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Pastoral Associate

#### 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

Saturday 3:00PM - 3:30PM Immaculate Conception

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays 9:00AM - 10:00AM Holy Redeemer

December 20, 2015 To follow the readings in your Gather book: 1002

Gathering#395 O Come O Come EmmanuelResponsorial Psalm - #1002Offertory#889 Hail Mary: Gentle WomanCommunion#939 Behold the LambRecessional#395 O Come O Come Emmanuel

### December 27, 2015

To follow the readings in your Gather book: 1009

Gathering #430 Angels We Have Heard on High Responsorial Psalm - #1009 Offertory #446 O Little Town of Bethlehem Communion #439 O Come, All Ye Faithful Recessional #424 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

### Weekly Collection December 13, 2015 \$10,191.66 Second Collection \$1,363.67

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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. December 20, 2015 - Fourth Sunday in Advent December 27, 2015 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Please note this is a 2 week bulletin our next bulletin will be published the weekend of January 3, 2015.

# **Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule**

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2015 Family Mass (Youth Choir) 4:00PM Immaculate Conception 5:30PM Holy Redeemer

Adult Choir Mass 10:00PM Immaculate Conception

**Christmas Day, December 25, 2015** 7:30AM Immaculate Conception 9:00AM Holy Redeemer 10:30AM Immaculate Conception

New Year's Eve, December 31, 2015 4:00PM Immaculate Conception 5:30PM Holy Redeemer

New Year's Day, January 1, 2016 9:00AM Immaculate Conception

### **Decorating the Churches for Christmas**

Your help is needed!! On Sunday, December 21st, we will need the help of a few strong young men and boys to bring up the Christmas trees, set up the mangers and prepare the worship sites for Christmas. If you can help, join us at **Holy Redeemer Church follow**-

ing the 9:00AM Mass or you can join us at Immaculate Conception Church at 12 Noon.

## **Giving Tree Gifts & Christmas Food Baskets**

Members of Social Concerns will meet today, Sunday, December 20th at 1:00PM in ICC hall to sort and prepare for distribution, the many gifts under our giving trees. At 5:30PM the Confirmation class will prepare the Christmas food baskets. Distribution will take place on Monday, December 21st from 5:00 to 6:00PM in the church hall. Anyone who would like to help is welcome to join us on Sunday at 1:00PM or 5:30PM. On Monday, between 5 and 6PM, we could use the help of some teenagers to help carry the gifts and food baskets.

### **Adult Choir Practice**

The adult choir will practice tonight, Sunday, December 20th at 7:00PM and Monday, December 21st at 6:30PM. The choir will sing at the 10:00PM Mass on Christmas Eve. Preludes begin at 9:45PM.

### **Youth Choir Practice**

The youth choir will practice tonight, Sunday, December 21st at 5:30PM. The youth choir will be singing at the 4:00PM Family Mass on Christmas Eve.

### **Boy Scouts, Congratulations!**

Congratulations to parishioner and altar server, Tristian Sokach-Minnick who recently passed the Eagle Scout Board of Review to become an Eagle Scout. Also, congratulations are in order for scout leader Pat Messina on his 34th Eagle Scout. Keep up the good work!!

### **Advent Penance Service**

Will be held on **Monday, December 21st** 7:00PM at St. John the Evangelist Parish, William Street, Pittston.

### Homebound and Nursing Home Parishioners

This weekend, they will be receiving beautifully packaged homemade Christmas cookies, breads, gifts and each will receive a beautiful cozy fleece shawl made especially for them by the members of our St. Clare Sewing Ministry. Thank you to everyone for making Christmas extra special for these special people.

### Youth Group Caroling & Wreath Sale

The members will be selling live Christmas wreaths after all masses. Donation is \$10.00 per wreath. All members are welcome to join us today, **Sunday, December 20th** for Christmas Caroling. We will meet at the church at 7:00PM go caroling down Luzerne Avenue and stop at Antonio's for a pizza party. All kids in 6th grade and older are invited.

#### **Youth Group Snow Tubing**

Mark your calendars...January 24th at Sno Mountain. If interested, contact Mrs. Klepadlo at 570-430-1470.

#### "Jackpot Jingle" Lottery

Next Tuesday, December 22nd we will reissue unsold lottery tickets. Anyone who would like additional tickets, just stop by or call the rectory for more tickets.

#### **Religious Education & Confirmation Classes**

There are no classes on December 27th. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 3, 2016.

#### Holy Family Candle at ICC

which will burn the week of December 20th in loving memory of the **deceased members of the Lisowski, Rosengrant, Sabol & Novak Families** is donated by the families.

#### Altar Candles at ICC

which will burn the week of December 20th in loving memory of the **deceased members of the Menn & Stankoski Families** are donated by Florence & Ed Stankoski.

#### Vigil Candle at ICC

which will burn the week of December 20th in loving memory of **Sam Angelella** is donated by his family.

# Mass Intentions

**December 21 thru December 27, 2015 Mon** 7:30AM Mary & Thomas Nuzzalo & **Dec'd Members of Nuzzalo Fam.** by daughter, Mary 8:30AM Jennifer A. Sidari M.D. by Joseph, Donna & Chris Berti **Tues** 7:30AM **Patricia Donnelly** by Donald Rusnak, Jr. 8:30AM **Paul Gillespie** by John & Bev Williams Wed 7:30AM Eric Speicher, Jr. by family 8:30AM Victor Serhan by Jerry Yakobitis & family Thur 4:00PM **God's Blessings for all Children** 5:30PM **Mary Jane Franko** by Zavrotny family 10:00PM Kathryn Gitkos by family **Rose Bone & David Kristunas** Fri 7:30AM by Pat & George Bone Sam Angelella 9:00AM by family 10:30AM **Gene Hammill** by Doris (Mickey) Evans Sat 4:00PM Dec'd Members of Scripkunas, **MacMorran & Dixon Families** by Hubert & Lisa Dixon & children 5:30PM **Margaret Klotz** by Elaine Pendleton Sun 7:30AM **Mary Ann Yorina** by Anthony & Betty Luczak 9:00AM **Mary Carpenter** by Ray & Dianne Smtih 10:30AM Leona & Joseph Vanavage by Michael & Betty

### January 2016 Meetings

Homeschooling Parent Meeting Monday, January 4 6:30PM rectory Family Liturgy Committee Meeting Tuesday, January 5 6:30PM rectory Car Show Planning Meeting Wednesday, Jan 6 6:30PM rectory Social Concerns Meeting Monday, January 11 6:30PM rectory Bazaar 2016 Planning Meeting Wednesday, Jan 13 6:30PM rectory Night at the Races Meeting Thursday, Jan 14 6:30PM rectory

#### **Small Games of Chance Information Meeting**

Our parish will sponsor an informational meeting on Wednesday, **January 20, 2016 from 6:00PM-9:00PM in ICC hall**. This meeting, led by Liquor Enforcement Supervisor Todd M.Merlina, will discuss and clarify the Small Games of Chance laws regarding basket raffles, 50/50 raffles, auctions, night at the races, etc. The meeting is free and open to the public. Registration is required. To register contact Lori Kasisky at lkasisky@epix.net or call 570-654-2753.

#### **Holy Family Candle at ICC**

which will burn the week of December 27th in loving memory of **Anna Maria**, **Ross**, **Sr.**, **& Rita DeNisco** is donated by Rosemary & Ross.

#### Altar Candles at ICC

which will burn the week of December 27th in loving memory of **Kosty & Helen Harzinski** are donated by their daughters Marie & Maureen.

#### Vigil Candle at ICC

which will burn the week of December 27th in loving memory of **Robert Anderson** is donated by the Harzinski family.

#### A Blessed Christmas and

### a Happy and Healthy New Year to All!!

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Mon	7:30AM	Frank & Nellie Parente by son, Frank & family
	8:30AM	Nicholas Chabala by Cirelli family
Tues	7:30AM	Helen Cerza by children
	8:30AM	Brian Beckley by Michael & Karen Beckley
Wed	7:30AM	Mary Dotter by family
	8:30AM	Margaret Ándrejko by Luke & Lisa Reynolds
Thur	4:00PM	Carl Yurek By godson, Carl Kutzkowski
	5:30PM	Stephanie Godri Johnston by Mom, dad & family
Fri	9:00AM	Ann, Robeert, Margaret Hreha by family
Sat	4:00PM	Frank Skibinski by Voitek family
	5:30PM	Ben & Ursula Danoski by daughter
Sun	7:30AM	Kenneth Williams by family
	9:00AM	Raymond Smith by son, Ray & family
	10:30AM	Helen Rinkevich by Sandra Paczkowski