

## 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 8, 2017 Twenty-Seventh 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

### EUCHARISTIC 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 8, 2017**

Readings/Responsorial #1171

Gathering: #634 Come, You Thankful  
People, Come

Offertory: #658 Seek Ye First

Communion: #784 We Have Been Told

Recessional: #611 All Creatures of Our God  
and King

Weekly Collection

October 1, 2017

**\$9,770.29**

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### 2017 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Next weekend is In-Pew Commitment Weekend. Diocesan Appeal materials and pledge cards will be in the pews during all masses next weekend. If you have not already done so, you can make your pledge to help the thousands of people who will directly benefit from your caring support. You are also invited to list your personal prayer intentions on the inside pledge form and to attend a special Mass of Thanksgiving to be held at St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, on Sunday, November 26 at 10:00AM. Your intention will be remembered at this Mass celebrated by Bishop Bambera. Prayer intentions are welcome whether or not you make a gift to the diocesan Annual Appeal.

### Blessing of the Animals

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi a blessing of the animals will take place **today, Sunday, October 8th at 12:30PM** on the grounds of Immaculate Conception Church.

### Daily Mass Schedule

Please note changes in our daily Mass schedule this week....Tuesday Communion Service at 7:30AM and Mass at 8:30AM; Wednesday, Communion Service at 7:30AM and NO MASS at 8:30Am; Thursday, Communion service at 7:30AM and Mass at 8:30AM.

### Rectory Closed

The rectory offices will be closed on Monday, October 9th in observance of Columbus Day.

### Home Made Soup for our Homebound

Our Social Concerns Committee is beginning a new project. Beginning this month we will make a different homemade soup each month for our homebound parishioners. This month we will make 40 quarts of chicken soup. Volunteers will meet in IC kitchen on Thursday, October 19 at 9:00AM to prep and make the soup and on Friday, October 20th at 10:00AM to finish and prepare the soup for delivery. On Saturday, October 21st volunteers will deliver the soup along with Halloween cards and treats to our homebound parishioners and Halloween cards and treats to our parishioners residing in nursing homes. Do you have a favorite homemade bread you like to bake? If so, would you be willing to bake a loaf or 2 and bring it to the church hall on October 19th or 20th? We are sure our homebound would love the bread along with the soup!! If you can help, please contact Joyce at 570-654-2753 or [jceccconi50@gmail.com](mailto:jceccconi50@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**. Please see the flyer attached to this bulletin.

### Adult Education Series

The second weekly series in adult education "Scripture and the Rosary", offered by our parish and led by Deacon Jim Meizanis is held on Thursdays at 7:00 PM. Each session will last for approximately 75 minutes and will be held in Immaculate Conception Church. For 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). Refreshments will be served. All are welcome to attend.

### **"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 balloon bouquets 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 four 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**

For tickets and reservations, stop by the rectory or e-mail [jceconi50@gmail.com](mailto:jceconi50@gmail.com). Tickets are \$20 if purchased in advance or \$25 at the door. Thank you to all who have already made monetary and in-kind donations. To date we have received a flat screen TV, cash donations, and 4 tickets to the Jeff Dunham Show at the Mohegan Sun Arena, Michael Koors bag and an assortment of gift cards. We will gladly accept monetary donations (no gift is too small), designer handbags, electronics, fine jewelry, fitness bands, tickets to shows or sporting events, and gift cards for restaurants, hair/nail salons, gyms, home improvement stores, etc. Whether you donate or not, hope to see you at the bingo!!

### **Bereavement Mass**

Our annual Bereavement Mass will be held on Wednesday, November 15th at 6:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church. At this Mass we will remember over 70 friends and family members who died from November 1, 2016 thru October 31, 2017. In the next week or so the next of kin will receive an invitation to this beautiful liturgy in the mail. For a special presentation at this Mass, we are asking for a picture of your deceased family member. Please mail or drop it off at the rectory or email to [jceconi50@gmail.com](mailto:jceconi50@gmail.com).

### **Corpus Christi Choir Concert**

Save the date! Sunday, December 10th our Adult Choir and Youth Choir will hold a Holiday Concert at 6:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church. Following the concert, a reception will be held in the church hall.

### **Thank You!!**

Thank you to our parishioners for their support of the 6th Annual Steps Fall 5K. In spite of the cold, the event was successful. We look forward to continuing Stephanie's love of helping others through our memorial scholarship and the Colon Cancer Alliance's screening and grant programs. Ed & Mary Godri and family.

### **Giving Tuesday**

This is a movement which celebrates and supports giving back to charities and non-profits. This year Diocesan Catholic Schools will participate in **Giving Tuesday** with a campaign beginning in October and ending on the official **Giving Tuesday**, November 28. At each one of our 20 schools, there is a gift opportunity for a unique project the school would like to have funded. For information, or to make a gift to a specific school, <https://www.crowdrise.com/>  
**DOSCatholicSchoolsGivingTuesday2017**

### **"Summer Sizzle" Lottery Winners**

9/28	Pete Albano	#948	\$50.00
9/29	Mike Dziedzic	#248	\$150.00
9/30	John & Nancy Ciampi	#156	\$125.00

**Thank you to all for participating in our Summer Sizzle Lottery. The final profit of the fundraiser is \$8,773.03**

### **"Autumn Treasure" Lottery Winners**

10/01	No Winner	#948	\$125.00
10/02	No Winner	#435	\$50.00
10/03	No Winner	#789	\$50.00
10/04	Kathy Justave	#318	\$50.00
Special Drawing winners: Marlene Prebish \$125.00			
10/1,	Mary Ann Battista	\$50.00	10/2, Lori Campenni
\$50.00	10/3.		

### **Altar Candles at ICC**

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **DeDe Kane** is donated by Carol Pisano.

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

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Tony Denisco** is donated by his wife, Carmella and family.

### **Sanctuary Candle at ICC**

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Anthony Hassey** is donated by Karen DeNisco.

### **Sanctuary Candle at HR**

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Ruth Gruner** is donated by her son, Robert & Linda Gruner.

### **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.

### **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](http://www.holyredeemerhs.org).

### **Mass Intentions**

**Oct 9 thru Oct 15, 2017**

<b>Mon</b>	7:30AM	<b>Deceased Members of Lepore, Morgan &amp; Maney Families</b> by family
	8:30AM	<b>Jack LaNunziata</b> by Barbara Democko
<b>Tues</b>	7:30AM	<b>COMMUNION SERVICE</b>
	8:30AM	<b>Joan Sherinsky</b> by M/M Gerard Demellier
<b>Wed</b>	7:30AM	<b>COMMUNION SERVICE</b>
	8:30AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	7:30AM	<b>COMMUNION SERVICE</b>
	8:30AM	<b>Dolores Curry</b> by Mary Agolino
<b>Fri</b>	7:30AM	<b>Morlyn Lesho</b> by mom, dad & brother
	8:30AM	<b>Theresa Olshemski</b> by Neil & Cathy O'Donnell
<b>Sat</b>	4:00PM	<b>Doris Sorick</b> by son, Joseph R. Sorick, II
	5:30PM	<b>Gus Scripkunas</b> by daughter, Marguerite
<b>Sun</b>	7:30AM	<b>Deceased Members of Jukas &amp; Lanzone Families</b> by family
	9:00AM	<b>Deceased Members of Boluski &amp; Kozloski Families</b> by family
	10:30AM	<b>Deceased Members of Vanavage Family</b> by Betty Ann & Mike Capizzi

# **ALL ARE INVITED!!**

## **Halloween Family Mass & Party**

**Sponsored by Social Concerns**

**Saturday October 28, 2017**

**4:00PM Mass**

**Immaculate Conception Church**

**Put on your costume, join us at Mass and afterwards in the church hall for**

**pizza, hotdogs, ice cream, cupcakes and a candy & prize bar for the kids**

**Games and activities for the kids are planned by our youth group**

**Donation? . . . . .non-perishable food item for our "fall food drive"**

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### **Halloween Family Mass**

We invite ALL children to take part in our "Halloween Family Mass" on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:00PM. Kids can join our youth choir as they will be singing, participate as lectors, heavenly hosts, ushers, or gift bearers. To participate, please fill out this form and return it in the collection, to the rectory or give it you your child's religious ed teacher.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer a reading part (lector/petitions) \_\_\_\_\_

Non reading part (usher, heavenly host, gift bearer) \_\_\_\_\_

Sing with the youth choir \_\_\_\_\_

(We will contact your child regarding his/her part in the Mass)