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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 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.

# August 12, 2018

Readings/Responsorial #1147 Gathering: #949 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! Offertory: #938 We Come to Your Feast Communion: #941 Eat This Bread Recessional: #686 Blest Be the Lord

# Weekly Collection July 29, 2018 \$9,662.75

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# **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.

# August 12, 2018

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** 

# **Holy Day of Obligation**

Wednesday, August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses are as follows: Tuesday, August 14th 6:00PM at Holy Redeemer Wednesday, August 15th 7:30AM at ICC 8:30AM at Holy Redeemer 6:00PM at ICC

# Liturgical Ministry Cookout Sunday, September 23, 2018

# **1:00PM Immaculate Conception Hall**

We welcome all altar servers, extraordinary ministers of communion, lectors, heavenly hosts, ushers, choir members and cantors to join us for an afternoon of good food and fellowship. In order for us to prepare enough food, please contact the coordinator of the ministry in which you serve to let them know if you are able to attend.

Altar Servers:	Donna Mason 570-903-9142 mmason8589@aol.com
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# **Big Prize/Designer Bingo**

Save the date!! Our "Big Prize/Designer Bingo" will be held on Sunday, November 4, 2018 in Immaculate Conception hall. Our first bingo planning meeting will be held on <u>Tuesday, August 21st at 6:00PM in the rectory</u>. We encourage anyone who is interested in bingos to attend this meeting. We would like your input regarding prizes, number of games, etc. Helping with the bingo does not require a huge commitment, likely just one more meeting, setup the day before, working the bingo and clean up.

# **New Ministry Schedule**

Our current ministry schedule covers weekend masses thru the end of August. Altar Servers, EM's, and Lectors are asked to contact their coordinator if they would like to make any changes to their mass preference.

# **Social Concerns News**

# ■Back-To-School Drive

Social Concerns is running a "Back-To-School" program to help equip local students with the tools they need to be successful in school. The best part? Everything is free!! <u>If you or someone you know of needs help getting</u> their children ready to go back to school, please have them call the rectory or email Joyce at jcecconi50@gmail.com.

## Donations

Please have all back-to-school donations, including personal hygiene products in the vestibules of the churches no later than Sunday, August 19th.

## Help is Needed

Our Social Concerns Committee is asking for volunteers to join us on <u>Sunday, August 19th at 5:00PM in Immaculate</u> <u>Conception Hall</u> as we pack backpacks, sort, organize and pack personal hygiene donations, and food. Your help is also needed on <u>Monday, August 20th</u> from 5:00PM to <u>6:00PM in Immaculate Conception Hall</u> where we will be distributing the school supplies, personal hygiene products and food.

## 2018 Parish Bazaar

Whether you donated, worked, or attended our parish bazaar, without your help it would not have been successful. To everyone who worked so hard before, during and/or after the bazaar, thank you for your gratifying example of what it means to be a parish community. The profit from this year's bazaar is **\$45,675.40.** 

## **Bazaar Wrap-Up Meeting**

Mark your calendars! There will be a bazaar wrap up meeting <u>on Tuesday, August 28th at 6:00PM in the rectory</u>. Join us as we share our experience from this bazaar and explore some thoughts for our bazaar next year!!

#### **Religious Education News**

## Religious Ed Classes

Classes for the 2018-2019 school year will begin in our parish on Sunday, September 23, 2018. Classes for boys and girls K thru Grade 7 will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:00AM to 10:15AM. Classes for children in grades K thru 4 will be held in the school, grades 5 & 6 in the church hall and grade 7 in the rectory. In the next couple of weeks, a letter and registration forms will be mailed to the families of children who attended classes here last year.

## Confirmation Classes/Parent Meeting

Beginning Sunday, September 23rd, classes for students who will be in 8th grade this fall will be held twice a month on Sunday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30PM in the school. Parents/guardians of students who will be in 8th grade this fall, are asked to attend a meeting on Sunday, September 16th at 6:00PM in IC hall.

## Religious Ed Teachers (Catechists)

The word *catechist* comes from a Greek word meaning "to *echo*". Catechists echo the Word of God to our parish children. They can be women, men, confirmed teenagers, parents, grandparents, etc. They are not expert teachers or brilliant theologians. They are ordinary people who generously volunteer their time to share our Catholic faith, values, and traditions with our children. They are positive role models who help children grow in faith. Their gift has tremendous value....because through their words and actions, the message of Christ continues to spread throughout the world.

#### Volunteers Needed

Your help is needed!! This year we are in need of volunteers to help with Religious Education in our parish. We are in need of teachers for grades 3 and 7. Because of our class sizes, we would like to have assistants in every classroom this year. Would you consider teaching a grade weekly or perhaps you and a friend would like to team teach, or maybe your teenage son/daughter would like to volunteer with you. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Joyce at 570-654-27583 or jcecconi50@gmail.com.

#### **Altar Candles at ICC**

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Cheryl Devers** are donated by Rosella Fedor.

#### **Holy Family Candle at ICC**

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Samuel DeSalvo** is donated by Ross & Rosemary DeNisco.

#### **Sanctuary Candle at ICC**

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Membs of Brown, Bishop, Serafin & Pasternak Families is donated by John and Maryellen Serafin.

## "Pirate's Treasure" Lottery

This lottery, which will run from September 1 thru September 30, 2018 is featuring bigger and better prizes. Just match the evening drawing of the 3 digit daily number and you could win \$1,000.00 Sunday's in September, \$ 600.00 Wednesday, September 19th or \$100.00 every other day during September. For your chance to become a lucky pirate, just call or stop by the rectory for a "pirate's treasure" lottery ticket!! To keep in compliance with the Small Games of Chance Laws, all "Pirate's Treasure" lottery tickets must be purchased by August 31, 2018. If you are looking for additional tickets, stop by or call the rectory and we will gladly mail them to you.

#### Mass Intentions August 13 thru August 19, 2018

Mon	7:30AM	John, Carolyn & Carl Cenera By Family
	8:30AM	
		By Cella Family
Tues	7:30AM	Sam Marranca
		By Ron Salvatore
	8:30AM	Grace Alco
		By Son, James
(HR	) 6:00PM	Joan Sokach
Wed	7:30AM	By Stephen & Mary Beth Harry O'Dell
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	8:30AM	Dec'd Members of Franko &
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		By Fran & Ray Franko
(IC	) 6:00PM	Anthony Oliveri
		By Paul & Mara Devine
Thurs	<b>5</b> 7:30AM	Mary Jo Spellman
		By Denise Bartoletti
	8:30AM	Jeroma Foy
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Fri	7:30AM	Cheryl Devers By Rosella Fedor
	8:30AM	MaryAnne Fino
	0.00710	By Jack & Nancy Forgash
Sat	4:00PM	John & Rose & Ross Dente, Sr &
		Anna Maria & Rita DeNisco
		By Ross & Rosemary
	5:30PM	Special Intentions
Sun	7:30AM	Jennie& George Holby
		By Family
	9:00AM	Lillian Golembeski
	10:30AM	By Zielen Family Josette Yakobitis
		By Loretta Anderson