



**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.

**August 4, 2019**

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Immaculate Conception Church**

**Holy Redeemer Church  
Parish Office**

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**Msgr. John J. Sempa**, Pastor  
**Mr. James Meizanis**, 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  
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.

**August 4, 2019**

Readings/Responsorial # 1146  
Gathering: #658 Seek Ye First  
Offertory: #728 Eye Has Not Seen  
Communion: #924 Song of the Body of Christ  
Recessional: #688 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

**Weekly Collection**

**July 28, 2019**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>\$8,195.60</b>
<b>E Giving</b>	<b><u>783.12</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,978.72</b>

**Care & Education of Priests (July)**  
**\$769.50**

**Organ Fund Envelope**

For the month of July, the monies collected from our organ fund envelopes totaled **\$948.50** which has been deposited back into our diocesan savings account bringing our account balance to **\$27,461.00**.

**Admittance to Hospitals/Nursing Homes/Homebound**

If you or a family member are admitted to a hospital, please remember to tell the admissions office you belong to Corpus Christi Parish. The hospitals will not release names of parishioners to us without this release and we will not know that you are in the hospital. Also please let us know if your loved ones are in a nursing home or if they are homebound.

**500 Club Lottery**

This past week, our newest lottery, the "500 Club" has been mailed to our parishioners. Donation for the ticket is \$30.00 and is good for the month of September. Each ticket has two sets of numbers which will double your chances of winning. Just match the evening drawing of the Pa Lottery Daily for a chance to win \$50.00 daily, Monday thru Saturday or \$150.00 on Sundays. **Please note if you are dropping your lottery request form and check in the collection or mailing it to the rectory, you will receive your lottery tickets near the end of August.** Additional forms to purchase lottery tickets can be found in the vestibules of the churches.

**Mass Scheduling for 2020**

To schedule masses and candles for the year 2020, please call Dorothy at 570-654-2753 on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays between 10:00AM and 2:00PM.

**E-Giving Program**

For information on participation in our E-giving Program, call Lori at the rectory office 570-654-2753. This service allows you to give any amount, at any time, from home or on the road, with your computer or mobile device.

**Religious Ed/Confirmation Prep Classes**

Classes for the 2019-2020 school year will begin in our parish on Sunday, September 8, 2019. Classes for boys and girls K thru Grade 7 will be held on Sunday mornings. Confirmation prep classes for students in grade 8 will be held twice a month on Sunday evenings. A letter and registration forms for the 2019-2020 year will be mailed to the families of children who attended classes here last year.

**Sacraments**

Boys and girls in 2nd grade will receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on February 8, 2020 and the Sacrament of First Eucharist on May 2, 2020. Students in 8th grade will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 31, 2020. All Sacraments will be held at Immaculate Conception Church.

## Baptism Ministry

This ministry consists of a group of volunteers who play an important role in the Sacrament of Baptism. They are there to greet and welcome the families and to assist Monsignor and Deacon Jim during baptisms. They present the newly baptized with a book, "My Baptism," a gift from the Holy Name Society and a beautiful crochet or knitted baby afghan handmade by members of our parish. For more information on this ministry, call Pat Jacobs at 570-954-7552.

## Social Concerns News

Social Concerns is running a "Back-To-School" program to help equip local students with the tools they need to be successful in school. The best part? Everything is free!! If you have school-age children, you know how expensive it is to get them ready for school. Not considering clothes and shoes, it is costly to get the supplies every child needs. For low income families, this is just about impossible. Our program is designed to help take some of the financial burden off low income families by supplying their children with backpacks filled with the school supplies they will need for school, a bag filled with personal hygiene products for children and a food "gift box" filled with non-perishable foods. To request back-to-school help, call the rectory at 570-654-2753 or e-mail Joyce at [icecconi50@gmail.com](mailto:icecconi50@gmail.com).

### ■Backpacks/Supplies

Donations of backpacks (elementary thru high school), pens, #2 pencils, markers, notebooks/paper (wide & college ruled), folders, calculators, rulers, stapler/staples, flash drive, binders (3-ring), pencil pouches/pencil boxes, hand sanitizer and tissues are all very welcome. Please know any donations will be greatly appreciated.

### ■Food Drive Donations

While donations of any non-perishable foods are always appreciated, this week we are asking for treats for children including individually wrapped packages of crackers, cookies, jello, puddings or any fun size snacks all children love. Kindly leave donations in the vestibules of the churches.

### ■Personal Hygiene Donations

Establishing proper hygiene is key to a sense of self and better health. If you can help, we are asking for donations of personal hygiene products for children/teens. Some suggested items could include: toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, shampoo, body wash, deodorant, soap, etc.

### ■Back-to-School Distribution & Pick-up

Volunteers will be needed on Sunday, August 18th at 5:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church hall to pack and prepare for distribution, the back-to-school supplies, personal hygiene products and food.

## Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Joseph Berti** are donated by his wife, Donna & family.

## Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Gene Brady** is donated by his wife, Grace, children & grandchildren .

## Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Stephen Sokach** is donated by Mary Beth & Stephen

## Sanctuary Candle at HR

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Al "Sonny" Parente** is donated by Frank & Ann Marie Parente.

## Courtesy News

### Alanon Meetings

An Alanon Meeting is held every Wednesday morning at 10:15AM in Immaculate Conception church hall. All relatives and friends of alcoholics are welcome to attend.

### "Angels in the Outfield" Softball Tournament

This tournament held in memory of John "Beno" Borzell, Matt Chipolis, Mark Dushok & Dr. Jennifer Sidari will be held Friday to Sunday, August 9-11 at the West Pittston Little League Field. Donations for this project may be sent to: Ashley Aritz, 601 Monument Avenue, Wyoming, Pa. 18644.

## Mass Intentions

### August 5 thru August 11, 2019

Mon	7:30AM	<b>Mary &amp; Jim English</b> By Joanne & Jim English
	8:30AM	<b>Walter Repasky</b> By M/M Tim Dobson
Tues	7:30AM	<b>Connie Angelella</b> By Sons, John & Joseph Angelella
	8:30AM	<b>David Cipolla</b> By Louise Smith
Wed	7:30AM	<b>John, Carolyn &amp; Carl Cenera</b> By Family
	8:30AM	<b>Marietta Cefalo Wisnewski</b> By Charollette Keeney
Thurs	7:30AM	<b>Joey Gitkos</b> By Family
	8:30AM	<b>Josephine E. Marriott</b> By Mary Ann Fabrsch
Fri	7:30AM	<b>Frank &amp; Angela Parente</b> By Daughters, Theresa & Patricia
	8:30AM	<b>Joseph Sherinsky</b> By Tyler & Michelle Behlke
Sat	4:00PM	<b>Stephen Sokach</b> By M/M Michael Shinski
	5:30PM	<b>Al "Sonny" Parente</b> By Frank & Ann Marie Parente
Sun	7:30AM	<b>Clem Parulis</b> By Wife, Diane
	9:00AM	<b>Steve Franko</b> By Anna Mae Davidson
	10:30AM	<b>John &amp; Lola Rindgen</b> By Daughter, Patricia