



## 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 24, 2017**

**The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

### Immaculate Conception Church

#### Holy Redeemer Church

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**Mr. James Meizanis**, Deacon

**Mrs. Joyce Cecconi**,

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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.

#### December 24, 2017

Readings/Responsorial #1001

Gathering: #403 Offertory: #395

Communion: #402 Recessional: #886

#### Christmas

Readings/Responsorial Psalm: #1003

Gathering: #439 Offertory: #460

Communion: 441 Recessional: #437

#### December 31, 2017

Readings/ Responsorial Psalm: #1007

Gathering: #430 Offertory: #466

Communion: #446 Recessional: #424

#### Weekly Collection

December 17, 2017

**\$11,732.26**

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**Please Note this is a 2 week bulletin. The next bulletin will be published January 7, 2018.**

### Christmas & New Year's Masses

**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**

### **Diocesan Annual Appeal**

Once again, you have exceeded our goal for the annual appeal. To date, we raised \$35,931.00 exceeding our goal of \$32,000.00 by \$3,931.00. Thank you for your generosity!!!!

### **Overwhelming Christmas Giving!!**

Last Sunday after the 9:00AM Mass at Holy Redeemer, it took 2 trucks and 3 SUV's to bring the giving tree gifts to Immaculate Conception Church. During the 10:30AM Mass, everyone was in awe at the amount of gifts which overtook the sanctuary in Immaculate Conception Church. Whether you made monetary donations, purchased gift cards or gifts for the "giving trees"; whether you made handmade gifts or boxed homemade cookies for the elderly; whether you donated food, frozen turkeys, filled food boxes, wrapped presents, filled stockings, delivered gifts to our homebound and nursing homes, or helped sort the hundreds and hundreds of gifts from under the giving trees.....whatever you did to help, please know that this year..... TOGETHER, we made Christmas special for 87 families, 37 homebound parishioners and 44 nursing home residents. May you and your families enjoy a blessed Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year!

### **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, the presence of our Baptismal Ministry Team and gifts for each child including a personalized bib and baptism candle, baby afghan (a gift from our St. Clare Sewing Ministry), and a Baptism book (a gift from our Holy Name Society). If you wish

to have your child baptized on January 28 or any other day, please call the rectory.

**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!

**Seniors Meet**

All are welcome to join us on Wednesday, December 27th at 1:00PM in the rectory for an afternoon of conversation, games and refreshments.

**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**

Will resume on Sunday, January 7, 2018.

<b>Mass Intentions December 25th thru December 31, 2017</b>		
<b>Mon</b>	7:30AM	<b>Sam Angelella</b> by Family
	9:00AM	<b>Joseph Zekoski</b> by Cella Family
	10:30AM	<b>Carmella Salerno</b> by James & Arlene Mangino
<b>Tues</b>	7:30AM	<b>Anna Marie Ross &amp; Rita DeNisco</b> by Ross & Rosemary
	8:30AM	<b>Nicholas Chabala</b> by Cirelli Family
<b>Wed</b>	7:30AM	<b>Nellie &amp; Frank Parente, Sr.</b> by son, Frank & family
	8:30AM	<b>Charles Foy, Jr.</b> by Mary & Ed Godri
<b>Thurs</b>	7:30AM	<b>Helen Cerza</b> by children
	8:30AM	<b>Albina Saracino</b> by Kathy & Tony Fino
<b>Fri</b>	7:30AM	<b>Kenneth Williams</b> by Family
	8:30AM	<b>Davidica (Mattei) Ferretti</b> by Bruno Ferretti, Jr.
<b>Sat</b>	4:00PM	<b>Eugene Hammill</b> by M/M Fran Cantafio
	5:30PM	<b>Edward Romanoski</b> by Romaine Panek
<b>Sun</b>	7:30AM	<b>Genevieve Kane</b> by Patti Wiatrowski
	9:00AM	<b>Anna Wierbowski</b> by Gavigan Family
	10:30AM	<b>Anna Mooney</b> by Joan Hennigan
	4:00PM	<b>Joseph S. Agolino, Sr.</b> by Patrick Giunta
	5:30PM	<b>John Borzell, Sr.</b> by Herbert Katarsky

**"Autumn Treasure" Lottery Winners**

12/14	No Winner	#140	\$75.00
12/15	Cheryl Reedy	#580	\$50.00
12/16	Kerrie & Len Basara	#878	\$50.00
12/17	No Winner	#404	\$100.00
12/18	No Winner	#698	\$50.00
12/19	Ann Marie Devine	#135	\$50.00
12/20	Steve/Barb Filipak	#182	\$75.00

Special drawing winners include: Norbert Katarsky \$75.00 12/14, M/M Anthony Bartoletti \$100.00 12/17, MaryAnn Sokaloski \$50.00 12/18

**Altar Candles at ICC**

Which will burn December 24th thru December 30th in loving memory of **Ann, Margaret & Robert Hreha** are donated by Connie Cleveland.

**Holy family Candle at ICC**

Which will burn December 24th thru December 30th in loving memory of **Mark Kleback** is donated by Mom & Dad Bonfanti.

**Sanctuary Candle at ICC**

Which will burn December 24th thru December 30th in loving memory of **Sam Angelella** is donated by his family.

**Sanctuary Candle at ICC**

Which will burn the week of December 31st thru January 6th in loving memory of **Anthony Hassey** is donated by his wife, Grace & family.

**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.

<b>Mass Intentions January 1st thru January 7, 2018</b>		
<b>Mon</b>	9:00AM	<b>Helen Manganiello</b> by Joe & Carmella Faust
<b>Tues</b>	7:30AM	<b>Deceased Members of the Dancisin Family</b> by Mary Ann Kohnevich
	8:30AM	<b>Romuald Caroff</b> by Ed & Mary Godri
<b>Wed</b>	7:30AM	<b>Mary Dotter</b> by July Sokach and family
	8:30AM	<b>Patti Rodzinak</b> by John & Joyce Cecconi
<b>Thurs</b>	7:30AM	<b>Michael Champi</b> by Family
	8:30AM	<b>Dorothy Foy</b> by Nancy Burns
<b>Fri</b>	7:30AM	<b>Doug Ayers</b> by Denise & Tony Bartoletti
	8:30AM	<b>Walter Repasky</b> by M/M Jon Melvin
<b>Sat</b>	4:00PM	<b>Stephen E. Sokach</b> by Helen Maszerowski
	5:30PM	<b>Raymond H. Smith</b> by Carolyn Smith
<b>Sun</b>	7:30AM	<b>Joseph DeLucca, Sr.</b> by M/M Leonard Bonfanti
	9:00AM	<b>Adam &amp; David Panek</b> by Romaine Panek
	10:30AM	<b>John Foglietta, Jr.</b> by Aunt Peggy