



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.

May 5, 2019

Third Sunday of Easter

Immaculate Conception Church

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

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.

May 5, 2019

Readings/Responsorial # 1069

Gathering: #790 The Summons

Offertory: # 402 Like a Shepherd

Communion: # 781 Lord, When You Came

Recessional: # 546 Go to the World!

Weekly Collection

April 28, 2019

Sunday \$8,471.15

E Giving 1,824.39

Total \$10,295.54

Rice Bowl \$1,512.74

Care & Ed of Priests \$641.00

Second Collection This Weekend

This weekend at all Masses we will take up a second collection to benefit the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your generosity is appreciated.

Organ Fund Envelope

For the month of April, the monies collected from our organ fund envelopes totaled \$846.00 which has been deposited back into our diocesan savings account bringing our account balance to \$30,269.00.

Sacrament of First Eucharist

This weekend, Saturday, May 4th at 10:00AM, 18 boys and girls received the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Each child was gifted a beautiful hard cover "My First Communion Bible" from our Holy Name Society. All children took part in the mass as a lector, gift bearer or participated in the sign of peace, preparation of the altar or crowning the Blessed Mother. Thank you to our adult choir for the beautiful music which truly enhanced this liturgy.

Graduation Mass & Brunch

Today, Sunday, May 5th at the 10:30AM liturgy, we will honor our high school graduates. Immediately following this Mass the graduates, their families and guests are invited to join us for a brunch, sponsored by Social Concerns, in the church hall.

Corpus Christi Parish Car Show

Sunday, May 19, 2019

(Rain Date Monday, May 25, 2019)

11:00AM to 4:00PM

Holy Redeemer Church Grounds

All are welcome!! Join us for a fun afternoon!! There will be food trucks, raffles, give-a-ways, antiques, classics, customs, and more!! Car registration begins at 11:00AM. \$10 pre registration (prior to May 19) or \$15 registration day of the event. Best in Show, Monsignor's Choice and People's Choice... Trophies to the top 35 vehicles, dash plaques to the first 150 registered vehicles. For more information contact Mike @ 570-760-5704.

Adult Ed Bible Study – "Genesis – Part 2"

The next adult bible study program that our parish will be offering is on the book of "Genesis." Classes will be on five consecutive Thursdays beginning on May 9th at 6:00 PM in Immaculate Conception Church. The sessions will be on May 9th (THIS SESSION ONLY WILL BE HELD IN THE SCHOOL), 16th, 23rd, 30th, and June 6th. Each session will last for no longer than 90 minutes. This is a brand new program designed by Little Rock Scripture Study. We will study chapters 25 to 50 of the book of Genesis, the first book in the bible. This study moves us forward from the time of Abraham to the unfolding of his family in the stories of Isaac and Jacob, as well as the story of Joseph and his brothers and their clans. Please sign-up as soon as possible so we can order the materials. To sign up for the program or to find out more information, please contact Deacon Jim Meizanis at 570-239-2783 or deacon.meizanis@gmail.com. The cost for the study is \$20.00 to cover books and study materials. If anyone is interested in the program and needs help with the cost, please contact Deacon Jim. Don't miss out. Join the fun and learn more about our faith through the scriptures. Oh and did we say there will be snacks!

Flea Market Collection Has Begun!!

If you are cleaning out and just don't know what to do with all the stuff that just seems to accumulate, well just bring it to our flea market!! We will gladly accept all kitchen items, linens, lamps, pictures, toys, books, jewelry, baby items, Christmas and all holiday items, etc. Please NO CLOTHES, NO STUFFED ANIMALS, NO VHS TAPES, NO OLD TVS (ONLY FLAT SCREENS), NO LARGE EXERCISE EQUIPMENT. Drop-off is at school door (in rear of the building). You may drop off items any Wednesday evening between 6:00PM and 8:00PM and Saturday mornings 8:00AM thru 12 Noon during the month of May.

Bazaar Meeting

Our next general bazaar meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 8th at 6:00PM in the rectory. All are welcome to attend.

Social Concerns News

► Homemade Soup for our Homebound

Members of our soup ministry team will meet in IC kitchen this Thursday and Friday, May 9 & 10 at 9:00AM to make a delicious homemade Italian Chicken Soup for our homebound parishioners.

► Mother's Day Delivery for Nursing Home & Homebound

Volunteers are needed to deliver homemade soup and bring communion to our parishioners who are homebound. In addition, homebound females will receive a Mother's Day gift. . Volunteers are needed to deliver Mother's Day gifts to our female parishioners who reside in nursing homes. If you can help, please meet at the rectory at 10:00AM on Saturday, May 11th. If you can help deliver, please e-mail jcecconi50@gmail.com or call Joyce at 570-654-2753. Thank you!

► Help for a Local Family

Can you help? We are looking for "gently used" summer clothing for a local family of 4 children. There are 3 girls 7, 8 and 11 years old and a boy 13 years old. The clothing sizes needed are girls 7/8 and 14/16 and boys large. Donations may be left in the church vestibule or at the rectory. If you have any questions, call Joyce at the rectory. Thank you!!

The Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish at a special liturgy at 12 Noon on Pentecost Sunday, June 9, 2019. The Sacrament will be administered by Monsignor Sempa. He will be assisted by Deacon Jim Meizanis. This year 31 boys and girls who are in 8th grade will be Confirmed. Paperwork, which must be filled out and returned to the rectory has been mailed to each candidate. If you did not return your paperwork as of this time, please do so as soon as possible. There will be a practice for the candidates and their sponsors on Sunday, June 2nd at 6:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church. If the sponsor is not available, a parent or a sibling can sit in his/her place.

Alanon Meeting

An Alanon Meeting is held every Wednesday at 10:15AM in Immaculate Conception Church Hall. All friends and relatives of alcoholics are welcome to attend.

Lottery Winners

4/25	John/Barb Kosloski	#076	\$50.00
4/26	Linda Balducci	#567	\$50.00
4/27	No Winner	#190	\$50.00
4/28	Patrick/Mary Musinski	#204	\$100.00
4/29	Jim Devers	#769	\$50.00
4/30	No Winner	#399	\$50.00
5/01	K. Hapeman	#898	\$50.00

Special Drawing Winners: 4/27 Judy Krifka \$50.00 and 4/30 MaryAnn Schifano \$50.00

Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Pearl & Louis Butera** are donated by their son Charles and their daughter Tina.

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Marguerite MacMorran** is donated by her daughter, Marguerite.

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Anna Maria DeNisco** is donated by Ross & Rosemary.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

DAA 2018 Parish Goal:	\$32,000.00
Total Raised:	\$28,072.22
Over (Under)	(\$3,927.78)

Mother's Day Carnation Sale

Next weekend at all Masses we will support the Pro-Life Center in Wilkes-Barre through their "carnation sale" fundraiser. You can purchase a carnation for \$1.00. If you prefer, you may place your carnation in the vase by our Blessed Mother statue in honor or in memory of a loved one.

Mass Intentions

May 6 thru May 12, 2019

Mon	7:30AM	Paul Kane Family By Family
	8:30AM	Stephen Chipolis By M/M Jack Borzell
Tues	7:30AM	Clarence Briggs By Family
	8:30AM	Joseph L. Venetz, Jr. By M/M Brian Jaworski & Family
Wed	7:30AM	Louis O. & Elvera Cella By Family
	8:30AM	Charles Foy, Sr. By Daughter, Mary & Family
Thurs	7:30AM	Nellie Parente By Anne Cummings
	8:30AM	Ron Musto By Wife, Mary Jean & Children
Fri	7:30AM	Joseph Cravatta By Daughter, Phyllis
	8:30AM	Stephanie Godri Johnston By Mom, Dad & Family
Sat	4:00PM	Mother's Day Intentions
	5:30PM	Mother's Day Intentions
Sun	7:30AM	Mother's Day Intentions
	9:00AM	Mother's Day Intentions
	10:30AM	Mother's Day Intentions