



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.

November 11, 2018

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Immaculate Conception Church
Holy Redeemer Church
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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

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.

November 11, 2018

Readings/Responsorial #1186
Gathering: #988 My Country, 'Tis of Thee
Offertory: #987 We Have a Dream
Communion: #985 Mine eyes Have
Seen the Glory
Recessional: #984 America the Beautiful

**Weekly Collection
November 4, 2018**

Sunday \$9,633.50
Social Concerns 1,642.00
Holy Day 1,236.50
Total \$12,512.00

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Second Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend at all Masses, November 17-18 we will take up the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Second Collection This Weekend

This weekend at all Masses our parish will take up a second collection which will benefit the "42nd Annual Thanksgiving Community Program". Last year they served 1,500 Thanksgiving dinners. Your monetary donations are what make this possible.

Veterans Day Mass & Social

Today at our 10:30AM liturgy, please welcome veterans, their families and special guests from different branches of the military. Because November is military family appreciation month, it is appropriate we recognize and honor our military and their families. A special thank you to spouses, children, parents, families and friends who make up the support network that is so vital to all of our service men and women as they continue to make sacrifices so that we are able to live in a free and safe society. **Following the liturgy, all are invited to join us for light refreshments in the church hall.**

Book of the Dead

Each year the Church gives us the entire month of November as an opportunity to remember our loved ones who have gone before us in death, praying for their happiness and preparing ourselves to be reunited with them one day. A special book with the names of our beloved dead will be placed in or near the sanctuary in the churches. We invite you to please take a moment and write the names of your beloved departed family and friends in our parish book of the dead.

Bereavement Mass

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

6:00PM Mass

Immaculate Conception Church

All are welcome to join us for this beautiful Mass in memory of 70 parishioners and friends who have been buried from our parish this past year. Following the liturgy, please join us in the church hall for refreshments which are provided by members of our Social Concerns Committee.

■Set up Hall

Social Concerns members are asked to meet in IC hall on **Tuesday, November 13 at 5:00PM** to set up the church and hall for the Bereavement Mass and social.

■Honor a Veteran..... "Feed a Family"

In honor of all our Veterans, living and deceased, this weekend at all Masses, everyone is asked to bring just one non-perishable food item and place it in the baskets near the altar area or leave it in the baskets in the vestibules of the churches. We will be collecting food for our thanksgiving "food" baskets thru next weekend.

■Infant Baby Boy in Need

We are looking for donations of infant clothing, crib, bassinet, car seat, any and all items for an infant baby boy. If you can help, please call Joyce at the rectory or email jcecconi50@gmail.com. Thank you!!

■Soup Ministry

Members of Social Concerns will be making homemade Chicken Corn Chowder for our homebound parishioners this Thursday and Friday, November 15 and 16 at 9:00AM in the church hall. All are welcome to join them.

■Thanksgiving & Soup Delivery

Volunteers are needed to deliver a Thanksgiving gift of pumpkin cookies to our parishioners who are in nursing homes and delicious homemade soup and pumpkin bread to our homebound parishioners. If you can help, please e-mail jceconi50@gmail.com and meet us in the rectory on Saturday, November 17th at 10:00AM. Thank you for your help!!

■Donate Used Christmas Cards

We use the fronts of old Christmas cards to make the tags for our "giving trees". If you have any, you can leave them in the vestibules of the churches. Thank you!

■Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Members of Social Concerns will meet in the church hall next Sunday, November 18th at 4:00PM to fill Thanksgiving food baskets and write out tags for our "Giving Trees". All are welcome to help.

■Thanksgiving Food Basket Pick Up

Some 70 plus families will be picking up bountiful Thanksgiving Baskets on Monday, November 19th between 5PM and 6PM in Immaculate Conception Church. We are looking for some teenage boys and girls to help with distribution.

Ministry Schedule

Please note our new ministry schedule which will run from December 2018 thru February 2019, will be available for pick up the weekend of November 24-25. If you wish to make any changes, you must contact your coordinator by next Sunday, November 18th. Contact information for the coordinators is as follows:

Altar Servers: Donna Mason mmason8587@aol.com
570-587-3355
EM's: Teresa Crossin tacross5@comcast.net
570-357-3985
Lectors: Rosalie Cullagh rosan814@comcast.net
570-430-7319

“Cabin Fever” Parish Raffle

This parish fundraiser "Cabin Fever" will offer 2 chances to win \$500 on February 14 and the chance to win \$100 the following Sundays: January 20, 27, February 3 & 10. Your donation is \$25.00 for 5 tickets or \$5.00 for 1 ticket.. For additional tickets, just call or stop by the rectory. This raffle is in place of our lottery.

Family Mass & Donut Sunday

Next Sunday, November 18th is a "family mass". Our youth choir will sing and boys and girls in grade 6 will participate at lectors, ushers, gift bearers and heavenly hosts. Following the liturgy, all are welcome to join us in the church hall for donuts and coffee.

Parking at ICC

When parking at ICC, for mass or any functions, please be conscious of blocking in neighboring driveways or parking on neighbor's lawns. Thank you.

Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Marietta Cefalo Wisnewski** are donated by Jerry Yakobitis & family.

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Faust Valenti** is donated by Ross & Rosemary DeNisco & Jo-Ann Braccini.

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Anthony Luczak** is donated by M/M Sam Valenti & daughter.

Sanctuary Candle at HR

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Don Davidson** is donated by his wife and family.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

To make a donation the this year's Annual Appeal, please visit www.AnnualAppeal.org or call 570-207-2250 or send your gift to Development Office, Diocese of Scranton, 300 Wyoming Ave, Scranton, PA 18503. **Your donations are restricted for use to support the following 5 diocesan ministries and services: Catholic Social Services, Catholic Education in Schools and Parishes, Clergy Education & Care, Parish Life & Ministry Formation, and Catholic Media & Communications.**

DDA 2018 Parish Goal	\$32,000.00
Total Raised	\$19,387.22
Over (Under)	(\$12,612.78)

Mass Intentions		
November 12 thru November 18, 2018		
Mon	7:30AM	Anthony Luczak By M/M Sam Valenti & daughter
	8:30AM	Melio Viti By Harry Panek
Tues	7:30AM	James J. Moran By Jeanne Roman
	8:30AM	Atty David R. Litka By Drs. Denise & Scott Citkowski
Wed	7:30AM	Florence & William Pilkonis By Judy Sokach & family
	8:30AM	All Souls
Thurs	7:30AM	Josephine T. Mirabelle By Gayle & Cathy
	8:30AM	Mary Nugent By Bruno Ferretti, Jr.
Fri	7:30AM	John & Rose Dente, Ross Sr., Anna Maria & Rita DeNisco By Ross & Rosemary
	8:30AM	Albina Saracino By Tom & Lee Ann Burkhart
Sat	4:00PM	Josephine Butera Alfano & Daughter By Grand & Great Grandchildren
	5:30PM	Marie Stemler By Marilyn Litwin
Sun	7:30AM	Joseph Balberchak By sister, Lillian, husband & family
	9:00AM	Jack LaNunziata By Bob & Fran Fumanti
	10:30AM	God's Blessings for all Children



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November 8, 2018

Dear Friends,

I wrote to you in August and pledged that I would do all that I can to restore your trust in the Church and to provide a safe environment for your children. This continues to be my priority.

This week, we announced our Independent Survivors Compensation Program, which I believe is another step along the path towards healing for survivors. I believe wholeheartedly that survivors deserve to have their voice heard. They deserve recognition of their pain and suffering. It is our responsibility to offer a solution of our own.

Several weeks ago, Pennsylvania's Bishops announced support of such a program, which was recently discussed but not enacted by the Pennsylvania Grand Assembly. We are therefore moving forward and offering this Program for survivors. Participation in the Program by survivors is entirely voluntary.

The Program will be administered by Kenneth Feinberg and Camille Biros, two leading experts in mediation and alternative dispute resolution. They will oversee the claim process and will have absolute autonomy in determining compensation for survivors. This firm has managed a number of high-profile compensation programs nationwide, including similar programs started by five Catholic Dioceses in New York. This Program will review cases quickly and efficiently to provide compensation to survivors, so they can continue along the path towards healing.

There will also be an Independent Oversight Committee to oversee the implementation and administration of the Program. To be clear, the Diocese will have no authority over this committee.

It is important for you to know that parish and school assets, as well as contributions and bequests from parishioners and donations to the Diocesan Annual Appeal, will not be used to fund the Program. Rather, we will use available reserves and will sell assets and borrow money as needed. We will strive to maintain our core mission to serve the local community. Our commitment to the people of the diocese of Scranton remains true.

The Diocese continues to refine the Program so that it better serves survivors. Further details concerning the Program will be made available in the near future, including a website for survivors to obtain information and claim forms.

Thank you for your attention. Please continue to pray for survivors, their families and the community at large.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.

Bishop of Scranton