



## 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.

**July 14, 2019**

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### Immaculate Conception Church

#### Holy Redeemer Church

#### Parish Office

**605 Luzerne Avenue  
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**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

#### 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.

#### JULY 14, 2019

Readings/Responsorial # 1136

Gathering: #524 Alleluia No 1

Offertory: #486 Deep Within

Communion: #701 No Greater Love

Recessional: #775 We Are Called

#### Weekly Collection

July 7, 2019

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>\$9,136.36</b>
<b>E Giving</b>	<b><u>1,176.85</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,313.21</b>

**Care & Ed of Priests (June)**

**\$613.50**

### Social Concerns News

Social Concerns is running a "Back-To-School" program to help equip local students with the tools they need to be successful in school. The best part? Everything is free!! If you have school-age children, you know how expensive it is to get them ready for school. Not considering clothes and shoes, it is costly to get the supplies every child needs. For low income families, this is just about impossible. We put together a list of back to school items needed by every child, depending on his or her grade. Whether you choose from the list below or donate any other items, they will be greatly appreciated!!

- **Backpacks (elementary thru high school)**
- **#2 pencils/pens (blue, black, red)**
- **Colored pencils (8-10 colors)**
- **Markers (wide 8-10), crayons (24 box)**
- **Pencil pouches (for 3 ring binder), pencil boxes**
- **Pencil sharpeners**
- **Calculators (simple or scientific)**
- **Scissors (elementary/Friskars)**
- **Paper (wide ruled & college ruled)**
- **Notebooks (spiral & composition, 1 or more subject)**
- **Folders (plastic or paper, with or without pockets)**
- **Stapler/staples**
- **Ear buds (cheap)**
- **Flash Drive**
- **Binders (3-ring 2")**
- **Rulers, protractors**
- **Hand sanitizer, tissues (small packs)**

#### ■ Personal Hygiene Donations

Establishing proper hygiene is key to a sense of self and better health. If you can help, we are asking for donations of personal hygiene products for children/teens. Some suggested items could include: toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, shampoo, body wash, deodorant, soap, etc.

#### ■ Food Drive Donations

Along with the back-to-school and personal hygiene products, we will be gifting the families a "food box." Donations of any non-perishable foods are always appreciated and along with that we are asking for donations of fun lunch size snacks of cookies, crackers, puddings, etc., the items all kids like to pack for school. This week we are looking for donations of any breakfast items hot or cold cereals, breakfast bars, boxed milk, peanut butter, jelly, crackers, etc. As always, we thank you in advance for all donations.

#### ■ Donations/Monetary Donations

All donations may be left in the vestibules of the churches or dropped off at the rectory. If you prefer, you can make a monetary donation to Social Concerns for the back-to-school drive and a member will do the shopping for you. All donations will benefit children in our parish community and children residing in the surrounding communities. Thank you for your continued support!!

#### To Request Back-to-School Help

If you or someone you know of needs help getting their children ready to go back to school, please have them call the rectory at 570-654-2753 or e-mail Joyce at [jceconi50@gmail.com](mailto:jceconi50@gmail.com).

## **Mass Scheduling for 2020**

We will begin taking Mass requests for the year 2020 on **Tuesday, July 16th**. To schedule masses and candles for the year 2020, please call Dorothy at 570-654-2753 on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays between 10:00AM and 2:00PM. Or you can mail or drop in the collection a note with the following information: who the mass/candle is intended for, who it is requested by and a phone number so we can call to confirm the request. The stipend for a mass/candle is \$10.00.

## **Organ Fund Envelope**

For the month of June, the monies collected from our organ fund envelopes totaled **\$855.50** which has been deposited back into our diocesan savings account bringing our account balance to **\$28,409.50**.

## **Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor**

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at [www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis) It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).

## **Courtesy News**

### **Holy Cross Lady Crusader Summer Camp**

Will be held July 22 thru July 26 at Holy Cross High School, Dunmore. Sessions will run from 9:00Am to 1:00PM. This camp is open to girls entering grades 4 thru 9 and cost is \$60.00 which includes all sessions, a commemorative t-shirt and end of camp pizza party. For more information contact Bob McCormack at 570-309-1635 or e-mail [rmack0423@comcast.net](mailto:rmack0423@comcast.net).

### **Basketball Skills & Drills Camp**

Wyoming Area Catholic School is holding a basketball camp for boys and girls in grades 3 thru 8 from July 29 thru August 2 (5:30PM-9:00PM). To register call the school at 570-654-7982. Fee is \$50 per participant. All welcome.

### **■Altar Candles at ICC**

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

### **■Holy Family Candle at ICC**

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Mike & Jennie Champi** is donated by their family.

### **■Sanctuary Candle at ICC**

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Jamie Oliveri** is donated by his mother, Ruth.

### **■Sanctuary Candle at HR**

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Dino Pieri** is donated by Cindy, Maria, Dawn, Debbie & Eileen.

### **St Maria Goretti Festival**

Friday thru Sunday, July 26 thru 28. Air-conditioned bingo, bake sale, gift card showcase, kids games, water wars, food, desserts, beverage, entertainment and much more. Friday & Saturday 5-10pm and Sunday 3-8pm.

### **Prince of Peace Chicken BBQ & Basket Raffle**

Sunday, August 11th from 11AM to 2PM at Arcaro & Genell's Parking Lot, Main St, Old Forge. \$10 donation includes 1/2 chicken, corn on the cob, pasta salad, roll & dessert. For tickets call 570-451-0112. Walk-ins limited.

## **Mass Intentions**

### **July 15 thru July 21, 2019**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>John &amp; Susan Pivarnik</b> By Elizabeth Luczak
	<b>8:30AM</b>	<b>Helen Pesta</b> By Beth & Joe Cunningham
<b>Tues</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>Frances Bellanco</b> By 10th St. Faculty & Staff
	<b>8:30AM</b>	<b>Molly Devers</b> By Karen Insalaco & Family
<b>Wed</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>Dino Pieri</b> By Mikita Family
	<b>8:30AM</b>	<b>Leonard Cumbo</b> By James Bone Family
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>Ida Popple Rowe</b> By Mary Ann Stout
	<b>8:30AM</b>	<b>Dorothy Coolbaugh</b> By Christina, Cole & Buce Coolbaugh
<b>Fri</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>Jule Keder</b> By Lesho Family
	<b>8:30AM</b>	<b>Silvio Gagliardi</b> By Peter & Gail Andrews
<b>Sat</b>	<b>4:00PM</b>	<b>Patricia Yunkunis</b> By Husband & Family
	<b>5:30PM</b>	<b>Stephen Franko, Jr.</b> By George & Donna Mason
<b>Sun</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>Marjorie T.Gordon</b> By Bob & Celeste Calpin
	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>Theodore Hughes</b> By Ann Marstell
	<b>10:30AM</b>	<b>Helen Manganiello</b> By Edward Esposito