.

### Diocese of Scranton Cursillo “Grand Ultreya”

All diocesan parish Cursillistas and friends are invited to join us for an afternoon of prayer, friendship, sharing and fun on Sunday, March 8 from 2 to 6PM at Queen of the Apostles Parish, Avoca. A pot luck dinner and music are part of the day. For questions contact [madcroft526@msn.com](mailto:madcroft526@msn.com).

### Wedding Anniversary Mass

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2015 to a **Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 7, 2015. Please note this date has been changed, as to not conflict with Father's Day.** The event includes a 2:30PM mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. **To request an invitation, please contact the rectory office before March 16.**

### Mass Intentions

#### February 23rd thru February 29th

<b>Mon</b>	7:30AM	<b>Dena Del Serra</b> by Ray & DOlores Calabrese
	8:30AM	<b>Carl Ihnat</b> by Mary Ann & Rich Roberts
	5:30PM	<b>Catherine Denisco</b> by Vita & Elaine Geruolo
<b>Tues</b>	7:30AM	<b>Joseph Montante</b> by Sons & Family
	8:30AM	<b>Doris Justave</b> by Justave Family
	5:30PM	<b>Paul Komensky, Sr.</b> by Judy Sokach & Family
<b>Wed</b>	7:30AM	<b>Louise Dashaw</b> by Joan & Michael, Jr. Nesgoda
	8:30AM	<b>Don Davidson</b> by Joe & Pat Martin
	5:30PM	<b>Jeanne Conway</b> by Mary Kathleen & Bob Williams
<b>Thur</b>	7:30AM	<b>Michael Naples</b> by M/M Brian Kawczenski
	8:30AM	<b>Charles Godri</b> by son, Ed & Family
	5:30PM	<b>John Wierbowski</b> by Loretta & Bill Memau & Family
<b>Fri</b>	7:30AM	<b>Anthony &amp; Joseph Ristagno</b> by Mother/Wife
	8:30AM	<b>Sophie Chabala</b> by Cirelli Family
	5:30PM	<b>Julie Cecconi</b> by Family
<b>Sat</b>	4:00PM	<b>In honor of 50th Wedding Anniversary Tony &amp; Carmella Denisco</b>
	5:30PM	<b>Alfons Rutkowski</b> by Family
<b>Sun</b>	7:30AM	<b>Samuel Caprari</b> by Theresa Caprari
	9:00AM	<b>Mafalda Baldini</b> by Family
	10:30AM	<b>Leonard Pribula</b> by Beverly & John Williams