



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.

February 16, 2020

Sixth 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

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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.

February 16, 2020

Readings/Responsorial: #1107

Gathering: #861 Praise and

Thanksgiving

Offertory: #493 Change Our Hearts

Communion: #728 Eye Has Not
Seen

Recessional: #546 Go to the World!

Weekly Collection

February 9, 2020

Sunday	\$9,273.75
E Giving	\$1,689.31
Total	\$10,963.06

Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Distribution of Ashes will be as follows:

7:30AM Mass & distribution of ashes @ ICC

8:30AM Mass & distribution of ashes @ HR

12:00 Noon distribution of ashes only @ICC (no mass)

3:45PM distribution of ashes only @ ICC (no mass)

5:00PM distribution of ashes only @ HR (no mass)

5:30PM Mass & distribution of ashes @ ICC

Ashes & Food Delivery for our Homebound

On Ash Wednesday, February 26th, volunteers are needed to distribute ashes and deliver soup and pierogi to our homebound parishioners. If you able to help, please contact Joyce at 570-654-2753 or jceconi50@gmail.com. Deliveries will be ready after 2:00PM. Thank you!

The Light is on for You

During Lent Msgr. Sempa will be in the confessional at Immaculate Conception Church on Mondays, March 2, 9, 16, and 23 from 5:45PM - 6:45PM and at Holy Redeemer Monday, March 30 from 6:00PM-7:00PM.

Stations of the Cross

During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday evenings February 28, March 6, 20, and 27 at 5:45PM (following the 5:30PM Mass) in Immaculate Conception Church

Stations of the Cross for Children

On Fridays, March 13 and April 3 at 5:45PM in Immaculate Conception Church, children will be leading the Stations of the Cross. ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE. There are both reading and non-reading parts. If your child wishes to participate in these stations or if they want to participate in the Easter Sunday Family Mass at 10:30AM, please contact:

Lisa Falzone 237-2739 mybudge1@aol.com

Sara Konopka 498-9304 skono1683@yahoo.com

Mary Ann Oliveri 357-1778 mare0912b@epix.net

Family Mass & Donut Sunday

All boys and girls in grade 4, in our Religious Ed program, homeschooled or attending a Catholic School are welcome to participate in our Family Mass next Sunday. Please contact Lisa, Sara or MaryAnn (contact info above.)

Youth Choir Practice

The Youth Choir will practice today, Sunday, February 16 at 5:30PM in ICC. All boys and girls are welcome to join our Youth Choir. For information, please contact Mary Supey at 570-654-8402 or tsupey@hotmail.com. The Youth Choir will sing at our "Family Mass" next Sunday, February 23rd at 10:30AM.

Lenten Soup & Scripture

Our Lenten Soup & Scripture Series will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 17, 24 and 31 immediately following the 5:30PM Mass in Immaculate Conception Church hall. More information will follow in next week's bulletin.

Social Concerns Spring Food Drive

We are in the process of building up our food shelves with all non-perishable foods which will be given out to local families for Easter. We will gladly accept donations of any non-perishable foods. Donations may be left in the vestibules of the churches. Thank you for your help!

Help for Easter

If you or someone you know is struggling and could use help with food and Easter Baskets for their children, call the rectory or e-mail jceconi50@gmail.com.

Twilight Bingo

Our "all cash prize" Twilight Bingo will be held in Immaculate Conception Church hall on **Saturday, March 28, 2020. Doors will open at 5:00PM and bingo starts at 6:00PM.** Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. For tickets or to reserve seats, call the rectory at 570-654-2753. This is a BYOB event and we will be selling delicious homemade food including chicken salad on a croissant, pulled pork on a roll, pierogis in butter & onion, hotdogs, chips, and various homemade desserts. Just a FYI our last few bingos have been sell outs, so if you are interested, please get your tickets early!! Parishioners will receive a mailing with information on how you can show your support of this parish fundraiser.

Holy Name Annual Breakfast

The Holy Name Society is proud to announce Frankie Warren of Magic 93 will be the speaker for their annual Father/Son/Daughter breakfast. The breakfast which is prepared and served by men and ladies of our parish will be held on **Sunday, March 15, 2020 following the 7:30AM Mass** in Immaculate Conception Church hall. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-11, children 5 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased from the ushers at Mass or at the rectory. Proceeds from the breakfast benefit programs for the children of our parish.

Social Concerns Ash Wednesday Food Sale

Our Social Concerns Committee is conducting a Lenten food sale on Ash Wednesday. Our "cooks" will be making two delicious soups, potato and hearty vegetable, pierogis in butter & onion, and uncooked red or white pizza.

Pick up times are 12 noon to 2PM and 4PM to 6PM on Ash Wednesday.

To order, you can call the rectory at 570-654-2753 or fill out the order form below and return it in the collection next weekend.

We thank you, in advance, for your support of this food sale. Proceeds from this sale allow our parish to help families in need for Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Back-to-School. Your support allows us to reach out to our homebound and parishioners residing in nursing homes with holiday gifts and cards. On Ash Wednesday, we will be gifting our homebound with a soup of their choice and pierogis.

Prices are:

- Soup w/ oyster crackers.....\$8.00 quart
- Pierogis.....6/\$4.00 or 12/\$8.00
- Tray white pizza (UNBAKED) \$15.00
- Tray red pizza (UNBAKED).....\$12.00

Ash Wednesday Food Sale

Name _____

Phone # _____

Pick up time: _____ **12-2PM** _____ **4-6PM**

Potato Soup (quart) _____

Vegetable Soup (quart) _____

Pierogis (6) _____ **(12)** _____

Tray white Pizza _____

Red Pizza _____

Yearly Parish Contributions

For a report of your yearly contributions for 2019, please contact Lori at 570-654-2753 or e-mail lkasisky1@epix.net.

WW Program to Begin in our Parish

A new Weight Watchers program will begin in our parish on **Tuesday, February 18.** The group will meet on Tuesdays at 6:00PM in the rectory. Anyone who is interested in joining or learning more about the program is invited to join us.

Congratulations Boy Scout Troop 302!!

Our Boy Scout Troop #302 recently spent a Polar Bear weekend at Camp Acahela. These boys slept in tents, did several activities from first-aid to knot tying. They won 1st place overall on the Klondike Derby Race and 3rd place on the Dutch Oven Dessert with their giant S'mores Dessert. Scoutmaster is our own Pat Messina. Congratulations boys!

Communion to the Homebound

One of the most essential ministries that we can provide parishioners is the ability to receive the Eucharist at home when there is a physical inability to attend our weekend Masses.

If you or someone you know from the parish is homebound and would like to receive this Sacrament, let us know, and we will work out a schedule with an Extraordinary Minister of Communion to make sure their needs are met. Contact Dorothy at 570-654-2753.

If you are an Extraordinary Minister of Communion and have any availability to help us with this necessary and rewarding ministry, please call the rectory 570-654-2753 or e-mail Teresa @ tacross5@comcast.net.

Candles

February 16 thru 22, 2020

Sanctuary Candle @ Holy Redeemer

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Christopher Bone** is donated by his mom, dad and PJ.

Mass Intentions

February 17 thru February 23, 2020

- Mon 7:30AM **Charlie Alfano**
By Sandy Mancuso
- 8:30AM **Dorothy A. Giuli**
By Lisa, Craig & Rachel Bieler
- Tues 7:30AM **Valya Vacula**
By Patti Wiatrowski
- 8:30AM **Joseph McDonnell**
By Ritts Family
- Wed 7:30AM **John J. Ford**
By Anna & Sam Alba
- 8:30AM **Raymond Saporito**
By Mary Matani
- Thurs 7:30AM **Mary E. Oliveri**
By Lisa Falzone & Charles White
- 8:30AM **James Kozloski**
By Kashuda Family
- Fri 7:30AM **Jean Syroid**
By Cherrywood H.O.A.
- 8:30AM **Claire Carr**
By Kelly Family
- Sat 4:00PM **Jean Conway**
By Jerry Cavanaugh
- 5:30PM **Jack Rose**
By Mom, Dad & Family
- Sun 7:30AM **Joan Messina**
By Husband & Daughter
- 9:00AM **Stephen Franko, Jr.**
By Jack, Deborah, Rose & Family
- 10:30AM **God's Blessings for All Children**