

March 22, 2015

Fifth Sunday
of Lent

*"Feed The Hungry,
Clothe The Naked.*



*Shelter The Homeless,
Love One Another"*

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HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH
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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 15, 2015

\$8,597.51

Rice Bowl Collection

\$1,515.09

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Bazaar News

Save the Date

Our parish bazaar will be held on the grounds of Immaculate Conception Church Thursday thru Saturday, June 25, 26, 27, 2015.

Meeting

A general planning meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 25th at 6:30PM in ICC rectory**. All are welcome to join us. At this meeting we will be discussing some of the sub committees which you are welcome to become part of:

Sponsorships

Each year we reach out to businesses and individuals in our parish and local communities to become "sponsors" for our bazaar. A committee will be formed and their job will consist of a mailing and follow up phone calls.

Flea Market

If you are spring cleaning...trying to reorganize and de-clutter, but just hate to toss out perfectly good stuff...don't! Just box them up and save for our flea market. We will gladly accept just about everything except stuffed animals, pillows and clothing. Please watch the bulletin for details of when you can make drop offs. For more information contact Kathy at 570-388-3978.

Theme Gift Baskets

If you wish to donate a basket just pick a theme, purchase the items, arrange and wrap up. Your donation may be dropped off at the rectory any time. For more information contact Rosalie at 570-655-5422 or rosan814@comcast.net.

Craft Booth

This booth will consist of hand made items...for information on how you can help, contact Theresa at 570-954-1646 or theresa113@comcast.net.

Wheelbarrow of Cheer

We welcome donations of a variety of wines, craft beers and fine liquors. Please note, these donations should only be dropped off at the rectory.

Volunteers

Every parish function relies on a variety of volunteers and the bazaar is no different. Volunteering at the bazaar is a family affair...all are welcome!!

Food (including prep and cleanup)

Probably the biggest draw to any bazaar is the food. We are very lucky, every year we have a great food crew in the tent during the bazaar. We also have been very lucky with volunteers who spend the week of the bazaar in the kitchen some both during the day and evenings. We are looking for people to oversee the running of the kitchen (food prep before the bazaar), days/nights of the bazaar, and overseeing organization and distribution of paper products, etc. Then there is the clean up, not just the daily clean up of the kitchen including cooking/serving equipment, but thorough cleaning the kitchen both before and after the bazaar. **Anyone who would like to help organize these areas, please join us for a meeting tomorrow, Monday, March 23rd at 7:00PM in ICC rectory.** For more information contact Joyce at jceconi50@gmail.com or 570-654-2753.

First Eucharist Retreat

Our First Eucharist Retreat will be held in ICC school on Saturday, April 18 from 9:00AM to 12 Noon. This retreat is mandatory for all children who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist in our parish.

Confirmation Class

The next class for students in 6th grade and older will be held **Sunday, April 12th 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 22 from 5:30 to 6:15PM.** 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 22 at 7:00PM** we will have practice in ICC. All participants are asked to attend.

Lenten Soup & Scripture

Join us tomorrow, Monday, March 23 for our final session of lenten soup & scripture hosted by Deacon candidate Jim Rose. We meet at 6:00PM to enjoy a light supper of soups and sandwiches provided by my 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 Holy Redeemer tomorrow Monday, March 23.

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 jcecconi50@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.

Holy Family at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Joseph Fedor** is donated by his wife, Rosella & daughter, Josette.

Stocking Stuffer Lottery Winners

3/12/15	D. Tykosh/ F. Breza	#935	\$50.00
3/13/15	Rosalie Bugelholl	#073	\$50.00
3/14/15	Kim Vivian	#868	\$100.00
3/15/15	No Winner	#698	\$100.00
3/16/15	Mary Ann Cipolla	#783	\$50.00
3/17/15	No Winner	#118	\$500.00
3/18/15	No Winner	#146	\$50.00

Special drawing winners:

Janine Chepalonis 3/15 \$100.00; Cataldo Medico 3/17 \$500.00; S. Niedzwiecki 3/18 \$50.00

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.

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 23rd thru March 29th

Mon	7:30AM	Jasper Parrino by Barbara & Quinn Gillespie
	8:30AM	Ruth & Albert Wilcox by Anna Mae Davidson & Family
	5:30PM	Rita Falzone & Daughter, Angie by Family
Tues	7:30AM	Margaret Nocito by Jim & Lois Ciali
	8:30AM	Helen Gregor by Philip & Dorothy De Phillips
	5:30PM	Jasper Salvaggio by Social Concerns Visiting Group
Wed	7:30AM	Eleanor Troiani by Marie & Joseph Marranta & Family
	8:30AM	Edward Zawatski by Mary & Ed Godri
	5:30PM	Christopher Allen by Mary McDonald
Thur	7:30AM	Alphonse Balzano by wife, Angie & Family
	8:30AM	Elizabeth Marranta by Patricia & Louis Willhoit, Jr.
	5:30PM	Anthony John Oliveri by M/M Gerald Stofko
Fri	7:30AM	Morlyn Hensley by wife, Mary & Children
	8:30AM	Julia Cherba by Fred & Diane Manganiello
	5:30PM	Eric Speicher, Jr. by Scott, Barb, Matt & Brian Stephenson
Sat	4:00PM	Jennie Champi by M/M G. Travinski
	5:30PM	William James by Lou & Maureen Aquilino
Sun	7:30AM	Geraldine Galaida by Patti Wiatrowski
	9:00AM	Charles Foy, Jr. by sister, Mary & Family
	10:30AM	Bruno Cruciani by Pearl Moniak