



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.

November 10, 2019

Thirty-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.

November 10, 2019

Readings/Responsorial: #1187

Gathering: #683 Be Not Afraid

Offertory: #685 How Can I Keep From Singing?

Communion: #945 I Am the Bread of Life

Recessional: #871 We Shall Rise Again

Weekly Collection

November 3, 2019

Sunday \$9,219.85

E Giving 1,100.62

Holy Day 1,157.00

Social Concerns 1,656.00

Total \$13,133.47

Veterans Day Mass & Social

Today at our 10:30AM liturgy, please welcome veterans, their families and special guests from different branches of the military. Because November is military family appreciation month, it is appropriate we recognize and honor our military and their families. A special thank you to spouses, children, parents, families and friends who make up the support network that is so vital to all of our service men and women as they continue to make sacrifices so that we are able to live in a free and safe society. **Following the liturgy, all are invited to join us for light refreshments in the church hall.**

Honor a Veteran..... "Feed a Family"

In honor of all our Veterans, living and deceased, this weekend at all Masses, everyone is asked to bring just one non-perishable food item and place it in the baskets near the altar area or leave it in the baskets in the vestibules of the churches. The food collected will be distributed among approximately 100 local families for Thanksgiving. Thank you for honoring our veterans with your donations of non-perishable foods to help us "feed a family."

Book of the Dead

Each year the Church gives us the entire month of November as an opportunity to remember our loved ones who have gone before us in death, praying for their happiness and preparing ourselves to be reunited with them one day. A special book with the names of our beloved dead will be placed in or near the sanctuary in the churches. We invite you to please take a moment and write the names of your beloved departed family and friends in our parish book of the dead.

Bereavement Mass

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

6:00PM Mass

Immaculate Conception Church

All are welcome to join us for this beautiful Mass in memory of 75 parishioners and friends who have been buried from our parish this past year. Following the liturgy, please join us in the church hall for refreshments which are provided by members of our Social Concerns Committee. Help is needed on Tuesday, November 12 at 6:30PM to set up the hall for the social.

Social Concerns News

► Social Concerns Soup Ministry

Members of Social Concerns will be making a delicious homemade "Pasta Fagioli" for our homebound parishioners this Thursday and Friday, November 14 and 15 at 9:00AM in the church hall. All are welcome to join them.

► Thanksgiving Gift & Soup Delivery

We have approximately 41 parishioners residing in local nursing facilities and about 40 parishioners who are homebound. We are asking

for volunteers to deliver a Thanksgiving gift of a quart of soup and a pumpkin bread to our homebound parishioners and a Thanksgiving gift of chocolates to our parishioners residing in nursing homes. If you can help with these deliveries, please contact Joyce at 570-654-2753 or jceccconi50@gmail.com. The gifts will be ready for delivery on Friday afternoon, November 15th or Saturday, November 16th. Thank you, in advance, for your help with these deliveries.

► **Giving Trees.....Christmas Help!**

Because the way Thanksgiving and Christmas fall on the calendar this year, we will be putting up the "Giving Trees" in the churches the weekend of November 23-24. We will be asking for all gifts to be returned under the "Giving Trees" by Sunday, December 15. So if you or anyone you know of is looking for help for the holidays, please call the rectory 570-654-2753 or e-mail Joyce at jceccconi50@gmail.com asap. Thank you!

► **Thanksgiving Food Drive**

Thank you to all who have supported our "Fall Food Drive" with your monetary donations, non-perishable food donations and frozen turkeys. We expect to be filling boxes for 100 plus families this Thanksgiving and Christmas. We will be collecting food for Thanksgiving thru the weekend of November 23-24. We will gladly accept donations of frozen turkeys.

Family Mass & Donut Sunday

Next Sunday, November 17 is our 6th grade "Family Mass" followed by donuts in the hall. Boys and girls in grade 6 are invited to participate as lectors, gift bearers, heavenly hosts and ushers.

Service Hours Opportunities

Listed are a few days and times in November and December which are opportunities for teenage boys and girls needing service hours:

•Nov 24 5:00-7:00PM & Nov 25 4:00PM-6:00PM
(help with assembling, filling and distribution of Thanksgiving Food Gift Boxes)

•Dec 15 5:00PM-7:00PM & Dec 16 4:00PM-6:00PM
(Help with organizing "Giving Tree" gifts, assembling and filling Christmas Food Gift Boxes and distribution of both)

Confirmation Class

Please note there is no Confirmation Class today, Sunday November 10th. The next class will be held on Sunday, November 24th.

Holy Name Society

Members of our Holy Name Society are selling lottery tickets this weekend at all Masses. Donation is \$2.00 for a chance to win \$100 on November 28, 2019 (Thanksgiving Day) and November 29, 2019 (Black Friday). Just match the daily number evening drawing of the Pa Lottery. For tickets, please see a member of the Holy Name Society.

Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Charlie Alfano** are donated by Rosalie Cullagh.

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Tony D'Angelo** is donated by Beverly & John Williams.

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Cheryl Devers** is donated by Rosella Fedor.

2019 Diocesan Annual Appeal

DAA 2019 Parish Goal	\$32,000.00
Total Raised	<u>\$24,861.00</u>
Over (Under)	(\$7,139.00)

Twilight Bingo Wrap-Up Meeting

All are welcome to join us on Monday, November 11 at 6:00PM in the rectory for a wrap-up meeting of our recent "Twilight Bingo."

Mass Intentions

November 11 thru November 17, 2019

Mon	7:30AM	John Sokach By Judy & Family
	8:30AM	Dec'd Membs of Josephine & Alexander Parente Family By Grandchildren
Tues	7:30AM	All Souls Intentions
	8:30AM	Mike Dziak, Jr. By Anna Mae Davidson
Wed	7:30AM	Charlie Alfano By Georgia & Pat Bone
	8:30AM	Stephen Chipolis By Christine Marianacci
Thurs	7:30AM	Marie Williams By James W. Dillon Family
	8:30AM	Jacinta Nocera By George, Donna & Kathleen Mason
Fri	7:30AM	Florence & William Pilkonis By Family
	8:30AM	Maureen Malloy By Kane Family
Sat	4:00PM	George Menn & Joseph Butera By Wife & Sister
	5:30PM	Mary Oliveri By Joan Hennigan
Sun	7:30AM	Josephine Alfano & daughter, Frances By Grand & Great-Grandchildren
	9:00AM	Charlie Alfano By Cella Family
	10:30AM	Honor of James & Margaret Gelgot's 30th Wedding Anniversary