



## 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.

**November 4, 2018**

**Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Immaculate Conception Church**  
**Holy Redeemer Church**  
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 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.

### October 28, 2018

Readings/Responsorial #1180  
 Gathering: #848 Gather Us In  
 Offertory: #588 I Have Loved You  
 Communion: #721 You Are Mine  
 Recessional: #680 We Walk By Faith

### Weekly Collection

**October 28, 2018**

**\$7,979.75**

### Care & Education for Priests

**October 2018**

**\$653.00**

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### Big Prize Bingo.....has sold out!!

Thank you to everyone for purchasing tickets for our bingo which will take place today, Sunday. Please note, only the tickets that were reserved in advanced will be honored at the door, additional tickets will NOT be sold.

### Veteran's Day Mass

The 10:30AM liturgy on Sunday, November 11, 2018 will be a beautiful celebration in honor of all veterans, living and deceased, members of the armed forces and their families. Following this Mass everyone is invited to join us in the church hall for refreshments. Veterans and members of the armed forces attending this mass are asked to sit in the pews reserved for the military. For information, contact Rosemary Gitkos at 570-954-2121.

### Social Concerns News

#### •Bereavement Mass

Our annual Bereavement Mass is planned and coordinated by members of our Social Concerns Committee. This year this beautiful Mass will be held on Wednesday, November 14th at 6:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church. Following the Mass, all are invited to join us in the church hall for a reception. For a special presentation during this liturgy, please drop off at the rectory or email a picture of your deceased loved one to [jceccconi50@gmail.com](mailto:jceccconi50@gmail.com). Everyone is invited to join us in support of our fellow parishioners who have lost family members and dear friends this past year.

#### •Honor a Veteran..... "Feed a Family"

At a recent Social Concerns meeting, our members came up with an idea that would honor our Veterans as well as help fill our food shelves for the holidays. As most of you are aware, on behalf of our parish, our Social Concerns members prepare "bountiful" Thanksgiving and Christmas food "gift" boxes which are given to families in our area who are struggling. Veteran's Day is next Sunday, November 11th. To show your appreciation to our veterans, both living and deceased, we are asking every man, woman and child who comes to Mass next weekend to bring just 1 non-perishable food item. The food can be placed in the baskets in the sanctuary or if you prefer, you can leave it in the vestibule of the church with one of our Social Concerns members who will be there to accept your donations.

Your generosity is always appreciated!!

#### •Help for the Holidays

If you or someone you know will be needing help for Thanksgiving and Christmas, please e-mail Joyce at [jceccconi50@gmail.com](mailto:jceccconi50@gmail.com) or call the rectory 570-654-2753. We need a contact name and phone number as a member of Social Concerns will call you for Christmas gift ideas for your children and give you the pickup dates and times.

#### Book of the Dead

Each year the Church gives us the entire month of November as an opportunity to remember our loved ones who have gone before us in death, praying for their happiness and preparing ourselves to be reunited with them one day. A special book with the names of our beloved dead will be placed in or near the sanctuary in the churches. We invite you to please take a moment and write the names of your beloved departed family and friends in our parish book of the dead.

## Second Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend at all Masses our parish will take up a second collection which will benefit the "42nd Annual Thanksgiving Community Program". Forty-two years ago Sister Adrian Barrett, IHM, began gathering the elderly, lonely and less fortunate to share in a Thanksgiving dinner. The dinner will be held at the Scranton Cultural Center on Tuesday, November 20th at 6:00PM. Last year they served 1,500 people. Your monetary donations are appreciated.

## "Cabin Fever" Parish Raffle

This week you our parishioners will be receiving raffle tickets in the mail. This parish fundraiser "Cabin Fever" will offer you 2 chances to win \$500 on February 14 and the chance to win \$100 the following Sundays: January 20, 27, February 3 & 10. Your donation is \$25.00 for 5 tickets. For additional tickets, just call or stop by the rectory.

## Organ Fund Envelope

For the month of October the amount received through the organ fund envelopes is \$1,032.00.00. This amount has been deposited into our Diocesan Savings account leaving \$36,243.00 to replenish. Thank you for your donations

## Religious Education News

■Students who attend Catholic Schools are NOT required to attend religious education and Confirmation prep classes in our parish. If your child is in 2nd grade at a Catholic school and is a member of our parish, he/she is eligible to receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist in our parish. If your child is an 8th grade student in a Catholic School, he/she is eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish. You must call the rectory to register your son/daughter to receive the sacraments.

## ■Religious Ed Classes

There are NO religious education classes today Sunday, November 4th. Classes will resume next Sunday, November 11, 2018. Religious Education classes are held on Sunday mornings from 9:00AM to 10:15AM

## ■Confirmation Prep Classes

The Confirmation class will meet today, Sunday, November 4, 2018 from 5:30 to 7:30PM in Immaculate Conception School.

## Help Us Knit/Crochet Hats, Scarves, Gloves!!

Members and friends of our St. Clare Sewing Ministry are knitting and crocheting a variety of hats, scarfs, gloves, and mittens. They will be given to members of the families who are on our "giving tree" for Christmas. We have a lot of yarn, so If you would like to help, just call Pat Jacobs at 570-954-7552 and she will make arrangements for you to pick up some yarn. We will gladly accept any donations of these items, just leave them in the vestibules of the churches. Thank you!!

## Scranton Prep Galleria

Open to the public, featuring over 70 vendors, Saturday, November 10th 10:00AM to 5:00PM and Sunday, November 11th 11:00AM to 3:00PM in the Prep Xavier Center, 1000 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton. Admission is \$5.00...Children under 12 are free.

## Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Frances Ostir** are donated by Robert & Jackie Switzer.

## Holy Family Candle at ICC

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

## Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Stephen Sr & Mary Pestak** is donated by their granddaughter, Mary Stankus & family.

## Sanctuary Candle at HR

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Marie Stemler** is donated by the Kashuba Family.

## Diocesan Annual Appeal

To make a donation the this year's Annual Appeal, please visit [www.AnnualAppeal.org](http://www.AnnualAppeal.org) or call 570-207-2250 or send your gift to Development Office, Diocese of Scranton, 300 Wyoming Ave, Scranton, PA 18503. **Your donations are restricted for use to support the following 5 diocesan ministries and services: Catholic Social Services, Catholic Education in Schools and Paishes, Clergy Education & Care, Parish Life & Ministry Formation, and Catholic Media & Communications.**

DDA 2018 Parish Goal	\$32,000.00
Total Raised	\$18,822.22
Over (Under)	(\$13,177.78)

Mass Intentions		
November 5 thru November 11, 2018		
Mon	7:30AM	<b>John Robert Horan</b> By Bruce & Linda Kleinberger
	8:30AM	<b>Charles Godri</b> By Son, Ed & family
Tues	7:30AM	<b>Clem Parulis</b> By Andy & Elsie Kosmark
	8:30AM	<b>Marie Stemler</b> By Ann & Joseph Kozloski
Wed	7:30AM	<b>Anthony Manganello</b> By Judy Sokach & family
	8:30AM	<b>Edward A. Hosier, Jr.</b> By Jason, Janine & Samantha Lancaster
Thurs	7:30AM	<b>Josephine T. Mirabelle</b> By John & Beverly Williams
	8:30AM	<b>All Souls</b>
Fri	7:30AM	<b>Raymonde Baiera</b> By Marie, Maureen & families
	8:30AM	<b>Pamela Smith</b> By Joseph & Carol Sabatini
Sat	4:00PM	<b>Bernard Romanowski</b> By family
	5:30PM	<b>Richard Wienckoski</b> By Rich, Adam & Josh Pendolphia
Sun	7:30AM	<b>Marie Williams</b> By Steve & MaryAnn Sutkowski
	9:00AM	<b>Lou Cella</b> By family
	10:30AM	<b>In Honor of All Veterans, Living &amp; Deceased</b>