

The Linked Parishes of Corpus Christi and St. Barbara



“As members of the Body of Christ, the linked parishes of St. Barbara and Corpus Christi celebrate the presence of God in all people through our thoughts, words and deeds. We answer Christ’s call as a community of believers to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless and love one another.”

December 11, 2022
Third Sunday of Advent

Immaculate Conception Church
Holy Redeemer Church
St. Anthony Church
Msgr. John J. Sempa, Pastor

Corpus Christi Parish

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St. Barbara Parish

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Exeter, PA 18643
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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday

4:00PM St. Anthony
5:30PM Immaculate Conception

Sunday

7:30AM St. Anthony
9:00AM Holy Redeemer
10:30AM Immaculate Conception

Confession

Saturday

3:00PM to 3:30PM
St. Anthony Church

Daily Mass Schedule

Mon 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

Tues 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

Wed 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

12:10PM St. Anthony

Thurs 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

Fri 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

12:10PM St. Anthony

Watch Sunday & Daily Mass on

Corpus Christi Facebook

www.facebook.com/corpuschristiparishpa

Weekly Collection

December 4, 2022

St. Barbara

Sunday.....\$5,350.31

Corpus Christi

Sunday.....\$9,135.70

E-Giving\$4,507.58

Total \$13,643.28

Second Collection This Weekend

This weekend at all Masses, we will take up the Diocesan collection for the Retired Fund for Religious. Your generosity is always appreciated.

Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th:

4:00PM Mass.....St. Anthony's

Celebrant.....Fr. Finn

4:00PM Mass.....Immaculate Conception

Family Mass/Youth Choir

10:00PM MassImmaculate Conception

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25th:

7:30AM Mass.....St. Anthony's

9:00AM Mass.....Holy Redeemer

10:30AM Mass.....Immaculate Conception

New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31st:

4:00PM MassSt. Anthony's

5:30PM Mass.....Immaculate Conception

New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1st:

7:30AM Mass.....St. Anthony's

9:00AM Mass.....Holy Redeemer

10:30AM Mass.....Immaculate Conception

St. Barbara & Corpus Christi Usher Meeting

All ushers from both parishes are asked to attend a meeting at Immaculate Conception rectory on **Tuesday, December 13 at 6:00PM**. Refreshments will be served.

Corpus Christi Parish "Winter Lottery"

"Winter Lottery" tickets will be sold after all Masses beginning this weekend. If you prefer, e-mail needtickets123@gmail.com for tickets. Match the evening Pick 3 drawing (straight) of the PA Daily Lottery and you can win \$50 Monday thru Saturday, \$100 on Sundays or \$150 on the following bonus days: January 1 & 15, February 1 & 15 or March 1 & 15. Donation is \$25.00 a ticket. Currently, we are not reissuing numbers. You can still make your returns for the ticket you received in the mail.

St. Barbara's Christian Women Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Fox Hill Country Club

6:00PM...Dinner served at 6:30PM

Entertainment provided by Holy Redeemer Chorus Students. Cost is \$35.00 per person payable to St. Barbara's Parish. Reservations and payment is due by Sunday, December 11th. We are collecting donations of toiletries for Wyoming Area Student Closet and socks, hats, gloves and scarves for homeless men.

St. Barbara Envelopes

Beginning January 2023, the envelope system used at St. Barbara's will change. The finance committee decided to remove some envelopes and added a monthly dues envelope. In addition, St. Barbara's will initiate e-giving in January. More information on the process of signing up for e-giving will be published later.

2022/2023 Envelope Donations

Please know any envelopes for St. Barbara or Corpus Christi Parish received after December 31, 2022 will be credited to 2023.

Christmas Wafers

Christmas Wafers are in the vestibules of the churches or you may pick them up at either rectory. Donation is \$2.00 for a pack of 4 wafers.

2023 Parish Calendars

2023 parish calendars can be found in the vestibules of the churches. Thank you to Gubbiotti Funeral Home, LLC for, once again, donating our parish calendars. Please take one home today!

Youth Choir

All children from St. Barbara and Corpus Christi Parishes are welcome to join our "Youth Choir" to sing at the 4:00PM Family Mass on Christmas Eve. **Please note, there is no practice today, Sunday, December 11th. The children will practice on Sunday December 18 at 5:30PM in Immaculate Conception Church.** Please contact choir director Mary Supey for a practice date & time this week tsupey@hotmail.com.



Corpus Christi Parish Diocesan Appeal

2022 Goal:	\$30,000.00
Raised:	<u>\$31,340.00</u>
Over	\$1,340.00

St. Barbara Parish Diocesan Appeal

2022 Goal:	\$31,000.00
Raised:	<u>\$18,103.00</u>
Over (Under)	(\$12,897.00)

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Lectors & Altar Servers

A new ministry schedule for January, February & March 2023 will be prepared this month. Please contact your coordinator by December 16 with any changes to your scheduling preference. Also, please inform your coordinator by December 7 of your availability to serve Mass on Christmas or New Year's.

Lectors/ EM's...Teresa Crossin tacross5@comcast.net
or 570-357-3985

Altar Servers.....Donna Mason toddler.dm@gmail.com
or 570-903-9142

Liturgy Intentions For The Week



December 12 thru 18, 2022

- Mon 7:30AM (ICC) **Dominic & Lucy Occhiato**
By Family
- Tues 7:30AM (ICC) **Theresa Montante**
By Sons & Families
- 8:30AM (HRC) **Marian Martin Franko**
By Esther Zavrotny & Fam.
- Wed 7:30AM (ICC) **Dec'd Members of the
Graham Family**
By John Graham
- 12:10PM (SAC) **John & Margaret Kalinas**
By Daughter & Family
- Thurs 7:30AM (ICC) **Eileen Hines**
By Ed & Tish Doreskewicz
- 8:30AM (HRC) **Kathy Krushnowski**
By Michael Gallagher
- Fri 7:30AM (ICC) **Cheryl Devers**
By Rosella Fedor
- 12:10PM (SAC) **Sr Angelina Mazzarella MPF**
By Sister, Rosalie
- Sat 4:00PM (SAC) **Angelo & MaryAnn Anzalone**
By MaryJo
- 5:30PM (ICC) **Deceased Members of
John Sorick Family &
Cornelius Allen**
By Anita Sorick Allen
- Sun 7:30AM (SAC) **Dec'd Membs of Parra
& Christian Families**
By Children
- 9:00AM (HRC) **Paul Karasinski**
By Wife, Children &
Grandchildren
- 10:30AM (ICC) **John J. Casey, Jr.**
By Family

Candles

These candles, which will burn December 11 thru 17, are donated in loving memory of the following:

Altar Candles at ICC

Cataldo, Christine & Sam Scalzo....By Family

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Josette Yakobitis.....By Jerry, Faith, Andrew &
Michael

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

**Dec'd Membs Brown, Bishop, Serafin & Paster-
nak Families.....**By John & Maryellen Serafin

Altar Candles at HR

Ben & Ursula Danoski.....By Daughter, Christine

Sanctuary Candle at HR

Margaret Hreha.....By Family

Sanctuary Candle at SAC

Joseph T. Pellegrini.....By Marion & Family

Social Concerns Christmas News



The Giving Tree

If you did not yet choose a tag from our "Giving Tree," there is still time to do so. This year we put over 900 tags on our trees and on-line. We are very happy indeed that we had to fill the trees over and over again.

Please know the very last day to return your "Giving Tree" gifts is next **Sunday, December 18**. Gifts may be returned to St. Barbara, Holy Redeemer or Immaculate Conception Church. The virtual "Giving Tree" can still be accessed on our website at www.corpuschristinepa.com or our Facebook at www.facebook.com/corpuschristiparishpa. When you choose a tag from our "Giving Tree" on line, please know we do have the tags at Immaculate Conception rectory or you can put your own tag on the gift with the child's name and family number on it. Questions regarding this Christmas project can be referred to Joyce at 570-654-2753 or jceconi50@gmail.com.

Soup Ministry....[Please note date change!](#)

[Thursday, December 15th and Friday, December 16th at 9:00AM](#) We will meet in IC Church hall to make soup for the homebound parishioners of Corpus Christi & St. Barbara Parishes. All are welcome!

Baking Spirits Bright

Our homebound parishioners and those residing in nursing homes love to receive gifts of goodies for Christmas! If you are doing your Christmas baking, perhaps you can bake an extra dozen or so of cookies which we can share with our homebound parishioners and those residing in nursing homes. Please drop off your baked goods at Immaculate Conception rectory or church hall by [Thursday, December 15](#). Thank you, in advance, for your donations!



Christmas Gifts for Homebound and Nursing Homes

[Thursday, December 15th at 5:00PM](#) We will meet in IC Church hall to package Christmas cookies and wrap Christmas gifts to be delivered to our homebound and nursing home parishioners. All are welcome to join us!

Delivery to Homebound/Nursing Homes

[Friday & Saturday, December 16th & 17th](#) Volunteers will be needed to deliver soup and Christmas gifts to the homebound and to nursing home residents from Corpus Christi and St. Barbara Parishes. If you are able to help, please contact Joyce at 570-654-2753 or jceconi50@gmail.com or Josie Hatrak at 570-693-0826 or jnphat@comcast.net.

Preparing Christmas Food Bags

[Saturday, December 17th at 10:00AM](#) We will meet in Immaculate Conception Church hall to fill food bags for Christmas giving. We welcome teens needing service hours and anyone else who would like to help. Thank you in advance!

Sorting & Packing "Giving Tree" Gifts

[Sunday, December 18th at 11:30AM](#) Volunteers, including teens, are asked to meet in Immaculate Conception Church to sort & pack up Christmas gifts for distribution.

Drive-Thru Pick Up of Christmas Gifts

[Sunday, December 18th between 3:00PM & 4:00PM](#) The drive-thru distribution of "Giving Tree" gifts & Christmas food will take place during this time. This year we could have up to 150 cars coming through. We will need the help of teens as well as young adults to help carry packages to the cars. Volunteers are asked to be here by 2:00PM that day. Thank you, in advance, for your help with this parish wide project.

Cake Pops for Family Mass on Christmas Eve

[Monday & Tuesday, December 19th & 20th](#) Our Social Concerns Chefs will meet at 9:00AM in Immaculate Conception Church kitchen to make Christmas Cake Pops. The pops will be given to the children at our 4:00PM "Family Mass" at Immaculate Conception Church on Christmas Eve. If you enjoy baking and you are able, please join us. Thank you!

