



## 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.

**August 15, 2021**

## The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Immaculate Conception  
Holy Redeemer Church**

### Corpus Christi Parish

**605 Luzerne Avenue  
West Pittston, PA 18643**

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**Msgr. John J. Sempa, Pastor**

**Mr. James Meizanis, Deacon**

**Mrs. Joyce Cecconi,**

Pastoral Associate

### Daily Mass Schedule

Monday thru Friday

7:30AM Immaculate Conception

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday

4:00PM Immaculate Conception

5:30PM Holy Redeemer

Sunday

7:30AM Immaculate Conception

9:00AM Holy Redeemer

10:30AM Immaculate Conception

### Confession

Saturday

3:00-3:30PM

Immaculate Conception

### **Weekly Collection**

**August 8, 2021**

**Weekly \$9,986.26**

**E Giving 2,143.30**

**TOTAL \$12,129.56**

### SUNDAY & DAILY MASS

on our

**WEBSITE**

[corpuschristinepa.com](http://corpuschristinepa.com)

and

**FACEBOOK**

[www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/corpuschristiparishpa)

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### No "Bazaar" Envelope

Thank you to all who have returned your "No Bazaar" Collection envelope. This past week we received **\$1,025.00** in our "No Bazaar" collection envelopes which brings our current total for this collection to **\$37,325.00**. If you did not receive a letter and wish to donate, just mail or drop in the collection basket your check or cash donation clearly marked "No Bazaar" Collection. As always, we appreciate your continued support and generosity to our parish.

### New Altar Server Training

Will take place on **Monday, August 16 at 6:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church**. All boys and girls who have received the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are welcome to become altar servers.

### "Back-to-School"

Our annual "Back To School" give a-way will be held on

**Sunday, August 22, from 5:00PM to 6:00PM in Immaculate Conception parking lot behind the school.**

This is a drive thru event.

Everyone will receive a backpack/drawstring/tote bag filled with school supplies age appropriate for their children pre-school thru high school. They will also receive bags of non-perishable foods and a food voucher from a local grocery store. To be eligible, you must e mail Joyce at [jcrecconi50@gmail.com](mailto:jcrecconi50@gmail.com) or call the rectory to register.

*This event, sponsored by our Social Concerns Committee, is made possible because you, our parishioners and friends, continue to very generously donate to our Social Concerns Committee...and for that we thank you!*



### Extraordinary Ministers of Communion & Lectors

If you are a lector or an EM and wish to be put back on the Mass schedule or to make any changes to your Mass preference or contact information, please contact:

**EM Coordinator** .....Teresa Crossin at 570-357-3985 or

[tacrossin5@comcast.net](mailto:tacrossin5@comcast.net).

**Lector Coordinator**..... Rosalie Cullagh at 570-430-7319 or

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

If you are an altar server and wish to resume your ministry in September, please contact:

**Altar Server Coordinator**... Donna Mason at 570-587-3355 or

[toddler.dm@gmail.com](mailto:toddler.dm@gmail.com)

**August 15 thru 21, 2021**

**Altar Candles**

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Charlie Alfano** are donated by his cousin, Charles J. Alfano.



**Holy Family Candle**

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Frank Colella** is donated by Ross & Rosemary.

**Sanctuary Candle at ICC**

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Millie Barber** is donated by the Bohn Family.

**Mass Intentions for 2022**

To schedule Masses and candles for 2022, please call Dorothy at the rectory 570-654-2753 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:00AM to 2:00PM. If you choose, you may drop off or mail in your request for Mass Intentions and candles for 2022.

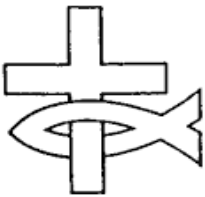
**Religious Education Classes**

Classes for children in grades K thru grade 8 will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:00AM to 10:10AM in the school and church hall. Classes for grades K & 1, 2, 3 and 8 (Confirmation Prep) will be held in the school and classes for grades 4, 5, 6 and 7 will be held in the church hall. The first day for classes will be Sunday, September 26th. In the next couple of weeks, a letter and a registration form will be mailed to those students who have attended classes here.

**Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor**

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862- 7551).

**Liturgy Intentions  
For The Week**



**August 16 thru 22, 2021**

Mon	7:30AM	<b>Cheryl Devers</b> By Rosella Fedor
	8:30AM	<b>Margaret Elaine Menn</b> By Margie Burke
Tues	7:30AM	<b>Dec'd Members of the Graham Family</b> By John Graham
	8:30AM	<b>Debra A. Marriott</b> By Robert Yurish
Wed	7:30AM	<b>Olga &amp; Billy Orsheski</b> By Carolee & Tom
	8:30AM	<b>Helen T. Zielen</b> By Theresa Gorda
Thurs	7:30AM	<b>Christine Harding</b> By Ralph & Sandy Nardell
	8:30AM	<b>Bernie Martin</b> By HR morning mass prayer group
Fri	7:30AM	<b>Joseph DeLucca</b> By Joe, Ellen, & Blaise Ciampi
	8:30AM	<b>Jane R.Landau</b> By Maureen Conlon Fetsko
Sat	4:00PM	<b>Pasquale &amp; Maria Cella</b> By Family
	5:30PM	<b>Courtney Lyn Reeves</b> By Mary Ann Reeves
Sun	7:30AM	<b>Jean Zezza</b> By Helen Rebovich
	9:00AM	<b>Bob Ell</b> By Mary & Gary Reeves
	10:30AM	<b>Christopher Lewis</b> By Family





OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

## DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

300 WYOMING AVENUE  
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18503-1279

August 6, 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Caring for the health, safety and spiritual well-being of all parishioners – and our entire community – has been my priority since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Diocese of Scranton has made every effort to implement best practices in public health – and has been continuously evaluating policies, monitoring data and consulting with healthcare experts. I want to assure you that these efforts continue to this day.

It is now evident that this global health crisis continues to linger – especially with the delta variant -- which medical experts explain is more infectious, and can spread more aggressively, than previous virus strains.

As the Diocese of Scranton looks forward to welcoming the faithful back to the celebration of Mass with the reinstatement of our obligation as Christians to worship on Sundays and Holy Days beginning August 15, it is imperative that we maintain the accessibility of the Eucharist in a safe environment.

I am strongly recommending that all parishioners wear a mask while attending Mass – regardless of vaccination status. While masks will not be mandated in our parishes at this time, we must all continue to be vigilant against this emerging health threat. In fact, as Catholics, we have a responsibility to protect our friends and neighbors. In order to safeguard our community, I have also requested that altar servers wear masks and all Priests, Deacons and Extraordinary Ministers return to wearing masks during the distribution of Holy Communion.

I also encourage everyone to continue good hygiene habits and follow the example of Pope Francis, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, and all Pennsylvania Bishops, in receiving a COVID-19 vaccination.

While I, along with your pastor, look forward to welcoming you back to experience the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist, individuals who have serious health conditions or concerns will still not be obligated to attend Mass. By longstanding Church law, the Sunday obligation does not apply to those who are:

- Sick
- Have a serious health risk
- In a household with those at risk
- Primary caregivers to those at risk
- Have serious anxiety or concerns about being in a large-group setting due to COVID-19
- Unable to attend Mass in person

As an act of charity, anyone who believes they might have COVID-19 or one of its variants should stay home.

Those who are legitimately excused from Mass on Sundays and Holy Days are encouraged to spend time in prayer, meditating on the death and Resurrection of the Lord, reading the sacred Scriptures, and uniting themselves to Christ. They are also encouraged to watch televised or livestream Masses.

As we continue to respond to the invitation of Jesus to come to Him, I invite all the faithful to safely return to Mass to have an intimate encounter with the Lord.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

† *Joseph C. Bambera*

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.  
Bishop of Scranton