



## 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 15, 2020**  
**Third 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 15, 2020

Readings/Responsorial: #1022

Gathering: #474 From Ashes to the Living Font

Offertory: #493 Change Our Hearts

Communion: #950 Take and Eat

Recessional: #492 Jerusalem, My Destiny  
 (verse 3)

### Weekly Collection

**March 8, 2020**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>\$8,723.88</b>
<b>E Giving</b>	<b>\$1,755.48</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,479.36</b>

**Maine Source Giveback Program \$182.16**

**Effective immediately, Bishop Bambera, in union with the Bishops of Pennsylvania, has dispensed your obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Please know, all regularly scheduled Masses will remain open to the public for those who wish to attend. In the Diocese of Scranton, it is strongly recommended that all non-essential parish events be temporarily cancelled or postponed.**

**Therefore, the following events in our parish are temporarily postponed/cancelled:**

▶ **Holy Name Breakfast** (will be rescheduled, if you prefer a refund, call the rectory)

▶ **Heart Saver Class**

▶ **Religious Ed Classes**

▶ **Confirmation Class**

▶ **Soup & Scripture**

▶ **First Eucharist Retreat**

▶ **Communion to the Homebound**

▶ **Soup to the Homebound**

▶ **Twilight Bingo** (To all who sent in sponsorships and those who purchased tickets, the bingo will be rescheduled once this ban is lifted. If you prefer a refund, please call the rectory 570-654-2753.)

### Paschal Candles

If you are interested in donating the Paschal Candle for Immaculate Conception or Holy Redeemer Church in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please call the rectory or e mail [jceccconi50@gmail.com](mailto:jceccconi50@gmail.com) for information.

### The Light is on for You

During Lent, Msgr. Sempa will be in the confessional at Immaculate Conception Church on **Mondays, March 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)

### Help for Easter

To request help for Easter with food and/or Easter Baskets for children, contact the rectory 570-654-2753 or e-mail [jceccconi50@gmail.com](mailto:jceccconi50@gmail.com) by next Sunday, March 22nd.

### Easter Baskets for Children

Once again this year, our Social Concerns Committee will be filling Easter Baskets for children. If you can help, we are looking for donations of colorful Easter baskets, Easter candy, treats and items suitable for children ages toddlers thru young teen. Donations may be left in the vestibules of the churches. We do appreciate your continued donations of non-perishable foods and monetary donations for hams to be given to our families for Easter.

### Easter Food Drive

Thank you to everyone for your continued help with donations of non perishable foods which keep our food pantry shelves filled. We will gladly accept your donations of food, hams, and monetary donations, which will enable us to purchase hams for Easter giving. Thank you, once again, for your support!!

### **Sacrament of Confirmation**

This year, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish on Sunday, May 31, 2020 at 3:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church. Next week a letter with information regarding this Sacrament and a registration form, which MUST be returned to the rectory, will be mailed to the 8th grade students who will be receiving Confirmation in our parish. If your son or daughter is a student in a Catholic school and is not registered under our parish, please call or e mail Joyce at 570-654-22753/[jceccconi50@gmail.com](mailto:jceccconi50@gmail.com), to request this letter and registration form.

### **Living Stations of the Cross/Easter Egg Hunt**

Practices for the "Living Stations" will be held on Sundays, March 22, 29, April 5 and dress rehearsal on Wednesday, April 8 at 7:00PM in the church. The boys and girls who are helping with the Easter Egg Hunt are asked to meet in the church hall on Sunday, April 5 at 5:00PM to prepare the prizes for this event. **Teens looking for service hours....these are great opportunities to obtain those hours. For information, contact Juel Ann at 570-430-1430 or e-mail [jklepadlo@comcast.net](mailto:jklepadlo@comcast.net).**

### **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.

### **Car Show Meeting**

Our next car show meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 1st at 6:00PM in the rectory. All are welcome to attend.

### **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. Beginning Wednesday, April 29th, donations may be dropped off at the school on Wednesdays from 6:00PM to 8:00PM and on Saturdays from 9:00AM to 12 Noon.

### **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. 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](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis). It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. 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).

### **Corpus Christi Recycling Team!!**

Kids, let's continue to build a better world by recycling our bad behavior into something good. 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 your negative behavior into a positive action.

### **Rail Riders Faith & Family Night**

Our Holy Name Society is sponsoring this event on behalf of our parish on Saturday, April 25 at 4:05PM with the Rail Riders vs. the Syracuse Mets (NY Mets AAA team) at the SWB Rail Riders PNC Field. We will be joining other congregations on this special night. Seating is \$5.00 each and is located in the field reserved seats in the seating bowl. There will be live music before the game, a pregame sermon on the field and our church group name in lights on the big board in the middle of the 4th inning! Gates open at 2:30PM. To sign up, contact Dave Palovchak @ 570-763-5616 or see him after ushering the 4:00PM Mass. All are encouraged to sign up and join the fun at a great venue!

### **Candles March 15 thru 21, 2020**

#### **Altar Candles @ ICC**

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Ida Favata** are donated by Charles & Michael Manganaro & Diane Parulis.

#### **Holy Family Candle @ ICC**

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Margaret Hoover** is donated by Jennifer Bonita and children.

#### **Sanctuary Candle @ ICC**

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Joseph Fedor** is donated by Rosella & Josette.

### **Mass Intentions**

#### **March 16 thru March 22, 2020**

Mon	7:30AM	<b>Mary Hensley</b> By Bernadette & Gabriel Gnudi
	8:30AM	<b>Leopold J. Ianuzzi</b> By Zaloga Family
	5:30PM	<b>Leonard Insalaco, II</b> By Mom, Dad & Family
Tues	7:30AM	<b>Patrick J. Ford</b> By Fusco Family
	8:30AM	<b>Glen Switzer</b> By James & Frances Pisano
	5:30PM	<b>James &amp; Mary English</b> By Jim & Joanne
Wed	7:30AM	<b>Paul Bartush</b> By Kasisky Family
	8:30AM	<b>Tony Rostock</b> By Leo & LuAnn Sperrazza
	5:30PM	<b>Edmund Kaczmarek</b> By Joseph Palmentere
Thurs	7:30AM	<b>Joseph Fedor</b> By Rosella & Josette
	8:30AM	<b>Robert &amp; Dorothy Gadowski</b> By Family
	5:30PM	<b>Fred Melvin</b> By Wife, Marie & Family
Fri	7:30AM	<b>Carmella Salerno</b> By Friend
	8:30AM	<b>Mary Ann Persall</b> By Dolores Romanowski
	5:30PM	<b>Anthony Oliveri</b> By M/M Anthony Morreale
Sat	4:00PM	<b>Karen Potoski</b> By Family
	5:30PM	<b>Ann Marie McGuire</b> By M/M William Fath
Sun	7:30AM	<b>Robert Caruthers</b> By Children & Grandchildren
	9:00AM	<b>Eugene J. Consenza, Jr.</b> By Bantell Family
	10:30AM	<b>Mark Kleback</b> By Ellie, Anthony & Mark