

Immaculate Conception Church Holy Redeemer Church Parish Office 605 Luzerne Avenue West Pittston, PA 18643 Phone (570) 654-2753 Fax (570) 654-9244 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.

January 26, 2020

Readings/Responsorial: #1098 Gathering: #766 City of God Offertory: #790 The Summons Communion: #781 Lord, When You Came Recessional: #593 I Want to Walk as a Child of Light

Weekly Collection January 19, 2020

Sunday	\$5,961.50
E Giving	<u>\$2,007.45</u>
Total	\$7,968.95

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.

January 26, 2020 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Souper Bowl of Caring

A simple prayer inspired youth at a church in Columbia, SC to stand at church exits with soup pots, asking members to donate \$1each as they left worship on Super Bowl Sunday. That was 1990. Since becoming a national event in 1993, Souper Bowl of Caring has generated \$20 million for the hungry and hurting across America. In an age when division and dissension tear at the fabric of our society, Souper Bowl of Caring illustrates the wonderful possibilities that exist when we move beyond ourselves and work together.

On Super Bowl Sunday, February 2, 2020, we are asking you, our parishioners and friends, to consider donating \$1 and/or a can of soup or any non-perishable food item when you come to church. Of course, you may choose to give more, but we are only asking for a dollar to illustrate the miraculous results when enough people give just a little.

All monies and food collected will benefit our parish Social Concerns Food Pantry. Students in our Religious Education program will be in the vestibules of the churches to collect your donations. Thank you, in advance, for your kindness!

Blessing of Throats

In honor of St. Blaise, Bishop and martyr, throats will be blessed at all Masses next weekend, February 1st and 2nd.

Upcoming Meetings

► Parish Finance Meeting

All members of the parish finance committee are asked to attend a meeting on **Monday, January 27th at 5:30PM in the rectory**.

Parish Bazaar

Save the dates! Our annual parish bazaar will be held on <u>Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 18, 19 and 20, 2020</u>.

► Bazaar Meeting

Our first bazaar planning meeting will be held on <u>Tuesday, January 28</u> <u>at 6:00PM in the rectory</u>. All are welcome to attend.

► Senior Meeting

This group of "seniors" usually meet the last Wednesday of the month. Their next meeting will be on <u>Wednesday, January 29 at 1:00PM in</u> <u>the rectory</u>. All are welcome to attend!

► Twilight Bingo Meeting

You will want to "mark your calendars." Another parish Twilight Bingo will be held in ICC hall on Saturday, March 28, 2020. A planning meeting will be held on <u>Wednesday</u>, January 29 at 6:00PM in the rectory...All are welcome to attend.

► Social Concerns Meeting

All are welcome to join us for our next planning meeting on <u>**Tuesday**</u>, <u>**February 4th at 6:00PM in the rectory**</u>. On the agenda for this meeting will be the Ash Wednesday Lenten Food Sale which will be held on February 26th.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated in our parish on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at 10:00AM in Immaculate Conception Church. Immediately following this Sacrament, the boys, girls, their families and friends are invited to join us for a light brunch in the church hall. All boys and girls must register to be eligible to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A letter and registration form have been mailed to the children in our parish who are eligible to receive this sacrament. You must provide us with a copy of your child's baptism, if he or she was not baptized in our parish. For further information, call the rectory 570-654-2753 or e-mail Joyce at jcecconi50@gmail.com. There will be a practice for the children on Wednesday, February 5th at 6:00pm in Immaculate Conception Church.

Online Giving is Available

■WHAT IS my E offering? This is a service we've teamed up with to give you the ability to send your offerings online in the same way that many of you already pay bills and purchase products.

■WHY SHOULD I USE my E offering? We have decided to offer this service as a convenience to you—you can stop writing checks or having to remember to bring cash every weekend when you attend Mass. Simply log in to our service and set up your offering. You can set the donations to match your pay periods and even send your one-time donations to the special collections we may have from time-to-time. This new service allows you to give any amount, at any time, from home or on the road, with your computer or your mobile device. You control how and when you give your tithes.

■HOW DO I SIGN UP? Signing up is as simple as going to our parish website www.corpuschristinepa.com and looking for the green computer mouse icon. That button will take you to the my E offering page for our parish. Simply sign up and begin giving online today! For help signing up or for more information on on-line giving, call Lori at 570-654-2753.

Pilates Anyone?

Start the new year off right!! Do something good for yourself. Join a group of dedicated fun-loving ladies at Pilates every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30PM and on Saturday morning from 8:30AM to 9:30AM in ICC hall. Must be 21 years of age or older. For more information call Joyce at the rectory.

Weight Watchers

The new WW Program offers 3 different Food Plans to loose weight! This 14 week SPECIAL for \$154.00 includes registration, workshops and digital tools. We need 15 people to sign up and we will be able to offer this new WW Program in Immaculate Conception rectory on Tuesday evenings at 6:00PM. If you are interested, call the rectory at 570-654-2753 or e-mail Joyce at jcecconi50@gmail.com.

25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2020 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 14. The event includes a 2:30PM mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. To request an invitation, you must call the rectory 570-654-2753 before March 16.

Annulments

In the Diocese of Scranton, the annulment process is now more "user friendly" than you might expect and there is no processing fee. Contact the Diocesan Tribunal Office (570-207-2246).

Candles January 26 thru February 1, 2020 Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Tony Rostock** is donated by Jasmine Mikita.

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Helen Brown** is donated by John & Maryellen Serafin.

Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **David Cipolla** are donated by his wife, Mary Ann.

Mass Intentions January 27 thru February 2, 2020

Mon	7:30AM	Kenneth Williams
		By Family
	8:30AM	Ann Limoncelli
_		By M/M Bob Calpin
Tues	7:30AM	Trudi Holleran
		By Ralph & Sandy Nardell
	8:30AM	Joseph Massara
		By Joann & David Wynn
Wed	7:30AM	Jean Syroid
		By dtgr, Debbie Vanyo & Family
	8:30AM	Margaret Elaine Menn
		By Jim Maloney
Thurs	57:30AM	Theresa Gavigan
		By Dave & Family
	8:30AM	Michael LaNunziata
		By Ann Maurizi & Family
Fri	7:30AM	Roger Beatty
		By Tony & Geri Winsock Family
	8:30AM	Justin Conway
		By Friends
Sat	4:00PM	Anthony Oliveri
		By Bertha Argento
	5:30PM	Bernadine Romasiewicz
		By Adam Buckman
Sun	7:30AM	Carmella Chimento
		By Husband Tony & Jolene
	9:00AM	Philip O'Fier
		By Spott Family
	10:30AM	Jennifer Sidari, MD
		By Mom, Dad, Peter & Vicky