



**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 24, 2019**

**Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Immaculate Conception Church  
Holy Redeemer Church  
Parish Office  
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Msgr. John J. Sempa, Pastor  
Mr. James Mezanis, Deacon  
Mrs. Joyce Cecconi,  
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.

**February 24, 2019**

Readings/Responsorial # 1112  
Gathering: #901 For the Life of the World  
Offertory: #706 Where Charity and Love  
Prevail!  
Communion: #932 One Bread, One Body  
Recessional: #590 Christ, Be Our Light

**Weekly Collection  
February 17, 2019**

**Collection \$9,315.05  
E Giving 665.68  
Total \$9,980.73**

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**Yearly contributions**

For a report of your yearly contributions for 2018, please contact Lori at 570-654-2753 or e-mail [lkasisky1@epix.net](mailto:lkasisky1@epix.net).

**Adult Education Bible Study – “Genesis – Part 1”**

This adult bible study program on the book of “Genesis” will run 5 consecutive Thursdays beginning on February 28th at 6:00 PM in the Immaculate Conception Church. Each session will last for approximately 90 minutes. This new program, designed by Little Rock Scripture Study, will cover the first 25 chapters of the book of Genesis. We will study the creation of the world, the creation of man and woman, and the relationships between God and people.

**Please sign-up as soon asap so we can order the materials.** To sign up for the program or for more information, please contact Deacon Jim Mezanis at 570-239-2783 or [deacon.meizanis@gmail.com](mailto:deacon.meizanis@gmail.com).

**The cost for the study is \$20.00 to cover books and study materials. If anyone is interested in the program and needs help with the cost, please contact Deacon Jim.**

Don't miss out. Join the fun and learn more about our faith through the scriptures. Oh, and did we say there will still be snacks....

**Twilight Bingo**

Save the date! **Saturday, March 30, 2019 IC 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 purchase tickets or make table reservations, call the rectory at 570-654-2753 or e-mail Joyce at [jceconi50@gmail.com](mailto:jceconi50@gmail.com).

**Twilight Bingo Sponsor**

Show your support of our bingo by becoming a sponsor. Advertise your business, memorialize or extend congratulations/best wishes to a family member or friend. Sponsorships include advertisements in our program book. Rates are as follows:

- Galaxy Sponsor.....\$500.00 (full page ad)
- Star Sponsor.....\$250.00 (half page ad)
- Planet Sponsor.....\$125.00 (Quarter page ad)
- Moon Sponsor.....\$50.00 (Patron Listing)

**Social Concerns Food Sale - Eat-In or Take-Out**

On **Ash Wednesday, March 6th**, members of Social Concerns will be making and selling homemade Manhattan Clam Chowder, Potato Soup, Haluski and Pierogi. The food sale will take place from **12 Noon to 6:30PM** in the church hall. Members of our “soup ministry” and anyone who would like to help are asked to meet in the church kitchen on **Monday, March 4th at 9:00AM, Tuesday, March 5th at 11:00AM and Wednesday, March 6th at 9:00AM.** Your support of this fundraiser enables us to deliver soup and pierogi to some 40 plus homebound parishioners. Our delivery people are asked to come to the kitchen on **Wednesday, March 6 between 3:00PM and 4:00PM** to deliver the food and take ashes to our homebound.

If you can help deliver, please e-mail Joyce at [jceconi50@gmail.com](mailto:jceconi50@gmail.com).

## Parish Bazaar 2019

Save the dates!! Our annual parish bazaar will be held Thursday thru Saturday, June 20, 21, & 22 on the grounds of Immaculate Conception Church. Hours are Thursday & Friday 6:00PM to 10:00PM and Saturday 5:00PM to 10:00PM. We have some great nightly entertainment lined up. Thursday- Flaxy Morgan, Friday- Millennium and Saturday- Orange Whip.

### Bazaar Meeting

Our 2nd general bazaar planning meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 27th at 6:00PM in the rectory.** All are welcome.

### New Parish Lottery "Spring into Summer"

**This weekend at all Masses, volunteers will be in the vestibules of the churches selling lottery tickets.**

For a \$25 donation you have the chance to win \$50 daily, \$100 on Sundays or \$150 on 6 bonus days during the months of April, May and June. For additional tickets you are welcome to call or stop by the rectory.

### Online Giving is Now Available!!

**■HOW DO I SIGN UP?** Signing up is as simple as going to our parish website [www.corpuschristinepa.com](http://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 regarding on-line giving, call Lori at 570-654-2753.

### Ministering to the Homebound

The spiritual needs of our sick, homebound, hospitalized and nursing home parishioners are very important to us. We want to keep them in prayer and provide visits and communion. You can help us minister to these parishioners in a variety of ways. Please call the rectory or e-mail Joyce at [jcecconi50@gmail.com](mailto:jcecconi50@gmail.com) .....

- If someone you know is admitted to a hospital, nursing facility or is homebound.....
- If you would like to visit a nursing facility on a regular basis.....
- If you would like to bring communion to our homebound on a regular basis.....
- If you are homebound and wish to receive communion...
- If you are homebound or residing in a nursing facility and would like the bulletin mailed to you....
- If you would like to help with deliveries to the homebound and nursing homes.....

### Seniors Meeting

All are welcome to join us on the last Wednesday of each month in the rectory for an afternoon of cards, snacks and friendly chatter. The group will meet this Wednesday, **February 27 at 1:00PM.**

### Weight Watchers

Call or e-mail Joyce at 570-654-2753 or [jcecco-ni50@gmail.com](mailto:jcecco-ni50@gmail.com) for information on joining a Weight Watchers program in our parish.

### Al anon Meetings

An Al anon meeting is held every Wednesday at 10:15AM in Immaculate Conception Church hall. Relatives and friends of alcoholics are welcome to attend.

### Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Jamie Oliveri** are donated by his mother Ruth and Family.

### Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Mary Lou Langan** is donated by Carl Angelella & Family.

### 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.

### Diocesan Annual Appeal

<b>DAA 2018 Parish Goal</b>	<b>\$32,000.00</b>
<b>Total Raised</b>	<b><u>\$27,412.22</u></b>
<b>Over (Under)</b>	<b>(\$4,587.78)</b>

### Do You Want to Know More About the Annulment Process?

In the Diocese of Scranton the annulment process is now more "user friendly" than you might expect and there is no longer a processing fee. Please contact the Diocesan Tribunal Office (570-207-2246) to begin a conversation. It is possible to get clear answers to these questions and to renew your connection with the Church.

### Mass Intentions

#### February 25 thru March 3, 2019

<b>Mon</b>	7:30AM	<b>Margaret Capral</b> By Son, Robert
	8:30AM	<b>Debra Mariott</b> By Neil & Barbara Sorber
<b>Tues</b>	7:30AM	<b>Josephine T. Mirabelle</b> By Patti Wiatrowski
	8:30AM	<b>William F. Grey</b> By Loretta Anderson
<b>Wed</b>	7:30AM	<b>Julia Cecconi</b> By Family
	8:30AM	<b>Joseph D. Gutowski</b> By M/M Edward Litwin & Family
<b>Thurs</b>	7:30AM	<b>Anthony &amp; Joe Ristagno</b> By Mother & Wife
	8:30AM	<b>Dolores Curry</b> By Trent & Sandra Grove
<b>Fri</b>	7:30AM	<b>Mafalda Baldini</b> By Family
	8:30AM	<b>Charles Jr, Charles Sr &amp; Carmella Parente</b> By Grandchildren
<b>Sat</b>	4:00PM	<b>Griffin Jakob Schumow</b> By Grandmother & Family
	5:30PM	<b>George R. (Bucky) Mazur</b> By John & Grace Tarity
<b>Sun</b>	7:30AM	<b>Joseph Ciampi</b> By Rose Russo & Family
	9:00AM	<b>Annie &amp; John Eldeman, Sr.</b> By Dianne & Ray Smith
	10:30AM	<b>Joseph Bonomo</b> By Wife, Miriam & Family

## **Lent is Approaching**

Lent, which runs from Ash Wednesday up to but not including the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, is a penitential season during which we prepare ourselves for the coming celebration of the Paschal Mystery during Holy week, the Triduum and Easter. The Lenten environment, which should be stark and free of clutter, and the absence of the alleluia remind us of the barrenness of the desert.

### **Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019**

Distribution of Ashes will be as follows:

- 7:30AM Mass & distribution of ashes @ ICC**
- 8:30AM Mass & distribution of ashes @ HR**
- 12:00 Noon distribution of ashes only @ICC (no mass)**
- 3:30PM distribution of ashes only @ ICC (no mass)**
- 5:00PM distribution of ashes only @ HR (no mass)**
- 5:30PM Mass & distribution of ashes @ ICC**

### **Daily Lenten Mass Schedule**

Beginning Ash Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, our daily Mass schedule is as follows:

- 7:30 AM @ Immaculate Conception Church**
- 8:30 AM @ Holy Redeemer Church**
- 5:30 PM @ Immaculate Conception Church**

To participate at daily Mass during lent, lectors and em's are asked to contact

EM's: Teresa Crossin 570-357-3985 [tacross5@comcast.net](mailto:tacross5@comcast.net)

Lectors: Rosalie Cullagh 570-430-7319 [rosan814@comcast.net](mailto:rosan814@comcast.net)

### **Ash Wednesday Food Sale**

On Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, members of our Social Concerns "soup ministry" will be making and selling Manhattan Clam Chowder, Potato Soup, Haluski and Pierogi. You can eat-in or take-out from 12 Noon until 6:30PM in Immaculate Conception Church hall. Your participation in this fundraiser enables us to deliver to our homebound a dinner of soup and pierogi. Proceeds from this sale will benefit the work of Social Concerns.

### **Distribution of Ashes & Food Delivery for our Homebound**

On Ash Wednesday, March 6, volunteers are needed to distribute ashes to our homebound and deliver their soup and pierogi. If you can help with these deliveries, please contact Joyce at 570-654-2753 or

[jceconni50@gmail.com](mailto:jceconni50@gmail.com).

You are asked to meet us in the church hall between 3:00PM and 4:00PM to begin deliveries.

### **Stations of the Cross**

On Friday evenings **March 8, 22, 29, and April 12**

**5:50PM (following the 5:30PM Mass)**

**Immaculate Conception Church**

### **Stations of the Cross for Children**

**Fridays, March 15 and April 5 @ 5:50PM**

**Immaculate Conception Church**

All children are welcome to participate. There are both reading and non-reading parts.

If your child wishes to participate contact:

Lisa Falzone 237-2739 [lisa.falzone@ssa.gov](mailto:lisa.falzone@ssa.gov)

Sara Konopka 498-9304 [skono1683@yahoo.com](mailto:skono1683@yahoo.com)

Mary Ann Oliveri 357-1771 [mare0912b@epix.net](mailto:mare0912b@epix.net)

### **Easter Food & Children's Easter Basket Drive**

Our Social Concerns Committee will be conducting a non-perishable food drive during Lent. Each week in the bulletin we will list suggestions of specific food items of which we are in need.

We will gladly accept donations of these or any non-perishable foods and of course, monetary donations are always welcome.

We will be filling Easter baskets for children age infant through teenager.

You can help with donations of Easter candy, Dollar Store toys or anything suitable for Easter basket gifts.

Thank you in advance for your help! Donations may be left in the vestibules of the churches.

If you or a family you know of is in need and would like help for Easter, please contact Joyce at 570-654-2753 or [jceconni50@gmail.com](mailto:jceconni50@gmail.com)

## **Lenten Soup & Scripture**

**Tuesdays during Lent, March 19, 26, April 2, and 9  
6:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church Hall.**

We gather to enjoy a simple Lenten meal of soup and sandwiches provided by volunteers in various ministries of our parish, followed by Lenten reflections from a guest speaker.

<b>March 19</b>	<b>Social Concerns/Finance Committee</b>	<b>soup/set up</b>
	<b>Ushers/Liturgy/Holy Name</b>	<b>sandwiches/clean up</b>
<b>March 26</b>	<b>Lectors/Extraordinary Ministers</b>	<b>soup/set up</b>
	<b>Adult Choir/Cantors/Car Show Committee</b>	<b>sandwiches/clean up</b>
<b>April 2</b>	<b>St. Clare Sewing Ministry/Baptism Ministry</b>	<b>soup/set up</b>
	<b>Building &amp; Grounds/Bazaar Committee</b>	<b>sandwiches/clean up</b>
<b>April 9</b>	<b>Heavenly Hosts/Religious Ed Teachers</b>	<b>soup/set up</b>
	<b>Money Counters/Seniors</b>	<b>sandwiches/clean up</b>

Whether or not you belong to one of the listed ministries, you are invited to join us. If you belong to more than one ministry, you should choose just one with which to help. If you are bringing soup, please arrive at 5:00PM to set up the food table and make the coffee. If you are bringing sandwiches, please help with clean up afterward.

## **The Light is on for You**

In addition to our normal Saturday afternoon confession time at 3:00PM, during Lent Msgr. Sempa will be in the confessional at Immaculate Conception Church on **Mondays, March 11, 18, 25, April 1 from 5:45PM to 6:45PM and at Holy Redeemer Monday, April 8 from 6:00PM to 7:00PM.**

## **Living Stations of the Cross**

**Good Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church**

Presented by our youth group, children of our parish and our youth choir.

To take part in the Living Stations, contact JuelAnne Klepadlo at 570-430-1430

or e-mail [jaklepadlo@comcast.net](mailto:jaklepadlo@comcast.net).

## **Blessing of Baskets**

**Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon in Holy Redeemer Church**

Members of Social Concerns will prepare and deliver blessed baskets to our homebound parishioners.

## **Easter Egg Hunt**

**Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:15PM on the grounds of Holy Redeemer Church**

This Easter Egg Hunt, which is sponsored by our parish youth group, is for children of all ages with a special area for babies and toddlers.

## **Deanery Sunday Vigils Lent 2019**

Sunday Vigils: Deacons will lead the 5:00PM Vigils at the parish hosting The Road to Resurrection that week.

## **Deanery Road to Resurrection 2019**

March 13, 2019	7:00PM	Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Duryea (Rev. John Polednak)
March 20, 2019	7:00PM	St. Monica Parish, West Wyoming (Rev. Peter Tomczak)
March 27, 2019	7:00PM	Our Lady of the Eucharist, Pittston (Sr. Mary Ann Cody, IHM)
April 3, 2019	7:00PM	Queen of the Apostles Parish, Avoca (Rev. Phil Sladika)
April 10, 2019	7:00PM	St. John the Evangelist, Pittston (Rev. Joseph Elston)

## **Deanery Penance Service**

**Monday, April 15, 2019**

**7:00PM**

**St. John Evangelist Church**