

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.

October 1, 2017 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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

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.

October 1, 2017

Readings/Responsorial #1167
Gathering: #790 The Summons
Offertory: #557 Send Down the Fire
Communion: #701 No Greater Love
Recessional: #901 For the Life of the World

Weekly Collection
September 24, 2017
\$7,972.23

Special Collection (Hurricane Relief)
\$3,715.18

Care & Education for Priests (Sept 2017)
\$894.00

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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 today, Sunday, October 1st at 7:00PM.** Bring a friend, all are welcome!!

Family Mass & Donut Sunday

Today at the 10:30AM Mass please welcome boys and girls in our 6th grade religious education program who will participate at lectors, heavenly hosts, gift bearers and ushers. And please welcome our youth choir who will be singing. Following the liturgy, everyone is invited to join us in the church hall for refreshments and donuts.

Blessing of the Animals

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi 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.

Organ Fund Envelope

For the month of September the amount received through the organ fund envelopes is \$936.00. This amount has been deposited into our Diocesan Savings account leaving \$49,996.00 to replenish. Thank you for your donations.

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.**

Home Made Soup for our Homebound

At our last meeting Social Concerns members discussed and decided on a new project for the fall and winter months. Our goal is to get a few people together to make homemade soup to deliver to our homebound parishioners monthly. We even discussed the possibility of taking orders and selling the soup. We are looking for some volunteers who enjoy cooking or who may have some great soup recipes to share to come to a planning meeting this **Tuesday, October 3rd at 6:00PM in the rectory.** If you would like to help our, but cannot attend this meeting, please contact Joyce at 654-2753 or jcecconi50@gmail.com. Thank you!

Halloween Mass & Party

Our annual Halloween Mass (**everyone is invited to come in costume**) followed by a party in IC hall will take place at **4:00PM on Saturday, October 28.** At this Mass our youth choir will sing and children of our parish are invited to take part as ushers, lectors, heavenly hosts and gift bearers. If your child would like to take part in the mass, there will be a form attached to next weekend's bulletin. Just fill it out and return it in the collection or to the rectory. Our youth group will plan games for the children and social concerns members will prepare and serve the food.

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 5th 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 or Donna Valenti at 570-885-5432 or d_romo251@hotmail.com.

Don't miss out!!! Join the fun and learn more about our faith through Sacred Scripture and the Mysteries of the Rosary. Oh, and we will still have snacks.....

“We Celebrate Life at Corpus Christi Parish”

Our first communal baptism will be celebrated on **Sunday, October 15, 2017 at 12:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church.** During this celebration, 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 three children being baptized.

Our next communal baptism will be held on **Sunday, November 5th at 11:30AM in Immaculate Conception Church.** To schedule your child's baptism, call the rectory at 570-654-2753. If you prefer, you may choose another date and time for the baptism of your child.

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.

Thank you to those of you who have already donated. To date we have received a flat screen TV, \$100 in gift cards to TJ Maxx, cash donations, and 4 tickets to the Jeff Dunham Show at the Mohegan Sun Arena, Michael Koors bag, and a gift to a Day Spa, just to name a few. We gladly accept monetary donations (no gift is too small) and prizes of any kind, some of which will be used for door prizes. Whether you donate or not, hope to see you at the bingo!!

VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children for Adults

This Diocesan program for adult employees and volunteers who have direct contact or routine interaction with children will be held at 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.

Dementia and the Caregiver

This program given by Sister Marilyn Karas, RSM will be held on Wednesday, October 4th at 7:00PM in Bergan Hall at St. Ignatius Parish in Kingston. All are welcome to join us for this informative presentation.

Fall Bingo

Holy Family Parish, Sugar Notch Sunday, October 8th..Doors open at noon games begin at 1:00PM. Admission is \$5.00 and tickets can be purchased at the door.

“Summer Sizzle” Lottery Winners

9/21	No Winner	#653	\$50.00
9/22	No Winner	#969	\$50.00
9/23	Joseph Sorick	#760	\$50.00
9/24	Kathy Conahan	#177	\$125.00
9/25	No Winner	#866	\$50.00
9/26	Norbert Katarsky	#412	\$50.00
9/27	Paul Wisowaty	#850	\$50.00

Special Drawing Winners: Bonnie Kudrako 9/21 \$50.00, Gail Andrews 9/22 \$50.00 and Krissie McDermott 9/25 \$50.00.

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **George & Ann Simay** is donated by their family.

Scranton Prep Open House

Will be held on Sunday, October 15th from 1:00PM to 4:00PM. Seventh and eighth grade students, their parents and families are cordially invited to attend.

Scranton Prep's Scholarship Entrance Exam will be held on Saturday, December 2nd for eighth grade students interested in applying for the fall term of 2018. Registration begins at 8:00AM and the exam starts at 9:00AM. Students may pre-register by calling 570-941-7737 ext 141 or visit the website.

Holy Redeemer Open House

Will be held on Sunday, October 22nd from 1:00PM to 3:00PM. Tour Holy Redeemer Science, Computer, Math, Languages, Arts and Athletics. All are welcome! Visit www.holyredeemerhs.org.

Senior Bingo

Sponsored by the Pastoral Outreach Apostolate of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Dupont, will be held on Sunday, October 8th from 1:00PM to 4:00PM. All persons 60 years of age and older are invited. Admission is free. Snacks and prizes will be given.

Mass Intentions

Oct 2 thru Oct 8, 2017

Mon	7:30AM	Marion Krolick by Anna & John Roche
	8:30AM	Jule Bianco by Anne Marie Sysko
Tues	7:30AM	Tony Manganiello by Cal & Lorriane Miller
	8:30AM	God's Blessings & Good Health for Sebastian Jerrytone by HR Morning Mass Group
Wed	7:30AM	Carolyn, John & Carl Cenera by family
	8:30AM	James Bestider by Michele & Dave Thomas
Thurs	7:30AM	Florence Pilkonis by family
	8:30AM	Beverly Mazur by Justave Family
Fri	7:30AM	Donald Fetsko by Jack & Sue Carr & Family
	8:30AM	Stephen Chipolis by Fran & Ray Franko
Sat	4:00PM	George & Anna Simay by family
	5:30PM	Thomas Romanoski, Sr. by Sakalas Family
Sun	7:30AM	Margaret & Diane Argenio by Bernie Janoski
	9:00AM	Deacon Pete Hoegan by Denise & Tony Bartoletti
	10:30AM	John Sokach, Sr. by family