



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.

**December 15, 2019
Third Sunday of Advent**

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.

December 15, 2019

Readings/Responsorial: #997
Gathering: #903 Baptized in Water
Offertory: #409 People, Look East
Communion: #939 Behold the Lamb
Recessional: #865 Soon and Very Soon

**Weekly Collection
December 8, 2019**

Sunday \$11,299.60
E Giving 1,864.57
Total \$13,164.17

2ndCollection \$1,178.65

Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

4:00PM Family Mass Immaculate Conception
5:30PM Mass Holy Redeemer
10:00PM Mass Immaculate Conception

Christmas Day

7:30AM Mass Immaculate Conception
9:00AM Mass Holy Redeemer
10:30AM Mass Immaculate Conception

New Year's Eve

4:00PM Mass Immaculate Conception
5:30PM Mass Holy Redeemer

New Year's Day

9:00AM Mass Immaculate Conception

Social Concerns News

Volunteer help is needed today, Sunday, December 15th:

9:00AM Mass @Holy Redeemer

- ▶ Immediately following the 9:00AM Mass, your help is needed to load the gifts from under the giving tree into cars to be transported to Immaculate Conception Church.
- ▶ Men and teenagers are needed to carry Christmas trees, etc. from the church basement into the church.

10:30AM Mass @ Immaculate Conception

- ▶ Immediately following the 10:30AM Mass, your help is needed to move all the gifts from the sanctuary into the pews.

12:00PM at Immaculate Conception:

- ▶ A few men and teenagers are needed to help carry the Christmas trees and manger from the basement into the church.

5:00PM at Immaculate Conception

- ▶ Volunteers are needed in the church to organize for distribution, the gifts from the giving trees.
- ▶ Volunteers are needed in the church hall to fill and wrap food "gift" boxes for 100 plus families.
- ▶ Volunteers are needed to carry the wrapped food boxes from the hall to the church.
- ▶ Volunteers are needed in the church hall to do some gift wrapping.

Volunteer help is needed tomorrow, Monday, December 16th:

▶ 4:00-6:00PM Immaculate Conception Church & Hall

Volunteers are needed to help with the distribution of the Christmas gifts and food. We mainly need the help of young adults

and teens who are able to help carry gifts and boxes of food to cars. Great opportunities for teens needing service hours!!

► **Homebound and Nursing Home Parishioners**

Thank you to our soup ministry volunteers, everyone who baked and donated homemade cookies and to our volunteers who will be making Christmas deliveries to our homebound and to parishioners residing in nursing homes. Our homebound parishioners, approximately 42, will receive a gift of a lap blanket and a crocheted rosary pouch from members of our St. Clare Sewing Ministry, a quart of delicious homemade soup, a tin of Christmas cookies and chocolates. Some 43 plus parishioners residing in nursing homes will receive a gift of Christmas cookies and chocolates. Thank you to the children in our religious education program for making lovely Christmas cards for these elderly parishioners. Once again, thank you to all who consistently donate your time baking, cooking, packing, wrapping and delivering. Through your efforts these 85 people will know they are remembered in the hearts of their fellow parishioners this Christmas.

► **Christmas Cake Pops**

Volunteers are needed to help make Christmas cake pops on Thursday and Friday, December 19 and 20 at 9:00AM in the church hall. These cake pops will be given out at the 4:00PM Family Mass on Christmas Eve.

Youth Group Wreath Sale

Members of our youth group are selling Christmas wreaths. The cost is \$10.00 for a fresh wreath decorated with a red bow. To order, see any youth group member, stop in the rectory or call Juel Anne Klepadlo at 570-430-1470. You may pick out your own wreath thru December 23rd at Ciampi's Greenhouse on Tunkhannock Ave.

Holy Name Society Lottery

Show your support of our Holy Name Society by purchasing a lottery ticket at all Masses this week-end and next or until gone. Donation is \$2.00 for a chance to win \$100 on December 31, 2019 and \$100 on January 1, 2020. On each ticket you will have 4 chances to win. Just match the evening drawing of the Pa lottery. The Holy Name Society contributes to activities in the parish involving children and gives a gift to each child when they are baptized, receive First Communion and Confirmation in our parish.

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Religious Ed & Confirmation Classes

There are Religious Ed and Confirmation classes on Sunday, December 22nd. Please note there are NO Religious Education or Confirmation classes on Sunday, December 29th. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 5, 2020.

2019 Diocesan Annual Appeal

DAA 2019 Parish Goal	\$32,000.00
Total Raised	\$31,001.00
Over (Under)	(\$999.00)

Altar Candles at ICC

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

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Deceased Members of Bishop, Brown, Serafin & Pasternak Families** is donated by John & Maryellen Serafin.

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Lola & John Rindgen** is donated by their daughter, Patricia.

Sanctuary Candle at HR

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Jean Caruso & Alexander Parente** are donated by Ross & Rosemary.

Mass Intentions

December 16 thru December 22, 2019

Mon	7:30AM	Harry O'Dell By wife, Marianne, children & grandchildren
	8:30AM	Don Davidson By Family
Tues	7:30AM	Cheryl Devers By Rosella Fedor
	8:30AM	Kay Thornton By Peter & Mary Cwalina
Wed	7:30AM	Deceased Members of Lepore Family By Family
	8:30AM	Janet Kolmansperger By John & Pat Morgan
Thurs	7:30AM	Paul Laure By daughter, Donna & family
	8:30AM	Nora Santine By daughter, Lorraine
Fri	7:30AM	Helen Cerza By Children
	8:30AM	Anthony Rostock, Jr. By Sharon & Bob DiPietro
Sat	4:00PM	Dec'd Membs Brown, Bishop, Serafin & Pasternak Families By John & Maryellen Serafin
	5:30PM	Josette Yakobitis By M/M Bernard Wierbowski
Sun	7:30AM	John "Beno" Borzell By mom, dad & Julianna
	9:00AM	Jack Rose By mom, dad & children
	10:30AM	Jamie & James Oliveri, Jr. By mother & wife, Ruth & Family