



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.

September 8, 2019

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

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Readings/Responsorial #1160

Gathering: #881 Lift High the Cross

Offertory: #785 Now We Remain

Communion: #790 The Summons

Recessional: #742 The Church's One

Foundation

Weekly Collection

September 1, 2019

Sunday \$ 7,679.30

E Giving 1,234.68

Total \$ 8,913.98

2019 Diocesan Annual Appeal

This weekend at all Masses, we will view a "Regionalized Appeal Video." The video we will be viewing will feature pastors, parishioners and special activities, including -Social Justice programs- specific to our area. Our parish Social Concerns Ministry was recently awarded a \$5,000 grant from the 2018 Diocesan Annual Appeal. Our parish goal for the 2019 Appeal is \$32,000.00.

Help for Hurricane Dorian Victims

As Hurricane Dorian continues to impact the southern United States, you may have already seen some of the heartbreaking images from the Bahamas where the Category 5 storm made landfall on September 1, bringing record wind, rain and storm surges.

We pray for all our Bahamian brothers and sisters who have been affected by Hurricane Dorian. We ask Our Lord to be with the responders and rescue crews and that all those in harm's way be given the help they need.

Donations are being accepted by Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities USA. Supporting these organizations will help people through the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Dorian and will continue to help them as they work through the long process of recovery.

Online donations for Catholic Relief Services can be made at:

<https://support.crs.org/donate/hurricane-dorian>

Catholic Charities USA at:

<https://app.mobilecause.com/form/RTKRvQ?vid=1snqm>

Religious Ed Classes

Classes for the 2019-2020 school year will begin in our parish today, September 8, 2019. Classes for boys and girls K thru Grade 7 will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:00AM to 10:10AM. Classes for grades K thru 4 will be held in the school, grade 5 will meet in the rectory and grades 6 & 7 will meet in the church hall.

Confirmation Prep Classes

Classes for students in grade 8 who are preparing for the Sacrament will begin on Sunday, September 29th. Classes will be in the school on Sunday evenings from 5:30PM to 7:00PM. A mailing will be sent to these students in the next week or so.

Liturgical Ministry Cookout

Will be held on Sunday, September 15th at 1:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church hall. We welcome altar servers, baptism ministry, cantors, choir members, extraordinary ministers of communion, heavenly hosts, lectors, ushers, and your families to join us for an afternoon of good food and fellowship. If you would like, you are welcome to bring along your favorite dessert to share.

Youth Choir "Pizza Party"

Boys and girls of all ages from pre-school thru elementary school are welcome to join our parish youth choir. Our youth choir will sing at our 10:30AM Family Masses in ICC. They will also sing at our Halloween Mass, Christmas Eve and Easter Sunday. The youth choir will have their first practice at 5:30PM on Sunday, September 15 in Immaculate Conception Church followed by a pizza party in the church hall.

Social Concerns

Can you help? We are looking for “gently used school appropriate” clothing to help out a local family. The clothing is for a teenage girl who needs tops in size small and pants in Junior size 7. She desperately needs the clothing so she can attend school. If you have clothing to donate, please leave them in the vestibules of the churches or they can be dropped off at the rectory. If you have questions, call Joyce at 570-654-2753 or e-mail jceccconi50@gmail.com. Thank you for your help!!

New Ministry Schedule

Altar Servers, EM's, Lectors and Cantors are reminded to contact your coordinator by Sunday, September 15th with any changes for your mass preference times or your contact information. The coordinators are as follows:

Altar Servers:

Donna Mason 570-903-9142 mmason8589@aol.com

Lectors:

Rosalie Cullagh 570-430-7319 rosan814@comcast.net

EM's:

Teresa Crossin 570-357-3985 tacross5@comcast.net

Twilight Bingo Meeting

Our 2nd bingo planning meeting will be held this Thursday, September 12th at 5:00PM in the rectory. Please note... the early meeting time of 5:00PM was chosen so all in attendance can prepare a parish “bingo” mailing which will be followed by the meeting.

Save the Date! The Twilight Bingo, which will feature all cash prizes, will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2019 in Immaculate Conception Church hall. The doors will open at 5:00PM and bingo will start at 6:00PM. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. We will be selling a variety of homemade foods and home baked goods. Last spring our “Twilight “all cash” Bingo” was a sellout, so plan to purchase your tickets early. Please watch the bulletin for more information.

500 Club Lottery

Congratulations to the following winners in our “500 Club Lottery.”

Sept 1	Eileen Sempa	#699	\$150.00
Sept 2	Jessica Speicher	#015	50.00
Sept 3	Mary Reeves	#419	50.00
Sept 4	Theresa Colella	#868	50.00

Little Eric's Foundation

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness month and Little Eric's Foundation (LEF) would like to spread awareness around town. LEF was named after 14 year old Eric Speicher Jr. who passed away on December 23, 2013, from a rare type of brain tumor. In 2014, Little Eric's Foundation was created in his memory. The mission of LEF is to raise money for research and awareness for pediatric brain and childhood cancers. In an effort to further promote Childhood Cancer Awareness month, LEF is selling gold bows for people to place on their homes and/or businesses. Bows are \$3.00 each. If you would like to purchase a gold bow, please contact Rosalie Cullagh at 570-430-7319 or rosan814@comcast.net.

Thank you for your support!

Altar Candles, Holy Family Candle, and Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of the **Deceased Members of the Santine & La Nunziata Families** are donated by Lorraine La Nunziata.

Diocese of Scranton Safe Environment Office

Interested in supporting and protecting our children's future? Then please consider attending the diocesan-sponsored **VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children for Adults Program**. This training session is required for all adult employees and volunteers who have direct contact or routine interaction with children.

During the three-hour training, a facilitator, who will teach you the tools and show you the resources to maintain a safe environment for all children, will incorporate techniques in a discussion-format to help you recognize the warning signs of child sexual abuse and how to respond to it appropriately and effectively.

Please consider attending one of the following sessions listed below:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 @ Saint Faustina Kowalska Parish, Nanticoke. To register call 570-735-4833 or hthc@comcast.net

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2019 @ Holy Redeemer High School, Wilkes-Barre. To register call 570-829-2424 and ask for Tammie Sciacca.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2019 @ Misericordia University, Dallas. To register contact Dr. Steve Broskoske at 570-674-6761 or sbroskoske@misericordia.edu

Mass Intentions	
September 9 thru 15, 2019	
Mon 7:30AM	Barbara Cawley By Sandra Cella & Family
8:30AM	Ann “Nancy” Nardone By M/M Stanley Rovinski
Tues 7:30AM	Angelo Alfano & dtgr, Frances By Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren
8:30AM	Barry Brown By wife, Paula
Wed 7:30AM	Antoinette & Albino Ciampi By Family
8:30AM	Mary Anne Fino Anzalone By M/M Fury De Rome
Thurs 7:30AM	Joseph Kolmansperger By Family
8:30AM	Raymonde Baiera By Joe & Carm Agolino
Fri 7:30AM	Thomas Farrell By Barbara Malinowski
8:30AM	Marilyn Fessler By Family
Sat 4:00PM	Anthony Hassey By Trent & Sandra Grove
5:30PM	John Sidorowicz By nephew, Walleye Greskiewicz
Sun 7:30AM	George & Jennie Holby By Family
9:00AM	David Panek By Mother
10:30AM	Gloria Costello By Donna Kasa