

Immaculate Conception Church 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 Sun10:30AM 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 Holy Redeemer

WEEKLY COLLECTION March 29, 2015 \$10,152.79



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# **Mission Statement**

We as members of the Body of Christ, through our thoughts, words and deeds, celebrate the presence of God in all people. As a community of believers, we answer Christ's call to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless and love one another.

## April 5, 2015 Easter Sunday

## To follow the readings in your Gather book: 1065

# Thank You!

Thank you to all who helped in any way to prepare the Church for the Triduum and Easter. To both the adult and youth choirs, we thank you for your many hours of practice. Please know the music you provide truly does enhance our liturgies. Thank you to the adults and young people who continuously help prepare food boxes, Easter baskets and deliver to our homebound and parishioners residing in nursing homes. Your hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed. And to those youngsters and adults, who are always willing to take part in our special liturgies when asked, thank you. To the ladies & men who always show up to clean the church and do the "behind the scenes" stuff on a daily basis, we thank you.

# Paschal Candles

The Easter Vigil begins with the blessing of the new fire and the preparation of the paschal candle. Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, all time belongs to Him. During the Easter Vigil, two paschal candles, (for Immaculate Conception and Holy Redeemer Churches) are carried through the darkened church, their light spreading throughout the assembly while we proclaim the Light of Christ. This year the paschal candle for Immaculate Conception Church is donated in loving memory of <u>John & An-</u><u>toinette Denisco and Catherine Denisco</u> by their family. The paschal candle for Holy Redeemer Church is donated in loving memory of <u>Michael & Pauline Dziak</u> by their son Michael Dziak.

## Easter Water

During the Easter Vigil, the new water is blessed and faithful renew their baptismal promises. Bottles of blessed Easter water will be available tonight and at all Easter Masses. The water can be found near the entrances of the churches.

# First Eucharist Retreat

A mandatory retreat for all children receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist in our parish will be held on <u>Saturday, April 18 from</u> <u>9:00AM to 12 Noon</u> in Immaculate Conception school. If your child cannot attend this retreat, please contact Joyce at jcecconi50@gmail.com or 570-654-2753. A meeting will be held in ICC rectory on <u>Tuesday, April 14 at 6:00PM</u> for teachers and parent volunteers who wish to help with the retreat. On Thursday, <u>April 16th volunteers will meet at 6:00PM</u> to set up the classrooms for the retreat.

## **Sacrament of First Eucharist**

We will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Eucharist in our parish on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at 10:00AM in Immaculate Conception Church. Two mandatory practices for the children will be held in the church on <u>Sunday, April 26th from 6:00PM to 7:30PM and a brief</u> <u>practice will be held on Friday, May 1st at 6:00PM.</u>

## 2015 High School Graduates Sunday, May 3, 2015 10:30AM Mass

Following the Mass all parishioners who will be graduating from high school this year and their families are invited are invited to join us for brunch in Immaculate Conception hall. Please contact Joyce at jcecconi50@gmail.com or 570-654-2753 to make your reservations. Thank you.

### **Religious Education Classes**

The final day for religious education classes will be Sunday, April 26th. All students in pre K thru grade 5, from both worship sites, are invited to attend the 10:30AM family mass followed by an end of the year social in the church hall.

### **Confirmation Classes**

Our last two classes for the students in sixth and older will be held on Sunday, April 12 and 26 from 5:30 to 7:00PMN in ICC hall.

### Youth Choir Practice

Our youth choir will practice on <u>Sunday, April 12 and</u> <u>April 19 from 5:30 to 6:15PM</u>. The last family mass the youth choir will be singing at will be Sunday, April 26th at 10:30AM.

## **Upcoming Meetings**

### Flea Market

Interested in helping out at our flea market? Join us for a planning meeting on <u>Tuesday, April 8th at 6:30PM</u> in ICC rectory kitchen.

#### **Social Concerns**

We will meet on <u>**Tuesday, April 8th at 6:30PM**</u> in ICC rectory dining room. All are welcome to attend.

#### **Building & Grounds**

A meeting will be held on <u>Thursday, April 9th at</u> <u>6:30PM</u> in ICC rectory. All members are asked to attend.

## Car Show Meeting

Save the date! Car show 2015 will be held on Sunday, August 9th on the grounds of Holy Redeemer. Our first planning meeting will be held on <u>Sunday, April 12 at</u> <u>11:30AM</u> in ICC rectory. All are welcome!!

#### Save the Date

Our parish bazaar will be held on the grounds of Immaculate Conception Church Thursday thru Saturday, June 25, 26, 27, 2015. The scheduled entertainment is as follows: Thursday, June 25tth WATERSTREET w/Joe Valenti & Bill Payne; Friday, June 26th Iron cowboy; Saturday, June 27th the Sperazza Band.

#### 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.

#### Stocking Stuffer Lottery Winners

3/26/15	Sarah Dovin	#778	\$50.00	
3/27/15	J. Stiles	#690	\$50.00	
3/28/15	Michael O'Malley	#441	\$100.00	
3/29/15	No Winner	#526	\$500.00	
3/30/15	Margie Pace #452 \$50.0		\$50.00	
3/31/15	Margaret A. Hudock #333 \$50.00		\$50.00	
Special drawing winner is:				
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## Stocking Stuffer Lottery

We wish to thank everyone for your continuous support of our parish lotteries. Our "stocking stuffer lottery" which ended on March 31st netted a profit of **\$9,437.68**.

### Altar Candles at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Mary Dente Denisco** are donated by her children.

### Vigil Candle at HR

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Thomas John Romanoski, Sr.** is donated by his wife, Mary Ann & family.

### Vigil Candle at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Sam An-**gelella is donated by his family.

To all our parishioners and friends....May you and yours enjoy a blessed and peaceful Easter holiday!

# Mass Intentions April 6th thru April 12th

Mon	7:30AM	Teresa & Joseph Cravatta
	8:30AM	by daughter, Phyllis Viola Michels
Tues	7:30AM	by Family <b>Cy Frankovich</b>
		by wife, Barbara & Family
į	8:30AM	Eleanor Verazin by Dr. & Mrs Peter Andrews
Wed	7:30AM	Mary Melvin & Helen Nuzzalo
1 1 1	8:30AM	by Fred & Marie Paul Tropiak, Jr.
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Thur	7:30AM	Catherine Williams
ļ		by husband, Jack & Family
	8:30AM	Edward Zawatski
Fri	7:30AM	by Lisa Craig & Rachel Bieler Charles Parente
		by Joe Massara
   	8:30AM	Harold & Millie Lentes
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Sat	4:00PM	Patricia Yunkunis
   	<b>E-204</b> MA	by Charles & Joan Yunkunis
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Sun	7:30AM	Margaret Mancos &
		son, Michael Peter by sister & Aunt Marilyn Litwin
į	9:00AM	Dec. Members of the Foy &
ļ		D'Amico Families
ļ		by Ed & Mary Godri
		Michael & Mary Capizzi by Michael & Betty