

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

March 12, 2023
Third Sunday of Lent

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

**Corpus Christi/
St. Barbara Parishes**
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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

5:30PM Immaculate Conception

Tues 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

5:30PM Immaculate Conception

Wed 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

12:10PM St. Anthony

5:30PM Immaculate Conception

Thurs 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

5:30PM Immaculate Conception

Fri 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

12:10PM St. Anthony

5:30PM Immaculate Conception

Watch Sunday & Daily Mass on

Corpus Christi Facebook

www.facebook.com/corpuschristiparishpa

Weekly Collection **February 26, 2023**

St. Barbara

Weekly.....\$5,819.85

E-Giving.....\$39.70

Total \$5,859.55

Corpus Christi

Weekly.....\$7,401.59

E-Giving.....\$1,093.93

Total \$8,495.52

Second Collection This Weekend

Each Lent, Catholic families unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through Operation Rice Bowl, we learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all. As always, thank you for your generosity.

Stations of the Cross

On Fridays during Lent, there are Stations of the Cross at 3:30PM at St. Anthony’s Church and immediately following the 5:30PM Mass at Immaculate Conception Church.

The Light Is on for You

During Lent, on Monday evenings, Msgr. Sempa will be in the confessional at one of our worship sites. His schedule is as follows:

3/13 5:45PM to 6:30PM Immaculate Conception Church

3/20 5:45PM to 6:30PM Immaculate Conception Church

3/27 6:00PM to 7:00PM Holy Redeemer Church

Soup & Scripture

This Tuesday, March 12, all are welcome, following the 5:30PM Mass, to join us in the church hall to share a simple Lenten meal of soup and sandwiches. Following the meal, please welcome our guest speaker, Amy Hoegen, University of Scranton, Campus Ministry. This week the EM’s and Lectors of Corpus Christi & St. Barbara Parishes will provide the soups and sandwiches.

Social Concerns News

•Easter Food Drive

We are in the process of filling our food shelves for Easter giving. If you can help, we are collecting donations of all non perishable foods. If you prefer, we will gladly accept monetary donations which will be used to buy hams and/or grocery gift cards. Donations may be left in the vestibules of the churches.



•Easter Baskets for Children

Once again this Easter, we will be helping local families with Easter baskets for their children ages 12 and under. We are looking for donations of individually wrapped candy, chocolates, small toys, coloring & painting books, bubbles, tablets, chalk, any items appropriate for kids ages toddler thru 12 years. Donations may be dropped off at the rectory or left in the vestibules of the churches. Thank you!



•Homebound & Nursing Homes

If you or someone you know is either homebound or residing in a nursing home, please call the rectory so we can put them on our lists. Thank you.

•Help for Easter

If you or someone you know would need help for Easter, please contact Joyce at 570 654 2753 or icecconi50@gmail.com.

St. Barbara Holy Name Society Meeting

All men from both parishes are welcome to attend the Holy Name Society meeting on **Thursday, March 16 at 7:00PM** in St. Anthony's meeting room.

Family Brunch Sponsored by Corpus Christi Parish Holy Name Society

Save the Date!! Corpus Christi Parish Holy Name Society is hosting a family brunch on Sunday, April 23rd following the 10:30AM Mass in Immaculate Conception Church Hall. The guest speaker is Mark Hiller from WBRE.

Tickets are.....Adults over 16 years of age...\$12.00
Children 6 years to 16 years...\$8.00
Children 5 years and under.....Free

See full details in next week's bulletin.

EM's & Lectors & Altar Servers

If you are available to serve for the Triduum or Easter Sunday Mass, please contact your coordinator by March 20th.....

EM's & Lectors:

Teresa at 570 357 3985 or tacross5@comcast.net

Altar Servers:

Donna at 570 903 9142 or toddler.dm@gmail.com

The Triduum and Easter Schedule is as follows:

4/6	Holy Thursday	7:00PM(ICC)
4/7	Good Friday	1:00PM(SA)
4/8	Easter Vigil	8:00PM(ICC)
4/9	Easter Sunday	7:30AM(SA)
4/9	Easter Sunday	9:00AM(HR)
4/9	Easter (Family Mass)	10:30AM(ICC)

The Paschal Candle

At the Easter Vigil, the Paschal candle is lit from the new fire. The new Paschal candle at each worship site can be donated in memory of a loved one. To donate the Paschal candle at St. Anthony's, Holy Redeemer or Immaculate Conception Church, call Joyce at the rectory 570 654 2753.

Holy Hour with Bishop Bambera

Mark your calendars! Wednesday, March 22nd we will host Holy Hour for our Deanery and invite everyone to join us in the church hall for light refreshments. **We are looking for volunteers to bake your favorite cookies and help set up and clean up afterward. If you can help, please call or e mail Joyce at 570 654 753 or jceconi50@gmail.com.**

Corpus Christi "Twilight Bingo"....SOLD OUT!

Thank you to everyone for your donations and for purchasing bingo tickets.....**WE ARE NOW SOLD OUT!!**

Corpus Christi "Winter Lottery" Winners

Congratulations to our lucky "Winter Lottery" winners...

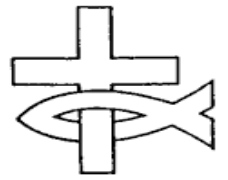
3/1	#322	No Winner	\$150.00
3/2	#351	Theresa Colella	\$50.00
3/3	#757	Susanne Mullin	\$50.00
3/4	#780	Linda Blandina	\$50.00
3/5	#796	No Winner	\$100.00
3/6	#897	Maryanne Paleski	\$50.00
3/7	#014	Mary Lou Shields	\$50.00

Special drawing winners include...

3/1	Patty Schroff	\$150.00
3/5	Jackie Scalzo	\$100.00

Thank you to everyone for your participation in our parish lottery.

Liturgy Intentions For The Week



March 13 thru 19, 2023

- Mon 7:30AM (ICC) **Patrick Cawley**
By Eileen & Patrick
- 5:30PM (ICC) **Frank & Nellie Parente**
By Son, Frank & Family
- Tues 7:30AM (ICC) **Leonora Ford**
By Michele Pilato
- 8:30AM (HRC) **Shirley Ann Sutter**
By David & Sharon Gavigan
- 5:30PM (ICC) **Michael J. Fino**
By Jumper Family
- Wed 7:30AM (ICC) **Michael Soricelli**
By Jack & Mary Claire Borzell
- 12:10PM (SAC) **Sr. Ann Marie Lizak O'Brien**
By Elvis & Marie O'Brien
- 5:30PM (ICC) **Leonard Insalaco, II**
By Family
- Thurs 7:30AM (ICC) **Ann Brannon**
By Anastasia Kozloski
- 8:30AM (HRC) **Philip LaScala**
By Pacelli Family
- 5:30PM (ICC) **Michael J. Naples, Jr.**
By Roseann & Tom O'Connor
- Fri 7:30AM (ICC) **Dominic Carsia**
By Wife, MaryJane
- 12:10PM (SAC) **Fr. Michael Finn**
By Christian Women Society
- 5:30PM (ICC) **Joseph Agolino**
By Joe & Donna Valenti
- Sat 4:00PM (SAC) **John W. Luke**
By Daughter, Anne Luke
- 5:30PM (ICC) **Joseph E. Fedor**
By Rosella & Josette
- Sun 7:30AM (SAC) **M/M George J. Maffei & Elaine Gager**
By M/M David Nygren & George T. Maffei
- 9:00AM (HRC) **Dale Franko**
By Sister, Michele & Fam.
- 10:30AM (ICC) **Frances Bellanco**
By Daughters, Roseann, Josie & Families

Candles

These candles which will burn March 12 thru 18, 2023 are donated in loving memory of the following:

Altar Candles at ICC

Barbara & Patrick Cawley.....By Nick & Geraldine Anzelmi

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Dominic Carsia.....By Family

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Diego & Mary Giamusso, Tom Crispino, Ann Marie Alfano.....By Daughter, Wife & Aunt, Dorothy Crispino

Altar Candle at HR

Patrick Cawley.....By Eileen & Patrick

Sanctuary Candle at HR

Gini Ciampi.....By Joan Serino & Family

Altar Candles at SAC

Marianna Gildea Smith.....By Husband, Chuck



LENTEN HOLY HOUR WITH BISHOP BAMBERA

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

7:00PM

Immaculate Conception Church

All of the faithful in the Diocese of Scranton are invited to a Lenten Holy Hour with the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, to commemorate the diocesan phase of the National Eucharistic Revival. These gatherings will take place in each of the twelve deaneries of the Diocese of Scranton. The Lenten Holy Hour for our deanery, the Pittston Deanery, will take place on Wednesday, March 22 at 7:00PM at Corpus Christi Parish--605 Luzerne Avenue, West Pittston, PA 18643.

At their November 2021 General Assembly, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops voted to move forward with plans for a National Eucharistic Revival to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. The multi-year Eucharistic Revival began on Sunday, June 19, 2022, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, and culminates with the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, July 17-21, 2024. Mark your calendars and plan on joining Bishop Bambera as we pray for renewal in our devotion to Jesus Christ present to us in the Eucharist.

Following Holy Hour all are welcome to join us in the church hall for light refreshments.



**ST. BARBARA PARISH
RED & WHITE
PIZZA SALE**

Pick up on Good Friday, April 7, 2023

2:00-6:00PM

St. Barbara's Parish Center

I would like (enter quantity)....

_____ Red Pizza (half tray) \$7.00
(unbaked)

_____ Red Pizza (full tray) \$14.00
(unbaked)

_____ White Pizza (half tray) \$9.00
(baked)

_____ White Pizza (full tray) \$18.00
(baked)

I have enclosed \$ _____ for my order

NAME: _____ **PHONE NUMBER:** _____

Preorder/Prepaid Only

Orders are due by Sunday, March 26th

Red pizza will be unbaked • White pizza will be baked

**Options to return form and payment:
Place in collection basket • Drop off at rectory • Mail to rectory**

Monday, April 3, 2023
Deanery Penance Service
St. John the Evangelist Church
William Street, Pittston
All are welcome!

Holy Thursday, APRIL 6, 2023
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00PM
Immaculate Conception Church
Night Prayer 10:00PM

This is the night when we remember how God freed his people enslaved in Egypt. It is the Passover of the Lord. At the Last Supper, Jesus washes the feet of the disciples as a sign of servanthood and commands us to do likewise. We hear again Christ's command (mandatum) to love and serve one another. We give thanks for the gift of Christ's presence in the Eucharist. There is no dismissal; we leave in silence; the story continues tomorrow. After communion the blessed sacrament is placed on the altar and remains there until Night Prayer at 10:00PM.

Good Friday, April 7, 2023
Passion of our Lord 1:00PM
St. Anthony's Church

This is the day of our salvation! The service commemorating Christ's passion and death is the most somber and solemn liturgy in our church year. All who enter the church should feel a deep silence settle over them and be struck by the barrenness of the church. The Church comes together to read from Scripture and to pray for the whole world. This is not only a time to mourn the death of Jesus on the Cross, but a moment to remember that through his death on the Cross, we are given eternal life with him.

Good Friday, April 7, 2023
Living Stations of the Cross
7:00PM St. Anthony's Church

All are welcome to attend this beautiful presentation of "Living Stations of the Cross" which is presented by children from both parishes. Music is provided by our parish youth choir. Following the presentation, all are welcome to join the kids in the parish center for pizza.

Holy Saturday, April 8, 2023
Blessing of Baskets 12:00Noon
St. Anthony's Church

Our Social Concerns members will be preparing approximately 100 Easter Baskets containing ham, hard boiled eggs, paska, a chocolate cross and a small bottle of wine which will be blessed then delivered to our homebound parishioners.

Holy Saturday, April 8, 2023
Easter Egg Hunt 12:15PM
St. Anthony's Church Grounds

All boys and girls are invited to our Easter Egg Hunt. Students from our Confirmation Classes in both parishes will be scattering hundreds of eggs on the grounds of St. Anthony's Church. There will be a special section for toddlers and prizes for everyone!! Of course, we will expect a visit from the Easter Bunny!!

Easter Vigil & Mass 8:00PM
Immaculate Conception Church

This is the most sacred night in the church's liturgical year. We remember that the death and darkness of the tomb does not triumph. It is shattered in the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. The service begins with the lighting of the new fire. We hear salvation's story. We renew our baptismal vows. We sing Alleluia. We ring bells. Sing the Gloria. Eucharist is shared. We rejoice! The Lord is risen!!

Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023
Mass 7:30AM.....St. Anthony's Church
Mass 9:00AM.....Holy Redeemer Church
Family Mass 10:30AM.....Immaculate Conception Church

At this Easter Sunday Family Mass, our youth choir will sing and children of the parishes will participate as lectors, heavenly hosts, and gift bearers. The Easter Bunny just may join us with delicious treats for everyone.