



## 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 19, 2018**

**Twentieth 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 19, 2018

Readings/Responsorial #1150  
Gathering: #616 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Offertory: #939 Behold the Lamb  
Communion: #945 I Am the Bread of Life  
Recessional: #573 To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King

### Weekly Collection

**August 12, 2018**

**\$10,532.25**

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## Religious Education News

### ■ Religious Ed Volunteers Needed

Our Religious Education Program cannot run without the help of volunteers in different areas. Because class sizes are usually substantial, we prefer to have a teacher and an assistant in most classrooms this year. We welcome teenagers to volunteer as classroom aides, team teach or teach on their own. Great way to earn service hours!! We need volunteers willing to "sub" for a catechist during times of necessary absence. The only skills required are a love of children, willingness to share your faith and a sense of humor. **For more information on volunteering, please contact Joyce at 570-654-27583 or [jcecconi50@gmail.com](mailto:jcecconi50@gmail.com).**

### ■ Safe Environment Mandates

Before volunteering to work with children, adults 18 years of age and older, must complete PA State Police, PA Child Abuse History and if you have lived outside PA in the past 10 years, FBI fingerprinting. Volunteers must attend one VIRTUS Session and MRT Mandated Reporter Training. Volunteers will be given the link to University of Pittsburg free online MRT.

### ■ 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.**

### ■ Big Prize/Designer Bingo Meeting

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.

### ■ Bazaar Wrap-Up Meeting

Mark your calendars! There will be a bazaar wrap up meeting **on Tuesday, August 28th at 6:00PM in the rectory.** Join us as we share our experience from this bazaar and explore some thoughts for our bazaar next year!!

## 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, cantors and your families to join us for an afternoon of good food and fellowship. If you would like to, we welcome you to bring along your favorite dessert to share. 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.

### New Ministry Schedule

Our new ministry schedule, which runs from September 1st thru November 25, 2018, is available for pick up in the sacristies of the churches. The schedule can also be downloaded from our website [www.corpuschristinepa.com](http://www.corpuschristinepa.com).

### Social Concerns...Thank You

To everyone who donated backpacks, school supplies, personal hygiene products, gently used clothing, non perishable foods and monetary gifts.....thank you! Through the generous giving of this parish community, once again we are able to give backpacks generously filled with school supplies, ample personal hygiene products, and grocery bags abundantly filled with food products. Members and friends of Social Concerns will meet in ICC hall today, **Sunday, August 19th at 5:00PM** to sort and pack everything. Tomorrow, **Monday, August 20th, we will meet in the hall from 5:00PM to 6:00PM for distribution.** All are welcome!!

### Seniors Meeting

All are welcome to join us for our monthly afternoon of cards, snacks and friendly chatter on **Wednesday, August 29th at 1:00PM in the rectory.**

### "Pirate's Treasure" Lottery

Just match the evening drawing of the 3 digit daily number and you could win \$1,000.00 on Sundays in September; \$600.00 on Wednesday, September 19th; or \$100.00 every other day during September. Donation is \$25.00. **For your convenience, lottery tickets will be available after all masses next weekend or just call or stop by the rectory!!**

### (LEF) Little Eric's Foundation

Little Eric's Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization is raising awareness to **September Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.** Gold is the color that represents Childhood Cancer. LEF will be selling gold bows to be displayed on your home or business for the month of September. Help us raise awareness to this horrific disease. Cost of the bows is \$2.00 and can be ordered @ [www.littleericsfoundation.org](http://www.littleericsfoundation.org), visiting LEF's facebook page or text 570-430-7319. Thank you!!

### Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Eugene Brady** are donated by his Wife, Children and Grandchildren.

### Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Lillian Denisco** is donated by her Children.

### Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Cherre Lynn Jude Roberto** is donated by Joanne Nerbecki.

### Courtesy News

#### Sts. Peter & Paul Designer Purse Bingo

All are welcome to join us on Sunday, September 16th in Bernadine Hall, Hudson Road, Plains. Doors open 11:30AM and games start at 1:00PM. Tickets which are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door includes 20 regular games. Basket raffles and 50/50 round out the day. For tickets call Nina at 570-825-6663 ext 3 then 1.

#### New Mausoleum Garden at Mt. Olivet

Additional above-ground entombment options are available at comparable or less than traditional burial costs until October 1, 2018. Visit [DioceseofScranton.org](http://DioceseofScranton.org) or call 570-696-3636.

### Mass Intentions August 20 thru August 26, 2018

Mon	7:30AM	<b>John Charles, Elijah Eugene &amp; Andrew Silas Washo</b> By Grandparents, John & Mary Claire
	8:30AM	<b>William Longstreet</b> By Mom and Dad
Tues	7:30AM	<b>Gerard &amp; Yolanda Zezza</b> By Childen
	8:30AM	<b>Carmella Meli</b> By Joan Hennigan
Wed	7:30AM	<b>James Dolhan</b> By Frank & Ann Marie Parente
	8:30AM	<b>Special Intention – Rachel Murawski</b> By HR Morning Mass Group
Thurs	7:30AM	<b>Dec'd Membs of Mikita &amp; Chechele Families</b> By Jasmine Mikita
	8:30AM	<b>Eugene Zawatski</b> By Ed & Marilyn Litwin
Fri	7:30AM	<b>Faust Valenti</b> By M/M Don Moss
	8:30AM	<b>Theresa Olshemski</b> By Family
Sat	4:00PM	<b>Anthony Teeney) Manganiello</b> By Mother, Pat & Family
	5:30PM	<b>Julia Chimento</b> By Frank & Ann Marie Parente
Sun	7:30AM	<b>Charles Jr, Charles Sr &amp; Carmella Parente</b> By Grandchildren
	9:00AM	<b>Jacinta Nocera</b> By Dr John & Debbie Peters
	10:30AM	<b>Dorothy Craig</b> By Thomas Craig

# Keeping Our Youth Safe



As I am sure you are aware, a Grand Jury report investigating child sexual abuse within the Catholic Church in Pennsylvania has been released. I would like to offer my most sincere apologies to all victims, and to the community at large, for this tragic reality. The report brings up painful and uncomfortable issues that we must face together so we can eradicate child sexual abuse from the church altogether.

I know you are all concerned. I share those same concerns and I want to assure you that your child's safety is our highest priority. Our current standards are built upon years of ongoing improvements as we constantly reevaluate and improve our procedures and policies.

## HOW DO WE PROTECT OUR CHILDREN?

- All volunteers and employees must have criminal background and child abuse clearances
- Every person is trained extensively on sexual abuse prevention, reporting, victim advocacy and more
- Since 2003, we have trained more than 28,000 adults in child protection awareness
- Every child in kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade is taught how to recognize and report inappropriate behavior

## HOW DO WE HANDLE ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE?

- We strictly adhere to a zero tolerance policy on abuse
- We immediately notify law enforcement of all allegations of abuse
- We notify Pennsylvania Child Line
- We remove abusers from ministry and immediately notify the parish and the public
- And we provide all necessary support to victims, knowing that the healing process can be difficult and lengthy

Once again, I am deeply sorry and grieved for the unsettling nature of the behaviors described in this Grand Jury investigation. I hope we can work together to restore trust in the church and move forward in a more positive way.

If you are in need of resources that can help you discuss these issues with your children, we recommend:

- Catholic Social Services ([cssdioceseofscranton.org](http://cssdioceseofscranton.org))
- Darkness to Light ([d2l.org](http://d2l.org))
- Prevent Child Abuse America ([preventchildabuse.org](http://preventchildabuse.org))
- Stop It Now! ([stopitnow.org](http://stopitnow.org))

Thank you and God Bless you.  
Bishop Joseph C. Bambera