



## 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.**

**April 1, 2018**

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

**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)

### 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.

**April 1, 2018**

**Readings/Responsorial #1065**

**Gathering: # 540**

**Offertory: #537**

**Communion: #939**

**Recessional: # 520**

### Weekly Collection

**March 25, 2018**

**\$10,486.92**

**Rice Bowl**

**\$2,007.98**

### Care & Education for Priests

**March 2018**

**\$891.00**

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## Alleluia! He is Risen

### Paschal Candles

The Paschal Candle (or Easter Candle) that leads us out of darkness into the celebration of the Easter Vigil is the main symbol for the Easter season. Throughout the year, the Easter Candle will be lit at baptisms and at funerals. This year the paschal candle for Immaculate Conception Church is donated in loving memory of **Mayor Tony Denisco by his wife Carmella, their children and grandchildren.**

### Easter Water

During the Easter Vigil, the new water is blessed and faithful renew their baptismal promises. Bottles of blessed Easter water will be available tonight and at all Easter Masses.

### THANK YOU!

It is only through your generous monetary donations as well as your continued donations of non perishable foods, Easter candy and toys for children, that members of our Social Concerns Committee were able to do so much for so many this Easter. We gifted 55 families with an abundance of food, grocery gift certificates and Easter baskets for their children. Forty seven homebound parishioners and 50 residing in nursing homes received an Easter gift bag of chocolates, cookies, blessed palm, and Easter cards made by children in our religious ed classes. In addition the homebound received a blessed Easter basket filled with traditional Easter foods including ham, paska, poppy and nut roll, a chocolate cross and a small bottle of wine. Please know, once again, YOU made a holiday special for so many people. Thank you!

### Organ Fund Envelope

For the month of March the amount received through the organ fund envelopes is **\$1,233.00**. This amount has been deposited into our Diocesan Savings account leaving **\$43,365.00** to replenish. Thank you for your donations.

### Sacrament of First Eucharist

On **Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 10:00AM** we will celebrate the Sacrament of First Eucharist in Immaculate Conception Church. There will be 2 mandatory practices for the children: **Sunday, April 29th at 6:00PM and Friday, May 4th at 6:00PM.**

### 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 [jcecconi50@gmail.com](mailto:jcecconi50@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 [jcecconi50@gmail.com](mailto:jcecconi50@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**

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**

Save the date! Sunday, May 27, 2018 (rain date May 28) on the grounds of Holy Redeemer Church.

### **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.

## **Upcoming Meetings**

#### **•Car Show Meeting**

All are welcome to attend our next planning meeting on Tuesday, April 3rd at 6:00 in the rectory.

#### **•Baptism Ministry Meeting**

On Wednesday, April 4th at 6:00PM there will be a baptism ministry meeting in the rectory. This meeting is for all members of this ministry and for anyone who is interested in learning more about this ministry. All are welcome!!

#### **•50th Anniversary Celebration Meeting**

Father Angelo Messina, a native son our parish will celebrate 50 years in the priesthood this May. Mark your calendar, a celebration will take place in our parish on Sunday, May 20, 2018. A planning meeting will be held on Thursday, April 5th at 6:00PM in the rectory. All are welcome to attend!!

#### **•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.

### **Altar Candles at Immaculate Conception**

Which will burn this week in loving memory of Vincent Savoca is donated by Jack & Susan Carr.

### **Holy Family Candle at Immaculate Conception**

Which will burn this week in loving memory of Ann, Margaret & Robert Hreha is donated by Connie Cleveland.

### **Sanctuary Candle at Immaculate Conception**

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

## **Courtesy News**

### **Catholic Charismatic Renewal**

Regional prayer meeting Monday, April 9th at 7:30PM at Queen of Apostles, Avoca. There will be praise and worship with the combined music ministry. All are welcome.

### **Pedals, Pipes and Pizza**

The Pa Northeast Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is conducting its ninth program for children and adults on Sunday, April 15th at 1:30PM at First Presbyterian Church, 97 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre. Register online at [www.agopane.org](http://www.agopane.org) or call 570-301-9253.

### **Pilgrimage to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Basilica & Lourdes Grotto, Emmitsburg, Maryland**

Wednesday, April 18th, cost is \$45.00. For information call Chris Calore at 570-824-5621.

### **St. Jude School Craft Fair**

Saturday, April 21st from 10AM to 3PM St Jude Cafeteria, Mountain Top. More than 40 vendors, face painting, food and bake sale, raffle baskets and more.

### **St Ignatius Night at the Races**

Saturday, April 21st in Conlan Hall. Doors open at 6:00PM. Adults only. Free admission and seating first come basis.

### **St. Andre Bessette Night at the Races**

Saturday, April 28th at St. Mary's Byzantine Social Hall, 522 Madison St, Wilkes-Barre. Post time 7:00PM Admission \$5.00. Must be 21 to attend.

## **Mass Intentions April 2 thru April 8, 2018**

Mon	7:30AM	<b>Rita, Ross, Sr &amp; AnnaMaria DeNisco</b> by Ross & Rosemary
	8:30AM	<b>Earl Elm</b> by Romaine Panek
Tues	7:30AM	<b>Anthony Denisco</b> by Lisa, Michael & Mia Remplewicz
	8:30AM	<b>Vincent S. Dula</b> by Frank & Adele Marks
Wed	7:30AM	<b>Robert Anderson</b> by Marie & Maureen and families
	8:30AM	<b>Susan Palermo</b> by Edward & Pat Hosier
Thurs	7:30AM	<b>Joseph &amp; Teresa Cravatta</b> by daughter, Phyllis
	8:30AM	<b>Viola C. Michels</b> by Carolyn Smith
Fri	7:30AM	<b>Janet Kolmansperger</b> by Loretta Anderson
	8:30AM	<b>Lucy Polak</b> by Fran & Ray Franko
Sat	4:00PM	<b>Loretta, Walter, Ronald, Ruth &amp; Zigmund</b> by wife, children & grandchildren
	5:30PM	<b>Matthew Chipolis</b> by mother & brother
Sun	7:30AM	<b>Joseph Ciampi</b> by Tony & Leigh Recuperero
	9:00AM	<b>Martin &amp; Mary Melvin</b> by Fred & Marie Melvin
	10:30AM	<b>Vincent Savoca</b> by wife and children