March 8, 2015 Third 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 Sun10:30AM Immaculate Conception

WEEKDAY CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

7:30AM - Immaculate Conception 8:30AM - Holy Redeemer 5:30PM Immaculate Conception

CONFESSION SATURDAYS 3:00PM - 3:30PM Immaculate Conception EUCHARISTIC ADORATION WEDNESDAYS 9:00AM - 3:00PM HOLY REDEEMER

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 March 1, 2015 \$9,054.45

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Prayer and Almsgiving Prayer and Almsgiving are two of the time-honored traditions of the Catholic Church during Lent. Most Catholics try to find time for extra prayer during Lent, either as individuals, as a family, as parish groups, or by attending daily Mass. All are encouraged to spiritual development through reflection on the readings of the season, and by personal attempts to develop a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. One of the ways we demonstrate our unity with Christ is to care for his/our brothers and sisters. Any form of charity, donations of time, talent, or treasure to benefit others can be viewed as almsgiving. Copyright © 2013 Resource Publications, Inc. All rights reserved.

Second Anniversary of his Papacy

Pope Francis (formerly Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio), was elected on March 13, 2013. He is a pope of many "firsts", the first:

- Jesuit pope
- to take the name "Francis"
- non-European in Modern time
- from the Western Hemisphere

Let us continue to pray for Pope Francis as he celebrates his second anniversary on Friday.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Please keep the following young members of our parish in your prayers. Today, Saturday, March 7th these boys and girls received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation in our parish. Following the Sacrament, the children their family and friends enjoyed a brunch in the church hall. Congratulations kids!

Megan Albrecht Margaret Atkinson Kaia Rae Brown Giavanna Ellen Cella Anthony James DeLucca Jason Matthew Dietrich Wyatt Dymond Ainsley Julia Flynn Jack Ryan Golden Madelin Josephine Hassay Gianna Maria Karcutskie Robert Michael Luongo Ella McKernan Paul Delmar Panek, Jr. Makayla R. Ross Abagail Ann Sokaloski Andrew Joseph Steinberger Kolby Tuminelli

Mia Rose Altavilla Krea Rose Bonita Brooke Cebula Gianna Rose Colarusso Annabelle Dennis Colin Danelutt David William Fath, Jr. Keegan Louis Franko Rebecca Lynn Gula Samuel George Hughes *Owen James Klaproth* Tyler A. Mattis Brady Mullin Jenna Theresa Petrillo Lyla Grace Sobeski Chase Alfred Speicher James David Tabone Kevin David Wiedl

Adam Yochem

<u>Rice Bowl Collection</u> Next Sunday, March 15th, the second collection at all Masses will be the Rice Bowl Collection. Please be generous. Thank you.

Lighting Renovation Envelope During the month of February, **\$794.00** was collected from the lighting renovation envelopes and has been deposited back into our parish diocesan savings account. This reduces the amount we borrowed for the lighting renovation project for both worship sites to **\$3,992.00**. Thank you for your continued support!!

Bazaar Food Meeting If you can help with planning our food menu and discuss coordinating the kitchen and food tent the week of and during the bazaar, please join us today, Sunday, March 8th at 11:30AM in ICC rectory for a food planning meeting.

Living Stations Practice Today, Sunday, March 8 at 7:00PM we will have Living Stations Practice in ICC. All participants are asked to attend.

Social Concerns Meeting Our next Social Concerns meeting will take place on <u>Wednesday, March</u> <u>11th at 6:30PM</u> in the rectory. All are welcome to join us.

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 young-sters would be delighted to find on Easter morning including baskets, small toys, games, stuffed animals, treats, and of course Easter candy!

■ <u>Easter "food" drive</u> This week, may we suggest the following: canned meat & tuna, canned fruits & vege-tables, rice, pastas, and sauces. Donations may be left in the vestibules of the churches. Thank you.

Family Masses & Donut Sundays Today, Sunday, March 8th the10:30AM Mass and Sunday, March 15th the 9:00AM Mass are family masses. The youth choir will sing and children will participate in these Masses as lectors, ushers, heavenly hosts, and take part in the homily. Following these Masses, everyone is invited to join us in the church hall for refreshments.

Lenten Soup & Scripture 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. Deacon candidate Jim Rose will be our moderator each week. We will be shown a brief film with time for discussion and questions. Hope to see everyone there!!

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

<u>Confirmation Class</u> The next class for students in 6th grade and older will be held on <u>Sunday, March 15th</u> **from 5:30 to 7:00PM** in Immaculate Conception Church hall.

Holy Name Breakfast The gathering of our parish men to praise the Word of the Lord, share in His Eucharist and gather for breakfast afterward has been an annual tradition and will be celebrated during the <u>7:30AM</u> <u>Mass on Sunday, April 19</u>. The menu will consist of scrambled eggs, home fries, sausage, ham, breakfast rolls, pastry, juice, and coffee. Tickets are \$10 and \$5 for children five years or older. Children under five are free. The principal speaker is Trooper Tom Kelly of the PA State Police. For tickets see an usher or call or stop by the rectory.

Stocking	Stuffer	Lottery	Winners	
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2/26/15	No Winner	#108	\$50.00
2/27/15	Sarah Gardner	#797	\$50.00
2/28/15	No Winner	#313	\$100.00
3/01/15	No Winner	#258	\$100.00
3/02/15	Hapeman Family	#719	\$50.00
3/03/15	Catherine Wheeland	#631	\$50.00
3/04/15	Bernard Romanowski	#738	\$50.00

Special drawing winners: Diane Martin \$50.00 2/27, Fr Alco \$100.00 2/28, Michael Lanunziata \$100.00 3/1.

<u>Weight Watchers</u> We will be beginning a new 8 week session on Monday, March 16th. The sessions are held at 5:30PM (weigh in begins 5:15PM) in ICC rectory. Cost for the 8 week session is \$80.00. For further information contact Janet Andres at 693-0157.

<u>Altar Candles at ICC</u> which will burn this week in loving memory of **Frank Skibinski** are donated by wife, Betty & daughter Joanne.

Courtesy News

Novena and Feast of St. Joseph Beginning Tuesday, March 10 thru March 19th at Oblates of St. Joseph. Masses daily at 7 & 11AM and 7PM. Confessions will precede Mass and novena prayers will be offered following the Masses.

Lenten Pizza Sale West Wyoming Hose Company #1 Fridays from 11:00AM to 5:30PM. Unbaked \$10, Baked \$12...delivery available call 693-1811.

St Jude School Spring Fling-Craft/Vendor Fair

Saturday, March 21st from 10AM to 3PM in the cafeteria, 422 S Mountain Blvd, Mountaintop. More than 35 vendors, crafters, refreshments, basket raffle and much more.

IHM Open House The Sisters of IHM cordially invite you to celebrate the Year of Consecrated Life at their Open House on Sunday, March 22 from 2 to 4PM at the IHM Center on the campus of Marywood University. Bring the family.

Mass Intentions March 9th thru March 15th

Mon	7:30AM	Jack Mulhern
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!	0.30AIVI	by Elaine Pendleton
	5:30PM	Eugene DeNardi
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Tues	7:30AM	Joseph DeLucca, Sr.
1.000	7.007.00	by Lorraine & Jack Zielinski
Ì	8:30AM	Roselyn Orlando
!		by Fran & Ray Franko
	5:30PM	Carmella Chimento
į		by Tom & Carolee Aycock
Wed	7:30AM	Vincent Cella
:		by Bob & Debbie Hughes
i	8:30AM	Don Davidson
1		by_Marilyn Litwin
:	5:30PM	Frances Petrosky
		by M/M Joseph Marsh
hur	7:30AM	Helene Manganiello
	8:30AM	by M/M Al Balzano Marie Elizabeth Kozik
į	0.30AW	by DeBella Family
!	5:30PM	Frank & Nellie Parente
	0.001 11	by son, Frank & family
Fri	7:30AM	Anna Wierbowski
!		by Janet Kolmansperger
i	8:30AM	Theodore Hughes
1		by Jerry Rosetti
-	5:30PM	Leonard Insalaco, II
		by Mom, Dad & family
Sat	4:00PM	
	E-20DM	by Kim Paddock
i	5:30PM	Thomas Romanoski, Jr. by Theresa Brown & Dan Hoban
Sun	7:30AM	
	7.00/10	by Family
1	9:00AM	
		by Ed & Mary Godri
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!		by Barbara, Bob & Gia Sico
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