



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.

November 3, 2019

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Immaculate Conception Church

Holy Redeemer Church

Parish Office

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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

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.

November 3, 2019

Readings/Responsorial: #1184

Gathering: #470 Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door

Offertory: #704 My Song Will Be for Your Forever

Communion: #588 I Have Loved You

Recessional: #645 Amazing Grace

Weekly Collection

October 27, 2019

Sunday	\$7,919.58
E Giving	972.30
Total	\$8,891.88

Care & Education of Priests

September, 2019 \$751.50

Daily Mass Schedule

Please note, there will be a Communion Service on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, November 6, 7, & 8 at 7:30AM at ICC and no Mass on Wednesday and Friday, November 6 & 8 at 8:30AM at HR.

Veteran's Day Mass

The 10:30AM liturgy on Sunday, November 10, 2019 will be a celebration in honor of all veterans, living and deceased, members of the armed forces and their families. Following the Mass everyone is invited to join us in the church hall for refreshments. Veterans and members of the armed forces attending this mass are asked to sit in the pews reserved for the military. For more information, contact Rosemary Gitkos at 570-954-2121

Honor a Veteran..... "Feed a Family"

Our Social Concerns members came up with an idea that would honor our Veterans as well as help fill our food shelves for the holidays. As most of you are aware, our Social Concerns members prepare "bountiful" Thanksgiving and Christmas food "gift" boxes which are given to families in our area who are struggling. Veteran's Day is Monday, November 11th. To show your appreciation to our veterans, both living and deceased, we are asking every man, woman and child who comes to Mass the weekend of November 9-10, to bring just 1 non-perishable food item. The food can be placed in the baskets in the sanctuary or if you prefer, you can leave it in the vestibule of the church. Your generosity is always appreciated!!

Bereavement Mass & Social

Our annual Bereavement Mass & Social will be held on Wednesday, November 13th at 6:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church. All are welcome to gather at this beautiful Mass to honor the memory of our parishioners, family members and dear friends who have been buried from our church during this past year. Following the Mass, all are welcome to join us for refreshments in the church hall. If you received a letter requesting a picture of your deceased family member or friend, please send it in as soon as possible. Thank you!

Book of the Dead

Each year the Church gives us the entire month of November as an opportunity to remember our loved ones who have gone before us in death, praying for their happiness and preparing ourselves to be reunited with them one day. Next week, a special book with the names of our beloved dead will be placed in or near the sanctuary in the churches. We invite you to please take a moment and write the names of your beloved departed family and friends in our parish book of the dead.

Religious Education/Confirmation Classes

There are no Religious Education classes this weekend. Classes for grades K thru 7 will resume next Sunday, November 10th. There is no Confirmation class on November 10th. Confirmation class will resume on November 24th.

Organ Fund Envelope

For the month of October, the monies collected from our organ fund envelopes totaled **\$823.50** which has been deposited back into our diocesan savings account bringing our account balance to **\$24,699.50**.

Social Concerns

■ Help for the Holidays

If you or someone you know will be needing help for Thanksgiving and Christmas, please call the rectory 570-654-2753 or e-mail Joyce at icecconi50@gmail.com. We need a contact name, address and phone number. In the next few weeks a member of Social Concerns will call you for Christmas gift ideas for your children, and to give you the time and date to pick up your "Thanksgiving Food Gift Boxes."

■ "Fall Food Drive"

Our food donations are beginning to pour in. Thank you for that. We gladly accept monetary and donations of frozen turkeys. To ensure safe food handling practices, please call the rectory to let us know when you will be bringing frozen turkeys or non-perishable foods. We expect to be filling boxes for 100 plus families this Thanksgiving. Kindly leave your donations in the vestibules of the churches. Thank you, in advance for your help!

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

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).

Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **John, Elijah and Andrew Washo** are donated by their grandparents, Mary Claire & John Hetro.

Holy Family Candle at ICC

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Sanctuary Candle at ICC

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2019 Diocesan Annual Appeal

DAA 2019 Parish Goal	\$32,000.00
Total Raised	\$22,356.00
Over (Under)	(\$ 9,644.00)

Family Mass & Donut Sunday

Our next Family Mass & Donut Sunday will be held on **Sunday, November 17 at the 10:30AM liturgy**. All boys and girls in grade 6 are welcome to participate in this Mass as lectors, ushers, heavenly hosts and gift bearers. To participate please contact one of the following coordinators:

Lisa Falzone 570-237-2739 mybudget1@aol.com
SarahKonopka 570-498-9304 skono1683@yahoo.com
MaryAnn Oliveri 570-357-1778 mare0912@epix.net

Mass Intentions

November 4 thru November 10, 2019

Mon	7:30AM	Donald Fetsko By Tom & Chrissy Campenni
	8:30AM	Barry Brown By Wife, Paula
Tues	7:30AM	Theresa Montante By Sons & families
	8:30AM	Charles Godri By Son Ed & family
Wed	7:30AM	COMMUNION SERVICE
	8:30AM	NO MASS
Thurs	7:30AM	COMMUNION SERVICE
	8:30AM	Leonard Tallo By Mary & Ed Godri
Fri	7:30AM	COMMUNION SERVICE
	8:30AM	NO MASS
Sat	4:00PM	Patrick Gillis By Marie Terese Golden & Family
	5:30PM	Steve Chipolis By Wife & son
Sun	7:30AM	Frances Ostir By Robert & Jackie Switzer
	9:00AM	Louis Cella By Family
	10:30AM	Bernard Romanowski By Henry & Jeanne Romanowski