



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 25, 2018

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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)

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.

March 25, 2018

Readings/Responsorial #1031

Gathering: # 498 All Glory, Laud & Honor

Offertory: #783 Unless a Grain of Wheat

Communion: #939 Behold the Lamb

Recessional: # 510 Jesus, Remember Me

Weekly Collection

March 18, 2018

\$11,426.04

Catholic Relief Services Collection

\$1,219.65

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They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna!' 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'

'Blessed is the King of Israel!' John 12:12-13

THE PASCAL TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00PM (ICC)

(The Holy Thursday collection benefits our parish Social Concerns)

Night Prayer 10:00PM (ICC)

Good Friday

Passion of our Lord 1:00PM (ICC)

(The Good Friday collection benefits the Holy Land)

Living Stations of the Cross 7:00PM (ICC)

(Presented by Youth Group/ Music Youth Choir)

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil & Mass 8:00PM (ICC)

Easter Sunday Masses

Mass 7:30AM (ICC)

Mass 9:00AM (HR)

Family Mass 10:30AM (ICC)

Deanery Penance Service

Monday, March 26th at 7:00PM at St. John the Evangelist Church, Pittston.

Second Collection This Weekend

This weekend at all Masses we will take up the collection for the Rice Bowl. Your generosity is appreciated.

Living Stations of the Cross

Which are presented by our youth group with music provided by our youth choir, will be held on Good Friday evening at 7:00PM in Immaculate Conception church. All are welcome!

Blessing of Baskets

Easter baskets will be blessed on Holy Saturday at 12 Noon in Holy Redeemer Church.

Easter Egg Hunt

Will take place on the grounds of Holy Redeemer Church on Holy Saturday at 12:15PM, immediately after the blessing of Easter baskets. Our parish youth group hosts this fun event and welcomes kids of all ages to participate. There is a separate area for toddlers. Don't forget to bring a basket so you can collect your eggs.

Social Concerns

•Prepare Easter "food" baskets and Easter Baskets for Kids

Volunteers are needed today, **Sunday March 25th at 5:00PM** in Immaculate Conception Church hall to help fill and wrap Easter baskets and Easter "food" baskets. Bring the kids, bring the teens....a great way to earn service hours! Thank you to the Boy Scouts who helped move and organize the food in the church hall!!!

•Palm Crosses for Homebound

Thank you to the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students from Holy Rosary School for making beautiful palm crosses which will be given to our parishioners who are homebound and living in nursing homes.

•Deliveries to Homebound

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.

First Eucharist Retreat

Our retreat for the children who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist in May will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 9:00AM to 12 Noon in Immaculate Conception hall. All boys and girls, including those who attend Catholic school and those who are homeschooled are asked to be at this retreat. If your child cannot attend the retreat, please contact Joyce at 570-654-2753 or jceconni50@gmail.com.

Holy Name Father Son/Daughter Breakfast

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. The delicious meal is prepared and served by parish volunteers. If you would like to help prepare and/or serve please contact Joyce at 570-654-2753 or jceconni50@gmail.com. Tickets may be obtained from the ushers. This year this event will be held following the 10:30AM liturgy hoping the later time will appeal to more sons and daughters!! This year the speaker will be Monsignor Sempa.

•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 has been mailed to 2018 high school graduates who are members of our parish. If you are a member of our parish and did not receive an invitation, please call the rectory to let us know.

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.

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.

Bazaar Meeting

Monday, April 9th at 6:00PM in the rectory will be our next bazaar planning meeting. All are welcome to attend.

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.

Rectory Office will be Wednesday, March 28th at noon thru Monday, April 2nd in observance of the Easter holiday.

Jackpot Jingle Lottery Winners

3/15 Matilda Hetro	#172	\$75.00
3/16 Raymonde Calabrese	#855	\$50.00
3/17 NO WINNER	#658	\$150.00
3/18 Caroline Kuchinskas	#254	\$100.00
3/19 NO WINNER	#417	\$50.00
3/20 Bill Wierbowski	#991	\$50.00
3/21 NO WINNER	#493	\$75.00

Special Drawing Winners: 3/17 Judith Niemi \$150.00, 3/19 Dolores Crowley \$50.00, 3/21 Barbara Fetsko \$75.00

Altar Candles at Immaculate Conception

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Stephen E. Sokach** is donated by his grandchildren.

Holy Family Candle at Immaculate Conception

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Stephen E. Sokach** is donated by his wife, Judy

Sanctuary Candle at Immaculate Conception

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Stephen E. Sokach** is donated by his children.

Sanctuary Candle at Holy Redeemer

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Lucy Polak** is donated by her family.

Courtesy News

Regional Divine Mercy Sunday

The theme this year is "Prayer for Peace and Conversion of the Whole World" and will be celebrated on April 8, 2018 at St. Ignatius Church, Kingston. Principal celebrant and homilist is Rev. Pio Mandato F.M.H.J., a Franciscan Hermit of our diocese. Sacrament of Reconciliation and Rosary at 1:00PM, Blessing of the Image of Divine Mercy & Mass at 2:00PM, Exposition of Blessed Sacrament at 3:00PM. For more information contact Cathy Mack at 570-654-6063.

Mass Intentions	
March 26 thru April 1, 2018	
Mon 7:30AM	Paschal DeGuglielmo by Antoinette Manganiello & family
8:30AM	Joseph Franko by Dawn & Joseph Davidson
5:30PM	Raymonde Baiera by Lillian
Tues 7:30AM	Josephine Balberchak by Family
8:30AM	Charles Foy, Jr. by sister, Mary & family
5:30PM	Dec'd Membs of Caputo & Chiampi Fam. by Family
Wed 7:30AM	Dante Bovani, Sr. by Diane & Jame Dennis
8:30AM	Matthew J. Michels by Carolyn Smith
5:30PM	Mark Kleback by MaryAnn Zang
Thur 7:00PM	Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri 1:00PM	Good Friday Passion of our Lord
Sat 8:00PM	Stephen E. Sokach by Veronica Ruda
Sun 7:30AM	Jamie & James Oliveri, Jr. by mother, wife & family
9:00AM	Samuel & Connie Angelella by Family
10:30AM	God's Blessings for all Children