



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.

February 2, 2020

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Immaculate Conception Church

Holy Redeemer Church Parish Office

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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.

February 2, 2020

Readings/Responsorial: #1196

Gathering: #641 Love Divine, All Loves
Excelling

Offertory: #457 Sing of Mary, Pure and
Lowly

Communion: #593 I Want to Walk as
a Child of Light

Recessional: #591 This Little Light of
Mine

Weekly Collection

January 26, 2020

Sunday	\$8,629.57
E Giving	\$ 956.63
Total	\$9,586.20

Care/Ed of Priests Jan 2020
\$992.00

Super Bowl Sunday "Souper Bowl of Caring"

This weekend as you are coming to or leaving Mass, you can help us fight hunger locally with your donation of \$1 and/or a non-perishable canned good. Of course, you may choose to give more, but we are only asking for a dollar to illustrate the miraculous results when enough people give just a little! Your donations may be left in soup pots decorated with team logos of the San Francisco 49ers and the Kansas City Chiefs.

All donations collected will benefit our Social Concerns Food Pantry. We always have food on hand so we never have to turn anyone asking for help with food.

Blessing of Throats

In honor of St. Blaise, Bishop and martyr, throats will be blessed at all Masses this weekend.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Next Saturday, February 8, 2020, 29 boys and girls in 2nd grade will receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation in our parish. There will be a brief parent meeting/practice for the children on Wednesday, February 5th at 6:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church. One parent/guardian is asked to attend this meeting. The boys, girls, their families and friends are invited to a brunch in the church hall immediately following reconciliation.

Communion to the Homebound

One of the most essential ministries that we can provide parishioners is the ability to receive the Eucharist at home when there is a physical inability to attend our weekend Masses.

If you or someone you know from the parish is homebound and would like to receive this Sacrament, let us know, and we will work out a schedule with an Extraordinary Minister of Communion to make sure their needs are met. Contact Dorothy at 570-654-2753.

If you are an Extraordinary Minister of Communion and have any availability to help us with this necessary and rewarding ministry, please call the rectory 570-654-2753 or e-mail Teresa @ tacross5@comcast.net.

Social Concerns Meeting

All are welcome to join us for our next planning meeting on **Tuesday, February 4th at 6:00PM in the rectory**. On the agenda for this meeting will be the Ash Wednesday Lenten Food Sale which will be held on February 26th.

Social Concerns Soup Ministry

On **Wednesday, February 5th at 9:00AM** in Immaculate Conception church kitchen, our soup makers will whip up a delicious soup for our homebound for our homebound parishioners. Along with the soup, our homebound and parishioners residing in nursing homes will receive a Valentine gift of delicious chocolates.

The soup and Valentine gifts will be ready for deliveries to area nursing homes and our homebound parishioners anytime after 2:00PM on Thursday, February 6th. If you can deliver, please contact Joyce at jceconi50@gmail.com 570-654-2753.

First Reconciliation Brunch

Those who are part of our Social Concerns "Soup Ministry" will be preparing and serving brunch next Saturday, February 8th to the children, who are receiving First Reconciliation and their families. All are welcome to help cook and serve. The fun begins next Saturday at 8:00AM in Immaculate Conception kitchen. All are welcome!!

Valentines for the Elderly

This Sunday, children in our religious education program in grades K thru grade 4 will be making special Valentines which will be delivered to our 85 parishioners who are homebound and residing in nursing homes.

Organ Fund Envelope

For the month of January, the monies collected from our organ fund envelopes totaled **\$768.00** which has been deposited back into our diocesan savings account bringing our account balance to **\$21,926.50**

Pilates Anyone?

Start the new year off right!! Do something good for yourself. Join a group of dedicated fun-loving ladies at Pilates every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30PM and on Saturday morning from 8:30AM to 9:30AM in ICC hall. Must be 21 years of age or older. For more information call Joyce at the rectory.

Weight Watchers

The new WW Program offers 3 different Food Plans to loose weight! This 14 week SPECIAL for \$154.00 includes registration, workshops and digital tools. We need 15 people to sign up and we will be able to offer this new WW Program in Immaculate Conception rectory on Tuesday evenings at 6:00PM. If you are interested, call the rectory at 570-654-2753 or e-mail Joyce at jcecco-ni50@gmail.com.

Annulments

In the Diocese of Scranton, the annulment process is now more "user friendly" than you might expect and there is no processing fee. Contact the Diocesan Tribunal Office (570-207-2246).

25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2020 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 14. The event includes a 2:30PM mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. To request an invitation, you must call the rectory 570-654-2753 before March 16.

Candles

February 2 thru 8, 2020

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Angelo Schifano** is donated by his wife Mary Ann & sons.

Holy Family Candle at ICC

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Altar Candles at ICC

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Mass Intentions

February 3 thru February 9, 2020

Mon	7:30AM	Samuel Marranca By Karen & Ed Tomaszewski
	8:30AM	Vincent Perta By George & Sherry Sambora
Tues	7:30AM	Anthony R. & Amelia L. Scalzo By Family
	8:30AM	Paul A. Laure By Aunt, Vernie Friar
Wed	7:30AM	Leah Prizzi Onorati By Alfano Family
	8:30AM	Lena Lynch By Joseph O.Noto
Thurs	7:30AM	Patrick Conway, Jr. By Bill & Linda Drevitch
	8:30AM	Kay Thornton By Ric Belza & Andrew Meehan
Fri	7:30AM	James Dolhon By Brown Family
	8:30AM	Rose Ambrosino By Tommy, Daneen & TJ Kearns
Sat	4:00PM	Helen Doherty By Joe & Patty Andrews
	5:30PM	Joseph Marranca By Son, Joseph & Marie
Sun	7:30AM	Mary A. Burke By M/M Christopher Tracy & Fam
	9:00AM	Adam & David Panek By Wife/mother & family
	10:30AM	James & Helen Nuzzalo By Fred & Marie