

## 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.**

**September 24, 2017 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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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

### CONFESSION

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

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

### Gluten Intolerant?

If you cannot tolerate gluten, please receive communion on the tabernacle side of the church and let the person distributing communion know you need gluten free.

**September 24, 2017**

Readings/Responsorial #1164

Gathering: #850 All Are Welcome

Offertory: #782 Only This I Want

Communion: #783 Unless a Grain of Wheat

Recessional: #596 Praise to You, O Christ,  
Our Savior

**Weekly Collection**

September 17, 2017

**\$9,275.10**

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### Second Collection

This week at all masses we will take up a second collection to help the victims of Hurricane Irma. This emergency collection will be used to support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses. Your generosity is greatly needed. Thank you!

### Mass of Healing

**Wednesday, September 27, 2017**

**6:00PM Immaculate Conception Church**

All are welcome to attend this mass and receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Following the liturgy, members of Social Concerns will host a reception in the church hall.

### Family Mass and Donut Sunday

Our first "family mass" this year will take place next Sunday, October 1st at 10:30AM. At this mass, students who are in our religious education 6th grade class will participate as lectors, heavenly hosts, ushers and our youth choir will sing. All are welcome to join us in the church hall immediately following the liturgy for "donuts and refreshments."

### Social Concerns Meeting

All are welcome to attend this meeting which will be held on Monday, **September 25th at 6:00PM in the rectory.** The agenda for this meeting will include a discussion of prizes, program, publicity, food and volunteers for our upcoming "Big Prize Bingo". Pertinent Social Concerns matters will also be discussed at this meeting. Hope to see everyone there!

### Youth Group "Meet and Greet"

All young men and women in 7th grade and older are invited to join our parish youth group. The youth group usually meets on the first Sunday evening of the month in Immaculate Conception Church hall. **Our first "meet and greet" pizza meeting will be held next Sunday, October 1st at 7:00PM.** Bring a friend, all are welcome!!

### Senior Meeting

All are welcome to join us for an afternoon of cards, refreshments and friendly chatter on Wednesday, September 27th at 1:00PM in the rectory.

### Blessing of the Animals

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Wednesday, October 4, 2017, a blessing of the animals will be held in our parish the weekend of October 7-8. At Holy Redeemer Church the animals will be blessed on Saturday, October 7th at 12 noon and on Sunday, October 8th at 12:30PM at Immaculate Conception Church.

### Steph's Fall 5k

This weekend at all masses, please welcome Ed Godri who will speak to us on behalf of Steph's Fall 5k which will take place on Saturday, September 30th at the Luzerne County Sports Complex. As you are leaving church today, raffle tickets will be available. For registration information go to [stephsfall5k.com](http://stephsfall5k.com).

### Beautiful Fall Mums

The beautiful fall mums in front of the rectory and Immaculate Conception Church are donated in loving memory of Carmen & Mary Ciampi and their son, James, Sr. by Ciampi's Greenhouses.

### Fall Food Drive

Our Social Concerns Committee is conducting a "fall food drive". We gladly accept all nonperishable food donations which can be left in the vestibules of the churches. Some suggestions could include: **hot and cold cereals, breakfast bars, coffee, tea, fruit juices, canned fruits, stuffing, boxed or canned potatoes/yams, and canned or boxed gravy.**

### Next Adult Education Series

The next program offered by our Parish for Adult Education will be a study on Sacred Scripture and the Mysteries of the Rosary. This program, "Scripture and the Rosary", will be held on **five consecutive Thursday sessions beginning on October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Each session will last for approximately 75 minutes and will be held in the Immaculate Conception Church.** The program is designed by Little Rock Scripture Study. We plan on offering an informative and fun filled scripture study series.

To sign up for the program or to find out more information, please contact Deacon Jim Meizanis at 570-239-2783 or [deacon.meizanis@gmail.com](mailto:deacon.meizanis@gmail.com) or Donna Valenti at 570-885-5432 or [d\\_romo251@hotmail.com](mailto:d_romo251@hotmail.com).

We would like to have a count by 9/25/17 so we can order enough materials.

Don't miss out!!! Join the fun and learn more about our faith though Sacred Scripture and the Mysteries of the Rosary.

Oh, and we will still have snacks.....

### Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism

Our Parish is celebrating monthly communal baptisms with a beautiful parish celebration of life. During these celebrations, the sanctuary will be adorned with a balloon bouquet depicting "We Celebrate Life at Corpus Christi Parish" and after the ceremony the balloons will be given to all children present. The altar will be decorated with personalized candles and bibs for each of the children to be baptized. Our next communal baptism will be held on **Sunday, November 5th at 11:30AM in Immaculate Conception Church.** Or, if you prefer, you may choose another date and time and have your child privately baptized. To schedule a baptism, please call the rectory at 570-654-2753.

### Care for Elderly Person

A parishioner is in need of an adult to sit with, and provide companionship to his elderly mother. No other duties or responsibilities. This person could be a retired senior or a mature high school or college student looking to earn some extra money and make a friend at the same time. Needed Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 1 to 4pm. Must have own transportation. \$10.00 to start. If interested, or if you know the perfect candidate, call Jack at 570-417-2126.

### Big Prize Bingo

**Sunday, November 12, 2017**

**Immaculate Conception Church Hall**

**Proceeds Benefit Social Concerns**

We recently sent out a mailing to our parishioners asking for support of this fundraiser. We will be looking for donations of designer handbags, electronics, fine jewelry, flat screen TV, fitness bands, tickets to shows, sporting events, gift cards for restaurants, hair/nail salons, gyms, home improvement stores, etc. We will gladly accept monetary donations (no gift is too small). Whether you donate or not, hope to see you at the bingo!!

### "Summer Sizzle" Lottery Winners

|      |                   |      |          |
|------|-------------------|------|----------|
| 9/14 | Mike Capizzi      | #095 | \$75.00  |
| 9/15 | No Winner         | #402 | \$50.00  |
| 9/16 | John Baloga       | #016 | \$50.00  |
| 9/17 | No Winner         | #051 | \$100.00 |
| 9/18 | Carmen DeBella    | #203 | \$50.00  |
| 9/19 | Linda Gruner      | #338 | \$50.00  |
| 9/20 | Dave/Jane Serafin | #346 | \$75.00  |

Special Drawing Winners: Adam Kowalczyk 9/15 \$50.00 and John Hoover 9/17 \$100.00

### Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Jimmy Parry** are donated by his wife and son.

### Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Catherine Denisco** is donated by her family.

### Vigil Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Joseph & Helen Wolyniec** is donated by daughter, Rosalie & family.

### VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children for Adults

This program is required for all adult employees and volunteers who have direct contact or routine interaction with children through the Diocese of Scranton.

Listed are two upcoming programs:

•Holy Rosary School, Duryea on **Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 6:00PM.** Session will take place in the lower level meeting room of Nativity of Our Lord Parish. To register call the school office at 570-457-2553.

•Saint Nicholas Parish, Wilkes-Barre on **Sunday, October 8, 2017 at 2:00PM.** If attending, you must register by calling the parish at 570-823-7736.

### Mass Intentions Sept 25 thru Oct 1, 2017

|              |         |   |
|--------------|---------|---|
| <b>Mon</b>   | 7:30AM  | <b>Carmella Salerno</b><br>by Wesley Visiting Group           |
|              | 8:30AM  | <b>Mary Anne Fino Anzalone</b><br>by Sam & Louise Falcone     |
| <b>Tues</b>  | 7:30AM  | <b>Eleanor Kashuda</b><br>by Joan Hennigan                    |
|              | 8:30AM  | <b>Robert Gadomski</b><br>by Barbara Cirelli                  |
| <b>Wed</b>   | 7:30AM  | <b>Rose Ambrosino</b><br>by Isabel & James Parry              |
|              | 8:30AM  | <b>Frank Carney</b><br>by family                              |
| <b>Thurs</b> | 7:30AM  | <b>Doris Sorick</b><br>by Norma & Lee Zurner                  |
|              | 8:30AM  | <b>Davidica (Mattei) Ferretti</b><br>by Bruno Ferretti, Jr.   |
| <b>Fri</b>   | 7:30AM  | <b>Genevieve Kane</b><br>by Cathy Hague                       |
|              | 8:30AM  | <b>Theresa Olshemski</b><br>by Loretta Anderson               |
| <b>Sat</b>   | 4:00PM  | <b>Vicki McLean</b><br>by Judus Family                        |
|              | 5:30PM  | <b>Elaine Pendleton</b><br>by family                          |
| <b>Sun</b>   | 7:30AM  | <b>William &amp; Carol Hancock</b><br>by LuAnn & Bill Hancock |
|              | 9:00AM  | <b>Janice Poccaschi</b><br>by Cella Family                    |
|              | 10:30AM | <b>Jacob Konopka</b><br>by family                             |