

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.

**January 5, 2020
Epiphany of the Lord**



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.

January 5, 2020

Readings/Responsorial: #1011
Gathering: #446 O Little Town of Bethlehem We Three Kings of Orient Are
Communion: #460 The First Nowell
Recessional: #466 What Child Is This

**Weekly Collection
December 22 & 29, 2019**

**Sunday \$17,047.39
E Giving 1,048.75
Total \$18,096.14**

**Christmas Collection
\$21,488.00**

**Care & Ed of Priests
December 2019
\$681.00**

Overwhelming Giving....Overwhelming Help!!

This year members of Social Concerns wrote out and trimmed the "giving trees" with hundreds of gift tags. These tags were written with gift requests for children and teens of 108 local families. As a result, hundreds and hundreds of gifts were distributed to many children, some of whom would not have had a single gift to open on Christmas morning.

On behalf of these children, thank you to everyone who helped make Christmas happen for them. Whether you gave monetary donations, purchased gift cards, sponsored a family, filled a stocking for a toddler or a teen, took one or more tags from our "giving trees"....YOU made Christmas special. Whether you helped make fleece blankets or the homemade soups which were gifted to our homebound....YOU made Christmas special. If you baked or helped gift box homemade cookies for the elderly or if you delivered gifts to our homebound and parishioners residing in nursing homes...YOU made Christmas special. Whether you shopped for gifts or food, wrapped food boxes or presents, or if you were one of the many, many volunteers and teens who spent time sorting and organizing the hundreds and hundreds of gifts from under the giving trees.....whatever you did to help, please know that TOGETHER, WE MADE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL FOR 108 FAMILIES AND 85 ELDERLY PARISHIONERS.

Adult Education Bible Study "Turning Point A Study of the Gospel of John" - Part Two

This is the second part of the adult bible study program on the "Gospel of John." The Bible Study will take place in the rectory on four Thursdays as follows: January 16th, 23rd, 30th, and February 6th. We will use February 13th as a make-up day if needed. Each session will begin at 6:00 PM and last for 60-75 minutes. For questions or more information, contact Deacon Jim Meizanis at 239- 2783 or deacon.meizanis@gmail.com.

Social Concerns Meeting

All are welcome to join us tomorrow, Monday, January 7th at 6:00PM in the rectory for a Social Concerns meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss receive feedback on how we can improve the following projects for next year...Giving Tree, Thanksgiving & Christmas food boxes, and our care for those who are homebound and residing in nursing homes.

Sacraments of First Reconciliation & First Eucharist

All boys and girls who are in 2nd grade, whether enrolled in our Religious Education program or attending a Catholic school, are eligible to receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at 10:00AM in Immaculate Conception Church. The Sacrament of First Eucharist will be celebrated on Saturday, May 2, 2020 at 10:00AM in Immaculate Conception Church. Early next week, a mailing with a registration form, will be sent to all boys and girls in our Religious Education program and to those children attending a Catholic school registered under our parish. Please fill out the registration form and return it in the mail or place it in the weekend collection. Thank you.

Religious Education Teacher Meeting

Next Monday, **January 13** all religious ed teachers and anyone involved in the operation of our Religious Education program are asked to attend a meeting at 6:00PM in the rectory.

Save the Date!

Our next parish bingo will be held on **Saturday, March 28, 2020** in Immaculate Conception Hall. Please watch the bulletin for details!!

Family Mass & Donut Sunday

Our next "Family Mass" will take place on Sunday, January 19 at 10:30AM. All boys and girls in grade 5 are welcome to participate as lectors, heavenly hosts, gift bearers or ushers. If your child would like to participate, contact one of the following coordinators:

Lisa Falzone 570-237-2739 mybudget1@aol.com

Sarah Konopka 571-498-9304 skono1683@yahoo.com

MaryAnn Oliveri 570-357-1778 mare0912@epix.net

Holy Name Society Lottery Winners

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of our Holy Name Society lotteries. Your generosity enables us to contribute to all programs in our parish involving children. Listed below are the profit and winners of our Thanksgiving and Christmas lotteries.

Thanksgiving Lottery Profit.....\$300.00

Winners...Ann Berto \$100 and Beverly Solano \$100

Christmas Lottery Profit.....\$600.00

Winners.....Debra Secor \$100, Dave Hergan \$100

Holly Alfano \$100 and Carolyn Smith \$100

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 electronically 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).

Candles

January 5 thru January 11, 2020

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Blagio & Josephine Dente, their children & grandchildren** is donated by Ross & Rosemary.

Holy Family Candle at HR

Which will burn this week **In Thanksgiving** is donated by Carl.

Christmas Goodies....thank you!

Thank you to everyone who dropped off delicious goodies and treats at the rectory for Christmas!!

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.

Organ Fund Envelope

For the month of December, the monies collected from our organ fund envelopes totaled **\$1,054.00** which has been deposited back into our diocesan savings account bringing our account balance to **\$22,694.50**

Mass Intentions

January 6 thru January 12, 2020

Mon	7:30AM	Steve Sokach By Al & Charleen Palaima
	8:30AM	Dec'd Membs of Alexander & Josephine Parente Family By Grandchildren
Tues	7:30AM	Valerie Zalepa By Family
	8:30AM	Frank & Angela Parente By Theresa Capozzolo
Wed	7:30AM	Thomas Maxwell By Carol & Len Bonfante
	8:30AM	Rose Bernosky By John & Connie Lewis
Thurs	7:30AM	Robert Bugelholli By MaryAnn Kull
	8:30AM	Helen Getek By Ray & Fran Franko
Fri	7:30AM	Kevin Powers By William Scoda
	8:30AM	William D. Miller By M/M Patrick Solano
Sat	4:00PM	Ruth Ramiza By Ramiza & Pace Families
	5:30PM	Agnes Konopka By Family
Sun	7:30AM	Elizabeth Kneeream By Ralph & Sandy Nardell
	9:00AM	Florence Reilly By Family.
	10:30AM	Carol Darbenzio By Ron & Rosemary Gitkos