



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 17, 2019

Thirty-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

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 17, 2019

Readings/Responsorial: #1190

Gathering: #742 The Church's One Foundation

Offertory: #930 Taste and See

Communion: #861 Praise and

Thanksgiving

Recessional: #607 Sing a New Song

Weekly Collection

November 10, 2019

Sunday \$9,648.20

E Giving 1,858.53

Total \$11,506.73

Second Collection Next Weekend

Next Sunday at all Masses we will take up the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Thank you!!

Family Mass & Donut Sunday

Today, Sunday, November 17 the 10:30AM liturgy is our 6th grade "Family Mass" followed by "Donut Sunday" in the church hall. During this Mass, boys and girls in grade 6 will participate as lectors, gift bearers, heavenly hosts and ushers. Following the Mass, everyone is invited to join us in the hall for refreshments!!

Holy Name Society Lottery Tickets

Because of your continued and ongoing support of our parish activities, the lottery tickets the Holy Name were selling have sold out! Your support of their fundraisers allows the Holy Name to financially support children's activities and to purchase "My Baptism Book" which is given to every child baptized in our parish.

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. 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.

Bereavement Mass Candles

In the sacristy of Immaculate Conception Church, there are a few personalized candles of those who were honored at our Bereavement Mass on Wednesday. If you or someone you know of did not get their beloved friend or family member's candle, please take it for them. Thank you!

Social Concerns News

Thanksgiving Gifts for Homebound/Nursing Homes

This weekend, 40 plus homebound parishioners will receive a Thanksgiving gift of a quart of delicious homemade soup and a loaf of pumpkin bread. Our 40 plus parishioners residing in nursing homes will receive a gift of See's chocolates. Children in our religious education classes grades K thru 4 made lovely Thanksgiving cards for all of these people.

Giving Trees

Next weekend, November 23 and 24, the Giving Trees decorated with hundreds of tags will be set up in the churches. The tags will contain the Christmas wishes for the children of approximately 100 local families. Because we must have all gifts wrapped and under the Giving Trees no later than Sunday, December 15th, we are putting the trees up before Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving Food Distribution

All are welcome to help fill and wrap Thanksgiving food gift boxes on Sunday, November 24th at 5:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church hall.

On Monday, November 25th, between 4:00PM and 6:00PM, approximately 100 families will be picking up these Thanksgiving boxes and teenage help is needed to help carry the boxes to vehicles.

Religious Education/Confirmation Classes

Today, Sunday, November 17th there is NO Confirmation Class. Confirmation class will resume next Sunday, November 24th. Please note there are NO Confirmation and NO Religious Ed classes on Sunday, December 1st.

Sacraments of First Reconciliation & First Eucharist

Boys and girls in 2nd grade will be receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at 10:00AM and the Sacrament of First Eucharist on Saturday, May 2, 2020 at 10:00AM. Both Sacraments will be held in Immaculate Conception Church. If your child is enrolled in a Catholic School, please call the rectory 570-654-2753 or e-mail Joyce at jcecconi50@gmail.com to register your child to receive these Sacraments. Thank you.

Maines GiveBack Program, ShurSave Rewards Program and Redner's Save-A-Tape Program

If you shop at these stores, please call or e-mail Lori at 570-654-2753 or lkasisky1@epix.net to find out how you can help our parish earn money every time you shop!!

My E Offering

Online giving is the future of the church. Find out how you can sign for this convenient service where you no longer have to write checks or bring cash to church. Call or e mail Lori 570-654-2753 or lkasisky1@epix.net.

Courtesy News

Clue On Stage

Wyoming Area Drama Club and Thespian Troupe 4795 proudly present Clue On Stage November 22 and 23 at 7:00PM and November 24 at 2:00PM. General admission tickets are \$10 and are available November 17th thru the 21st in the school lobby from 6:00PM-8:00PM or at the door before each show.

Craft & Gift Fair

St Maria Goretti Parish Center, Laflin. Saturday & Sunday, November 23 & 24 from 9:00AM to 3:00PM. 25 plus vendors offering handmade crafts and unique gifts, specialty basket & gift raffle featuring baskets with a value of \$150 and up and delicious foods. Free admission handicapped accessible.

Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Carole Darbenzio** are donated by Keri & Caz Vermac.

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Craig Nezzo** is donated by Steve, Tom, MaryAnn & Ann Marie.

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Rose Mariette** is donated by her son, Richard & family.

Sanctuary Candle at HR

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Robert Kowalczyk** is donated by his wife, son and family.

2019 Diocesan Annual Appeal

DAA 2019 Parish Goal	\$32,000.00
Total Raised	<u>\$27,866.00</u>
Over (Under)	(\$4,134.00)

St Clare Sewing Ministry Meeting

Members of our St. Clare Sewing Ministry and anyone interested in joining this Ministry are invited to attend a meeting on Wednesday, November 20 at 6:00PM in the rectory.

Mass Intentions

November 18 thru November 24, 2019

Mon	7:30AM	Rose & John Dente, Rita, Roaa, Sr & Anna Maria DeNisco By Ross & Rosemary
	8:30AM	Jack LaNunziata By wife, Lorraine
Tues	7:30AM	Josephine Mirabelle By M/M Mark Antonio
	8:30AM	Stephanie Godri Johnston By mom, dad & family
Wed	7:30AM	John Serafin, Jr. By Angie & Stan Doblovasky
	8:30AM	Benedict "Ben" Wychoskie By Steve & Carol Amico
Thurs	7:30AM	Marion Krolick By John & Anna Roche
	8:30AM	Margaret O'Fier By granddaughters, Rebekah & Mikayla Spott
Fri	7:30AM	Dec'd Membs of Brosso & Tutini Families By Teresa Brosso
	8:30AM	All Souls Intentions
Sat	4:00PM	Carole Darbenzio By Keri & Caz Vermac
	5:30PM	Robert Kowalczyk By wife, son & family
Sun	7:30AM	Anna Mooney By Sr. Susan Brown
	9:00AM	Janice Poceschi By Ross Latona
	10:30AM	Joseph Bonomo By wife, Miriam & family