



## 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 8, 2020**

**Second 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 8, 2020

Readings/Responsorial: #1019

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

Offertory: #878 Transform Us

Communion: #590 Christ, Be Our Light!

Recessional: #492 Jerusalem, My

Destiny (verse 2)

### Weekly Collection

March 1, 2020

**Sunday \$8,196.70**

**E Giving \$1,254.21**

**Total \$9,450.91**

### Ash Wednesday Collection:

Churches in Central/Eastern Europe

**\$1,318.90**

### The Light is on For You

During Lent, Msgr. Sempa will be in the confessional at Immaculate Conception Church on Mondays, March 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 immediately following the 5:30PM Mass.

### Easter Sunday Family Mass

All boys and girls are welcome to participate in the Family Mass at 10:30AM on Easter Sunday morning. The children can participate as lectors, gift bearers, heavenly hosts or singers in the youth choir. For information, please contact one of the following coordinators:

Lisa Falzone 237-2739 [mybudget1@aol.com](mailto:mybudget1@aol.com)

Sara Konopka 498-9304 [skono1683@yahoo.com](mailto:skono1683@yahoo.com)

Mary Ann Oliveri 357-1778 [mare0912b@epix.net](mailto:mare0912b@epix.net)

### Lenten Soup & Scripture

Our first Lenten Soup & Scripture will be held on Tuesday, March 10 immediately following the 5:30PM Mass. Our guest speaker this week will be Father Jake Doris. For our first session members of Social Concerns and the Finance Committee are asked to provide the soups and set up the hall and the Ushers, Holy Name Society and Liturgy Committee are asked to provide the sandwiches and clean up afterward.

### 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](mailto: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 in need of 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, including items suitable for young teens. Donations may be left in the vestibules of the churches.

### Holy Name Annual Breakfast

Tickets for the Holy Name breakfast, 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. Volunteers are welcome to help cook and set up the hall on Saturday, March 14 at 9:30AM.

### Twilight Bingo Tickets

Tickets for our all-cash-prize "Twilight Bingo" which will be held in Immaculate Conception Church hall on Saturday, March 28, 2020 will be on sale after all Masses this weekend and next or until sold out. To date we have 210 tickets sold with only 120 tickets available for sale. Donation is \$25. To reserve seats, please call the rectory at 570-654-2753. We are asking for volunteers to bake for the bingo. If you can, please fill out the sign up sheets in the vestibules of the churches. Thank you.

### Living Stations of the Cross

On Good Friday evening, April 10th, the Living Stations will be presented by teens from our parish. **There will be a pizza party/planning meeting today, Sunday, March 8th at 7:00PM in IC hall** for all teens in grade 8 and older who are interested in helping with or taking part in the Living Stations.

### Easter Egg Hunt

Kids in 7th grade and older are needed to help organize our annual Easter Egg Hunt which is held on Holy Saturday, April 11 at 12:15PM on the grounds of Holy Redeemer Church.

For information, contact Juel Anne at jaklepadlo@aol.com or 570-430-1470.

### Kids, Join Our Recycling Team!!

Hey kids, 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 if you do something wrong, write it down. When you attend Mass on the weekend, empty your bins into our recycling truck which will take its contents to the recycling center. Be sure to pick up a suggestion from the basket on how to turn the negative behavior into a positive action.

### Religious Ed Classes

Please note, **THERE ARE NO RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES on Sunday, March 15 and March 29.**

### 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.

### Corpus Christi Parish Car Show

Save the date! Our 9th annual car show will be held on the grounds of Holy Redeemer Church on **Sunday, May 31, 2020.**

### Corpus Christi Parish Bazaar

Mark your calendars! Our parish bazaar will be held on **June 18, 19 and 20, 2020** on the grounds of Immaculate Conception Church.

### Flea Market

If you are thinking of "spring cleaning," be sure to save your unwanted "stuff" for our annual Flea Market, which is held in conjunction with our parish bazaar. **Donations may be dropped off at the school beginning Wednesday, April 29th.**

### Health Precautions for the Celebration of Mass

Effective immediately, the diocese is mandating the following precautions for the celebration of Mass:

- ▶ Distribution of the Precious Blood via the Chalice is temporarily suspended.
- ▶ The Sign of Peace will now be exchanged without physical contact.
- ▶ Parishioners are reminded that if they are sick, especially with flu-like symptoms, they should stay home for their own well-being and that of others. If parishioners are sick or suspect they are sick with a contagious illness, they are not bound by the Sunday Mass obligation.
- ▶ Remember to cover coughs or sneezes with your elbow instead of hands.
- ▶ Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- ▶ Clean surfaces frequently, including countertops, light switches, cell phones, remotes and frequently touched items.

**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](mailto:lkasisky1@epix.net).

### Candles March 8 thru 14, 2020

#### Altar Candles @ ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Ann & Margaret Hreha** are donated by their family.

#### Holy Family Candle @ ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **John Beno Borzell** is donated by his mom & dad, Juliana, family & friends.

#### Sanctuary Candle @ ICC

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#### Sanctuary Candle @ Holy Redeemer

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Mary Ann Persall** is donated by Mary Ann Liptuck & Eva Redding.

### Mass Intentions

#### March 9 thru March 15, 2020

Mon	7:30AM	<b>Dec'd members of Alexander &amp; Josephine Parente Family</b> By Grandchildren
	8:30AM	<b>Tamra Smith</b> By Charlie Dancheck
	5:30PM	<b>Barry Stankus</b> By Friends, Joan & Barbara
Tues	7:30AM	<b>Gina &amp; Gilberto Dominici</b> By Ralph & Sandy Nardell
	8:30AM	<b>Joseph L. Venetz, Jr.</b> By Fred & Anita Mecadon
	5:30PM	<b>John Beno Borzell</b> By Mom, Dad, Juliana, Family & Friends
Wed	7:30AM	<b>Maria &amp; Pasquale Cella &amp; Son, Charles</b> By Cella Family
	8:30AM	<b>Josephine E. Marriott</b> By Sam Aritz Family
	5:30PM	<b>Josephine Mirabelle</b> By Leo & Joanne Skoronski
Thurs	7:30AM	<b>Frank &amp; Nellie Parente</b> By Son & Family
	8:30AM	<b>Marita Keating</b> By Henry & Jeanie Romanowski
	5:30PM	<b>Thomas Lloyd</b> By Joan Pribula
Fri	7:30AM	<b>Andrew Hreha</b> By Family
	8:30AM	<b>Michael Remplewicz</b> By Linda & Mariano Fanelli & Fam.
	5:30PM	<b>Mary Ann O'Boyle</b> By Robert, Julie, Brian & Corey
Sat	4:00PM	<b>Charlie Alfano</b> By Joe & Colleen Jumper
	5:30PM	<b>Margaret O'Fier</b> By Spott & O'Fier Families
Sun	7:30AM	<b>Living &amp; Dec'd Members of Holy Name Society</b>
	9:00AM	<b>Dorothy Coolbaugh</b> By M/M David Hergan
	10:30AM	<b>Theresa Anzalone</b> By Lisa & Charles White