



**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 22, 2019 Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**December 29, 2019 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

**Immaculate Conception Church**  
**Holy Redeemer Church**  
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 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.

**December 22, 2019**

Readings/Responsorial: #1000  
 Gathering: #451 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming  
 Offertory: #889 Hail Mary: Gentle Woman  
 Communion: #402 Like A Shepherd  
 Recessional: #886 Immaculate Mary

**December 29, 2019**

Readings/Responsorial: #1007  
 Gathering: #430 Angels We Have Heard on High  
 Offertory: #457 Sing of Mary  
 Communion: #466 What Child is This?  
 Recessional: #460 The First Nowell

**Weekly Collection**  
**December 15, 2019**

**Sunday \$8,564.74**  
**E Giving 1,243.63**  
**Total \$9,808.37**

**Please note this is a 2 week bulletin.**

**Our next bulletin will be published January 5, 2020**

**Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule**

Christmas Eve

4:00PM (Family Mass) Immaculate Conception  
 5:30PM Mass Holy Redeemer  
 10:00PM (Adult Choir) 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

**Christmas & New Year Office Hours**

In observance of the Christmas holidays the rectory office will close at 12 noon on Monday, December 23rd and will reopen on Monday, December 30th. The rectory office will be closed on Tuesday, December 31st and on New Year's Day, January 1st.

**New Ministry Schedule**

All Altar Servers, EM's, Lectors, and Cantors are asked to pick up the new ministry schedule, which runs from January thru March 2020. The schedules are in the sacristies of the churches.

**Altar Servers and Teenage Lectors**

In the Sacristy of the church where you serve, is a Christmas gift for you from the parish.

**Giving Tree.....Thank you!**

Once again, your response to our "giving trees" surely surpassed anything we could have imagined. It seems like just when we think maybe this year the response might be a little light and we begin readjusting our planning, this parish always comes through! Your thoughtfulness will surely put a smile on the faces of 180 plus children on Christmas morning.

Thank you to Blue Ribbon for the donations of fresh milk for these 100 families!

This year, we have to acknowledge all the boys and girls who came to help on Sunday and Monday, including those in our confirmation class. All these young people did an amazing job and are the reason why the job went so smoothly! Thank you!

### **Holy Name Society Lottery**

Show your support of our Holy Name Society by purchasing a lottery ticket at all Masses this weekend 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.

### **Children's Envelopes**

Please note the 2020 children's envelopes will be given out at Religious Education classes this weekend or if your child does not attend Religious Education classes, you can pick up the envelopes in the vestibule of the church you usually attend. If you cannot find your envelopes, just call Lori at the rectory at 570-654-2753.

### **December 22 thru December 28, 2019**

#### **Altar Candles at ICC**

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Eric Speicher** are donated by his family.

#### **Holy Family Candle at ICC**

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Mary Ann Yorina** is donated by her mom and dad.

#### **Sanctuary Candle at ICC**

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Ann, Margaret, Robert & Andrew Hreha** is donated by their family.

#### **Altar Candles at HR**

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Christopher Bone** are donated by his mom, dad & PJ.

#### **Sanctuary Candle at HR**

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Anna & George Franko** are donated by their daughter, Esther and family.

### **December 30 thru January 5, 2020**

#### **Altar Candle at ICC**

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Rose Mariette** is donated her son Richard & family.

#### **Holy Family Candle at ICC**

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Jillian Panunti** is donated by Megan Tamburro.

#### **Sanctuary Candle at ICC**

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Craig Nezlo** is donated by cousins Tom, Steve, Mary Ann, & Ann Marie

### **Mass Intentions**

#### **December 23 thru December 29, 2019**

Mon	7:30AM	<b>Eric Speicher, Jr.</b> By Family
	8:30AM	<b>Mary Ann Klimaszewski</b> By Zilma Timony
Tues	4:00PM	<b>God's Blessings for all Children</b>
	5:30PM	<b>Jack Rose</b> By Mom, Dad, & Children
	10:00PM	<b>Kathryn Gitkos</b> By Family
Wed	7:30AM	<b>Sam &amp; Connie Angelella</b> By sons, Joseph & John
	9:00AM	<b>Joseph Slusser</b> By Family
	10:30AM	<b>Christopher Bone</b> By Bone Family
Thurs	7:30AM	<b>Anna Maria, Ross Sr. &amp; Rita De Nisco</b> By Ross & Rosemary
	8:30AM	<b>Mary &amp; Thomas Carpenter</b> By Dianne & Ray Smith
Fri	7:30AM	<b>Frank &amp; Nellie Parente</b> By son, Frank & Family
	8:30AM	<b>Charles Foy, Jr.</b> By sister Mary & Family
Sat	4:00PM	<b>Joseph Berti</b> By M/M Anthony Petroski
	5:30PM	<b>50th Wedding Anniversary Ron &amp; Rosemary Gitkos</b>
Sun	7:30AM	<b>Charlie Alfano</b> By Holy Name Society
	9:00AM	<b>Michael Dziak, Jr.</b> By Esther Zavrotny & Family
	10:30AM	<b>Kenneth Williams</b> By Family

### **Mass Intentions**

#### **December 30 thru January 5, 2020**

Mon	7:30AM	<b>Joseph Prula</b> By son, Joseph
	8:30AM	<b>Theodore Hughes</b> By Frank & Annmarie Harvey
Tues	4:00PM	<b>John, Elijah &amp; Andrew Washo</b> By Parents, Amy & Jason
	5:30PM	<b>John Borzell, Sr.</b> By M/M Harold Green
Wed	9:00AM	<b>God's Blessings for all Parishioners</b>
Thurs	7:30AM	<b>Raymonde Baiera</b> By Harzinski Family
	8:30AM	<b>Paul Zongilla</b> By Annette Zongilla
Fri	7:30AM	<b>Faust Valenti</b> By M/M Jack Borzell & Julianna
	8:30AM	<b>Helen Pesta</b> By Janet Kobylski
Sat	4:00PM	<b>Thomas Batte</b> By Ann Hrobak
	5:30PM	<b>Anna Wierbowski</b> By Michael & Judy Fino
Sun	7:30AM	<b>Jack Ostir</b> By Robbie & Jackie Switzer & Family
	9:00AM	<b>Dorothy Coolbaugh</b> By Emmitt & Margaret Coolbaugh, Jr.
	10:30AM	<b>Peter L Corridoni</b> By sister, Jean & Peter Donnora