



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.

April 14, 2019

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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Holy Redeemer Church
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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.

April 14, 2019

Readings/Responsorial # 1035
Gathering: #492 Jerusalem, My Destiny
Offertory: # 785 Now We Remain
Communion: # 497 Ride On, Jesus Ride
Recessional: # 881 Lift High the Cross

**Weekly Collection
April 7, 2019**

Collection	\$9,391.99
E Giving	1,155.27
Total	\$10,547.26

THE PASCAL TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, APRIL 18, 2019

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00PM

Night Prayer 10:00PM

This is the night when we remember how God freed his people enslaved in Egypt. It is the Passover of the Lord. At the Last Supper, Jesus washes the feet of the disciples as a sign of servanthood and commands us to do likewise. We hear again Christ's command (mandatum) to love and serve one another. We give thanks for the gift of Christ's presence in the Eucharist. All Extraordinary Ministers of Communion are called forth to be re-commissioned. There is no dismissal; we leave in silence; the story continues tomorrow. After communion the blessed sacrament is placed on the altar and remains there until Night Prayer at 10:00PM.

Good Friday, April 19, 2019

Passion of our Lord 1:00PM

This is the day of our salvation! The service commemorating Christ's passion and death is the most somber and solemn liturgy in our church year. All who enter the church should feel a deep silence settle over them and be struck by the barrenness of the church. The Church comes together to read from Scripture and to pray for the whole world. Veneration of the Cross is a common custom and is done through a simple touch or a kiss. This is not only a time to mourn the death of Jesus on the Cross, but a moment to remember that through his death on the Cross, we are given eternal life with him.

Holy Saturday, April 20, 2019

Easter Vigil & Mass 8:00PM

This is the most sacred night in the church's liturgical year. We remember that the death and darkness of the tomb does not triumph. It is shattered in the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. The service begins with the lighting of the new fire. We hear salvation's story. We renew our baptismal vows. We sing Alleluia. We ring bells. Sing the Gloria. Eucharist is shared. We rejoice! The Lord is risen!!

Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019

Mass 7:30AM.....Immaculate Conception Church

Mass 9:00AM.....Holy Redeemer Church

Family Mass 10:30AM.....(Family Mass/Youth Choir) ICC

At this Easter Sunday Family Mass, our youth choir will sing and children of the parish will participate as lectors, heavenly hosts, and gift bearers. The Easter Bunny just may join us with delicious treats for everyone. Finally, now that our Lenten journey is over, we will find out what team made it to home plate.....Team Alco's Angels or Team Sempa's Saints!!

Deanery Penance Service

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

Living Stations of the Cross

Our parish youth group's annual production of the "Living Stations of the Cross" will take place on Good Friday evening, April 19th at 7:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church. All are welcome to attend this beautiful presentation. Music is provided by our parish youth choir. Following the presentation, all are welcome to join the kids in the church hall for pizza.

Blessing of Baskets

Blessing of Easter baskets will be held on Holy Saturday, April 20 at 12 Noon in Holy Redeemer Church. Immediately after the Blessing of the Baskets, baskets which are prepared by members of Social Concerns, will be delivered to our homebound parishioners. Volunteers who are delivering these baskets are asked to pick them up at Holy Redeemer Church.

Easter Egg Hunt 12:15PM

All boys and girls are invited to our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Holy Saturday, April 20 on the grounds of Holy Redeemer Church at 12:15PM. This event is hosted by our parish youth group. There will be a special section for toddlers and prizes for everyone!! Of course, we will expect a visit from the Easter Bunny!!

Family Mass.....Make Your Own Sundae, Sunday

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. Following this Mass everyone is invited to join us in the church hall for our annual "make your own sundae, Sunday." Our youth choir will sing. If your child would like to participate, please contact one of the following coordinators:

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Sara Konopka 498-9304

skono1683@yahoo.com

Mary Ann Oliveri 357-1778

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Graduation Mass & Brunch

Our annual Graduation Mass and Brunch honoring our 2019 high school graduates will be held on **Sunday, May 5th at 10:30AM**. 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 wmiss 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.

Parish Bazaar 2019

Our annual parish bazaar will be held Thursday thru Saturday, **June 20, 21, & 22** on the grounds of Immaculate Conception Church.

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.

Lottery Winners

Congratulations to the following ten winners of our "Spring into Summer" lottery.

4/1	Bruce Kleinberger	#744	\$150.00
4/2	No Winner	#647	50.00
4/3	No Winner	#350	50.00
4/4	Lisa Perta	#258	50.00
4/5	Leonard Insalaco	#029	50.00
4/6	Carmen Ambrosino	#981	50.00
4/7	No Winner	#602	100.00
4/8	Mary Agolino	#939	50.00
4/9	Jason Yencha	#517	50.00
4/10	Tony/Mary Tossi	#451	50.00

Special drawing winners include: 4/2 David Cipolla \$50.00, 4/3 Virginia Parisi \$50.00, 4/7 John Mulhern \$100.00.

Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Carmella & Anthony Bonaventura** are donated by their grandchildren.

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Clem Parulis** is donated by his wife, Diane.

Altar Candles at HR

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **James Kozloski** are donated by his family.

Sanctuary Candle at HR

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Jimmy Gardner** is donated by the Kasisky Family.

Flowers Adorning the Sanctuary of ICC

The Manganiello Family decorated the church in loving memory of Helene Manganiello, with her favorite tulips, to celebrate Helene's life and the anniversary of her death on April 15th.

Mass Intentions

April 15 thru April 21 2019

Mon	7:30AM	Josephine T. Mirabelle By Frank & Linda Gubbiotti
	8:30AM	Margaret O'Fier By Fran & Ray Franko
	5:30PM	Mark Kleback By Lori Campenni
Tues	7:30AM	Tommy & Daisy Stout and Joe & Rose Randazzo By MaryAnn
	8:30AM	Josephine E. Marriott By Theresa Piccola
	5:30PM	Mary Burke By Christopher Tracy Family
Wed	7:30AM	Clem Parulis By Wife, Diane
	8:30AM	Daniel Smitka By Family
	5:30PM	Jack LaNunziata By Jim Mattioli
Holy Thursday	7:00PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday	1:00PM	The Passion of Our Lord
Holy Saturday	8:00PM	The Easter Vigil & Mass Easter Sunday
Sun	7:30AM	Michael Day, Jr By Children & Grandchildren
	9:00AM	Joseph Slusser By Emily Kacian
	10:30AM	(Family Mass) God's Blessings for All Children