



**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.

**July 22, 2018**

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Immaculate Conception Church  
Holy Redeemer Church  
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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

**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.

**July 22, 2018**

Readings/Responsorial #1138  
Gathering: #724 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say  
Offertory: #402 Like a Shepherd  
Communion: #781 Lord, When You Came  
Recessional: Organ Music Only

**Weekly Collection  
July 15, 2018**

**\$8,313.60**

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**"Senior" Summer Picnic**

**Wednesday, July 25, 2018**

**1:00PM Immaculate Conception Hall**

All are welcome to join us for an afternoon of fun, food and friendly chatter. We will supply the hotdogs, hamburgers, turkey burgers, salads and condiments and you supply the fun. Join in a game of cards or just visit with friends, enjoy a relaxing afternoon. Perhaps, a couple of our great bakers would like to bring along a dessert to share.....we will put the coffee on!

**Religious Education Teacher Meeting**

A planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 25th at 6:00PM in the rectory. All religious education teachers are asked to attend. As the enrollment in most of our classes is over 20 children, we would like to get a few more people on board to help with religious education this year. Anyone who might be interested in team teaching or substituting, please join us at this meeting. If you are interested, but cannot attend the meeting, please call or email Joyce at 570-654-2753 or [jceccconi50@gmail.com](mailto:jceccconi50@gmail.com). Thank you!

**Social Concerns News**

Our Social Concerns Committee is running a "Back-To-School" program to help students from preschool through high school get the items for school that everyone needs. Items include school supplies, hygiene products, backpacks and more. The best part? Everything is free!! If you have school-age children, you know how expensive it is to get them ready for school. Not considering clothes and shoes, it is costly to get the supplies every child needs. For low income families, this is just about impossible.

**■Need Help with Back-To-School?**

If you or someone you know of needs help getting their children ready to go back to school, please have them call the rectory or email Joyce at [jceccconi50@gmail.com](mailto:jceccconi50@gmail.com).

**■Back-To-School Supplies**

Listed below are some of the obvious items needed for students from K-12 grade: backpacks, #2 pencils, simple calculators, scientific calculators, rulers, glue sticks, colored pencils, crayons, markers, pens, ear buds, flash drives, wide and college ruled paper, binders, notebooks, pencil pouches (for 3-ring binders), folders, etc.

**■Personal Hygiene Products**

Since establishing proper hygiene is key to developing a sense of self worth and is interwoven with good health, you can help us equip these children with donations of the following personal hygiene products: toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, body wash, soap, mouthwash, deodorant, hand sanitizers, small packs of tissues, etc.

**■Next-to-New Clothing**

For anyone with school age children, if you have school appropriate clothing that your children have outgrown and is in good condition, please consider donating it here. It will be appreciated by some less fortunate families.

**■Food Drive Donations**

We are in the process of replenishing our food shelves. If you can help,

some suggestions of needed food items include: peanut butter, jelly, pasta, rice, macaroni & cheese, tuna, canned meats, etc. We are especially looking for donations of fun lunch size snacks of cookies, crackers, puddings, etc. the items all kids like to pack for school. Because these are usually more costly, some families just cannot afford them. As always, we thank you in advance for all donations.

### ■ Donations

All donations may be left in the vestibules of the churches or dropped off at the rectory. If you prefer, you can make a monetary donation to Social Concerns for the back-to-school drive and a member will do the shopping for you. **Members of Social Concerns will meet in Immaculate Conception church hall on Sunday, August 20th at 5:00PM to fill backpacks, organize and fill bags with personal hygiene products and fill food bags. If you can help, please join us!!**

### “Pirate’s Treasure” Lottery

This lottery, which will run from September 1 thru September 30, 2018 is featuring bigger and better prizes. Just match the evening drawing of the 3 digit daily number and you could win a pirate’s treasure of :

**\$1,000.00 Sunday’s in September**

**\$ 600.00 Wednesday, September 19th**

**\$100.00 every other day during September**

For your chance to become a lucky pirate, just call or stop by the rectory for a “pirate’s treasure” lottery ticket!!

### Courtesy News

#### Breast Cancer Fundraiser

A bus trip to NYC will take place on August 18, 2018. All proceeds from the trip go to breast cancer research. An en route auction will be held. We ask you to donate and bid on such items as restaurant, supermarket, and gas gift cards as well as new/unused articles. We will depart at 7:00AM from the Pittston Park and Ride on the corner of Oak Street and Rout 315. Upon reaching NYC, you will be free to do as you please...shop, tour, see a play. We will leave NYC at 7:00PM and be back in Pittston at 9:30PM. Tickets are \$35.00 per person. To reserve your tickets call Carol at 570-655-0766 or 570-239-8042 or MaryAnn at 570-654-9814 or 570-299-9379.

#### St. John the Baptist, Larksville

Annual Parish Family Picnic will be held on August 10, 11, and 12 on the church grounds. They will be featuring a gigantic flea market, bingo, games and prizes for all ages. Delicious home-made Polish, Slovak and American food!!

#### St Maria Goretti Festival

July 27 thru 29. Entertainment nightly, air-conditioned bingo, gift card showcase, Vera Bradley Showcase, Water Wars, Beautiful Raffle Baskets, food, desserts and more.

#### Prince of Peace Old Forge

Take-Out Chicken BBQ and basket raffle, Sunday, August 12th 11am to 3pm at Arcaro and Genell’s Parking Lot. \$10 includes 1/2 BBQ chicken, corn on the cob, pasta salad, roll. For information and tickets call the rectory at 570-457-5900.

#### St Joseph’s Center Festival

The festival will be held on the grounds of Marywood University Friday, July 27th and Saturday, July 28th from 4:00PM to 10:00PM and Sunday, July 29th from 12 Noon to 8:00PM. All are welcome!!

#### Altar Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Stanley Gruner** is donated by Bob and Linda Gruner.

#### Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Samuel Denisco** is donated by Ross & Rosemary.

#### Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Anthony Luczak** is donated by Helen Shannon.

#### Sacred Heart Polish Picnic

Join us August 2, 3, and 4 on the church grounds 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont...Thursday and Friday 6 to 11PM and Saturday 5 to 11PM. The men and women of the parish prepare the delicious food including pierogi, golombki, halushki, kielbasa, placki and more.

#### St John the Evangelist Bazaar

All are welcome! Join us August 9, 10, 11 under the tents on Church and Broad Sts., Pittston 5:30 to 10:00PM nightly. Delicious ethnic foods, variety booths, bingo, games, raffles and giant flea market in auditorium. Live entertainment nightly.

### Mass Intentions July 23 thru July 29, 2018

<b>Mon</b>	7:30AM	<b>Betty Agolino</b> By Children & Grandchildren
	8:30AM	<b>Mary Palmiere</b> By John & Dolores Stubeda
<b>Tues</b>	7:30AM	<b>Genevieve Rogo</b> By Family
	8:30AM	<b>Margaret Dzanis</b> By Frank Duszak
<b>Wed</b>	7:30AM	<b>Tony Luczak</b> By Hwy Fed Credit Union
	8:30AM	<b>Margaret Melone</b> By M/M Gerald Stofko
<b>Thurs</b>	7:30AM	<b>Grace Loyack</b> By Frisbie Family
	8:30AM	<b>Margaret Mancos &amp; Son, Michael Peter</b> By sister & aunt Marilyn Litwin
<b>Fri</b>	7:30AM	<b>Mary Ann Mirro</b> By Rita Venetz
	8:30AM	<b>Paul Zongilla</b> By Christine
<b>Sat</b>	4:00PM	<b>Anthony, Sam &amp; Brittany Berto</b> By Family
	5:30PM	<b>Providence Katarsky</b> By Husband, Norbert and sons
<b>Sun</b>	7:30AM	<b>Julia Melberger &amp; Son, Roger Beatty</b> By Tony & Geri Winsock
	9:00AM	<b>James LaNunziata</b> By Mom & Family
	10:30AM	<b>Dec’d Membs of Dixon, Scripkunas &amp; MacMorran Families</b> By Hubie, Liza, Drew & Hallie