



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 17, 2019

Second Sunday of Lent

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

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Mr. James Meizanis, Deacon
Mrs. Joyce Cecconi,
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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
5:30PM Immaculate Conception (Lent)**

CONFESSION

**Saturday 3:00PM - 3:30PM
Mondays 5:45-6:45PM (during Lent)
Immaculate Conception**

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

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**Readings/Responsorial # 1021
Gathering: #480 Mercy, O God
Offertory: #878 Transform Us
Communion: #290 Christ, Be Our Light!
Recessional: #766 City of God**

Weekly Collection March 10, 2019

Collection	\$9,552.61
E Giving	863.00
Ash Wednesday	443.00
Total	\$10,858.61
Church Cen/East Europe	\$466.46
Care/Ed Priests Feb/Mar	\$1,465.00

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Prayer for an End to Infanticide

The U.S. Senate recently failed to pass the Born-alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act-legislation that prohibits infanticide by ensuring that a child born alive following an attempted abortion would receive the same degree of care to preserve her or his life and health as would be given to any other child born alive at the same gestational age. Please join in prayer for an end to infanticide:

"Jesus, Lord of Life, transform the hearts of all elected leaders to recognize that infanticide is wrong and must not be tolerated. Open hearts and minds to recognize and defend the precious gift of every human life."

Paschal Candle

Each year at the Easter Vigil, a new paschal candle is blessed for Immaculate Conception and a new paschal candle is blessed for Holy Redeemer. For information on dedicating the Paschal Candle at Holy Redeemer in memory of a loved one, please call the rectory. The new Paschal Candle for Immaculate Conception has already been dedicated in memory of someone.

The Light is on for You

Msgr. Sempa will be in the confessional at Immaculate Conception Church on **Monday, March 11, 18, 25, & April 1 from 5:45PM - 6:45PM**. On **Monday, April 8, Msgr. will be in the confessional at Holy Redeemer from 6:00PM to 7:00PM**.

Lenten Soup & Scripture

Our first Lenten Soup & Scripture Session will be held this **Tuesday, March 19 at 6:00PM** in Immaculate Conception Church Hall. All are welcome to join us as we gather to enjoy a simple Lenten meal of soup and sandwiches. Our guest speaker will be David Betts. Thank you to all who provided the soups and sandwiches for our first session. Members of the following groups are asked to host our next session on Tuesday, March 26th:

Soup/Set-up	Lectors/Extraordinary Ministers
Sandwiches/clean-up	Adult Choir/Cantors/Car Show Group

To be sure we will have enough soups and sandwiches, please contact your coordinator or Joyce at 570-654-2753/jceccconi50@gmail.com to let us know what you are bringing. Thank you!!

Organ Fund Envelope

For the months of January & February, the monies collected from our organ fund envelopes totaled \$1,865.50 which has been deposited back into our diocesan savings account bringing our account balance to **\$32,184.50**.

Twilight Bingo

Saturday, March 30, 2019

Doors open at 6:00PM Bingo starts at 7:00PM

- ▶ Tickets are \$20 if purchased in advance or \$25 at the door. To purchase tickets or to reserve seating, stop by or call the rectory @ 570-654-2753
- ▶ Food available for sale includes homemade chili, broccoli & shells, hamburgers, hotdogs, soft pretzels w/honey mustard sauce and you are welcome to BYOB.
- ▶ Admission price includes 14 free games where you can win cash prizes from \$150-\$200, Amazon Echo, 10" Amazon Fire Tablet, Bose Sound Link Speaker and much more.
- ▶ Play our six \$5 Specials for a chance to win a 55-inch Smart TV or cash prizes of \$500, \$750 or \$1,000.
- ▶ Show your support of our bingo by becoming a sponsor. Your sponsorship will include an advertisement in our program book. Sponsorships range from \$50 to \$500. Call the rectory for details!!
- ▶ If you would like to volunteer to work the bingo, the kitchen, or help with set up or clean up, or if you would like to donate home baked desserts to sell at the bingo, please call the rectory or e-mail jceccconi50@gmail.com
- ▶ **Bingo tickets will be available before & after all masses this weekend and next or until they are gone.**

Let's Play Ball!!

All boys and girls are reminded that once you have completed your weekly task, bring it in and place it in the bucket on top of your team's dugout! Your "Corpus Christi bat" will determine what team you are on...Team Sempa Saints or Team Alco Angels. As good deeds are brought in, your team will advance the bases. On Easter Sunday at the Family Mass, we will see who makes it to home plate. Always remember to have fun, play hard and Let's Play Ball!

New Ministry Schedule

A new ministry schedule which will run from April thru June 2019 will be published at the end of March. All altar servers, EM's, and lectors are asked to contact their coordinator if they wish to make any changes to their mass preference availability for those 3 months. Please contact:

Lectors: Rosalie Cullagh 570-430-7319 rosan814@comcast.net
EM's: Teresa Crossin 570-357-3985 tacross5@comcast.net
Altar Servers: D Mason 570-903-9142 mmason8589@aol.com

Holy Name Breakfast

It is our pleasure to announce WBRE News Anchor Candice Kelly will be the principal speaker at our Holy Name Society's 34th Annual Father/Son/Daughter Breakfast on **Sunday, April 7, 2019 following the 7:30AM Mass** in the church hall. This is a first of firsts as Candice will be the first female speaker since the inception of the Holy Name Society.

Social Concerns Spring Food Drive

To help us keep our food shelves in stock, we are asking for donations of **crackers, rice, pancake mix and cereal**. As always, all non-perishable foods and monetary donations are welcome!!

Help for Easter

If you or someone you know is struggling and could use help with food and Easter baskets for their children, please call the rectory or e-mail jceconi50@gmail.com.

St Clare Sewing Ministry Meeting

We will meet on **Wednesday, March 20th at 6:00PM in the rectory**. Everyone is welcome to join us. Our next project will be making stoles for the 29 young teens who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish.

Twilight Bingo Meeting

All are welcome to attend our final bingo planning meeting on **Thursday, March 21st at 6:00PM in the rectory**.

Corpus Christi Car Show

Save the date! Our 8th Annual Car Show will be held on **Sunday, May 19, 2019** on the grounds of Holy Redeemer. For information contact Mike Flynn @ 570-760-5704.

Parish Bazaar 2019

Save the dates!! Our annual parish bazaar will be held Thursday thru Saturday, **June 20, 21, & 22** on the grounds of Immaculate Conception Church. Hours are Thursday & Friday 6:00PM to 10:00PM and Saturday 5:00PM to 10:00PM. We have some great nightly entertainment lined up: Thursday- Flaxy Morgan, Friday-Millennium and Saturday- Orange Whip. Our next bazaar meeting is **Wednesday, April 3rd at 6:00PM** in the rectory.

Flea Market

If you are thinking of spring cleaning, do not throw away those unwanted treasures. Save them for our flea market. We will begin collecting your merchandise on **Saturday, May 4th from 8:00AM to 12 Noon and Wednesday, May 8th from 6:00PM to 8:00PM and every Saturday & Wednesday thru May**. Drop-offs are at IC school (door in the rear of the building). We accept almost anything but, please NO CLOTHES, NO STUFFED ANIMALS, NO VHS TAPES, NO OLD TVS (ONLY FLAT SCREENS), NO LARGE EXERCISE EQUIPMENT. Bring your kitchen items, linens, lamps, pictures, toys, books, jewelry, baby items, Christmas and all holiday decorations, etc.

Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Margaret Hreha** is donated by her family.

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Mary Lou Langan** is donated by Elizabeth Luczak

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Joseph E. Fedor** is donated by his wife, Rosella and daughter, Josette.

Yearly contributions

For a report of your yearly contributions for 2018, please contact Lori at 570-654-2753 or e-mail lkasisky1@epix.net.

Rail Riders Faith & Family Night

Our Holy Name Society is sponsoring this event on **Saturday, April 27th at 4:05PM at the SWB RailRiders PNC Field**. Our seating is the field reserved seats in the seating bowl and are \$5.00 each. There will be live music, a pregame sermon on the field and our group's name in lights on the big board in the middle of the 4th inning!! Field gates open @ 2:30 pm. Please contact Dave Palovchak @ 570-763-5616 or see him after ushering at the 4:00PM Mass to sign up. We need to know how many are attending. Transportation to and from the ballpark is up to the individuals. Please make reservations early.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

DAA 2018 Parish Goal:	\$32,000.00
Total Raised:	\$27,582.22
Over (Under)	(\$4,417.78)

Mass Intentions

March 18 thru March 24, 2019

Mon	7:30AM	Chechele & Mikita Families By Family
	8:30AM	Amy Ide By Eileen Rishcoff
	5:30PM	MaryAnn O'Boyle By Joan Yonki
Tues	7:30AM	Joseph E. Fedor By Rosella & Josette
	8:30AM	Helen T. Zielen By M/M Emmitt Coolbaugh, Jr.
	5:30PM	Karen Potoski By Family
Wed	7:30AM	Maria & Pasquale Cella By Family
	8:30AM	Robert & Dorothy Gadomski By Family
	5:30PM	Tom Kutzer By Mary Curley & Family
Thurs	7:30AM	Samuel Marranta By Jerry Yakobitis & Family
	8:30AM	William F. Grey By Loretta Anderson
	5:30PM	Alfred & Rita Montville By Children
Fri	7:30AM	Mary Ann Mirro By JoAnn & Ron Patoka
	8:30AM	Lisa Marconi By John & Margie Hovan
	5:30PM	Gary Snyder By Family
Sat	4:00PM	Jasper Parrino By Barb & Quinn Gillespie
	5:30PM	Jane R. Landau By Sam & Karen Aritz
Sun	7:30AM	Elizabeth Kneeream By Ralph & Sandra Nardell
	9:00AM	Debra A. Marriott By M/M John Helme
	10:30AM	Theresa & Joseph Olshemski By Family