

March 15, 2015
Fourth Sunday
of 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
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 8, 2015
\$9,956.60

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Traditionally, this Fourth Sunday of Lent marks a joyful relief amidst the seriousness and somberness of the many weeks of preparation for Easter. Today is called Laetare Sunday. The word translates from the Latin *laetare*, singular imperative of *laetari* to rejoice; a word that opens the traditional mass introit of the day. This is a day of relaxation from normal Lenten rigours; a day of hope with Easter being at last within sight. Priests are given the option to wear rose colored vestments to celebrate Mass.

Rice Bowl Collection

Today Sunday, March 15th, the second collection at all Masses will be the Rice Bowl Collection. Please be generous. Thank you.

Family Mass & Donut Sunday

Today the 9:00AM Mass at Holy Redeemer is a family mass. Following this Mass, everyone is invited to join us in the church hall for donuts.

Confirmation Class

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

Youth Choir Practice

In preparation for the living stations and the Easter Sunday family mass, our youth choir will practice today, **Sunday, March 15 from 5:30 to 6:15PM** and next Sunday, March 22 as well. All children in pre school and older are welcome to join.

Living Stations

Our annual production of Living Stations presented by our youth group, will be held on Friday, April 3rd at 7:00PM in IC Church. Today, **Sunday, March 15 at 7:00PM** we will have practice in ICC. All participants are asked to attend.

Lenten Soup & Scripture

Join us tomorrow, Monday, March 16 for our third Lenten soup & scripture session hosted by Deacon candidate Jim Rose. We meet at 6:00PM to enjoy a light supper of soups and sandwiches provided by our parish members which is followed by the brief scripture session.

Lenten Confessions

Msgr. Sempa will be in the confessional from 6:00 to 7:00PM at Immaculate Conception tomorrow March 16 and at Holy Redeemer next Monday, March 23rd.

Family Liturgy Committee

Members of the family liturgy committee are asked to meet on **Tuesday, March 17 at 6:30PM** in ICC rectory. We will be planning the two final family masses for this school year: 10:30AM Easter Sunday Mass and 10:30AM Religious Ed Closing Mass April 26th.

Craft Ministry Meeting

Anyone interested in helping out in the craft booth for our bazaar is asked to meet at ICC hall on **Wednesday, March 18 at 6:30PM**. The committee will begin cutting fabric for items to be sold in our booth. Please bring scissors, cutting board, fabric ruler or fabric cutter, if you have. For more information, contact Theresa Colella at 570-654-8970.

Spring Cleaning ICC Church

According to ancient tradition the three days after Palm Sunday are devoted to a thorough house cleaning. This is to make the home as neat as possible for the greatest feast of the year. The Jews in the Old Testament cleansed and swept and decorated in preparation for Passover. Whether you are young, older, or somewhere in between, there will be a task suited for you to share in helping prepare Immaculate Conception Church for the Triduum and Easter. Please mark your calendar and join us whether it's for an hour or the afternoon. With enough volunteers we hope to complete the task next **Friday, March 20th. We will meet in the church at 10:00AM.**

Social Concerns Easter Project

All are welcome to join us on **Thursday, March 26 at 6:00PM in ICC hall**. We will be putting together Easter baskets for 45 local youngsters and Easter “food” baskets for approximately 36 families. Thank you to all who have made monetary donations toward this project and those who have donated Easter baskets, candy, small toys, etc. We still need more!! Donations may be left in the vestibules of the churches or dropped off at the rectory. **This week we are asking for donations of any non perishable foods including snacks and treats which many families find difficult to fit in their food budget.** Food donations too, may be left in the church vestibules or at the rectory. Thank you, thank you for your help!!

Blessed Palm & Easter Flowers

On **Sunday, March 29th**, blessed palm crosses and Easter flowers will be delivered to our parishioners who are homebound and residing in nursing homes. If you would like to help deliver, please contact Joyce at 570-654-2753 or jceconi50@gmail.com. We will meet in ICC rectory at 11:30AM to begin deliveries.

Blessed Easter Baskets

An Easter basket filled with foods including ham, paska, wine, colored eggs, a chocolate candy, and homemade cookies will be prepared, blessed and delivered to our homebound parishioners on Saturday, April 4th. We will meet in ICC hall at **10:00AM on Saturday, April 4th** to fill the baskets then bring them to Holy Redeemer to be blessed at 12 Noon.

Blessing of Baskets

Saturday, April 4th at 12 Noon at Holy Redeemer Church.

Easter Egg Hunt

Hey kids, save the date! You won’t want to miss the fun. All youngsters are invited to the Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by our Youth group on Saturday, April 4th at 12:15PM on the grounds of Holy Redeemer Church (immediately following the blessing of baskets)

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 **7:30AM Mass on Sunday, April 19**. 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.

Vigil Candle at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Joseph Ciampi** is donated by Ross & Rosemary DeNisco.

Stocking Stuffer Lottery Winners

3/06/15	Paul & SamiLynn Panek	#456	\$50.00
3/07/15	Rick Morgan	#922	\$50.00
3/08/15	Michael & Ryan Sankey	#688	\$100.00
3/08/15	No Winner	#915	\$100.00
3/09/15	Elayne Amico	#006	\$50.00
3/10/15	No Winner	#790	\$50.00
3/11/15	Elizabeth Yanora	#884	\$50.00

Special drawing winners:

Fr. Earl Keating \$100, 3/8/15; M/M Fred Locey \$50, 3/10/15.

Courtesy News

Lenten Penance Service

On Monday, March 30 approximately twelve priests will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) at 7:00PM at St. John the Evangelist, William St., Pittston. All are welcome.

Fire Relief Fund for West Pittston Family

A recent fire which was determined to be arson has drastically affected John Dombrosky and his family. A relief fund, to help them recover from their devastating losses has been set up at the West Pittston Branch of the Fidelity Deposit and Discount Bank. If you can help, make your donation payable to the Dombrosky family Fire Relief Fund.

Choral Society Lenten Concert

Today, Sunday, March 15 at 3:00PM at the Forty Fort United Methodist Church, Yeager Avenue, Forty fort. The concert is open to the public and is free of charge.

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.

Fr. Joseph Sibilano 50 Year Jubilee Celebration

April 19, 2015 4:00PM Mass at St. Anthony Church of the Parish of St. Barbara, Exeter, dinner at 5:30 in the parish hall. Reservations are \$35 per person. Make checks payable to Oblates of St. Joseph and mail to Oblates of St. Joseph Seminary, Att: Denise Adams, 1880 Highway 315, Pittston, Pa. 18640. For further info contact Ann Marie at 570-821-5789 or Ann at 570-905-5225.

Mass Intentions March 16th thru March 22nd			
Mon	7:30AM	Bernadine Pasternak by Patti Wiatrowski	
	8:30AM	Bernard Niedbalski by Anna Mae Davidson & Family	
	5:30PM	Catherine Denisco by Kenny Marchegiani	
Tues	7:30AM	Hubert T. Gilmore by M/M Harold Green	
	8:30AM	Edward Zawatski by John & Connie Lewis	
	5:30PM	Gary DelSerra by Nora Donato	
Wed	7:30AM	Joseph Zekoski by Joan Hennigan	
	8:30AM	Robert McDonough by Family	
	5:30PM	Mary Emily Lepore by Family	
Thur	7:30AM	Marty Pleban by Mary & Andy Hetro & Family	
	8:30AM	Martin Cirelli, Sr. by Wife	
	5:30PM	Karen Potoski by Family	
Fri	7:30AM	Helen DeLucca by Margie Burke	
	8:30AM	Dorothy Gadomski by Justave Family	
	5:30PM	Stelle Swickel by Loretta & Raymonde	
Sat	4:00PM	Louis & Sophie Forlenza by daughter, Marilyn	
	5:30PM	Joseph Katany by Ray & Carla Podshock	
Sun	7:30AM	Joseph Chipolis by Stephen, Gina & Christopher Chipolis	
	9:00AM	Ron Musto by Joe & Josephine Sciandra	
	10:30AM	Joseph Fedor by wife, Rosella & daughter, Josette	