



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.

March 3, 2019

Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

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Mr. James Meizanis, Deacon

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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

5:30PM Immaculate Conception (Lent)

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00PM - 3:30PM

Mondays 5:45-6:45PM (during Lent)

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.

March 3, 2019

Readings/Responsorial # 1115

Gathering: #520 This is the Feast of Victory

Offertory: #624 Lift Up Your Hearts

Communion: #631 We Give You Thanks

Recessional: #607 Sing a New Song

Weekly Collection

February 24, 2019

Collection \$8,213.04

E Giving 483.71

Total \$8,696.75

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Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe

At all Masses on Ash Wednesday, March 6th, we will take up the collection for the church in Central and Eastern Europe.

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

Ash Wednesday Food Sale

On Wednesday, March 6th, members of our Social Concerns will be making and selling Manhattan Clam Chowder, Potato Soup, Haluski and Pierogi. The food sale will run from 12 Noon until 6:30PM in Immaculate Conception Church hall. You are welcome to eat-in or take-out. 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.

Help in the Kitchen

Join us as we prepare for our Ash Wednesday Food Sale. Volunteers are needed in the kitchen to – slice, dice, chop, cut and fry on **Monday, March 4 from 9:00AM, Tuesday, March 5 from 11:00AM and Wednesday, March 6 from 9:00AM to 6:30PM.** All are welcome!

Ashes & Food Delivery for our Homebound

On Ash Wednesday, March 6, volunteers are needed to distribute ashes and communion to our homebound along with delivering their soup and pierogi. Volunteers are asked to come to the church hall between 3:00PM and 4:00PM to begin deliveries. Thank you!

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 - 6:45PM** and at Holy Redeemer **Monday, April 8** from **6:00PM - 7:00PM.**

Stations of the Cross

On Friday evenings **March 8, 22, 29, April 12 at 5:50PM** (following the 5:30PM Mass) in Immaculate Conception Church

Stations of the Cross for Children

On **Fridays, March 15 and April 5 at 5:50PM** in Immaculate Conception Church, children will be leading the Stations of the Cross. All children are welcome to participate. There are both reading and non-reading parts. If your child wishes to participate in these stations or if they want to participate in the Easter Sunday Family Mass at 10:30AM, please contact:

Lisa Falzone 237-2739 mybudget1@aol.com

Sara Konopka 498-9304 skono1683@yahoo.com

Mary Ann Oliveri 357-1778 mare0912b@epix.net

Lenten Soup & Scripture

On Tuesdays during Lent, **March 19, 26, April 2, and 9, we will gather at 6:00PM** in Immaculate Conception Church Hall to enjoy a simple Lenten meal of soup and sandwiches provided by volunteers in various ministries of our parish. Each week following the meal, a guest speaker will provide us with some Lenten reflections. The first week the following groups are asked to supply the soups and sandwiches:

March 19 Social Concerns/Finance Committee soup/set up
Ushers/Liturgy/Holy Name sandwiches/clean up

To be sure we have ample soups & sandwiches, please call the rectory or e-mail Joyce at jceconni50@gmail.com.

Youth Group Board Game Party

All students in grades 7 thru 12 are welcome to join us next **Sunday, March 10th at 6:00PM** in IC hall for an evening of fun and games. Pizza, snacks, and drinks will be provided; bring your board games!

Living Stations Good Friday, April 19th

All boys and girls are invited to take part in our parish youth group's production of Living Stations. To take part contact JuelAnn Klepadlo at 570-430-1470 or e-mail jaklepadlo@comcast.net.

Yearly contributions

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

Let's Play Ball!

Family Mass Sunday, March 10th

10:30AM ICC

All boys and girls are invited to join us at this Family Mass to begin our Lenten journey by signing up to play "Corpus Christi Baseball." You can help us hit it out of the park and run the bases throughout the five Sundays of Lent. All you need is your Corpus Christi bat, which will be given out next Sunday during mass. You will play for either Team Sempa Saints or Team Alco Angels. Each week you will be tasked with good deeds to perform. When you come to Mass place them in the bucket on your team dugout. As good deeds are brought in, your team will advance the bases. On Easter Sunday at the Family Mass, we will see who makes it to home plate. Always remember to have fun and play hard!!

Family Mass & Donut Sunday

Boys and girls in 3rd Grade will participate in next Sunday's Family Mass and our youth choir will sing. Following the Mass all are invited to join us in the church hall for donuts!!!

Social Concerns Spring Food Drive

To help us keep our food shelves in stock, we are asking for donations of jelly and syrup. As always, all non-perishable foods and monetary donations are welcome!!

Help for Easter

If you or someone you know is struggling and could use help with food and Easter baskets for their children, please call the rectory.

Parish Lottery "Spring into Summer"

For additional tickets you are welcome to call or stop by the rectory.

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Joseph Ciampi** is donated by his mom and dad.

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 regarding on-line giving, call Lori at 570-654-2753.

Save the date!!

Corpus Christi Car Show **Sunday, May 19, 2019** on the grounds of Holy Redeemer.

Weight Watchers

We are in the process of trying to spark enough interest to begin a weekly Weight Watchers program here at the rectory. If you are interested, please contact Joyce at 570-654-2753 or jceconni50@gmail.com.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

DAA 2018 Parish Goal	\$32,000.00
Total Raised	\$27,412.22
Over (Under)	(\$4,587.78)

Mass Intentions

March 4 thru March 10, 2019

Mon	7:30AM	Donald Fetsko By Katie & Jerry Stofko
	8:30AM	Dr. Peter Andrews, Sr. By Tom & Mary Moore
Tues	7:30AM	Shannon Purcell By Cecconi Family
	8:30AM	Davidica (Mattei) Ferretti By Bruno Ferretti, Jr.
Wed	7:30AM	Dante Bovani, Sr. By Loretta & Marta
	8:30AM	Rose Ambrosino By James McNerney, Jr.
	5:30PM	Elio DeNardi By Wife & Children
Thurs	7:30AM	Mary Brennan By Family
	8:30AM	Melio Viti By M/M Gerald Stofko
	5:30PM	Mary Ann Yorina By Mom & Dad
Fri	7:30AM	Dec'd Membs of Josephine & Alexander Parente Family By Grandchildren
	8:30AM	Mary Woods & Family By Jim & Helen Mellon
	5:30PM	Louis & Irene Berti By Capizzi Family
Sat	4:00PM	Joseph & Gerry Galaida By Family
	5:30PM	Barry Brown By Patti Wiatrowski
Sun	7:30AM	Thomas R. Ford By John & Beverly Mattei
	9:00AM	Helen Zielen By Jim & Debbie Keaney
	10:30AM	Florence Reilly By Family

Twilight Bingo

Saturday, March 30, 2019

Doors Open 6:00PM Bingo starts 7:00PM

Tickets \$20 in advance or \$25 at the Door

Foods available for purchase include homemade chili, pierogies, hamburgers, hotdogs, turkey burgers, soft pretzels w/ honey mustard sauce, assorted homemade desserts, coffee, water, soda. This is a BYOB event.

Admission includes 14 free games with prizes including Amazon Echo, 3-Tier Air Fryer/Oven, 10" Amazon Fire Tablet, Bose Soundlink Speaker and cash prizes ranging from \$150 - \$200.

There will be 6 "Specials" @ \$5.00 each with prizes including 55-inch Smart TV, 2-\$500 cash games, 2-\$750 cash games, 1-\$1,000 cash game.

Tickets, which will be sold on a first come basis, or for reservations stop by or call the rectory 570-654-2753, or e-mail jecconi50@gmail.com

Next weekend, March 9-10, ticket will be available before and after all Masses

Show your support of our bingo by becoming a sponsor. Advertise your business, memorialize or extend congratulations to a family member or friend. Your sponsorship will include an advertisement in our program book. Just choose the amount of your sponsorship, return the attached form with your check and sponsor information to the rectory via the Sunday collection or mail.

- 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)

If you would like to volunteer working the bingo or in the kitchen, helping with set up or clean up, or if you would like to donate home baked desserts to sell at the bingo, please fill out the enclosed form and someone will contact you. Please return form by Sunday, March 17th via the collection or mail. Thank you!!

Name _____ Phone # _____

_____ Yes, I would like to become a sponsor for the bingo.

_____ Yes, I have enclosed my advertisement for the bingo or my ad should read

_____ I would like to volunteer at the bingo (kitchen or bingo floor)

_____ I will help with bingo set up on Saturday

_____ I will help with clean up on Sunday

_____ I will donate home baked goods for the bingo (drop off early day of bingo)