



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.

January 27, 2019

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

**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.

January 27, 2019

Readings/Responsorial # 1100
Gathering: #850 All Are Welcome
Offertory: #486 Deep Within
Communion: #834 We Are Many Parts
Recessional: #743 Sing a New Church

Weekly Collection January 20, 2019

\$6,175.36

My E offering

\$547.00

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Blessing of Throats

In honor of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, we will be blessing throats at all Masses the weekend of February 2-3.

Bazaar Planning Meeting

Mark your calendars! Our first planning meeting for Bazaar 2019 will be held on **Wednesday, January 30 at 6:00PM in the rectory**. All former chairpersons as well as anyone interested in helping plan this bazaar are encouraged to attend!!

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated in our parish on Saturday, February 16, 2019 at 10:00AM in Immaculate Conception Church. If your child did not receive a letter with a registration form, a copy of the Act of Contrition and the procedure for confession, please call Joyce at the rectory 570-654-2753 to register your child for this sacrament.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish on **Sunday, June 9, 2019 at 12 Noon in Immaculate Conception Church.**

Communal Baptisms

Our next scheduled communal baptism is **Sunday, February 24, 2019** immediately following the 10:30AM liturgy in Immaculate Conception Church. Members of our baptism ministry will be on hand to welcome the families and present to the children gifts from our Holy Name Society and our St. Clare Sewing Ministry. Call the rectory to make arrangements to have your child baptized.

Online Giving is Now Available

■WHY SHOULD I USE my E offering? We have decided to offer this service as a convenience to you—you can stop writing checks or having to remember to bring cash every weekend when you attend Mass. Simply log in to our service and set up your offering. You can set the donations to match your pay periods and even send your one-time donations to the special collections we may have from time-to-time. This new service allows you to give any amount, at any time, from home or on the road, with your computer or your mobile device. You control how and when you give your tithes.

■HOW DO I SIGN UP? Signing up is as simple as going to our parish website www.corpuschristinepa.com and looking for the green computer mouse icon. That button will take you to the my E offering page for our parish. Simply sign up and begin giving online today! For help signing up or for more information on on-line giving, **call Lori at 570-654-2753.**

New Parish Lottery

Our new parish lottery "Spring into Summer" will be mailed out during the month of February. Our Fundraising Committee has decided before to give everyone the option to choose their own number before mailing out the tickets. Remember our lottery is based on the evening drawing of the Pa Lottery which is a 3 digit number. So if you have a "lucky" number or numbers you would like to choose, just call or e-mail **Lori at 570-654-2753 or lkasisky1@epix.net**. **You have until February 3rd to choose you own number/numbers.**

Senior Meeting

All are welcome to join us next **Wednesday, January 30 at 1:00PM in the rectory** for an afternoon of cards, refreshments and friendly chatter.

Youth Group News

■“Souper Bowl” Competition

At all masses next weekend, February 2-3, everyone is asked to bring in a can of soup for our parish food pantry and vote for your favorite team to win the Super Bowl. One point per can or for every dollar donated!! Youth Group members will be on hand at all the masses to accept your donations!!

■Snow Tubing

Youth Group members, their friends and families are welcome to join us on Sunday, February 10th at Montage Mountain from 1 to 4PM for an afternoon of snow tubing. The group rate is \$24 per person for a 3—hour session. For more information or to attend, call JuelAnn Klepadlo at 570-430-1470 or e-mail jaklepadlo@comcast.net.

■Board Game Party

Save the date! All students in grade 7 thru 12 and their friends are invited to join us for “Board Game Night” on Sunday, March 10 from 6 to 9PM in Immaculate Conception Church hall. Pizza, snacks and drinks will be provided. Call JuelAnn Klepadlo at 570-430-1470 or e-mail jaklepadlo@comcast.net.

■Living Stations

All boys and girls from elementary through high school are invited to take part in our Youth Group’s annual production of The Living Stations. Practices are held at 7:00PM on the following Sundays, March 17, 24, April 7 & 14. Mandatory dress rehearsal is Wednesday, April 17th at 7PM followed by a treat at Blue Ribbon!! Great opportunity for Confirmation students to earn those service hours!! If your son or daughter is interested in participating, contact JuelAnn Klepadlo.

■Meeting

A youth group meeting will be held next **Sunday, February 3 following the 10:30AM Mass**. At this meeting students will be signing up to take part in Living Stations.

Twilight Bingo

Saturday, March 30, 2019

Immaculate Conception Church Hall

Doors Open 6:00PM Bingo Starts 7:00PM

- Save the date! This exciting parish fundraiser will feature 14 FREE games and 6 SPECIALS.
- This is a BYOB event featuring a variety of foods and desserts for purchase.
- Join us and try your luck at winning an Amazon Echo, 3-Tier Air/Fryer Oven, 10” Amazon Fire Tablet, a 55-inch Smart TV or one of the following cash prizes.....\$150, \$200, \$500, \$750, or \$1,000.
- Tickets are \$20.00 in advance or \$25.00 at the door.
- Tickets will be available in February and ae first come first serve.
- To reserve your tickets in advance, call the rectory at 570-654-2753.

Cabin Fever Raffle Winners

Listed below are the 10 \$100.00 winners in our first drawing which was held last Sunday, January 20th. The next 10 winners will be drawn today, January 27th. Congrats to the winners: **Judy Cefalo, Mary Darling, Mike Flynn, Fran Franko, Carol Kosek, Elizabeth Luczak, MaryJo Mehal, John Mulhern, Jean/David Reppy, and Carol Sharaba.**

Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Andrew Cherkosky** are donated by his daughter Mary Ann.

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Deceased Members of Brown, Bishop, Serafin & Pasternak Families** is donated by John & Maryellen Serafin.

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Carole Darbenzio** is donated by Ron & Rosemary Gitkos.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

DAA 2018 Parish Goal	\$32,000.00
Total Raised	\$26,777.22
Over (Under)	(\$5,222.78)

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2019 to a Mass at St Peter’s Cathedral followed by a reception on June 30. **To request an invitation, please call the rectory office at 570-654-2753 before April 2.**

Mass Intentions

January 28 thru February 3, 2019

Mon	7:30AM	Sally Musto By Cherrywood Homeowners Assoc.
	8:30AM	Walter Repasky By Gloria & Harold Green
Tues	7:30AM	Clement Parulis By Joan Yonki
	8:30AM	Elizabeth Balidga By Anthony & Lucille Biduck
Wed	7:30AM	Roger Beatty By Toni & Geri Hinsock & Family
	8:30AM	Vincent Dula By Mrs Bonnie Kester Stachnik
Thurs	7:30AM	Theresa Gavigan By husband, Dave & Family
	8:30AM	Paul Minelli, Sr. By Leonard & Barbara Insalaco
Fri	7:30AM	Anthony Denisco By Loretta Anderson
	8:30AM	Ronald Villano By Kathy Mitchell
Sat	4:00PM	Carmella Chimento By Family
	5:30PM	Raymond Smith, Sr. By Ray & Dianne Smith
Sun	7:30AM	Richard Wienckowski By Henry & Jeanie Romanowski
	9:00AM	Jack Rose By Mom, Dad & Children
	10:30AM	Jennifer Sidari, MD By Loving Family



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Dear Friends,

The Grand Jury report confronted us with the horrific transgressions of past clergy and Church leaders that endangered the welfare of children – children who had the right to be kept safe from harm. Nothing can erase the resulting pain and suffering. We can, though, attempt to make amends and to bring some sense of peace, healing and recovery to survivors. These survivors deserve a voice. They deserve to tell their stories, to identify their abusers, and to receive compensation as they continue down the path of healing and recovery.

This week, the Diocese of Scranton launches its Independent Survivors Compensation Program. I want to briefly describe to you the key elements of the Program.

First, this Program is completely independent from the Diocese of Scranton. We have absolutely no influence over any compensation decisions. The Program is administered by two nationally-renowned experts – Kenneth Feinberg and Camille Biros. They have, among other similar assignments, been appointed Special Master of the government's September 11th Victim Compensation Fund, administered the BP Deepwater Horizon Disaster Victim Compensation Fund and handled the victim assistance fund established in the wake of the 2013 Boston Marathon bombings. They have already successfully administered, or are in the process of administering, similar programs for several other Catholic dioceses. An Independent Oversight Committee comprised of three individuals with relevant experience across healthcare, law enforcement and social work will oversee the Program.

Second, this program is entirely voluntary. No survivor is forced to participate or to accept the compensation determined by the Administrators.

Third, the Program will be run with care and compassion. As I alluded to, the Administrators have already handled similar programs for five Catholic Dioceses in New York and are currently administering a similar program for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and several other Dioceses within Pennsylvania. They know what they are doing and they have been widely praised for being fair, timely and compassionate. They will review claims compassionately and fairly determine compensation.

Fourth, this Program is comprehensive. It is open to those who reported their abuse before the Program was announced, as well as those who reported abuse later. It is open to survivors of abuse committed by priests from the Diocese of Scranton, members of religious communities, or lay employees of the Diocese. The Diocese designed the Independent Survivors Compensation Program to be as comprehensive and far-reaching as possible.

Lastly, I want to assure you that the Diocese will fund the Program from its reserves and the sale of assets, as needed. We will NOT access parish and school assets. We will NOT tap into contributions or bequests from parishioners. And we will NOT apply donations from the Diocesan Annual Appeal.

Since I was appointed Bishop in 2010, child protection and victim advocacy have been of the greatest importance to me. The Diocese has striven to protect our children and to treat survivors of abuse with care and dignity. Establishing this Independent Survivors Compensation Program is the next step in those efforts. While I know that no amount of money can take away survivors' pain or change the past, I sincerely hope this Program contributes to the healing and recovery of survivors.

Thank you and God bless you.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

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

Bishop of Scranton