



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 24, 2019

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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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.

November 24, 2019
Readings/Responsorial: #1193
Gathering: #574 Crown Him with Many Crowns
Offertory: #785 Now We Remain
Communion: #939 Behold the Lamb
Recessional: #573 To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King

**Weekly Collection
November 17, 2019**

Sunday	\$7,926.18
E Giving	948.78
Total	\$8,874.96

Second Collection This Weekend

This Sunday at all Masses we will take up the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. By supporting CCHD, you help out your own neighbors because 25 percent of your contribution stays within our diocese!

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Please note on Thanksgiving Day, November 28th there will be only one daily Mass at 9:00AM at Immaculate Conception Church.

Twilight Bingo....Thank You!

Our recently held Twilight Bingo was a huge success! The bingo was sold out with over 300 in attendance. Everyone enjoyed an evening of bingo with some very lucky winners!! The food was great, the callers, announcer and all who ran the event were delightful and our parish reaped a profit of **\$14,812.90.**

Mark your calendar! Our next parish bingo will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2020.

Christmas Eve Family Mass

All boys and girls are welcome to take part in the Christmas Eve family mass. The children can participate as lectors, gift bearers, heavenly hosts or take part in the skit (non-reading parts). For more information or to sign up, just contact one of the following Family Liturgy Committee members:

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| Lisa Falzone | 570-237-2739 | mybudget1@aol.com |
| Sarah Konopka | 571-498-9304 | skono1683@yahoo.com |
| MaryAnn Oliveri | 570-357-1778 | mare0912b@epix.net |

Congratulations!

On November 28th, Deacon Jim Meizanis will celebrate 4 years ordained as a deacon. Congratulations, Deacon Jim!!

Religious Education/Confirmation Classes

There is Confirmation Class today Sunday, November 24th at 5:30PM. Please note there are **NO Confirmation and NO Religious Ed classes next 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 jcecco50@gmail.com to register your child to receive these Sacraments. Thank you.

Senior's Meeting

Our group of seniors usually meet the last Wednesday of the month. Because the last Wednesday of this month is the day before Thanksgiving and the last Wednesday of December is Christmas day, we decided to move this afternoon meeting to Wednesday, December 11th at 1:00PM in the rectory. All are welcome to join this lively group for an afternoon of card playing, friendly chatter and refreshments. Hope to see you there!

Social Concerns News

•Thanksgiving Thank You!

Thank you to our ministry of soup makers for the delicious homemade Pasta Fazool and to the dedicated volunteers who delivered the soup, pumpkin breads and chocolates to our parishioners who are homebound and in nursing homes. Many of them called or sent a note expressing their gratitude to everyone.

■The Giving Trees

The success of this annual Christmas project organized by our Social Concerns Committee, depends on the generosity the entire parish community. It is our hope to lighten the burden and brighten the Christmas Season for our neighbors. This year we have 100 plus families represented on our Giving Trees. Most of these families live in the Wyoming Area School District.

Each family is assigned a number, which is how we identify who the gift is intended for. Therefore, It is very important to attach the tag to the wrapped gift before placing it under the Giving Tree. Although most tags have a clothing size and a toy or gift item, you do not have to purchase both items. To be sure all children receive a couple of gifts for Christmas, we do make up multiple tags for each child. If boots/shoes are listed on the tag, they were wished for by the family.

All gifts must be returned under the giving tree no later than **Sunday, December 15th**. If you have any questions regarding the giving tree tags, contact Joyce at 570-654-2753 or e-mail jceconi50@gmail.com. Thank you!

•Thanksgiving Food Distribution

All are welcome to help fill and wrap Thanksgiving food gift boxes today, **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. Teenage help is needed to help carry the boxes to vehicles.

•Fill & Share A Christmas Stocking

This weekend we are sending home with our Religious Ed students a Christmas stocking. If you can help, we are asking the children to fill the stocking with Dollar Store items and treats for a boy or girl from toddler to teenager. The filled stockings can be returned to Religious Ed class or placed under the Giving Tree in Immaculate Conception or Holy Redeemer Church. Filled stockings **MUST BE RETURNED BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH**. Additional stockings may be found in the vestibules of the churches.

•Christmas Cookie Sharing

Our parishioners who are homebound and those residing in nursing homes love to receive gifts of goodies for Christmas! For those of you who love to bake, would you consider baking a few extra dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies which we will package and share with these elderly parishioners. If you can bake and share, please have your baked goods dropped off at the rectory no later than **Thursday, December 12th**. If you are going to bake, would you kindly call the parish office to let us know so we can plan accordingly? Thank you!! Volunteers will meet in the rectory on **Thursday, December 12 at 5:00PM** to package the home-made goodies.

Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Ann, Margaret, Robert & Andrew Hreha** are donated by their family.

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Nick & Tillie Arcola** is donated by the Denisco children.

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Kevin Curley & Dad** is donated by mom/wife & family.

Altar Candles at HR

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **MaryAnn Persall** is donated by her brother, sisters & family.

Sanctuary Candle at HR

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Anna & Andrew Cherkosky** is donated by their grandchildren, David, Andrea & Susan.

2019 Diocesan Annual Appeal

DAA 2019 Parish Goal	\$32,000.00
Total Raised	<u>\$28,376.00</u>
Over (Under)	(\$3,624.00)

Catholic Choral Society of Scranton

Presents "An Advent-Christmas Concert" in Immaculate Conception Church on Sunday, December 8th at 3:00PM (snow date Thursday, December 12th at 7:00PM). Free admission.

Mass Intentions

November 25 thru December 1, 2019

Mon	7:30AM	Irene Gai By Tony & Marguerite Freda
	8:30AM	Special Intention
Tues	7:30AM	Jim & Julia Melberger & Frank & Alice Winsock By Tony & Geri Winsock Family
	8:30AM	All Souls Intentions
Wed	7:30AM	Fred & Rose Ciampi By son, Lou & family
	8:30AM	Charles Montante By O'Mara Family
Thurs	9:00AM	In Thanksgiving For Health & God's Blessings
Fri	7:30AM	Joseph Berti By Al & Thomas Melone
	8:30AM	Mary Ann Klimaszewski By Patricia & Daniel Teehan
Sat	4:00PM	Robert Brown, Sr & Robert Brown, Jr. By Ellen & Susan
	5:30PM	Mary Ann Persall By brother, sisters & family
Sun	7:30AM	John Paul, Evelyn & John Gardner By Donna & Chet Hine Family
	9:00AM	Debra R. Skesavage By Rich Pendolphia & Yolanda
	10:30AM	Dominic Aufiero By Rose Mary Oliveri