



## 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.

**December 9, 2018**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Immaculate Conception Church  
Holy Redeemer Church  
Parish Office**

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Mr. James Meizanis, Deacon  
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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.

### December 9, 2018

Readings/Responsorial # 996  
Gathering: # 395 O Come, O Come,  
Emmanuel

Offertory: # 409 People, Look East  
Communion: #402 Like a Shepherd  
Recessional: #403 Come, O Long  
Expected Jesus

### Weekly Collection December 2, 2018

**\$10,764.96**

### Care & Education of Priests

**November 2018**

**\$673.00**

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### Second Collection This Weekend

At all Masses this weekend we will take up the collection which will benefit the Retired Fund for Religious. Your generosity is appreciated.

### "Songs and Santa" Christmas Party Sunday, December 9th 2:00PM Immaculate Conception Hall

Please join our adult and youth choirs for a festive afternoon as we celebrate the Christmas season with everyone's favorite traditional Christmas Carols. We'll start with a choir performance, then all join voices for a sing-a-long. We will enjoy a pizza party complete with sweet treats and a visit from Santa! Wear your favorite, fun Christmas attire (ugly Christmas sweaters welcome)!

### Christmas Wafers

Christmas wafers can be found in the vestibules of the churches. Donation is \$2.00 for a pack of 4 wafers.

### Christmas & New Year's Masses:

Monday, December 24th (Christmas Eve Masses)  
4:00PM (IC), 5:30PM (HR), 10:00PM (IC)

Tuesday, December 25th (Christmas Day Masses)  
7:30AM (IC), 9:00AM (HR), 10:30AM (IC)

Monday, December 31st (New Year's Eve)  
4:00PM (IC), 5:30PM (HR)

Tuesday, January 1st (New Years Day) 10:00AM (IC)

### Altar Servers, EM's, Lectors

Please contact your coordinator to let them know of your availability to serve at Mass on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

**Altar Servers:** Donna Mason 570-903-9142 [mmason8589@aol.com](mailto:mmason8589@aol.com)  
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**Lectors:** Rosalie Cullagh 570-430-7319 [rosan814@comcast.net](mailto:rosan814@comcast.net)

### Organ Fund Envelope

For the month of November the amount received through the organ fund envelopes is **\$997.00**. This amount has been deposited into our Diocesan Savings account leaving **\$35,246.00** to replenish. Thank you for your donations

### Youth Group Wreath Sale

Members of our youth group are selling Christmas wreaths. The cost is \$10.00 for a fresh wreath decorated with a red bow. To order, see any youth group member, stop in the rectory or call Juel Anne Klepadlo at 570-430-1470. You may pick out your own wreath from December 1 thru December 24th at Ciampi's Greenhouse on Tunkhannock Ave.

### Christmas Eve Family Mass

All boys and girls are welcome to take part in the Christmas Eve family mass. The children can participate as lectors, gift bearers, or take part in the skit (non-reading parts). We welcome Confirmation students to take part as narrators. For more information or to sign up, just call the rectory at 570-654-2753.

### Youth Group Meeting

Youth Group members are asked to attend the Christmas Party at 2:00PM today in Immaculate Conception Church hall and following the party, they will have their monthly meeting.

### Bingo Planning Meeting

All are welcome to join us on Wednesday, December 12th at 6:00PM in the rectory as we begin planning our next parish bingo which will be held in the spring of 2019.

### Social Concerns News

#### •The Giving Trees

On the back of each tag is a "family number," which is how we identify the family. On most tags you will find the child's first name, his/her clothing sizes, and a toy or gift suggestion. When you take a tag, please know you do not have to purchase a clothing item. We put ages and sizes on most of the tags this year as many people would call looking for more information such as sizes and ages to make additional purchases. Please place your wrapped gifts (with the tag attached) under the giving tree no later than Sunday, December 16th. If you have any questions regarding the giving tree tags, contact Joyce at 570-654-2753 or email [jceconni50@gmail.com](mailto:jceconni50@gmail.com).

#### •Christmas Cookie Sharing

Our homebound and nursing home parishioners love receiving gifts of homemade goodies. If you are able to share a couple dozen of your favorite homemade Christmas cookies, please drop them off at the rectory by Thursday, December 13th. Volunteers are asked to meet at 5:00PM in the rectory on Thursday, December 13 to help package and gift wrap these goodies for our elderly parishioners. All are welcome!

#### •Soup Ministry

Our soup ministers will be in the kitchen of IC church on Thursday, December 13 and Friday December 14th at 9:00AM to create another delicious homemade soup for our homebound.

#### •Delivery to Nursing Homes & Homebound

Next Saturday, December 15th at 10:00AM, volunteers will begin Christmas deliveries to our homebound parishioners and to our parishioners residing in nursing homes. If you can help, meet us in the rectory at 10:00AM.

#### •Giving Tree and Christmas Food Distribution

All are welcome to join members of Social Concerns at 4:00PM on Sunday, December 16th in Immaculate Conception Church to sort giving tree gifts and fill gift boxes of food for some 97 plus families. Volunteers will be needed on Tuesday, December 18th from 5:00PM to 6:00PM to help with distribution. Great opportunity for teens needing service hours!! Thank you!!

#### ■Soup Ministry to Baking Ministry?

Our "soup ministry" members are expanding their talents! They will be making cake pops which will be distributed at the 4:00PM Family Mass on Christmas Eve. All are welcome to join them at 9:00AM on Thursday and Friday, December 20 and 21 in IC hall as they try their hand at this new endeavor. Join us for a lesson in making cake pops!!

### Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Sam Denisco** are donated by his children.

### Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Rita, Ross, Sr. & Anna Maria DeNisco** is donated by Ross & Rosemary DeNisco.

### Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Anthony Hassey** is donated by his wife, Grace & family.

### Cabin Fever Raffle Tickets

Cabin Fever raffle tickets make great last minute stocking stuffers. Just \$5 a ticket you get 40 chances to win \$100 and 2 chances to win \$500. For tickets just call or stop by the rectory. One of the winners could be you!

### Diocesan Annual Appeal

**Your Diocesan Annual Appeal donations are restricted for use to support the following 5 diocesan ministries and services: Catholic Social Services, Catholic Education in Schools and Parishes, Clergy Education & Care, Parish Life & Ministry Formation, and Catholic Media & Communications.**

<b>DAA 2018 Parish Goal</b>	<b>\$32,000.00</b>
<b>Total Raised</b>	<b><u>\$23,782.22</u></b>
<b>Over (Under)</b>	<b>(\$8,217.78)</b>

Mass Intentions		
December 10 thru December 16, 2018		
Mon	7:30AM	<b>Carmella Salerno</b> By JoAnne Barron
	8:30AM	<b>Marie Stemler</b> By Lori & Paul Pugliese
Tues	7:30AM	<b>Teresa Montante</b> By Sons & Families
	8:30AM	<b>James Sabol</b> By Rita Snyder
Wed	7:30AM	<b>Anthony Luczak</b> By wife, Betty
	8:30AM	<b>Paul Anzalone</b> By Wynn & Penny Bell
Thurs	7:30AM	<b>Dina &amp; Gary Del Serra</b> By daughters, Barbara & Denise
	8:30AM	<b>John Monico</b> By Steve & Caroline Miller
Fri	7:30AM	<b>Gail Hamilton</b> By Denise Bartoletti
	8:30AM	<b>Albina Saracino</b> By Tom & Lee Ann Burkhart
Sat	4:00PM	<b>Dec.'d Membs of Brown, Bishop, Serafin &amp; Pasternak Families</b> By John & Maryellen Serafin
	5:30PM	<b>Rita Zekoski</b> By M/M Luke Loyack
Sun	7:30AM	<b>James Ciampi</b> By sister, Helen
	9:00AM	<b>Marie Stemler</b> By Mike & Theresa Strassner
	10:30AM	<b>John Casey</b> By Family