



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.

August 5, 2018

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**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**

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.

August 5, 2018

Readings/Responsorial #1144
Gathering: #945 I Am the Bread of Life
Offertory: Organ Music Only
Communion: #939 Behold the Lamb
Recessional: #607 Sing a New Song

Weekly Collection July 29, 2018

\$7,534.44

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Care & Education of Priests

July 2018

\$853.00



Liturgical Ministry Cookout

Sunday, September 23, 2018

1:00PM Immaculate Conception Hall

We welcome all altar servers, extraordinary ministers of communion, lectors, heavenly hosts, ushers, choir members and cantors to join us for an afternoon of good food and fellowship. In order for us to prepare enough food, please contact the coordinator of the ministry in which you serve to let them know if you are able to attend.

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Big Prize/Designer Bingo

Save the date!! Our "Big Prize/Designer Bingo" will be held on Sunday, November 4, 2018 in Immaculate Conception hall. Our first bingo planning meeting will be held on **Tuesday, August 21st at 6:00PM in the rectory**. We encourage anyone who is interested in bingos to attend this meeting. We would like your input regarding prizes, number of games, etc. Helping with the bingo does not require a huge commitment, likely just one more meeting, setup the day before, working the bingo and clean up.

Social Concerns News

■Back-To-School Drive

Social Concerns is running a "Back-To-School" program to help equip local students with the tools they need to be successful in school. 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.

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 jceconi50@gmail.com.

The children on our list range in grades from K thru grade 12. Some suggested items could include: backpacks, #2 pencils, pens, markers, wide ruled and college ruled paper, 1 or more subject notebooks, ear buds, flash drives, etc, etc. We are asking for donations of personal hygiene products, and "very gently" used school appropriate clothing in all sizes.

■Help is Needed

Our Social Concerns Committee is asking for volunteers to join us on **Sunday, August 19th at 5:00PM in Immaculate Conception Hall** as we pack backpacks, sort, organize and pack personal hygiene donations, and food. Your help is also needed on **Monday, August 20th from 5:00PM to 6:00PM in Immaculate Conception Hall** where we will be distributing the school supplies, personal hygiene products and food.

Organ Fund Envelope

For the month of July the amount received through the organ fund envelopes is **\$1,117.00**. This amount has been deposited into our Diocesan Savings account leaving **\$39,225.00** to replenish. Thank you for your donations.

Religious Education News

■Religious Ed Classes

Classes for the 2018-2019 school year will begin in our parish on Sunday, September 23, 2018. Classes for boys and girls K thru Grade 7 will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:00AM to 10:15AM. Classes for children in grades K thru 4 will be held in the school, grades 5 & 6 in the church hall and grade 7 in the rectory. In the next couple of weeks, a letter and registration forms will be mailed to the families of children who attended classes here last year.

■Confirmation Classes/Parent Meeting

Beginning Sunday, September 23rd, classes for students who will be in 8th grade this fall will be held twice a month on Sunday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30PM in the school. Parents/guardians of students who will be in 8th grade this fall, are asked to attend a meeting on Sunday, September 16th at 6:00PM in IC hall.

■ Religious Ed Teachers (Catechists)

The word *catechist* comes from a Greek word meaning "to echo". Catechists echo the Word of God to our parish children. They can be women, men, confirmed teenagers, parents, grandparents, etc. They are not expert teachers or brilliant theologians. They are ordinary people who generously volunteer their time to share our Catholic faith, values, and traditions with our children. They are positive role models who help children grow in faith. Their gift has tremendous value....because through their words and actions, the message of Christ continues to spread throughout the world.

■Volunteers Needed

Your help is needed!! This year we are in need of volunteers to help with Religious Education in our parish. We are in need of teachers for grades 3 and 7. Because of our class sizes, we would like to have assistants in every classroom this year. Would you consider teaching a grade weekly or perhaps you and a friend would like to team teach, or maybe your teenage son/daughter would like to volunteer with you. **For more information or to volunteer, please contact Joyce at 570-654-27583 or jceccconi50@gmail.com.**

“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!! **To keep in compliance with the Small Games of Chance Laws, all “Pirate’s Treasure” lottery tickets must be purchased by August 31, 2018.** If you are looking for additional tickets, stop by or call the rectory and we will gladly mail them to you.

Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Joseph Berti** are donated by his wife and family.

Holy Family Candle at ICC

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

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Joseph Katany** is donated by his daughter Jeri and family.

Sanctuary Candle at Holy Redeemer

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **William O’Brien Longstreet** is donated by Mercedes Dziak Butrymowicz.

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.

Mass Intentions August 6 thru August 12, 2018

Mon	7:30AM	John Rindgen By daughter, Patricia
	8:30AM	Irene White By Carl & Mary Witkowski
Tues	7:30AM	Frank & Angela Parente By Daughters, Theresa & Patricia
	8:30AM	Charles Olshemski By Jean & Stan Swaintek, Jr.
Wed	7:30AM	Joseph & Joey Gitkos By Family
	8:30AM	William Longstreet By Michael Dziak, Jr.
Thurs	7:30AM	Clem Parulis By Wife, Diane
	8:30AM	Steve Franko By Daughter, Romaine
Fri	7:30AM	Stephen E. Sokach By Jason & Charlene Depietropalol
	8:30AM	Dec’d Membs of Briganti & Tallo Families By Fran & Ray Franko
Sat	4:00PM	MaryAnn Yorina & Grandparents By Lillian & Michael Yorina
	5:30PM	Usurla & Ben Danoski By Daughter
Sun	7:30AM	Dec’d Membs of Fonzo & Manganello Families By Cathy & Gene
	9:00AM	James & Helen Nuzzalo By Fred & Marie Melvin
	10:30AM	Helen Manganiello By Francis Swenton