



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 12, 2020

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Immaculate Conception Church

**Holy Redeemer Church
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Mr. James Meizanis, Deacon
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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 12, 2020

Readings/Responsorial: #1012
Gathering: #903 Baptized in Water
Offertory: #596 Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior
Communion: #590 Christ Be Our Light!
Recessional: #829 Let There Be Peace on Earth

Weekly Collection January 5, 2020

Sunday	\$11,252.42
E Giving	1,190.03
Christmas	2,008.00
Total	\$14,450.45

**Holy Day
Solemnity of Mary \$2,513.00**

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.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

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. Immediately following this Sacrament, the boys, girls, their families and friends are invited to join us for a light brunch in the church hall. A mailing with a registration form has been mailed to the children in our 2nd grade religious education program and to our 2nd grade parishioners who are enrolled in Catholic school. Please fill out the registration form and return it along with a copy of your child's baptism, if he/she was not baptized in our parish. If your child is in 2nd grade and did not receive a letter, please call the rectory. Thank you

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 mybudge1@aol.com

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

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

Upcoming Meetings

► Religious Education Meeting

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

► St Clare Sewing Ministry Meeting

Anyone who likes to sew is welcome to attend our St. Clare Sewing Ministry meeting on Tuesday, January 14 at 6:00PM in the rectory. At this meeting, we will discuss a sewing project which will benefit the 2nd grade children who will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year.

► **Car Show Planning Meeting**

All are welcome to attend our first planning meeting for our parish Car Show 2020. The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 15 at 6:00PM in the rectory.** In addition to the car competition, this yearly event held on the grounds of Holy Redeemer Church includes music, food vendors, merchandise vendors and raffles. Admission is free.

► **Fundraising Committee Meeting**

Members of our parish fundraising committee will meet on **Wednesday, January 15 at 6:00PM in the rectory.**

► **Twilight Bingo Planning Meeting**

All are welcome to attend our upcoming Twilight Bingo planning meeting on **Wednesday, January 29 at 6:00PM in the rectory.**

Social Concerns Food Pantry

Our shelves are bare!! If you can help, we are asking for continued donations of any and all non perishable foods. During the holidays, we usually deplete our supply of non perishable foods. But during the long winter months, when heating costs are most prevalent, it seems many struggle to keep food on the table. In our bulletin we will be requesting a variety of foods to help build up our food supply. This week we are asking for any breakfast friendly foods including hot and cold cereals, boxed/canned milk, pancake mix, syrup, coffee, tea, hot chocolate. Donations may be left in the vestibules of the churches. Thank you, in advance, for your donations.

Social Concerns Soup Ministry

This coming week our "soup ministry" crew will meet in the kitchen of Immaculate Conception Church on Thursday & Friday, January 16 & 17 at 9:00AM to whip up another delicious homemade soup for our homebound parishioners. All are welcome to join them!!

Delivery to Homebound

We will be looking for our volunteers to help deliver the homemade soups to our 45 plus homebound parishioners. If you can help deliver on Friday or Saturday, January 17 or 18, contact Joyce at 570-654-2753 or jceconi50@gmail.com.

Devastating Earthquake

On Tuesday morning, a 6.4 magnitude earthquake hit Puerto Rico, killing one man, causing dozens of buildings to be destroyed and leaving tens of thousands of people without power. For many residents of Puerto Rico, this is the third time they have been impacted by a natural disaster. Hurricane Maria hit the island two years ago and Hurricane George struck in 1998.

While the Diocese of Scranton will not be taking a special collection to aid in recovery, if anyone would like to help, donations are being accepted by Catholic.Charities.USA www.catholiccharitiesusa.org.

Courtesy News

Memorial Benefit

A First Annual Memorial Benefit in Honor of Christopher Ryan Bone will be held in Immaculate Conception Church Hall on Saturday, February 15, 2020. This event is sponsored by the family and friends of Christopher Ryan Bone. Proceeds will benefit the Little CreekLodge Foundation (www.littlecreekrecovery.org). Doors will open at 6:00PM and Post time is 7:00PM. This is a BYOB event. Tickets are \$10 which includes food, soft drinks and water. To sponsor a race, donate a basket or to purchase a horse, contact Georgia Bone @ 570-407-0040 or e-mail sacred-lotus208@gmail.com.

Candles

January 12 thru January 18, 2020

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Barbara Cawley** is donated by her family.

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **David Pepe** is donated by Ross & Rosemary.

Mass Intentions

January 13 thru January 19, 2020

Mon	7:30AM	Dominic Aufiero By Jim & Joanne
	8:30AM	Romuald Caroff By Ed & Mary Godri
Tues	7:30AM	Eleanor Sorick By John & Mary Kurlandski
	8:30AM	Aubrey Rose Vargo By M/M Bob Calpin
Wed	7:30AM	Joseph Ciampi By M/M Frank Parra
	8:30AM	Barbara Misuraca By Ross Trischetti & Doreen Lescavage
Thurs	7:30AM	Joseph Prula By son, Joseph
	8:30AM	Patricia Dobbs By Jack & Ann Henry
Fri	7:30AM	Alfred & Rita Montville By Children
	8:30AM	Helen Getek By Romaine Panek
Sat	4:00PM	Barbara Cawley By Family
	5:30PM	Richard Wienckoski By Justick Family
Sun	7:30AM	Jim Sabol By wife & daughters
	9:00AM	Margaret O'Fier By Dave Gavigan.
	10:30AM	Marie Terese Golden By Friends