



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.

**March 18, 2018
Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Immaculate Conception Church Holy Redeemer Church Parish Office

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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.

March 18, 2018

Readings/Responsorial #1029

Gathering: # 881 Lift High the Cross

Offertory: #585 Come to the Feast

Communion: #486 Deep Within

Recessional: # 680 We Walk by Faith

Weekly Collection

March 18, 2018

\$10,547.80

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Second Collection This Weekend

This weekend at all Masses we will take up the collection for Catholic Relief Services. Your generosity is appreciated.

Rice Bowl Collection

Next Sunday at all Masses we will take up the collection for the rice Bowl.

Communal Baptisms

Today, Sunday, March 18th at 11:30AM, Msgr. Sempa will preside at our monthly communal baptism. Members of our Baptism Ministry will be on hand to greet families and on behalf of the parish present the newly baptized with the following gifts: A beautiful hand -crocheted baby afghan and a handmade bib personalized with the child's name and date of baptism. Both items are made with love from the members of our St. Clare Sewing Ministry. Each child also receives a hardcover book "My Baptism" a gift from our Holy Name Society and a personalized baptism candle. Our next Communal Baptism will be held on Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 11:30AM.

Altar Servers, EM's, Heavenly Hosts, Lectors

If you are available to serve at 7:00PM on Holy Thursday, 1:00PM on Good Friday, 8:00PM on Holy Saturday, 7:30AM, 9:00AM or 10:30AM Mass on Easter Sunday morning, please contact one of the following coordinators. We thank you for your cooperation.

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Social Concerns

•A Taste of Italy...Pasta Dinner

Thank you to everyone who supported our pasta dinner last weekend. A special thank you to our wonderful "chefs" for cooking an absolutely delicious meal which was enjoyed by all. Thank you to all who showed up each day to help prepare the food, set up and decorate the hall, serve the meal, clean up, and deliver to our homebound. That includes the exceptional help from the teens who volunteered their services!! Your support enabled Social Concerns to deliver 52 meals to our homebound parishioners. This event earned a profit of \$2,317.25 for Social Concerns!! Thank you!!

•Help for Easter

If you or someone you know of is in need and would like help for Easter, please contact a member of Social Concerns or Joyce at 570-654-2753 or jceconi50@gmail.com.

•Food & Easter Basket Drive

Thank you to all for your generous donations of non perishable foods, Easter candy, small toys and the generous monetary donations all of which will be used to prepare food baskets and Easter baskets for families and children in our community. Please have all donations here by next Sunday, March 25th. We will meet in Immaculate Conception hall at 5:00PM on Sunday, March 25th to prepare food bags and boxes and put together Easter baskets for children. Distribution will take place on Monday, March 26th from 5:00PM to 6:00PM in IC hall. All are welcome to help with this project, bring the kids, bring the teens....a great way to earn service hours!

•Deliveries to Homebound and Nursing Homes

Saturday, March 24th and Saturday, March 31st we will be needing a few volunteers to help with deliveries to our homebound and parishioners residing in nursing homes. On March 24th at 10:00AM we will deliver blessed palm, a gift of Easter candy, and Easter cards made by children in our religious education program to our homebound and nursing homes. On Holy Saturday, March 31st volunteers are asked to meet at Holy Redeemer Church at 12 Noon to take blessed baskets to our homebound parishioners. If you are able to help with these deliveries, please contact Joyce at 570-654-2753 or jcecco-ni50@gmail.com. Thank you.

•Furniture for Family in Need

A family who is relocating has living room and dining room furniture and 2 beds they are willing to give to a family in need. Please contact Joyce or Lori at the rectory 570-654-5753.

•Graduation Mass & Brunch

Mark your calendars: our annual mass & brunch honoring our high school graduates will take place at the **10:30AM Mass on Sunday, May 6th**. An invitation will be sent out to 2018 high school graduates who are members of our parish.

2018 Catholic Men’s Conference

At all Masses this weekend, please welcome Dr. Frank Casarella who will speak on behalf of this event which will be held on Saturday, May 5th at King’s College. Registration/Continental Breakfast/Rosary at 7:00AM. Main program includes speakers, lunch, Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, and Mass 8:00AM to 3:00PM. Register online at www.beamanconference.com or call 507-207-2213.

Corpus Christi Car Show Meeting

Save the date! **Sunday, May 27, 2018** (rain date May 28) on the grounds of Holy Redeemer Church. Food trucks, vendors, car corral! For information, please contact Carmen or Deb Altavilla at 570-574-4360 or nascargal.deb@gmail.com. All are welcome to join us on **Tuesday, March 20th at 6:00PM in the rectory for our next planning meeting.**

St. Clare Sewing Ministry Meeting

Would you like to learn how to knit and/or crochet? If so, join us at a meeting this Wednesday, March 21st at 6:00PM in the rectory. If you have your own needles, bring them. Thank you!!

Corpus Christi Parish Bazaar

Mark your calendars! Our parish bazaar will be held on **June 21, 22, and 23** on the grounds of Immaculate Conception.

Annual Flea Market

If you are spring cleaning or downsizing and you have household items which are no longer of use to you, don’t discard them, save them for our flea market. **Beginning Wednesday, May 2nd, items may be dropped off at Immaculate Conception school every Wednesday between 6:00PM and 8:00PM and Saturday mornings from 8:00Am to 10:00AM.** Remember your junk is someone else’s treasure!! We do not accept clothing, stuffed animals, exercise equipment.

Holy Name Father Son/Daughter Breakfast

Mark your calendars!! The annual Father Son/Daughter Breakfast sponsored by the Holy Name Society will be held on **Sunday, April 22nd following the 10:30AM Mass in ICC hall.** In the next few weeks, the ushers will be selling tickets. This year the guest speaker will be Monsignor Sempa.

Jackpot Jingle Lottery Winners

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| 3/08 | Audrey Waxmonsky | #674 | \$50.00 |
| 3/09 | No Winner | #036 | \$75.00 |
| 3/10 | John/Marianne Nordell | #402 | \$100.00 |
| 3/11 | Rose Rooney | #851 | \$125.00 |
| 3/12 | No Winner | #142 | \$50.00 |
| 3/13 | Trisha Vaughn | #655 | \$50.00 |
| 3/14 | T/J Judge | #214 | \$50.00 |

Special Drawing Winners: MaryAnn Cipolla 3/9 \$75.00 and Doris Yastremski 3/12 \$50.00

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Joseph E. Fedor** is donated by his wife, Rosella and daughter, Josette.

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Susan Pivarnik** is donated by her daughter, Betty.

Give Back Programs

For information on participating in the “give-back” programs in local grocery stores, call Lori at the rectory 570-654-2753. We recently received a check from Shur-Save for \$390.39, Redners for \$107.83 and Main Source for \$202.02. Thank to all who participate!!

Bereavement Group

For information on joining a bereavement group, call the parish office at 570-574-0414.

| | | Mass Intentions | |
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| | | March 19 thru March 25, 2018 | |
| Mon | 7:30AM | Joseph Fedor | by wife Rosella & daughter Josette |
| | 8:30AM | Lucy Polak | by Fran & Ray Franko |
| | 5:30PM | Pasquale & Maria Cella | by Cella Family |
| Tues | 7:30AM | Michael LaNunziata | by Tony & Mary Tossi |
| | 8:30AM | Robert & Dorothy Gadomski | by Justave Family |
| | 5:30PM | Karen Potoski | by Family |
| Wed | 7:30AM | MaryAnn Mirro | by Judy Sokach |
| | 8:30AM | Louise LaNunziata Allison | by Lorraine & Family |
| | 5:30PM | Jennie Champi | by Family |
| Thurs | 7:30AM | James J. Moran | by John & Pat Roman |
| | 8:30AM | Martin Cirelli, Sr. | by Wife |
| | 5:30PM | Josephine Marriott | by Paul & Rosemary Mullock |
| Fri | 7:30AM | Jasper Parrino | by Barb & Quinn Gillespie |
| | 8:30AM | Sam Saracino | by Saracino & Mirro Families |
| | 5:30PM | Joseph Bonomo | by Roy Feussner |
| Sat | 4:00PM | Louis & Sophie Forlenza | by Daughter, Marilyn |
| | 5:30PM | Lucy Polak | by Mike Dziak, Jr. & Mercedes Butrymowicz |
| Sun | 7:30AM | Robert Caruthers | by Children & Grandchildren |
| | 9:00AM | Albert Ignatovich | by Romaine Panek |
| | 10:30AM | Albert & Dorothy Adrian | by Daughter Barbara & Family |

The Light is on for You

Msgr. Sempa will be in the confessional at Holy Redeemer Church
Monday, March 19 from 6:00PM to 7:00PM

Deanery Lenten Penance Service

All are welcome to attend this penance service on
Monday, March 26th at 7:00PM at St. John the Evangelist, Pittston.

Stations of the Cross

On Friday evening **March 23 @ 6:00PM** in ICC

Living Stations of the Cross

Presented by our Youth Group and Youth Choir on
Good Friday, March 30th at 7:00PM in IC Church. All are welcome!!

Living Stations Practice

Practice for Living Stations of the Cross will be held every Sunday evening at 7:00PM
in IC Church. Dress rehearsal is Wednesday, March 28th at 7:00PM.

Road to Resurrection & Sunday Evening Prayer

This week Sunday Evening Prayer and Road to Resurrection will be held at
St. John the Evangelist Church, Pittston. Sunday Evening Prayer is tonight,
March 18th at 5:00PM and Road to Resurrection Wednesday, March 21st at 7:00PM.

Blessing of Easter Baskets

Easter baskets will be blessed at 12 Noon on Saturday, March 31st at Holy Redeemer Church. At that time, approximately 48 baskets filled with traditional Easter foods will be blessed and delivered to our homebound parishioners. Members of Social Concerns will meet at 10:30AM in the rectory to assemble the baskets. Immediately following the blessing, volunteers will deliver the baskets.

Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by our parish Youth Group will be held on
Saturday, March 31st at 12:15PM on the grounds of Holy Redeemer Church.

SOS Save our Super Heroes

Hey kids, remember our Super Heroes....Clark Kent (Superman), Bruce Wayne (Batman), Diana Prince (Wonder Woman) and Kara Zor-El (Super Girl)? Time is running out!! They still need YOUR help to regain their special powers. Have you been doing your good deeds? Remember to write them down and put them in the container of your favorite Super Hero when you come to Mass next Sunday. We will see you at the 10:30AM Family Mass on Easter Sunday morning and we will find out if all your good deeds helped our Super Heroes regain their powers.

Courtesy News

■World Down Syndrome Day

Our parishioner and altar server, Quinn Crispell will race 3.21 miles on March 21st to raise money for the National Down Syndrome Society. Quinn will hold fundraiser at the Dallas Wendy's Restaurant today, Sunday, March 18th from 5:00PM to 8:00PM. Wendy's will donate 15% of all sales to the NDSS. To make an on-line donation visit <https://give.classy.org/Quinn>.

■Rail Riders Faith & Family Night

Our Holy Name Society is sponsoring this event on behalf of our parish on **Saturday, April 21st at 4:05PM** at the SWB. Our seating is the field reserved seats in the seating bowl and are \$5.00 each. We need at least 10 people to sign up. There will be live music, a pregame sermon on the field and our group's name in lights on the big board in the middle of the 4th inning!! **Please contact Dave Palovchak @ 570-763-5616 or see him after ushering at the 4:00PM Mass to sign up.**

THE PASCAL TRIDUUM

This is your invitation to follow Jesus' journey from Holy Thursday through Good Friday to the telling of salvation's story at the Vigil. Do this and you will have an Easter like no other. The Triduum—the three days beginning on the evening of Holy Thursday and ending on Easter Sunday—is an opportunity to experience the essence of Lent and more. The high point of the liturgical life of the Church, The Triduum, allows us to walk with Jesus in his mission of salvation from suffering and death to glorious resurrection. As we do so, we are moving from death to life in our own lives, just as we did in baptism. God is holy. This week is holy. Lent only makes sense and reaches its fullness in our participation in The Easter Triduum.

Holy Thursday, March 29, 2018

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00PM

Night Prayer 10:00PM

This is the night when we remember how God freed his people enslaved in Egypt. It is the Passover of the Lord. At the Last Supper, Jesus washes the feet of the disciples as a sign of servanthood and commands us to do likewise. We hear again Christ's command (mandatum) to love and serve one another. We give thanks for the gift of Christ's presence in the Eucharist. All Extraordinary Ministers of Communion are called forth to be re-commissioned. There is no dismissal; we leave in silence; the story continues tomorrow. After communion the blessed sacrament is placed on the altar and remains there until night prayer.

Good Friday, March 30, 2018

Passion of our Lord 1:00PM

This is the day of our salvation! The service commemorating Christ's passion and death is the most somber and solemn liturgy in our church year. All who enter the church should feel a deep silence settle over them and be struck by the barrenness of the church. The Church comes together to read from Scripture and to pray for the whole world. Veneration of the Cross is a common custom and is done through a simple touch or a kiss. This is not only a time to mourn the death of Jesus on the Cross, but a moment to remember that through his death on the Cross, we are given eternal life with him.

Living Stations of the Cross

Good Friday, March 30, 2018

7:00PM Presented by Parish Youth Group with Youth Choir

Holy Saturday, March 31, 2018

Blessing of Baskets 12:00Noon

Holy Redeemer Church

Easter Egg Hunt 12:15PM

Holy Redeemer Church Grounds

Easter Vigil & Mass 8:00PM

This is the most sacred night in the church's liturgical year. We remember that the death and darkness of the tomb does not triumph. It is shattered in the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. The service begins with the lighting of the new fire. We hear salvation's story. We renew our baptismal vows. We sing Alleluia. We ring bells. Sing the Gloria. Eucharist is shared. We rejoice! The Lord is risen!!

Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018

Mass 7:30AM.....Immaculate Conception Church

Mass 9:00AM.....Holy Redeemer Church

Family Mass 10:30AM.....(Family Mass/Youth Choir)

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