



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 29, 2019

Twenty-Sixth 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

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.

September 29, 2019

Readings/Responsorial: #1169

Gathering: #677 A Living Faith

Offertory: #777 Here I Am, Lord

Communion: #728 Eye Has Not Seen

Recessional: #871 We Shall Rise Again

Weekly Collection

September 22, 2019

Sunday \$7,799.25

E Giving 1,007.48

Total \$8,806.73

Gift to the Parish in Memory of.....

Recently Immaculate Conception Church has been gifted a new processional Cross by Lou & Marianne Ciampi dedicated to the loving memory of their son, Joseph Louis Ciampi. The processional Cross is carried in procession and placed on its stand in the sanctuary at the beginning of Mass. Thank you, Lou and Marianne for your generous donation.

Adult Education Bible Study – “Turning Point – A Study of the Gospel of John – Part 1”

The next adult bible study program that our parish will be offering is on the “Gospel of John.” Classes will be on four Thursdays as follows: October 10th, 17th, 24th and November 7th at 6:00 PM in Immaculate Conception Church. Each session will last for approximately 60-75 minutes. This is a brand new program designed by the Dynamic Catholic Institute. We will study the Gospel of John and concentrate on eight encounters people had with Jesus.

Please sign up as soon as possible so we can order the materials. To sign up for the program or for more information, contact Deacon Jim Meizanis at 239-2783 or 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 always there will still be snacks.....*

Twilight “All Cash” Bingo

Saturday, November 2, 2019

Doors Open 5:00PM Bingo Starts 6:00PM

Immaculate Conception Church Hall

Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door which includes 15 regular games where you can win \$150 each. There will be “five special games” available at a cost of \$5.00 each. The specials have 2-\$500 winners, 1-\$750 winner and 2-\$1,000 winners. A variety of homemade foods will be available for purchase. Feel free to BYOB. Reserved seating is available.

How Can I get my “Twilight Bingo” ticket?

► Just mail or drop in the weekend collection your check for your bingo tickets and we will mail the ticket/tickets to you. Please specify on the envelope “bingo tickets”.

► If you would like reserved seating, call the rectory with the number of seats you need.

► You may stop by the rectory Monday thru Friday to purchase your bingo tickets and request reserved seating.

Family Mass & Donut Sunday

Today, Sunday, September 29th

All are welcome to join us in the church hall, immediately following the 10:30AM Mass, for “Donut Sunday.” Thank you to our youth choir and all for your participation in this “Family Mass.”

Parish Youth Group

Our parish youth group will have their first youth group meeting next Sunday, October 6th from 6:00PM to 7:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church hall. All boys and girls in 7th grade and older are welcome to join us.

Confirmation Prep Classes

Classes for students in grade 8 who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin today **Sunday, September 29th**. Classes will be held in the school twice a month on Sunday evenings from 5:30PM to 7:00PM. Deacon Jim Meizanis and his wife Lynn will conduct the classes. A brief parent meeting will be held today Sunday, September 29th at 5:30PM.

2019 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Our parish goal for the 2019 Appeal is \$32,000.00.



2019 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Diocese of Scranton

SERVING IN *faith* WITH HOPE AND GRATITUDE

NEXT WEEK : COMMITMENT WEEKEND

Open your heart to the work of your local Church.

The Lord calls us to be faithful servants and share the blessings He has given to each one of us. Your donations help so many in need in our parishes and communities through the following ministries:

- Catholic Social Services
- Catholic Media
- Care & Education of Clergy
- Parish Life
- Catholic Education
- Parish Social Justice Grants
- Parish Faith Formation Grants

Visit AnnualAppeal.org/

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551).

500 Club Lottery

Congratulations to the following winners in our "500 Club Lottery."

Sept 19	Patricia Ihnat-Shroff	#008	\$50.00
Sept 20	Ron Pugliese	#243	50.00
Sept 21	Joan Pribula	#527	50.00
Sept 22	Mike/Peggy McGrath	#108	150.00
Sept 23	NO WINNER	#497	50.00
Sept 24	Rob/Jackie Switzer	#750	50.00
Sept 25	Joe/Debbie Walsh	#227	50.00
Special drawing winner:			9/23 \$50.00 Rich Shields.

Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Tony D'Angelo** are donated by the Holy Name Society.

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Anthony, Sam & Brittany Berto** is donated by their family.

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Martin & Mary Melvin** is donated by Fred & Marie.

Courtesy News

Scranton Prep Open House

Sunday, October 20th from 1:00PM-4:00PM. 7th and 8th grade students and their families are invited to attend. Attendees can register at www.scrantonprep.org/openhouse. Scranton Prep's Scholarship Entrance Exam will be held on Saturday, December 7th for 8th grade students interested in applying for the fall term of 2020. Registration begins at 8:30AM and the exam starts at 9:00AM. To register, visit www.scrantonprep.org.

Mass Intentions

September 30 thru October 6, 2019

Mon	7:30AM	Frank Manganello By Wife & Children
	8:30AM	Elaine Pendleton By Mary Alice Reeves
Tues	7:30AM	Janet Kolmansperger By Cella Family
	8:30AM	Leonard Tallo By Son, Leonard
Wed	7:30AM	Paul Kane & son, Dr. Jim Kane By Family
	8:30AM	Michael Dziak, Jr. By Romaine Panek
Thurs	7:30AM	George Chepalonis By Peter & Angeline Donnora
	8:30AM	Vera & Arthur Dupras By Family
Fri	7:30AM	Morlyn Lesho By Mom, Dad & Brother
	8:30AM	Benedict (Ben) Wychoskie By Michael & Kathy Sperazza
Sat	4:00PM	Florence Pilkonis By Family
	5:30PM	Armand & Lucy Fanti By Children
Sun	7:30AM	Margaret Diane Argenio By Husband, Charles & Children
	9:00AM	Janice Poceschi By Joe & Rosemary Matchko
	10:30AM	Dec'd Membs. of Plaugic & Vanavage Families By Betty Ann & Mike Capizzi