



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.

February 3, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

**Immaculate Conception Church
Holy Redeemer Church
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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.

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Readings/Responsorial # 1103

Gathering: #742 The Church's One Foundation

Offertory: #706 Where Charity and Love Prevail

Communion: #695 You are Near

Recessional: #775 Go Make a Difference

Weekly Collection

January 27, 2019

\$9,651.96

My E offering

\$105.00

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Blessing of Throats

In honor of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, we will be blessing throats at all Masses this weekend.

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation

A letter and a registration form have been mailed to 20 boys and girls registered in our Religious Education program or attending a Catholic school who will receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Saturday, February 16 at 10:00AM in IC Church. If your child is eligible to receive this sacrament and did not receive a letter, please call the rectory. Parents/guardians are reminded to please return the registration and if your child was not baptized in Immaculate Conception or Holy Redeemer, we need a copy of his/her baptism. Immediately following the sacrament, the boys and girls, their families and friends are invited to a brunch in the church hall.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

The **Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish on Sunday, June 9, 2019 at 12 Noon in Immaculate Conception Church.**

Communal Baptisms

Our next scheduled communal baptism is **Sunday, February 24, 2019** immediately following the 10:30AM liturgy in Immaculate Conception Church. Members of our baptism ministry will be on hand to welcome the families and present to the children gifts from our Holy Name Society and our St. Clare Sewing Ministry. Call the rectory to make arrangements to have your child baptized.

Social Concerns Soup Ministry

This Thursday & Friday, February 7 and 8, volunteers will meet in the kitchen at Immaculate Conception Church at 9:00AM to make another delicious homemade soup for our homebound. Thank you for your dedication to this ministry.

Valentine Delivery to Homebound & Nursing Homes

Volunteers are asked to meet next **Saturday, February 9th at 10:00AM in the rectory** to deliver Valentine gifts to our parishioners who are homebound and residing in nursing homes. They will receive a box of See's chocolates, homemade cookies/cupcakes made and donated by a parishioner, and hand made Valentines from children in our religious education program. In addition our homebound parishioners will receive a quart of delicious homemade soup made by volunteers of our "soup ministry."

Twilight Bingo

Saturday, March 30, 2019

Immaculate Conception Church Hall

Doors open at 6:00PM and bingo starts at 7:00PM. This is a BYOB event featuring a variety of foods and desserts for purchase. Join us and try your luck at winning an Amazon Echo, 3-Tier Air/Fryer Oven, 10" Amazon Fire Tablet, a 55-inch Smart TV or one of the following cash prizes.....\$150, \$200, \$500, \$750, or \$1,000. Tickets are \$20.00 in advance or \$25.00 at the door. Tickets, which are available at the rectory, will be sold on a first come first serve basis. To reserve your tickets or for table reservations, call the rectory at 570-654-2753.

Our next bingo planning meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 12th at 6:00PM in the rectory.** All are welcome!

Youth Group News

■Meeting

All are welcome today, Sunday, February 3rd after the 10:30AM Mass in IC hall.

■Snow Tubing

Youth Group members, their friends and families are welcome to join us on Sunday, February 10th at Montage Mountain from 1 to 4PM for an afternoon of snow tubing. The group rate is \$24 per person for a 3—hour session.

■Board Game Party

Save the date! All students in grade 7 thru 12 and their friends are invited to join us for “Board Game Night” on Sunday, March 10 from 6 to 9PM in Immaculate Conception Church hall. Pizza, snacks and drinks will be provided.

■Living Stations

All boys and girls from elementary through high school are invited to take part in our Youth Group’s annual production of The Living Stations Great opportunity for Confirmation students to earn those service hours!!

■If your son/daughter is interested in any of the above mentioned Youth Group events, snow tubing, board game party or living stations, please contact JuelAnn Klepadlo at 570-430-1470 or e-mail jaklepadlo@comcast.net.

Online Giving is Now Available!!

■HOW DO I SIGN UP? Signing up is as simple as going to our parish website www.corpuschristinepa.com and looking for the green computer mouse icon. That button will take you to the my E offering page for our parish. Simply sign up and begin giving online today! For help signing up or for more information on on-line giving, call Lori at 570-654-2753.

Parish Bazaar Meeting

Our first bazaar meeting, which was cancelled last week due to inclement weather, will be held this **Wednesday, February 6th at 6:00PM** in the rectory. All are welcome!!

St Clare Sewing/Knitting Ministry Meeting

We will meet on **Wednesday, February 13th at 6:00PM in the rectory**. Those of you who have been working on the stuffed dragons at home are asked to bring them to this meeting to be completed. These will be given to the boys and girls receiving First Reconciliation. The next project this ministry will be working on is making stoles for the 28 eighth graders who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation here in June.

Courtesy News

National Down Syndrome Society

Quinn Crispell, parishioner, lector and altar server, will represent the National Down Syndrome Society at the 2019 Disney Princess 5K Run on February 22, 2019. Quinn and Team NDSS will be running “around the world” through Epcot. Donations in support of this fundraiser can be made through Quinn’s fundraising page at <https://give.classy.org/QuinnDisneyRun>.

WA Mini Thon Bingo Fundraiser

This event will be held at the Wyoming Area Secondary Center Cafeteria on Sunday, February 17th. All proceeds will benefit Four Diamonds and Little Eric Speicher Foundation to help continue the battle against pediatric cancer. Doors open at 12 Noon. Donation is \$20 per person. Prizes include various \$50 gift cards, raffle baskets, cash and more!

Cabin Fever Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the following 10 \$100 winners in our “cabin fever” drawing:

Tony Chimento, Dolores Crowley, Steve Debella, David Hergen, David Kovalchik, Dolores Lanunziata, Carl Nocek, Mary & Joe Rubino, Carol Sharaba, and Mike & Carm Sherin.

You, too, can be a winner! We still have tickets available for the ten \$100 drawings on Sunday, February 10th and the two \$500 drawings on Valentine’s Day, February 14th. To purchase a ticket, call or stop by the rectory.

Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **David Cipolla** are donated by his children & grandchildren.

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Hubert Dixon** is donated by his wife, Marguerite & their children..

Diocesan Annual Appeal

DAA 2018 Parish Goal	\$32,000.00
Total Raised	<u>\$26,527.22</u>
Over (Under)	(\$5,472.78)

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2019 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 30. The event includes a 2:30pm mass at St. Peter’s Cathedral followed by a reception. To request an invitation, please call the rectory office at 570-654-2753 before April 2.

Mass Intentions

February 4 thru February 10, 2019

Mon	7:30AM	Joseph Agolino, Sr. By Marguerite Dixon
	8:30AM	Dina Del Serra By M/M Sam Aritz
Tues	7:30AM	Marilyn Fessler By Family
	8:30AM	Ann “Nancy” Nardone By Joseph Szewczyk
Wed	7:30AM	Faust Valenti By Patti Wiatrowski
	8:30AM	Aurelia Menichini By M/M Robert Fumanti
Thurs	7:30AM	Carole Darbenzio By Ron & Rosemary Gitkos
	8:30AM	Michael LaNunziata By Marie Malinoski & Angie Diesco
Fri	7:30AM	Juel Carmody By Children
	8:30AM	Kathleen Perhalla By Paula & Joe Laibinis
Sat	4:00PM	Andrew & Anna Lugar By Children
	5:30PM	Bernadine Romasiewicz By Bill & Judy Buckman
Sun	7:30AM	Joseph DeLucca, Sr. By M/M James Meizanis
	9:00AM	Josephine Greskiewicz By son, Walleye
	10:30AM	Betty Margle By Mary & Drew Smith