



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 11, 2018

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Immaculate Conception Church

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

5:30PM Immaculate Conception (during Lent)

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00PM - 3:30PM

Immaculate Conception

Monday 5:45-6:45PM

Immaculate conception (during Lent)

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.

February 11, 2018

Readings/Responsorial #1108

Gathering: # 645

Offertory: # 685

Communion: # 930

Recessional: #607

Weekly Collection

February 4, 2018

\$9,406.51

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Second Collection Next Sunday

Next weekend at all masses we will take up a collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

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 meet in Immaculate Conception Kitchen at 11:00AM to prepare a dinner of pierogies and applesauce for our homebound parishioners. At 4:00PM, we will need volunteers to deliver ashes and the dinners to our homebound. If you would like to help with the dinners, meet join us at 11:00AM or if you would like to deliver ashes and the dinners to our homebound, meet us at 4:00PM.

Daily Lenten Mass Schedule

Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 14th 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, please contact

Lectors: Paula Panzitta 570-388-6129 ppanzitta@msn.com

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Lenten Soup & Scripture

All are welcome to join us as we gather to enjoy a simple meal of soup and sandwiches provided by volunteers in various ministries of our parish. Each week, the meal will be followed by Lenten reflections from a guest speaker. Members of the following ministries are asked to cover the first session on Tuesday, February 20th. Please contact Joyce at 570-654-2753 or jcecco-ni50@gmail.com if you are able to participate.

Social Concerns & Finance Committee provide soup and set up Ushers/Holy Name & Liturgy provide sandwiches and clean up

Stations of the Cross

On Friday evenings **February 16, March 2, 9, and 23 @ 6:00PM** in 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 jcecco-ni50@gmail.com

The Light is on for You

In addition to our normal 3:00PM Saturday afternoon confessions, 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**

Children's News

■SOS aka Save our Super Heroes

Last Sunday at the Family Mass, our special guests, Clark Kent (Superman), Bruce Wayne (Batman), Diana Prince (Wonder Woman) and Kara Zor-El (Supergirl) made a plea for your help! They have lost their special powers and need your "good deeds" to restore them. Do a good deed each week during Lent, write it on the paper from your Superhero cup, and place it in one of the containers on the "Super Hero" table in front of the altars in the churches. **Hint of the week: The super power of kindness is contagious. So make someone happy by sharing a smile and a kind word.**

■Stations of the Cross for Children

Fridays, February 23rd and March 16th at 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

Sarah Konopka 498-9304 skono1683@yahoo.com

Mary Ann Oliveri 357-1771 mare0912b@epix.net

■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. These workshops will be conducted by Lisa Falzone, Sarah Konopka and MaryAnn Oliveri.

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 jceconi50@gmail.com to be on the list.

Social Concerns 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 tuna, crackers, rice, pasta, and sauce. Donations may be left in the vestibules of the churches.

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.

Knitting and Crocheting Lessons

Would you like to learn how to knit and/or crochet? The ladies in our St. Clare Sewing Ministry will be sharing their talents with anyone who is interested in learning. The first lessons, for school age children thru adults, will be held on **Wednesday, February 21st at 6:00PM in the rectory.** For more information call Pat Jacobs at 570-954-7552 or Barbara Frankovich at 570-655-2365.

Jackpot Jingle Lottery Winners

2/01	Kathy Conahan	#935	\$100.00
2/02	No Winner	#832	\$50.00
2/03	No Winner	#122	\$75.00
2/04	John Grochal	#145	\$125.00
2/05	No Winner	#083	\$50.00
2/06	Kristin Senese	#003	\$50.00
2/07	R & P Forlenza	#094	\$75.00

Special Drawing Winners: Rosalie Cullagh \$50.00 2/2, Ray Romanowski \$75.00 2/3, Krissie McDermott \$50.00 2/5.

Holy family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Helen & Kosty Harzinski** is donated by their daughters, Marie & Maureen and their families

Lenten Food Sale

Ash Wednesday and every Friday in Lent, food sale from 4:00PM to 7:00PM at St. Barbara's Parish, Exeter. Cash only, take out only, order at the door, no pre-orders. Potato Pancakes—1/2 dozen \$5.00; Clam Chowder (red) quart \$8.00; Haluski quart \$5.00.

St. Joseph's Center

Join the team of caregivers at St. Joseph's. If interested, come to a Job Fair on March 3rd from 10 to 1PM at DeNaples Building, 320 S. Blakely St. Dunmore.

Deanery Sunday Evening Prayer Lent 2018

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

Deanery Road to Resurrection

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

Mass Intentions

February 12 thru 18, 2018

Mon	7:30AM	James J. Ciampi by wife, Connie and family
	8:30AM	Catherine Petty by Samantha & Kim Szura
	Tues	7:30AM
8:30AM		Elizabeth Marranta by M/M Robert Pace & family
Wed		7:30AM
	8:30AM	Charles Parente, Jr. by Cella Family
	5:30PM	Dec'd Memb's of Plaugic Family by Betty Ann & Mike Capizzi
Thurs	7:30AM	Joseph Saraceno by Carl & Connie Rosencrance
	8:30AM	Hubert T. Gilmore by M/M Frank Parra
	5:30PM	Sally Musto by Fred & Marie Melvin
Fri	7:30AM	Angie Montagna by Niece, Mary Carol
	8:30AM	Dena DelSerra by Atty & Mrs. Wm Anzalone
	5:30PM	Julia Palka by Daughter, Jean
Sat	4:00PM	Leonard Pribula by Marlene Bartoli & AJ
	5:30PM	Richard Wienckoski by Erika & Joe Bagnato
Sun	7:30AM	Joan Messina by husband, Sam & daughter Phyllis
	9:00AM	Irene White by John Witkowski
	10:30AM	Dec'd Memb's of Brown, Bishop, Serafin & Pasternak Families by John & Maryellen Serafin