

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 31, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Immaculate Conception Church Holy Redeemer Church Parish Office 605 Luzerne Avenue West Pittston, PA 18643 Phone (570) 654-2753 Fax (570) 654-9244 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 5:30PM Immaculate Conception (Lent)

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00PM - 3:30PM Mondays 5:45-6:45PM (during Lent) 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.

March 31, 2019

Readings/Responsorial # 1027 Gathering: #480 Mercy, O God Offertory: # 956 Our Father, We Have Wandered

Communion: # 484 Hosea Recessional: # 645 Amazing Grace

> Weekly Collection March 24, 2019

Collection \$8,652.55

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Total \$9,412.57

Second Collection This weekend

This weekend at all masses we will conduct a diocesan mandated second collection to benefit Catholic Relief Services.

The Light is on for You

Msgr. Sempa will be in the confessional at Immaculate Conception Church on <u>Monday, April 1 from 5:45PM - 6:45PM.</u> On <u>Monday, April 8, Msgr. will be in the confessional at Holy Redeemer from 6:00PM to 7:00PM.</u>

Lenten Soup & Scripture

All are welcome to join us Tuesday, April 2nd at 6:00PM in IC Church. Our guest speaker this week is Jim Jacobs. Thank you to all the parish groups for your participation and for providing the delicious array of soups & sandwiches. The following groups are asked to host our last session on Tuesday, April 9th:

Soup/Set-up Heavenly Hosts/Religious Ed Teachers

Sandwiches/clean-up Money Counters/Seniors

If you are bringing soup and sandwiches, please contact Joyce at 570-654-2753 or e-mail jcecconi50@gmail.com. Thank you!!

Deanery Penance Service

7:00PM on Monday, April 15th at St. John Evangelist, William St, Pittston

Social Concerns News

- ► 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 jcecconi50@gmail.com.
- ▶ Easter Food Drive We will gladly accept monetary donations or any non-perishable foods which will be used to fill Easter food baskets for local families..
- ▶ Easter Baskets for Kids If you can help, we would appreciate donations of Easter candy, Dollar Store toys or anything suitable for Easter basket gifts for children of all ages. Donations may be left in the vestibules or at the rectory.
- ▶ **Drivers Needed** On <u>Saturday, April 13 at 10:00AM</u> we need volunteers to deliver blessed palm and Easter gifts to nursing homes and the homebound.
- ▶Volunteers Needed We welcome adults and teens needing service hours to join us on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>April 14 at 5:00PM</u> in IC hall to fill Easter Food Baskets and Easter Baskets for kids. On <u>Monday</u>, <u>April 15 from 5:00PM</u> to 6:00PM, volunteers are needed in IC hall for distribution of Easter baskets.
- ▶ **Drivers Needed** On <u>Saturday, April 20 at 12:00PM</u> at Holy Redeemer Church to deliver blessed basket to our homebound parishioners.

Holy Name Breakfast Sunday, April 7, 2019 Following the 7u:30AM Mass

WBRE News Anchor Candice Kelly will be the principal speaker at our Holy Name Society's 34th Annual Father Son/Daughter Breakfast. All are welcome to join us for a delicious homemade breakfast prepared and served by the women of our parish. Donation is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 10. Tickets are available at the rectory or from the ushers after Mass. The breakfast will consist of scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, breakfast potato casserole, rolls and butter, Danish, coffee, milk and juice. To help set up prepare the tables or help with food prep, join us Saturday, April 6th at 10:00AM, or to help serve and clean up join us on Sunday, April 7th at 7:00AM. Thank you!!

Religious Education & Confirmation Classes

There are no religious education classes next Sunday, April 7th. <u>The last 2 classes for Religious Ed and Confirmation students</u> are Sunday, April 14 and <u>Sunday, April 28.</u>

Altar Servers, Cantors, EM's, Lectors

The new ministry schedules are in the sacristies of the churches. Please take one home today. For your convenience, the schedule can be found on the website.

Please contact your coordinator by April 8th with your availability to serve for the Triduum and Easter Masses. The schedule is as follows:

4/18	Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Suppe	r7:00PM
4/19	Good Friday Service	1:00PM
4/20	Easter Vigil & Mass	8:00PM
4/21	Easter Sunday Masses 7	:30AM & 9:00AM
4/21	Easter Sunday Family Mass	10:30AM

Lectors: Rosalie Cullagh 570-430-7319 rosan814@comcast.net
EM's: Teresa Crossin 570-357-3985 tacross5@comcast.net
Altar Serv: Donna Mason 570-903-9142 mmson8589@aol.com

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!

Graduation Mass & Brunch

Our annual Graduation Mass and Brunch honoring our 2019 high school graduates will be held on <u>Sunday, May 5th at 10:30AM</u>. Following the Mass the graduates and their families are invited to a brunch in the church hall. An invitation will be sent to our high school graduates next week. If you do not get an invitation, please call the rectory. We don't miss anyone. Thank you.

8th Annual Car Show..... May 19, 2019

This year we are kicking it up a notch!! Some new features at the car show will include: Display of historical military vehicles sponsored by Northeast Military Vehicle Group; Antique & Collectible vendors will be on site with some unique finds; a vendor with a display of nostalgic tin signs. For more information contact Mike @ 570-760-5704.

Youth Group Events

- ► Youth Group Members are asked to meet in ICC hall at 5:00PM on Sunday, April 14, 2019 to help fill Easter baskets for kids.
- ► Living Stations of the Cross Our youth group's annual production of Living Stations of the Cross will be held on <u>Good Friday</u>, <u>April 19</u>, <u>2019 at 7:00PM in Immaculate Conception</u> Church.
- ► Living Stations Practice will be held in IC Church at 7:00PM on Sunday, March 24, April 7, and April 14 and dress rehearsal is Wednesday, April 17 at 7:00PM.
- ▶ Easter Egg Hunt Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 20, 2019 at 12:15PM on the grounds of Holy Redeemer Church. Youth Group members are asked to be there by 11:00AM to set up for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Family Mass

Our last family mass for this school year will take place at **10:30AM on Sunday, April 28**. Boys and girls who are in Kindergarten and 1st grade will participate as lectors, heavenly hosts, and gift bearers. Our youth choir will sing. If your child would like to participate, please contact one of the following coordinators:

Lisa Falzone 237-2739 <u>mybudge1@aol.com</u>
Sara Konopka 498-9304 <u>skono1683@yahoo.com</u>
Mary Ann Oliveri 357-1778 <u>mare0912b@epix.net</u>

Holy Family Candle at !CC Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Stephen Sokach** is donated by his son, Stephen and daughter, Mary Beth.

Sanctuary Candle at ICC Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Katherine Krushnowski** is donated by Jim Gallagher.

Parish Bazaar 2019

Save the dates!! Our annual parish bazaar will be held Thursday thru Saturday, <u>June 20, 21, & 22</u> 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

Meetings This Week

▶ Bazaar Meeting

A general bazaar planning meeting will be held on <u>Wednesday, April 3 at 6:00PM in the rectory</u>. All are welcome!

► Car Show Meeting

A car show planning meeting will be held on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>April 3 at 6:00PM in the school</u>. All are welcome!!

► Social Concerns Meeting

A Social Concerns meeting will be held on <u>Thursday, April 4</u> at 6:00PM in the rectory. All are welcome!!

Diocesan Annual Appeal

DAA 2018 Parish Goal: \$32,000.00
Total Raised: \$27,747.22
Over (Under) (\$4,252.78)

Mass Intentions April 1 thru April 7, 2019

April 1 tillu April 7, 2013			
Mon	7:30AM	Rita Ann, Anna Maria & Ross	
		DeNisco, Sr.	
		By Ross & Rosemary	
	8:30AM	Paul A. Laure	
		By Tom & Fran Burke	
	5:30PM	Anthony Oliveri	
		By Jerry & Christa Mecadon	
Tues	7:30AM	Lorraine Zielinski	
		By Burke Family	
	8:30AM	Ann Petrofski	
		By M/M George Sharkey	
	5:30PM	Josette Yakobitis	
		By Marguerite Dixon	
Wed	7:30AM	Marie Brogna	
		By Mary Lou Holby	
	8:30AM	Sylvia Scartelli	
	E-00DM	By Alissa	
	5:30PM	Russell Albrecht	
T I		By Patti Wiatrowski	
Thurs 7:30AM		Jeanne Conway	
	0.20414	By Francis & JoAnn Kelly	
	8:30AM	Joan Sherinsky By Tyler & Michelle Behlke	
	5:30PM	Jean Zezza	
	3.30FW	By Jim & Lois Ciali	
Fri	7:30AM	Vincent Savoca & Clair H. Carr	
	7.50AW	By John & Susan Carr & Family	
	8:30AM	Viola & Matthew Michels	
	0.007 (IVI	By Dianne & Ray Smith	
	5:30PM	Frances Bellanco	
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Sat	4:00PM	Dec'd Membs of Rosengrant, Novak,	
00.0		Mackiewicz & Sabol Families	
		By Ann Liskowski & Family	
	5:30PM	Richard P. Conaboy	
	0.00	By Bob & Celeste Calpin	
Sun	7:30AM	Living & Dec'd Members of the	
		Holy Name Society	
	9:00AM	Matt Chipolis	
		By Mother, brother & daughter	
	10:30AM	Christopher Ryan Bone	
		By Jack, Mary Clair & Julianna Borzell	
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CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

FLEX MARKET

One person's Trash is Another person's Treasure
WE WANT YOUR TREASURES!



Clean out your basement, your attic, your closets and your garage! Drop Off:

Immaculate Conception School
Corner of Luzerne Ave. & Fremont St. - West Pittston

Wednesday Evenings 6:00-8:00PM Saturday Mornings 8:00AM – 12 Noon <May 4th thru June 8th>

(Please Note: We will not accept clothing, stuffed animals, electronics, textbooks, VHS tapes, encyclopedias or old TV's (flat screen only)

2019 FLEA MARKET



Saturdays May 25th, June 1st, 8th & 15th 8:00AM – 12 Noon and during the Parish Bazaar

Thursday, June 20 – Friday, June 21 – Saturday, June 22

6:00PM - 10:00PM