



**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.

**March 20, 2022  
Third Sunday of Lent**

**Immaculate Conception  
Holy Redeemer Church**

**Corpus Christi Parish  
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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 during Lent

Monday thru Friday  
7:30AM Immaculate Conception  
8:30AM Holy Redeemer  
5:30PM Immaculate Conception

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

**March 13, 2022**

**Sunday \$6,337.75  
E-Giving 4,067.93  
Total \$10,405.68**

**Additional donations for  
Ukraine Collection \$150.00**

**SUNDAY & DAILY MASS**

**on our  
WEBSITE**

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

**and**

**FACEBOOK**

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

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**Responsorial Psalm.....**

**Second Collection Next Weekend**

Next weekend at all Masses we will take up the collection for Catholic Relief Services. Your generosity is appreciated.

**Paschal Candle**

Each year at the Easter Vigil, a new paschal candle is blessed for Immaculate Conception Church and a new paschal candle is blessed for Holy Redeemer Church. If you wish to dedicate the paschal candle at Immaculate Conception Church in memory of a loved one, please call the rectory. The paschal candle at HR is spoken for.

**Lite is on for You**

Monsignor will be in the confessional at Holy Redeemer Church on Monday, March 28 from 6:00PM to 6:45PM. All are welcome.

**Soup & Scripture**

Thank you to everyone for your delicious donations of soup, sandwiches and desserts and for attending our Lenten series this year. We have 2 more sessions left, along with 2 great speakers. See you on Tuesday!

**March 22** Soup & Set-up.....Baptism Ministry/Liturgy  
Sandwiches & Clean-up...Pastoral Council

**Guest Speaker.....(Father Jim Alco)**

**March 29** Soup & Set-up.....Lectors/Heavenly Hosts  
Sandwiches & Clean-up...Bldg & Grounds/St Clare Sew.

**Guest Speaker.....(Jim Jacobs)**

**Living Stations of the Cross**

All teens in 8th grade and older are welcome to take part in this production which will take place on Good Friday evening. The first practice is today, Sunday, March 20 at 7:00PM. For more information, please contact Mrs. Klepadlo at 570-430-1470 or [jaklepadlo@aol.com](mailto:jaklepadlo@aol.com).

**Social Concerns News**

**► Easter Food & Easter Basket Drive**

Our Social Concerns members are accepting donations of non-perishable food and/or Easter candy and small Easter toys for children. Of course, monetary donations are always welcome. We thank you, in advance, for your help! Donations may be left in the vestibules of the churches or dropped off at the rectory.

*If you or a family you know is in need and would like help for Easter, please contact the rectory at 570-654-2753.*

**► Soup Ministry**

Our Social Concerns chefs will be making homemade soup this Wednesday and Thursday at 9:00AM in the church kitchen. All are welcome to help.

**► Volunteers Needed to Deliver Soups**

If you can help deliver the soups to our homebound parishioners on Friday or Saturday, please contact Joyce at [jceconni50@gmail.com](mailto:jceconni50@gmail.com) or 570-654-2753.

**Candles March 20 thru 26, 2022**

**Altar Candles at ICC**

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Margaret & John Hoover** are donated by their family.

**Holy Family Candle at ICC**

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Beno Borzell** is donated by his mom, dad & Julianna.

**Sanctuary Candle at ICC**

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Beno Borzell** is donated by his mom, dad & Julianna.

**Sanctuary Candle at HR**

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Margaret Hreha** is donated by her family.

**AED Training**

An adult/ child with AED course will be offered, through the American Heart Association in conjunction with the Institute for Health and Safety, at Immaculate Conception School.

The dates are....

Thursday.....March 24 @ 1:00PM

Wednesday,..March 30 @ 5:30PM

Monday.....April 4 @ 5:30PM

To register, please contact Rosalie Cullagh at 570-430-7319. Cost is \$20 per person. This includes all equipment, digital book and certification card.

**Bereavement Program**

Grief: Comfort Through Sharing– Grief is real. It is the emotional cross you bear after losing someone you love. Grief is a challenging and intensely personal experience. Our program is offered to help care for you through group sharing and to facilitate healing.

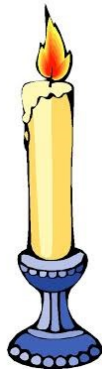
**Corpus Christi Parish will host a bereavement program in the church hall starting Wednesday, April 6th, 2022 from 6:00 to 8:00PM and will meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month.** Masks are optional. Space is limited so sign up by contacting Joyce at 570-654-2753 or [icecconi50@gmail.com](mailto:icecconi50@gmail.com). The program leader, John M. Samony Sr, CGSS, author of "The Morning After-Surviving the Loss of Someone you Love," a University of Wisconsin, Certified Grief Support Specialist will facilitate the sessions.

**Winter Lottery Winners**

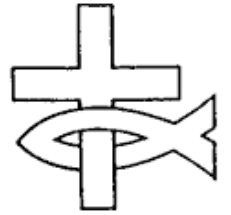
This week's lottery winners include:

3/10	#983	Marilyn Hoover	\$50.00
3/11	#421	NO WINNER	\$50.00
3/12	#424	Helene Bigiarelli	\$50.00
3/13	#676	Frank Breza/ Deborah Tykosh	\$100.00
3/14	#585	Elayne Amico	\$50.00
3/15	#579	Adrienne Przybyla	\$50.00
3/16	#186	Hilary Hazus	\$50.00

Special drawing winner 3/11 Calynn Hudock \$50.00



**Liturgy Intentions For The Week**



**March 21 thru 27, 2022**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>Loretta Anderson</b> By Jerry Yakobitis Fam.
	<b>8:30AM</b>	<b>Joseph Gaynor Cawley</b> By Ron & MaryAnn Wilcha
	<b>5:30PM</b>	<b>Special Intention</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>Lou Ciampi, Sr.</b> By Marianne & Children
	<b>8:30AM</b>	<b>Raymond J. Smitka</b> By HR Morning Mass
	<b>5:30PM</b>	<b>Edward &amp; Marc Drevitch</b> By Parents & Brother
<b>Wed</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>Colton Cikota</b> By Grandma
	<b>8:30AM</b>	<b>Courtney Lyn Reeves</b> By Joan Hennigan
	<b>5:30PM</b>	<b>Mary, Theresa &amp; Angeline Butera</b> By Family
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>Carmel Insalaco</b> By Frank & Ann Marie Parente
	<b>8:30PM</b>	<b>Dec'd Members of the Franko &amp; Suprick Families</b> By Fran & Ray Franko
	<b>5:30PM</b>	<b>James Oliveri, Jr.</b> By Daughter, Janine & Family
<b>Fri</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>George McAdarra</b> By Wife, Diane & Fam.
	<b>8:30AM</b>	<b>Francis McDonald</b> By Janet & John Kapacs
	<b>5:30PM</b>	<b>Dorothy &amp; Albert Adrian</b> By Family
<b>Sat</b>	<b>4:00PM</b>	<b>Michael &amp; Jennie Champi</b> By Family
	<b>5:30PM</b>	<b>John Borzell, Sr.</b> By Sal & Bob Cometa
<b>Sun</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>Anna Mooney</b> By Frank & Maryann Nockley
	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>Charles Foy, Jr.</b> By Mary & Family
	<b>10:30AM</b>	<b>Robert &amp; Doris Caruthers</b> By Children & Grandchildren

**Corpus Christi Parish 11th Annual Car Show**

Will be held on Sunday, May 15, 2022, on the grounds of Holy Redeemer Church in Harding. There will be music, door prizes, and food trucks...all day. The admission for cars is as follows...

Pre-Registration.....\$10.00

Day of Show.....\$15.00

All are welcome to come and enjoy the day with us. Spectators are admitted free. For more information or volunteer opportunities, contact Mike Flynn 570-760-5704 or Deb Altavilla 570-574-4360.



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Dear Parishioners,

The first transition team meeting, for the future linkage of Saint Barbara and Corpus Christi Parishes was held March 7, 2022, at Immaculate Conception rectory of the Parish of Corpus Christi, West Pittston.

**A linked parish is when two or more parishes share a pastor. Linked parishes do many things cooperatively, especially given that the pastor is striving to serve two or more parishes.**

The members of the transition team from Corpus Christi include: Msgr. Sempa, Deacon Meizanis, Joe Burke, Lori Kasisky, Teresa Crossin, Carmen Altavilla, Joe Panzitta.

The members of the transition team from Saint Barbara include: Father Finn, Marilyn Jacobs, Loretta Semenza, Zachary Houston, James Shimko, Frank Nocito, Norma Janoski.

To better understand the concept of a linkage the following characteristics were discussed:

- The parishes remain distinct canonical entities (separate parishes).
- The parishes are encouraged to work toward combining parish Pastoral Council meetings and to establish common committees where possible.
- According to Canon (church) Law linked parishes must have separate finance councils.
- Linked parishes do many things cooperatively, such as programs and in-services.
- Joint staff meetings where cooperative planning happens are marks of a well-functioning linked parish.

Plans call for this linkage to occur no later than the end of July. In April, a posting for the position of pastor for this linkage will occur. Any diocesan priest may apply. The diocese will then select the pastor from the list of those priests who apply.

In the pre-linkage discussions, the following are what would be considered Pastoral needs:

- Mass schedules between all 3 churches including Holy Redeemer, Immaculate Conception and Saint Anthony of Padua.
- This includes weekend, daily and special event Masses.
- Providing Sacramentals to parishioners.
- Areas of growth and outreach.
- Recognizing our parish youth – Religious Education.
- Proper use of facilities (parish halls and event areas) and worship sites.
- Importance of travel time for the new pastor between active churches.

We ask that you keep these transition team members in your prayers and ask the Holy Spirit to give them guidance as they attempt to use their eyes and ears – share knowledge and look toward the future.