



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.

March 1, 2020

First Sunday of Lent

Immaculate Conception Church

Holy Redeemer Church Parish Office

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Msgr. John J. Sempa, Pastor

Mr. James Meizanis, Deacon

Mrs. Joyce Cecconi,

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

During Lent:

5:30PM Immaculate Conception

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.

March 1, 2020

Readings/Responsorial: #1016

Gathering: #479 Lord, Who throughout

These 40 Days

Offertory: #691 On Eagles Wings

Communion: #486 Deep Within

Recessional: #492 Jerusalem, My

Destiny

Weekly Collection

February 23, 2020

Sunday \$10,343.71

E Giving \$ 1,130.13

Total \$11,473.84

Care & Education of Priests

February 2020

\$824.00

The Light is on for You During Lent, Msgr. Sempa will be in the confessional at Immaculate Conception Church on **Mondays, March 2, 9, 16, and 23** from **5:45PM - 6:45PM** and at Holy Redeemer **Monday, March 30** from **6:00PM-7:00PM**.

Stations of the Cross During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday evenings **March 6, 20, and 27 at 5:45PM** (following the 5:30PM Mass) in Immaculate Conception Church. On March 13 & April 3, the Stations of the Cross will be led by children. A sign up sheet is in the sacristy, if you would like to lead Stations of the Cross.

Stations of the Cross for Children

Registration forms for children who are interested in participating in the Stations of the Cross, can be found in the vestibules of the churches. On Fridays, March 13 and April 3 at 5:45PM children will be leading the Stations of the Cross. **ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE.** There are both reading and non-reading parts. **If your child wishes to participate in these stations or if they want to participate in the Easter Sunday Family Mass at 10:30AM, please contact:**

Lisa Falzone 237-2739 mybudge1@aol.com

Sara Konopka 498-9304 skono1683@yahoo.com

Mary Ann Oliveri 357-1778 mare0912b@epix.net

Lenten Soup & Scripture

All are welcome to join us as we gather to enjoy a simple Lenten meal of soup and sandwiches prepared by volunteers in various ministries in our parish. Following the meal, a guest speaker will share Lenten reflections with us. Listed below is a schedule of the date each ministry is requested to provide the soup and sandwiches, set up and clean up. Please note, if you belong to multiple ministries, you are asked to participate just one time. Thank you.

Mar 10 Social Concerns/Finance	soup/set up
Ushers/Liturgy/ Holy Name	sandwiches/clean up
Mar 17 Lectors/EM's	soups/set up
Adult Choir/Cantors/ Car Show Com	sandwiches/clean up
Mar 24 St Clare Sewing/Baptism Ministry	soup/set up
Bldg Grounds/Bazaar Committee	sandwiches/clean up
Mar 31 Heavenly Hosts/Religious Ed Teach	soup/set up
Money Counters/Seniors	sandwiches/clean up

Help for Easter

If you or someone you know is struggling and could use help with food and Easter Baskets for children, call the rectory or e-mail jceconi50@gmail.com. To receive help for Easter, requests MUST be in by Sunday, March 22nd.

Social Concerns Easter Food Drive

Thank you for your continued support of our parish "Food Pantry." With your consistent donations of non-perishable foods, we can always help anyone looking for food. As we are constantly building our supply of food, we can use donations of whatever foods are on sale when you shop! Donations may be left in the vestibules of the churches. Thank you for your help!

Social Concerns Easter Baskets for Kids

Once again this year, we will be filling Easter Baskets for children toddler age thru young teen. If you can help, we are looking for donations of Easter baskets, Easter candy, Dollar Store toys, any items suitable for young teens. Donations may be left in the vestibules of the churches.

Organ Fund Envelope

For the month of February, the monies collected from our organ fund envelopes totaled **\$1,844.25** which has been deposited back into our diocesan savings account bringing our account balance to **\$20,082.25**.

Kids, Join Our Recycling Team!!

Hey kids, come join the parish recycling team on our Lenten journey as we build a better world by changing/recycling our bad behavior and turning it into something good. Pick up a recycling bin and each week during Lent, if you do something wrong, write it down. On the weekend when you attend Mass, empty your bins into our recycling truck which will take its contents to the recycling center. When you attend Mass the following week, pick up a suggestion from the basket on how to turn the negative behavior into a positive action.

Holy Name Annual Breakfast

Tickets for the Holy Name breakfast, which will be held on **Sunday, March 15, 2020 following the 7:30AM Mass**, can be purchased after all Masses or at the rectory. Donation is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-11, children 5 and under are free.

Twilight Bingo

Our "all cash prize" Twilight Bingo will be held in Immaculate Conception Church hall on **Saturday, March 28, 2020. Doors will open at 5:00PM and bingo starts at 6:00PM.** Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. For tickets or to reserve seats, call the rectory at 570-654-2753. **Bingo tickets will be on sale after all Masses the weekend of March 7-8 and 13-14.**

Religious Ed Classes

During the month of March there will be **NO RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES on Sunday, March 1, March 15 and March 29.**

Seniors Meeting

All are welcome to join us in the rectory on **Wednesday, March 4th at 1:00PM** for an afternoon of cards, snacks and friendly chatter. All are welcome!!

Car Show Meeting

Our annual Car Show will be held on Sunday, May 31 on the grounds of Holy Redeemer church. There will be a planning meeting on **Wednesday, March 4 at 6:00PM in the rectory.** All are welcome to join us!

Heart Saver CPR Certification Course This class which will be held in Immaculate Conception school on **Monday, March 16 at 5:30PM** is for anyone 12 years of age and older. For information or to sign up for the class, contact Rosalie Cullagh at 570-655- 5422. Fee for the certification is \$20.00.

Ministry Schedule

All EM's, lectors and altar servers are reminded to contact their coordinator by Monday, March 16th if they wish to make any changes to their mass preference times or contact information on the next ministry schedule. The next schedule will run from April 4 thru June 28, 2020. Thank you.

Coordinators include:

Altar Servers: Donna Mason 570-903-9142
mmason8589@aol.com

EM's: Teresa Crossin 570-357-3985
tacross5@comcast.net

Lectors: Rosalie Cullagh 570-430-7319
rosan814@comcast.net

Living Stations of the Cross

On Good Friday evening, April 10th, the Living Stations will be presented by teens from our parish. The event is coordinated by Juel Anne Klepadlo. **There will be a pizza party/ planning meeting at 7:00PM on Sunday, March 8th** for all teens in grade 8 and older who are interested in helping with or taking part in the Living Stations. For information, e-mail Juel Anne at jaklepadlo@aol.com or call her at 570-430-1470.

Yearly Parish Contributions

For a report of your yearly contributions for 2019, please contact Lori at 570-654-2753 or e-mail lkasisky1@epix.net.

Congratulations!

Holy Rosary School Lady Royals Basketball Team is going to STATES in March 2020! Go Royals! Donations to help fund the traveling expenses to Pittsburgh for these awesome girls can be sent to Holy Rosary School, 125 Stephenson St, Duryea, Pa 18642. Thank you!

Candles March 1 thru 7, 2020

Altar Candles @ ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Nicholas & Louise Parente Zurenda** are donated by their grandchildren.

Holy Family Candle @ ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Joseph Ciampi** is donated by his mom & dad.

Sanctuary Candle @ ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Cecelia Kosisky** is donated by her children.

Sanctuary Candle @ Holy Redeemer

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

Mass Intentions

March 2 thru March 8, 2020

Mon	7:30AM	Griffin Schumaw By Grandmother
	8:30AM	John Thomas By Eileen & Edward Pulaski
	5:30PM	Edward & Marc Drevitch By Family
Tues	7:30AM	Robert Bugelhol By Mary & Tony Tossi
	8:30AM	Marty Pleban By Ann Mikols
	5:30PM	Josette Yakobitis By Joan Hennigan
Wed	7:30AM	Joseph Ciampi By Mary Curley
	8:30AM	Ann M. Rollman By Rose Marie Mizerak
	5:30PM	Eva & Julia Taffera By Tony & Mary Tossi
Thurs	7:30AM	Fred Melvin By Carl & Connie Rosencrance
	8:30AM	Ronald Krafchak By Romaine Panek
	5:30PM	Albert & Dorothy Adrian By Family
Fri	7:30AM	Griffin Schumaw By Deb & Jack Phillips
	8:30AM	John Devine By Jim & Betty Jane Forney
	5:30PM	Margaret Hoover By Stephen & Marilyn Hoover
Sat	4:00PM	M/M Joseph Galaida By Family
	5:30PM	Connie Skoronski & James Payne By Family
Sun	7:30AM	Florence Reilly By Family
	9:00AM	MaryAnn Persall By MaryAnn Liptuck & Eva Redding
	10:30AM	Frances Bellanco By Daughters Roseann, Josie & Families