



## 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 17, 2017  
The Third Sunday of Advent**

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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.

### December 17, 2017

Readings/Responsorial #998  
Gathering: #403 Come, O Long-Expected  
Jesus  
Offertory: #395 O Come, O Come,  
Emmanuel  
Communion: #402 Like a Shepherd  
Recessional: Prepare Ye the Way  
Of the Lord

Weekly Collection  
December 10, 2017  
\$11,197.71

Holy Day  
\$1,172

Second Collection  
\$1,139.67

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### Christmas & New Year's Weekend Masses

Please note the Masses for the upcoming Christmas and New Year's holiday weekend. Please note...this year January 1st, Solemnity of Mary Holy Mother of God is not a Holy Day of Obligation

#### December 24th (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

**Saturday 4:00PM IC & 5:30PM HR**

**Sunday 7:30AM IC, 9:00AM HR, 10:30AM IC**

**Sunday, December 24th (Christmas Eve)**

**4:00PM IC (Family Mass), 5:30PM HR**

**10:00PM IC (Adult Choir)**

**Monday, December 25th (Christmas Day)**

**7:30AM IC, 9:00AM HR, 10:30AM IC**

**December 31st (Feast of the Holy Family)**

**Saturday 4:00PM IC & 5:30PM HR**

**Sunday 7:30AM IC, 9:00AM HR, 10:30AM IC**

**Sunday, December 31st (New Year's Eve)**

**4:00PM IC and 5:30PM HR**

**Monday, January 1st (New Year's Day)**

**9:00AM IC**

**Deanery Penance Service**

**Monday, December 18th at 7:00PM**

**St. John the Evangelist**

**William Street, Pittston**

### Christmas Eve Family Mass

We are in need of 7 to 10 more kids to take part in our skit at the 4:00PM Family Mass on Christmas Eve. If your child would like to participate, please call or email Joyce at 570-654-2753 or [jcecco-ni50@gmail.com](mailto:jcecco-ni50@gmail.com) by tomorrow, Monday, December 18th. Someone from the Family Ministry Team will contact you regarding practice for the skit. Thank you!

### Your Help is Needed Today, Sunday December 17th

#### Following the 9:00AM Mass at HR:

- Help is needed to load the gifts from under the giving tree into cars
- Men and teenagers are needed to carry Christmas trees, etc. from the church basement to the church.

#### Following the 10:30AM Mass at ICC:

- A few men and teenagers are needed to help carry the Christmas trees and manger into the church.

### Giving Trees and Christmas Food "Gift" Boxes

Today, **Sunday, December 17th volunteers will meet at 5:00PM** in Immaculate Conception Church and hall to organize, sort, and in some cases wrap the gifts from the Giving Trees. At the same time other volunteers will be in the church hall packing and wrapping Christmas food "gift boxes". The gifts will be left in the church until they are picked up on Tuesday. All are welcome to join us!!!

### **Christmas Food and Gift Pick Up**

On Tuesday, December 19th from 5:00PM-6:00PM at Immaculate Conception Church and hall, volunteers will be needed to help families carry the food and gifts to their cars.

### **Altar Servers & Student Lectors**

There is a Christmas gift for you from the parish in the sacristy of the church where you usually serve.

### **Communal Baptism**

Our next communal baptism will take place at 11:30AM in Immaculate Conception Church on Sunday, January 28th. This ceremony is made special with the addition of music and the presence of our Baptismal Ministry Team. To date we have 2 babies being baptized on that date. Each child will receive a personalized bib and baby afghan from our St. Clare Sewing Ministry, a Baptism book, a gift from our Holy Name Society and personalized baptism candle. If you wish to have your child baptized on January 28 or any other day, please call the rectory.

### **Christmas Wafers**

Christmas wafers are available in the sacristy of each church. Donation is \$2.00 for a pack of 4 wafers.

### **Children's Envelopes**

Are in the vestibules of the churches. If you would like envelopes for your children, call Lori at the rectory @ 570-654-2753.

### **2018 Parish Calendars**

We wish to thank Recupero Funeral Home for, once again, donating our parish calendars. The 2018 parish calendars can be found in the vestibules of the churches. Take one home today!

### **Jackpot Jingle Lottery**

Thank you to everyone for your continued participation in our parish lotteries. The final date to make returns for our current lottery, jackpot jingle, is December 31, 2017. For additional tickets, stop by or contact the rectory.

### **Night at the Races**

Save the date!!!! Our annual "Night at the Races" will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2018 in Immaculate Conception Hall. Our first planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 6:00PM in the rectory.

### **Religious Education Classes**

Please note there are no religious education classes during the month of December. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 7, 2018.

### **First Reconciliation and First Eucharist**

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated in our parish on Saturday, February 24th at 10:00AM in Holy Redeemer Church. The Sacrament of First Eucharist will be celebrated on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 10:00AM at Immaculate Conception Church.

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

12/07	Helen Zarychta	#812	\$50.00
12/08	Theresa Burke	#936	\$75.00
12/09	Marie/Joe Marranta	#415	\$75.00
12/10	Bernadette Cerza	#038	\$125.00
12/11	Emmy Eifert	#159	\$50.00
12/12	No Winner	#690	\$75.00
12/13	No Winner	#398	\$50.00

Special drawing winners: Dianne & Ray Smith 12/12 \$75.00 and Fran Franko 12/13 \$50.00

### **Altar Candles at ICC**

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Anthony Hassay** are donated by his wife, Grace and family.

### **Holy family Candle at ICC**

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Herman and Marion Ciampi** is donated by their daughters.

### **Sanctuary Candle at ICC**

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

### **Bereavement Group**

A Bereavement Group is forming to help those who are struggling with adjustment to the loss of a loved one. This may be particularly difficult during the holiday season, so sharing with those who are going through a similar experience may offer support and comfort. For information or to join the group, call the rectory.

### **Mass Intentions**

#### **December 18th thru December 24, 2017**

<b>Mon</b>	7:30AM	<b>Deceased Members of the Lepore Family</b> by Family
	8:30AM	<b>Ann Petrofski</b> by Belenski Family
<b>Tues</b>	7:30AM	<b>Nora Santine</b> by daughter, Lorraine & family
	8:30AM	<b>Helen DeLucca</b> by Ann Marie & Jerry Mullarkey
<b>Wed</b>	7:30AM	<b>Helen Hilbert</b> by Family
	8:30AM	<b>Irene Berti</b> by Loretta Anderson
<b>Thurs</b>	7:30AM	<b>Harry O'Dell</b> by Marguerite Dixon
	8:30AM	<b>Irene White</b> by Lillian Witkowski
<b>Fri</b>	7:30AM	<b>Janice and James Oliveri, Jr</b> by Ruth and family
	8:30AM	<b>Margaret Aritz Buzza</b> by Tom and Chrissy Campenni
<b>Sat</b>	4:00PM	<b>Eric Speicher, Jr.</b> by Family
	5:30PM	<b>Richard Wienckoski</b> by Major Vincent T. Dennis
<b>Sun</b>	7:30AM	<b>Thomas and Daisy Stout</b> by wife and mommy, MaryAnn
	9:00AM	<b>Desiree Eslick</b> by Shovlin Family
	10:30AM	<b>Shawn Mehal</b> by mom and brother, Chantz