



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.

September 1, 2019

Twenty-Second Sunday in 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

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.

September 1, 2019

Readings/Responsorial #1157

Gathering: #848 Gather Us In

Offertory: #852 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Communion: #923 Table Song

Recessional: #766 City of God

Weekly Collection

August 25, 2019

Sunday \$ 8,019.50

E Giving 797.50

Total \$8,817.00

Care & Education of Priests

August 2019 \$773.00

Organ Fund Envelope

For the month of August, the monies collected from our organ fund envelopes totaled \$1,006.00 which has been deposited back into our diocesan savings account bringing our account balance to \$26,455.00.

Twilight Bingo

Save the date! Our "Twilight Bingo" will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2019 in Immaculate Conception Church hall. This bingo will consist of all cash games. The doors will open at 5:00PM and bingo starts at 6:00PM. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. We will be selling a variety of homemade foods and home baked goods. Last spring our "Twilight Bingo" was a sellout. Plan to purchase your tickets early. Please watch the bulletin for more information. Our next bingo meeting is on Thursday, September 12th at 6:00PM in the rectory. All are welcome!!

St Clare Sewing Ministry

All are welcome to join us on Tuesday, September 3rd at 6:00PM in the rectory for a working meeting. If you can help, bring along your rotary scissors and cutting mat. Members of this ministry are working on a new fall project. They will be making flannel blankets/lap blankets which will be given to our parishioners who are residing in nursing homes and to those who are homebound. If you would like to help, bring your rotary cutters and a cutting mat, if you have one.

Social Concerns Meeting

We will meet on Wednesday, September 4th at 6:00PM in the rectory. Our agenda will consist of planning a Fall Pasta Dinner, Kids Halloween Party, Bereavement Mass & Social, Thanksgiving & Christmas Food Collection & the Giving Trees. As you see, we have a full schedule. All are welcome to join us.....we welcome cooks and kitchen helpers, party planners, organizers, shoppers.....if you would like to be involved but cannot make the meeting e-mail or call Joyce at 570-654-2753 or jceconi50@gmail.com.

Religious Ed 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 from 9:00AM to 10:10AM. Classes for grades K thru 4 will be held in the school, grade 5 will meet in the rectory and grades 6 & 7 will meet in the church hall. Registration forms can be found in the vestibules of the churches or downloaded from our parish website.

Youth Choir "Pizza Party"

Boys and girls of all ages from pre-school thru elementary school are welcome to join our parish youth choir. Our youth choir will sing at our 10:30AM Family Masses in ICC. Following these Masses, all are welcome to join us in the church hall for "Donut Sunday." They will also sing at our Halloween Mass, Christmas Eve and Easter Sunday. The youth choir will have their first practice at 5:30PM on Sunday, September 15 in Immaculate Conception Church followed by a pizza party in the church hall.

Confirmation Prep Classes

Classes for students in grade 8 who are preparing for the Sacrament will begin on Sunday, September 29th. Classes will be in the school on Sunday evenings from 5:30PM to 7:00PM. A mailing will be sent to these students in the next week or so.

**Liturgical Ministry Cookout
Sunday, September 15, 2019**

1:00PM Immaculate Conception Hall

We welcome altar servers, baptism ministry, cantors, choir members, extraordinary ministers of communion, heavenly hosts, lectors, ushers, and your families to join us for an afternoon of good food and fellowship. If you would like, you are welcome to bring along your favorite dessert to share. In order for us to prepare enough food, please contact the coordinator of the ministry in which you serve to let them know how many from your family will be attending.

The coordinators are as follows:

Altar Servers: Donna Mason 570-903-9142 mmason8589@aol.com
 Lectors: Rosalie Cullagh 570-430-7319 rosan814@comcast.net
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 Debra/Al Dirlam 570-388-2874 cheridge@epix.net
 Ushers: JerryYakobitis 570-655-5528 usten@aol.com
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 Adt Choir: Bill Baldauff 570-650-2807 isingbadly@verizon.net
 Cantors: Eric McKitish 570-299-9064 eric-sab@hotmail.com
 Baptism: Pat Jacobs 570-954-7552 donpatj@msn.com

Adult Choir

Our adult choir will be rehearsing on **Mondays at 6:30PM in Immaculate Conception Church.** Adults and teens, if you like to sing, you are welcome to join our adult choir.

Daily Mass Schedule

On Friday, September 6th there will be no Mass at Holy Redeemer Church and a communion service at 7:30AM at Immaculate Conception Church.

500 Club Lottery

If you did not yet purchase a lottery ticket, there is still time. Tickets will be sold before and after all masses this weekend. For a donation of \$30 you will receive a ticket with 2 numbers on it. To become a winner, during the month of September match one of your numbers with the daily evening drawing of the Pa Lottery and you could win \$50 any Monday thru Saturday or \$150 on Sundays.

2019 **DIOCESAN** ANNUAL APPEAL | SERVING IN FAITH WITH HOPE AND GRATITUDE

The Annual Appeal begins in Parishes this September

- More direct support to parishes for Social Justice Grants & New Faith Formation Grants
- Increased support for Catholic Social Services
- Opportunity to designate your Appeal gift to the ministry of your choice
- Unique videos featuring parishioners & clergy showing the Appeal at work in your region

Gifts to the 2018 Appeal touched thousands of lives.

4,143 Families served in Catholic Social Services Food & Clothing Pantries	12 Seminarians receiving tuition & living expenses	16,555 Nights of Shelter & Support
104 Retired & Ill Priests Received Care	44 Parishes using Social Justice Grants to serve countless	15,000 Children in Religious Education & 4,500 in Catholic Schools
118 Parishes receiving support in all aspects of Parish Life		

Share your blessings. Support the Appeal.

GIFTS to the APPEAL support Diocesan ministries & will not be used to defray legal fees or fund the Survivors Compensation Program.

Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Madeline & Lando Menchi** are donated by their family.

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Josephine & Joseph Dente** is donated by the Dente Family.

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Tony Rostock** is donated by Mary Curley & Family

Sanctuary Candle at HR

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Edmund & Julia Wasnock & Stephen Franko, Jr** is donated by Mr & Mrs Stephen Franko III & Family.

Little Eric's Foundation

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness month and Little Eric's Foundation (LEF) would like to spread awareness around town. LEF was named after 14 year old Eric Speicher Jr. who passed away on December 23, 2013, from a rare type of brain tumor. In 2014, Little Eric's Foundation was created in his memory. The mission of LEF is to raise money for research and awareness for pediatric brain and childhood cancers. In an effort to further promote Childhood Cancer Awareness month, LEF is selling gold bows for people to place on their homes and/or businesses. Bows are \$3.00 each. If you would like to purchase a gold bow, please contact Rosalie Cullagh at 570-430-7319 or rosan814@comcast.net.

Thank you for your support!

Mass Intentions

September 2 thru 8, 2019

Mon	7:30AM	Margaret C. Weaver By Burke Family
	8:30AM	Rose Ambrosino By Frank & Angie Serino
Tues	7:30AM	Mary & Theresa Lepore By Family
	8:30AM	Davidica Mattei Ferretti By Bruno Ferretti, Jr
Wed	7:30AM	Valya Vacula By Family
	8:30AM	Mary Lou Langan By John & Karen Gilligan
Thurs	7:30AM	Elizabeth Miret By Family
	8:30AM	Joe Massara By Jean Caruso
Fri	7:30AM	Communion Service
	8:30AM	NO MASS
Sat	4:00PM	Jimmy Ciampi By Rose Mary Oliveri
	5:30PM	Eleanor T. Banyar By Rose Mary & Dolores Lynch & Family
Sun	7:30AM	Joan Messina By Husband, Sam & Dtr Phyllis
	9:00AM	Elizabeth Marranta By Josephine Mancia
	10:30AM	Mary Ann Mirro By Husband, Vincent & Family