



## 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.**

**February 4, 2018**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### Immaculate Conception Church

#### Holy Redeemer Church

#### Parish Office

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**Msgr. John J. Sempa**, Pastor

**Mr. James Meizanis**, Deacon

**Mrs. Joyce Cecconi**,

Pastoral Associate

#### 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.

February 4, 2018

Readings/Responsorial #1105

Gathering: # 572

Offertory: # 706

Communion: # 932

Recessional: #686

#### Weekly Collection

January 28, 2018

**\$8,853.99**

#### Care & Education for Priests

January 2018

**\$795.00**

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### Yearly contributions

For a report of your yearly contributions for 2017, please contact Lori at 570-654-2753 or e-mail [lkasisky1@epix.net](mailto:lkasisky1@epix.net).

### Organ Fund Envelope

For the month of January the amount received through the organ fund envelopes is \$981.00. This amount has been deposited into our Diocesan Savings account leaving \$45,786.00 to replenish. Thank you for your donations.

### Blessing of Throats

In honor of the Feast of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, throats will be blessed at all Masses this weekend.

### Flowers at Immaculate Conception Church

The beautiful tulips adorning the sanctuary of Immaculate Conception Church have been donated in loving memory of Helene Manganiello by her family on the occasion of her birthday.

### Family Mass & Donut Sunday

Boys and girls, you won't want to miss this Mass as we will begin our Lenten journey by helping our "Super Heroes" regain their powers! Immediately following the Mass, all are welcome to join us for donuts and refreshments in the church hall.

### Religious Education

**There will be no religious education classes next Sunday, February 11th.**

### Night at the Races

**Saturday, February 10, 2018**

•To purchase a horse, be sure to call or drop it off at the rectory by **Wednesday, February 7th.**

•To donate a basket call Loretta at 570-654-2655.

•To make reservations call Kim at 570-603-0466.

•Admission is \$5.00 which helps cover the cost of the buffet.

•Doors open at 6:00PM.

•Post Time is 7:00PM.

•No one under 21 admitted.

•Night at the Races Meeting, **Wednesday, February 7th at 6:00PM** in the rectory. All are welcome!!

### Taking Part in the Mass: Workshop for Youth

It is important for our children to understand the parts of the Mass and learn how they can become involved. During our family masses, children have an opportunity to take part as lectors, gift bearers, ushers, and more. Preparing them for these roles is important because it gives them confidence and reinforces their sense of service. On **Sunday, February 11th at 6:15 PM** we will hold the first of monthly workshops for children in Immaculate Conception Church. These workshops will

give children the opportunity to learn the parts of the Mass and practice these roles. Please consider having your children attend. The following religious ed teachers will be working with the children at these workshops: Lisa Falzone at 237-2739 or lisa.falzone@ssa.gov, Sara Konopka at 498-9304 or skono1683@yahoo.com or MaryAnn Oliveri at 357-1778 or mare1912b@epix.net.

## Social Concerns News

### •Spring Food Drive

Thank you to all who continue to donate non-perishable foods to our food pantry. This week we are asking for donations of breakfast foods including cereals, oatmeal, juices, breakfast bars, etc. Donations may be left in the vestibules of the churches.

### •Soup Ministry

If you can help, please join us in the church hall at **9:00AM on Thursday, Feb 8th and/or Friday February 9th** where we will be making and packing homemade soup for our homebound parishioners. Along with the soup, we like to give them homemade bread, biscuits, muffins, etc. If you would like to bake, please drop baked goods off at the rectory on Thursday or Friday. Thank you!

### •Valentine Gifts to Homebound & Nursing Homes

Because of the generosity of this parish, we the members of Social Concerns can make up gifts for each holiday and deliver them to our 75 plus parishioners who are homebound and residing in nursing homes. Today, Sunday, our Religious Ed students will meet in the church hall where they will be creating some beautiful Valentines with a special message for the elderly of our parish. Along with the Valentines from the children, they will receive a heart shaped box of delicious chocolates, Valentine memo pads and pens.

**Next Saturday, February 10th, volunteers will meet at 10:00AM in the rectory to make deliveries.** You can't imagine how much these visits mean to the elderly of our parish. If you can help deliver, please contact Joyce at 570-654-2753 or jceconni50@gmail.com. Thank you!

### •Save the Date!

Our Social Concerns Committee is planning a homemade pasta dinner "A Taste of Italy" on **Saturday, March 10, 2018 in Immaculate Conception Church hall.** Watch for details in next week's bulletin.

### Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Will be celebrated in our parish on Saturday, February 24, 2018. All children, their families and friends are invited to a brunch in the church hall immediately following the service. A mailing has been sent to the children who will receive First Reconciliation. If you did not receive this mailing, you must contact Joyce at 570-654-2753 or jceconni50@gmail.com to be on the list. Thank you.

### Bereavement Group

To learn more about what to expect in the grieving process, you are invited to join our parish Bereavement Group. For more information or to join the group, call the rectory 570-654-2753.

### Jackpot Jingle Lottery Winners

1/25	Deb Mushinski	#386	\$50.00
1/26	No Winner	#936	\$50.00
1/27	Sally Demellier	#018	\$75.00
1/28	Peter Sidari	#571	\$150.00
1/29	Rocco Schillaci	#552	\$50.00
1/30	Rosemary Bartush	#666	\$75.00
1/31	M/M Romanowski	#520	\$50.00

**Special Drawing Winner:** Whaley Family 1/26 \$50.00

### Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week for a **Special Intention.**

### Holy family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Carmella Chimento** is donated by her son, Anthony and family.

### Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Anthony Hassey** is donated by his wife Grace and their family.

### 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

His excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2018 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 10. The event includes a 2:30PM Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. To receive an invitation, you must call the rectory before March 12, 2018.

### Mass Intentions February 5 thru 11, 2018

<b>Mon</b>	7:30AM	<b>Mary Dotter</b> by Joan Hennigan
	8:30AM	<b>MaryAnne Fino</b> by Regina & Bob Hanna
<b>Tues</b>	7:30AM	<b>Stanley Kozloski</b> by Burke Family
	8:30AM	<b>Leonard C. Cumbo</b> by Rick & Janice Wienckoski
<b>Wed</b>	7:30AM	<b>Dolores Perry</b> by Marguerite Dixon
	8:30AM	<b>Michael J. Butera</b> by Monahan Family
<b>Thurs</b>	7:30AM	<b>Jule Carmody</b> by Children & Grandchildren
	8:30AM	<b>Theodore Hughes</b> by M/M Robert Vincenti
<b>Fri</b>	7:30AM	<b>Lorraine Zielinski</b> by Patricia Rindgen
	8:30AM	<b>Angela &amp; Leo Tallo</b> by Fran & Ray Franko
<b>Sat</b>	4:00PM	<b>Tom &amp; Marita Burke</b> by Family
	5:30PM	<b>Jack Rose</b> by Michael Dziak, Jr & Mercedes Butrymawicz
<b>Sun</b>	7:30AM	<b>Stephen &amp; Mark Adam Petrewski</b> by Family
	9:00AM	<b>Jacinta Nocera</b> by John & Debra Peters
	10:30AM	<b>Mark Kleback</b> by Mike & Bridget Brogan

# Lent is Approaching

Lent, which runs from Ash Wednesday up to but not including the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday is a penitential season during which we prepare ourselves for the coming celebration of the Paschal Mystery during Holy week, the Triduum and Easter.

## Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018

Distribution of Ashes will be as follows:

**7:30AM Mass & distribution of ashes @ ICC**

**8:30AM Mass & distribution of ashes @ HR**

**12:00 Noon distribution of ashes only @ICC (no mass)**

**3:30PM distribution of ashes only @ ICC (no mass)**

**5:00PM distribution of ashes only @ HR (no mass)**

**5:30PM Mass & distribution of ashes @ ICC**

(Please note....there will not be a fish dinner this year)

## Distribution of Ashes for our Homebound

On Ash Wednesday, February 14, our Social Concerns members will bring ashes to our homebound. If you would like to help, join us at 11:00AM in Immaculate Conception kitchen as we prepare a dinner of pierogies and applesauce to be delivered to our homebound parishioners. Those volunteering to deliver are asked to meet at 4:00PM in the church hall.

## Daily Lenten Mass Schedule

Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> daily Masses will be

**7:30 AM @ Immaculate Conception Church,**

**8:30 AM @ Holy Redeemer Church,**

**5:30 PM @ Immaculate Conception Church**

To participate at daily Mass during lent, lectors and em's, please contact

Lectors: Paula Panzitta 570-388-6129 [ppanzitta@msn.com](mailto:ppanzitta@msn.com)

EM's: Teresa Crossin 570-357-3985 [tacross5@comcast.net](mailto:tacross5@comcast.net)

## Lenten Soup & Scripture

**Tuesdays during Lent, February 20, 27, March 6 and 13**

**6:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church Hall.**

We gather to enjoy a simple lenten meal of soup and sandwiches provided by volunteers in various ministries of our parish, followed by Lenten reflections from a guest speaker.

<b>February 20</b>	<b>Social Concerns/Finance Committee</b>	<b>soup/set up</b>
	<b>Ushers/Liturgy/Holy Name</b>	<b>sandwiches/clean up</b>
<b>February 27</b>	<b>Lectors/Extraordinary Ministers</b>	<b>soup/set up</b>
	<b>Adult Choir/Cantors/Car Show Committee</b>	<b>sandwiches/clean up</b>
<b>March 6</b>	<b>St. Clare Sewing Ministry/Baptism Ministry</b>	<b>soup/set up</b>
	<b>Building &amp; Grounds/Bazaar Committee</b>	<b>sandwiches/clean</b>
<b>up March 13</b>	<b>Heavenly Hosts/Religious Ed Teachers</b>	<b>soup/set up</b>
	<b>Money Counters/Seniors</b>	<b>sandwiches/clean up</b>

Whether or not you belong to one of the listed ministries, you are invited to join us. If you belong to more than one ministry, you should choose just one with which to help. Anyone who is participating should contact Joyce at 570-654-2753 or [jceconi50@gmail.com](mailto:jceconi50@gmail.com).

## Stations of the Cross

On Friday evenings **February 16, March 2, 9, and 23**

**6:00PM @ Immaculate Conception Church**

We welcome families and/or individuals to participate in the Stations each week.

If you wish to participate, contact Joyce at 570-654-2753 or [jceconi50@gmail.com](mailto:jceconi50@gmail.com)

## **Stations of the Cross for Children**

**Fridays, February 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 16<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00PM @ Immaculate Conception Church**

All children are welcome to participate. There are both reading and non reading parts.

If your child wishes to participate contact:

Lisa Falzone 237-2739 [lisa.falzone@ssa.gov](mailto:lisa.falzone@ssa.gov) Sara Konopka 498-9304 [skono1683@yahoo.com](mailto:skono1683@yahoo.com)

Mary Ann Oliveri 357-1771 [mare0912b@epix.net](mailto:mare0912b@epix.net)

## **The Light is on for You**

In addition to our normal Saturday afternoon confession time at 3:00PM, during Lent Msgr. Sempa will be in the confessional at Immaculate Conception Church on **Mondays February 19, 26, March 5, 12 from 5:45PM to 6:45PM and at Holy Redeemer Monday, March 19 from 6:00PM to 7:00PM**

## **Living Stations of the Cross**

**Good Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church**

Presented by our youth group, children of our parish and the youth choir  
To take part in the Living Stations, contact JuelAnne Klepadlo at 570-430-1430  
or email [jaklepadlo@comcast.net](mailto:jaklepadlo@comcast.net).

## **Blessing of Baskets**

**Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 12 Noon at Holy Redeemer Church**

Members of Social Concerns will prepare and deliver blessed baskets to our homebound parishioners.

## **Easter Egg Hunt**

**Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 12:15PM on the grounds of Holy Redeemer Church**

Sponsored by our parish youth group.

## **Easter Food & Children's Easter Basket Drive**

During Lent our Social Concerns Committee conducts a non-perishable food drive.

We will be preparing a gift of food and Easter baskets for children.

You can help by donating Easter baskets, candy, Dollar Store items and toys, etc. suitable for children from infant through teenager.

Donations may be left in the vestibules of the churches.

If you or a family you know of is in need, and would like help for Easter, please contact Joyce at [jceconci50@gmail.com](mailto:jceconci50@gmail.com) or 570-654-2753.

## **Deanery Sunday Evening Prayer Lent 2018**

Sunday, February 18, 5:00PM Our Lady of the Eucharist, Pittston

Sunday, February 25, 5:00PM Corpus Christi, West Pittston

Sunday, March 4, 5:00PM Queen of the Apostles, Avoca

Sunday, March 11, 5PM St. Barbara's, Exeter

Sunday, March 18 5:00PM St. John the Evangelist, Pittston

## **Deanery Road to Resurrection 2018**

*The Journey Makes Us One*

Homilist: Rev. Jeffrey Walsh, V.E.

Wednesday, February 21 7:00PM Our Lady of the Eucharist, Pittston

Wednesday, February 28 7:00PM Corpus Christi, West Pittston

Wednesday, March 7 7:00PM Queen of the Apostles, Avoca

Wednesday, March 14 7:00PM St. Barbara's, Exeter

Wednesday, March 21 7:00PM St. John the Evangelist, Pittston

## **Deanery Penance Service**

**Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM St. John Evangelist Church**