



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 24, 2019

Third Sunday of Lent

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

5:30PM Immaculate Conception (Lent)

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00PM - 3:30PM

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

Immaculate Conception

EUCCHARISTIC 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 24, 2019

Readings/Responsorial # 1024

Gathering: #480 Mercy, O God

Offertory: #474 From Ashes to the

Living Font

Communion: #783 Unless a Grain of Wheat

Recessional: #493 Change Our Hearts

Weekly Collection

March 17, 2019

Collection \$10,166.55

E Giving 863.83

Total \$11,030.38

Second Collection Next weekend

Next weekend at all masses we will conduct a diocesan mandated second collection to benefit Catholic Relief Services.

The Light is on for You

Msgr. Sempa will be in the confessional at Immaculate Conception Church on Monday, March 25, & April 1 from 5:45PM - 6:45PM. On Monday, April 8, Msgr. will be in the confessional at Holy Redeemer from 6:00PM to 7:00PM.

Lenten Soup & Scripture

All are welcome to join us Tuesday, March 26 at 6:00PM in IC Church. Our guest speaker this week is Rev. Michael Drevitch. The following groups are asked to host our next session on Tuesday, April 2nd:

Soup/Set-up

St. Clare Sewing Ministry/Baptism Ministry

Sandwiches/clean-up

Building & Grounds/Bazaar Committee

First Eucharist Retreat

A retreat for the boys and girls preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist will be held on Saturday, April 6 from 9:00AM to 11:30AM in IC school. We are asking for parent volunteers to help out at the retreat. If you can help, please contact Patti Wiatrowski at 570-428-3381 or pattiw1018@gmail.com.

Twilight Bingo

Saturday, March 30, 2019

Doors open at 6:00PM Bingo starts at 7:00PM

We have approximately 2 dozen tickets left which will be available at all Masses this weekend or at the rectory during the week.

If you are donating baked goods, please drop them off in the church hall on Saturday. Thank you!!

Listed below are dates and times when volunteer help is needed. We welcome teens who need service hours:

Thursday, March 28 @ 5:00PM (food prep)

Friday, March 29 @ 4:00PM (set up the hall...teens welcome)

Saturday, March 30 @ 11:00AM (food prep)

Saturday, March 30 @ 6-10:00PM (work at bingo ...18 years or older)

Saturday, March 30 @ 10:00PM (tear down hall...teens welcome)

Sunday, March 31 @ 11:30AM (kitchen clean up)

Social Concerns News

► **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 or e-mail icecconi50@gmail.com.

► **Easter Food Drive** We will gladly accept monetary donations or any non-perishable foods which will be used to fill Easter food baskets for local families.

► **Easter Baskets for Kids** If you can help, we would appreciate donations of Easter candy, Dollar Store toys or anything suitable for Easter basket gifts for children of all ages. Donations may be left in the vestibules or at the rectory.

► **Drivers Needed** On Saturday, April 13 at 10:00AM we need volunteers to deliver blessed palm and Easter gifts to nursing homes and the homebound.

► **Volunteers Needed** We welcome adults and teens needing service hours to join us on Sunday, April 14 at 5:00PM in IC hall to fill Easter Food Baskets and Easter Baskets for kids.

► **Drivers Needed** On Saturday, April 20 at 12:00PM at Holy Redeemer Church to deliver blessed basket to our homebound parishioners.

St Clare Sewing Ministry Meeting

Members are asked to attend a meeting on Wednesday, March 27 at 6:00PM in the rectory. At this meeting, members will begin working on stoles for our Confirmation class.

Religious Education Classes

There are no religious education classes for grades K thru 7 on Sunday March 31 and Sunday, April 7th.

Holy Name Breakfast

It is our pleasure to announce WBRE News Anchor Candice Kelly will be the principal speaker at our Holy Name Society's 34th Annual Father Son/Daughter Breakfast on Sunday, April 7, 2019 following the 7:30AM Mass in the church hall. Donation is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 10. Tickets are available at the rectory or from the ushers after Mass.

Let's Play Ball!!

All boys and girls are reminded that once you have completed your weekly task, bring it in and place it in the bucket on top of your team's dugout! Your "Corpus Christi bat" will determine what team you are on: Team Sempa Saints or Team Alco Angels. 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, play hard and Let's Play Ball!

Youth Group Events

► **Youth Group members** are asked to meet in ICC hall at 5:00PM on Sunday, April 14, 2019 to help fill Easter baskets for kids.

► **Living Stations of the Cross** Our youth group's annual production of Living Stations of the Cross will be held on Good Friday, April 19, 2019 at 7:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church.

► **Living Stations Practice** will be held in IC Church at 7:00PM on Sunday, March 24, April 7, and April 14 and dress rehearsal is Wednesday, April 17 at 7:00PM.

► **Easter Egg Hunt** Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 20, 2019 at 12:15PM on the grounds of Holy Redeemer Church. Youth Group members are asked to be there by 11:00AM to set up for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Graduation Mass & Brunch

Our annual Graduation Mass and Brunch honoring our 2019 high school graduates will be held on Sunday, May 5th at 10:30AM. Following the Mass the graduates and their families are invited to a brunch in the church hall. An invitation will be sent to our high school graduates in the next week or two. To be sure we don't miss anyone, please call the rectory to let us know your son/daughter is graduating high school this year.

Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish on Sunday, June 9, 2019 at 12:00PM Mass in Immaculate Conception Church.

Seniors Meeting

All are welcome to join us on Wednesday, March 27th at 1:00PM in the rectory for an afternoon of card playing, snacks and friendly chatter.

8th Annual Car Show..... May 19, 2019

This year we are kicking it up a notch!! Some new features at the car show will include: Display of historical military vehicles sponsored by Northeast Military Vehicle Group; Antique & Collectible vendors will be on site with some unique finds; a vendor with a display of nostalgic tin signs. For more information contact Mike @ 570-760-5704.

Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Colton Cikota** are donated by his grandmother.

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Katherine Krushnowski** is donated by Jim Gallagher.

Thank you!!!!

Parishioner, altar server and lector, Quinn Crispell, recently completed the Disney Princess Run at Disney World and through your generosity raised \$1,222.00 for the National Down Syndrome Society. Thank you for your kindness!!

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. Our next bazaar meeting is Wednesday, April 3rd at 6:00PM in the rectory.

Flea Market

If you are thinking of spring cleaning, do not throw away those unwanted treasures. Save them for our flea market. We will begin collecting your merchandise on Saturday, May 4th from 8:00AM to 12 Noon and Wednesday, May 8th from 6:00PM to 8:00PM and every Saturday & Wednesday thru May. Drop-offs are at IC school (door in the rear of the building). We accept almost anything but, please NO CLOTHES, NO STUFFED ANIMALS, NO VHS TAPES, NO OLD TVS (ONLY FLAT SCREENS), NO LARGE EXERCISE EQUIPMENT. Bring your kitchen items, linens, lamps, pictures, toys, books, jewelry, baby items, Christmas and all holiday decorations, etc.

Mass Intentions

March 25 thru March 31, 2019

Mon	7:30AM	Dominic Aufiero By Barbara Cirelli
	8:30AM	Samuel Saracino By Family
	5:30PM	Charles Mihalik & Paul Beddo By Neice
Tues	7:30AM	Clementine Salerno By Daughter, Patti
	8:30AM	Dolores Perry By Nancy & Joe Cronick
	5:30PM	Celia Korea By Carol Romanowski
Wed	7:30AM	Marietta Cefalo Wisnewski By Charlotte Keeney
	8:30AM	Charles Foy, Jr. By Sister, Mary & Family
	5:30PM	Mike & Jennie Champi By Family
Thurs	7:30AM	Grace Loyack By M/M Sam Sanguedolce
	8:30AM	Mary Boyle Fischer By Family
	5:30PM	Paschal DeGuglielmo By Carmella & Joseph Faust
Fri	7:30AM	Patricia Yunkunis By Don & Barbara Fetsko
	8:30AM	Eleanor Payne By Brinzo Family
	5:30PM	Albert & Dorothy Adrian By Family
Sat	4:00PM	Janet Kolmansperger By Joan Hennigan
	5:30PM	Raymond Saporito By Clara Terzi & Son, Lino
Sun	7:30AM	Stephen Sokach By Joe & Joan Szura
	9:00AM	Dorothy Coolbaugh By John & Connie Lewis
	10:30AM	Jamie & James Oliveri, Jr. By Ruth & Family