



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.

December 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent

**Immaculate Conception Church
Holy Redeemer Church
Parish Office**

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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.

December 2, 2018

Readings/Responsorial # 993
Gathering: # 395 O Come, O Come,
Emmanuel
Offertory: # 641 Love Devine, All Loves
Excelling
Communion: #939 Behold the Lamb
Recessional: #865 Soon and Very Soon

Weekly Collection November 25, 2018

\$10,181.57

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Second Collection Next Weekend

At all Masses next weekend we will take up the collection which will benefit the Retired Fund for Religious. Your generosity is appreciated.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is on December 8th. Masses for this feast day are as follows: Friday, December 7th, 6:00PM at Immaculate Conception, Saturday, December 8th at 9:00AM at Holy Redeemer and at 10:00AM at Immaculate Conception.

Songs and Santa

**Sunday, December 9th 2:00PM
Immaculate Conception Hall**

Please join our adult and youth choirs for a festive afternoon, as we celebrate the Christmas season with everyone's favorite traditional Christmas Carols. We'll start with a choir performance, then all join voices for a sing-a-long. We will enjoy a pizza party complete with sweet treats and a visit from Santa! Wear your favorite, fun Christmas attire (ugly Christmas sweaters welcome)!

Congratulations!

Our Deacon Jim Meizanis celebrated 3 years ordained as a deacon on November 28th. Congratulations, Deacon Jim!!

Christmas Wafers

Christmas wafers can be found in the vestibules of the churches. Donation is \$2.00 for a pack of 4 wafers.

Altar Servers, EM's, Lectors

Please contact your coordinator to let them know of your availability to serve at Mass on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

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

Youth Group Wreath Sale

Members of our youth group are selling Christmas wreaths. The cost is \$10.00 for a fresh wreath decorated with a red bow. To order, see any youth group member, stop in the rectory or call Juel Anne Klepadlo at 570-430-1470. You may pick out your own wreath from December 1 thru December 24th at Ciampi's Greenhouse on Tunkhannock Ave.

Heavenly Hosts Re-organization Meeting

Please join us on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 6:30PM in the school. All are welcome to join this rewarding ministry. We welcome high school and college students needing service hours!

Christmas Eve Family Mass

All boys and girls are welcome to take part in the Christmas Eve family mass. The children can participate as lectors, gift bearers, or take part in the skit (non-reading parts). We welcome Confirmation students to take part as narrators. For more information or to sign up, just call the rectory at 570-654-2753.

Social Concerns News

■The Giving Trees

Located in the sanctuaries, adorned with hundreds of gift tags are our parish "giving trees." On the back of each tag is a "family number," which is how we identify the family. **On most tags you will find the child's first name, his/her clothing sizes, and a gift idea or a toy the child wants for Christmas.** Please place your wrapped gifts **(with the tag attached)** under the giving tree no later than **Sunday, December 16th.** If you have any questions regarding the giving tree tags, contact Joyce at 570-654-2753 or email jceconi50@gmail.com.

•Christmas Food Donations

This year we have 97 families we will be feeding for Christmas. If you can help, we are looking for donations of any and all non-perishable foods. As always, thank you for your help.

•Christmas Cookie Sharing

Our parishioners who are homebound and those residing in nursing homes love to receive gifts of goodies for Christmas! For those of you who love to bake, would you consider baking a few extra dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies which we will package and share with these elderly parishioners. If you can bake and share, please have your baked goods dropped off at the rectory no later than Thursday, December 13th. **Volunteers will meet in the rectory on Thursday, December 13 at 5:00PM to package the homemade goodies. If you would like to help, please join us.**

•Soup Ministry

Our soup ministers will be in the kitchen of IC church on **Thursday, December 13 and Friday December 14th at 9:00AM** to create another delicious homemade soup for our homebound.

•Delivery to Nursing Homes & Homebound

On **Saturday, December 15th at 10:00AM, volunteers are asked to meet in the rectory** to deliver to 43 homebound parishioners a Christmas gift of homemade cookies, chocolates, a scarf (handmade by members of our St. Clare Sewing Ministry) and homemade soup. A gift of cookies and chocolates will be delivered to 46 parishioners who reside in nursing homes. If you can help deliver, please contact Joyce at 654-2753 or jceconi50@gmail.com. Thank you

•Giving Tree and Christmas Food Distribution

All are welcome to join members of Social Concerns at **4:00PM on Sunday, December 16th in Immaculate Conception Church** to sort giving tree gifts and fill gift boxes of food for 97 families. Volunteers will be needed on Tuesday, December 18th from 5:00PM to 6:00PM to help with distribution. Great opportunity for teens needing service hours!! Thank you!!

■Soup Ministry to Baking Ministry?

Our "soup ministry" members are expanding their talents! They will be making cake pops which will be distributed at the 4:00PM Family Mass on Christmas Eve. **All are welcome to join them at 9:00AM on Thursday and Friday, December 20 and 21 in IC hall** as they try their hand at this new endeavor. Join us for a lesson in making cake pops!!

Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Stanley Modeski** are donated by his wife, Marie and family.

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Mary Ann Mirro** is donated by her husband Vince and family.

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Anthony Luczak** is donated by his wife, Betty.

Sanctuary Candle at HR

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Thomas Crispino** is donated by his wife, Dorothy.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Your Diocesan Annual Appeal 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.

DAA 2018 Parish Goal	\$32,000.00
Total Raised	\$22,617.22
Over (Under)	(\$9,382.78)

Mass Intentions

December 3 thru December 9, 2018

Mon	7:30AM	Raymond Anthony Yunkunis By Piccillo Family
	8:30AM	Michael LaNunziata By John & Pat Callaio
Tues	7:30AM	Jane Landau By Patti Wiatrowski
	8:30AM	Joseph McDonnell By Joseph McDonnell, Sr & Family
Wed	7:30AM	Catherine Abdalla By Bob & Celeste Calpin
	8:30AM	Josephine E. Marriott By M/M Chris Tracy & Family
Thurs	7:30AM	Joseph Hoegen By Denise & Tony Bartoletti
	8:30AM	Charles Foy, Sr. By Daughter, Mary & Family
Fri	7:30AM	Raymonde Baiera By Herbert Fellerman, M.D.
	8:30AM	Davidica (Mattei) Ferretti By Bruno Ferretti, Jr.
	(ICC) 6:00PM	Dec'd Members of Supey & Labaty Families By Tom & Mary Supey
Sat (HR)	9:00AM	Dominic Aufiero By Jane Ambrosino
	(ICC) 10:00AM	Valya Pace Vacula By Cella Family
	4:00PM	Jack & Carmella Salvaggio By Children & Grandchildren
	5:30PM	Stephen E. Sokach By Helen Hilbert & Family
Sun	7:30AM	Dec'd Members of Walsh & Wynder Families By Family
	9:00AM	James Kozloski By Kathy & Marty Cirelli & Family
	10:30AM	Dominic & Lucy Occhiato By Family