



## 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 23, 2020**

**Seventh 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

During Lent:

5:30PM Immaculate Conception

### 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 23, 2020

Readings/Responsorial: #1110

Gathering: #807 We Are Called

Offertory: #923 Table Song

Communion: #926 Life-Giving

Bread, Saving Cup

Recessional: #828 Make Me a

Channel of Your Peace

### Weekly Collection

**February 16, 2020**

**Sunday \$8,868.94**

**E Giving \$ 941.35**

**Total \$9,810.29**

**Family Mass** Today, Sunday February 23 at the 10:30AM Mass, please welcome our Youth Choir and 4th grade children of our parish who will do the lecturing, greeting and presentation of the gifts. Because of a scheduling conflict, there will not be "Donut Sunday" today following this Family Mass.

### 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

**Ash Wednesday Collection** The collection at all Masses on Ash Wednesday will benefit the Church in Central & Eastern Europe. Your generosity is appreciated!

**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. On March 13 & April 3, the Stations of the Cross will be led by children.

### 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](mailto:mybudge1@aol.com)

Sara Konopka 498-9304 [skono1683@yahoo.com](mailto:skono1683@yahoo.com)

Mary Ann Oliveri 357-1778 [mare0912b@epix.net](mailto:mare0912b@epix.net)

**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.

**Living Stations of the Cross** On Good Friday evening, April 10th, the Living Stations will be presented by teens from our parish. The event is coordinated by Juel Anne Klepadlo. There will be a pizza party/planning meeting at 7:00PM on Sunday, March 8th for all teens in grade 8 and older who are interested in helping with or taking part in the Living Stations. For information, e-mail Juel Anne at [jaklepadlo@aol.com](mailto:jaklepadlo@aol.com) or call her at 570-430-1470.

### 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 [jcecco-ni50@gmail.com](mailto:jcecco-ni50@gmail.com).

### Social Concerns Ash Wednesday Food Sale

Our Social Concerns Committee is conducting a Lenten food sale on Ash Wednesday. Proceeds from the sale benefit the works of our Social Concerns Committee.

Pick up times are 12 noon to 2PM and 4PM to 6PM

Deadline for orders is tomorrow, Monday, February 24th.

Only limited quantities will be sold at the door

#### Menu & Prices are:

Vegetable Soup w/ oyster crackers.....\$8.00 quart

Potato Soup w/ oyster crackers..... \$8.00 quart

Pierogis.....6/\$4.00.....12/\$8.00

Tray white pizza (UNBAKED) ..... \$15.00

Tray red pizza (UNBAKED).....\$12.00

Thank you for your support of our sale!

### 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.

### 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. Bingo tickets will on sale after all Masses the weekend of March 7-8 and 13-14.

### Religious Ed Classes

During the month of March there will be **NO RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES on Sunday, March 1, March 15 and March 29.**

### Communion to the Homebound Meeting

A meeting for all who have volunteered to take communion to the homebound will be held on **Monday, February 24th at 6:00PM in the rectory.**

### Seniors Meeting

Our Seniors usually meet the last Wednesday of the month, but because it is Ash Wednesday, they will meet in the rectory on **Wednesday, March 4th at 1:00PM** for an afternoon of cards, snacks and friendly chatter. All are welcome!!

### Car Show Meeting

Our annual Car Show will be held on Sunday, May 31 on the grounds of Holy Redeemer church. There will be a planning meeting on **Wednesday, March 4 at 6:00PM in the rectory.** All are welcome to join us!

### Ministry Schedule

Our current ministry schedule runs through the weekend of March 28-29. All EM's, lectors and altar servers are reminded to please contact their coordinator by Monday, March 16th if they wish to make any changes to their mass preference times or contact information. The next schedule will run from April 4 thru June 28, 2020. Thank you.

Coordinators include:

Altar Servers: Donna Mason 570-903-9142

[mmason8589@aol.com](mailto:mmason8589@aol.com)

EM's: Teresa Crossin 570-357-3985

[tacross5@comcast.net](mailto:tacross5@comcast.net)

Lectors: Rosalie Cullagh 570-430-7319

[rosan814@comcast.net](mailto:rosan814@comcast.net)

**Heart Saver CPR Certification Course** This class which will be held in Immaculate Conception school on **Monday, March 16 at 5:30PM** is for anyone 12 years of age and older. For information or to sign up for the class, contact Rosalie Cullagh at 570-655- 5422. Fee for the certification is \$20.00.

### 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](mailto:lkasisky1@epix.net).

### Candles

**February 23 thru 29, 2020**

#### Altar Candles @ ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Jamie Oliveri** are donated by his mother Ruth & Family.

#### Holy Family Candle @ ICC

Which will burn this week in living memory of **Anthony Oliveri** is donated by his wife Rose Mary, children & grandchildren.

#### Sanctuary Candle @ ICC

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

#### Altar Candles @ Holy Redeemer

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Mayor Tony Denisco** are donated by his wife.

### Mass Intentions

**February 24 thru March 1, 2020**

Mon	7:30AM	<b>Marie Terese Golden</b> By Ron & Rosemary Gitkos
	8:30AM	<b>Mary Suprick</b> By Romaine Panek
Tues	7:30AM	<b>Margaret Capral</b> By Son, Robert
	8:30AM	<b>Jeroma Foy</b> By Daughter, Mary & Family
Wed	7:30AM	<b>Frances Bellanco</b> By Mary Ann Novitsky
	8:30AM	<b>Mary Boyle Fischer</b> By Family
	5:30PM	<b>Dec'd Members of Labaty &amp; Supey Families</b> By Family
Thurs	7:30AM	<b>Dante Bovani, Sr.</b> By Judy Sokach
	8:30AM	<b>Charles Godri</b> By Son, Ed & Family
	5:30PM	<b>Julia Cecconi</b> By Family
Fri	7:30AM	<b>Anthony &amp; Joe Ristagno</b> By Mother/Wife
	8:30AM	<b>Jacinta Nocera</b> By M/M Joseph Vancosky
	5:30PM	<b>Mafalda Baldini</b> By Family
Sat	4:00PM	<b>Donald Fetsko</b> By Tim & Lisa Grove & Family
	5:30PM	<b>Annie &amp; John Eldemar</b> By Dianne & Raymond Smith
Sun	7:30AM	<b>Frank Walkowiak</b> By Rosemary Shedlock
	9:00AM	<b>Christopher Bone</b> By Brother, PJ
	10:30AM	<b>Nicholas J. &amp; Louise Parente Zurenda</b> By Daughters