

# 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.”*

**April 16, 2023**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**

**Immaculate Conception Church**

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

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

**Weekly Collection**

**April 9, 2023**

**St. Barbara**

**Weekly.....\$3,334.27**

**E-Giving.....\$645.00**

**Easter.....\$7,250.00**

**Total               \$11,229.27**

**Good Friday (Holy Land)**

**\$809.75**

**Corpus Christi**

**Weekly.....\$7,827.51**

**E-Giving.....\$3,916.43**

**Easter.....\$13,470.00**

**Holy Thurs.....\$2,014.95**

**Total               \$27,228.89**

**Good Friday (Holy Land)**

**\$750.00**

**Altar Cloth at Immaculate Conception Church**

The beautiful altar cloth adorning the altar at Immaculate Conception Church is donated in loving memory of John & Lola Rindgen by their daughter, Patricia.

**EM's, Lectors, Servers**

A new ministry schedule which will run from May thru August will be prepared. Please contact your coordinator with any changes in your availability. EM's & lectors please contact Teresa at 570 357 3985 or [tacross5@comcast.net](mailto:tacross5@comcast.net). Servers please contact Donna at 570 903 9142 or [toddler.dm@gmail.com](mailto:toddler.dm@gmail.com).

**Religious Education News**

**► First Eucharist Retreat**

Please note.....the date for the First Eucharist Retreat has changed..The retreat will be held on Saturday, April 22nd in Immaculate Conception School. The retreat runs from 9:00AM to 12 Noon. Lunch will be provided for the children. All boys and girls from Corpus Christi and St. Barbara Parishes, including those who attend Catholic School, are asked to attend this retreat. The children will be making their First Communion banners. Adult help is needed for this retreat. If you can help, please contact Patti at 570 428 3381 or [pattiw1018@gmail.com](mailto:pattiw1018@gmail.com). Thank you.

**► Sacraments of First Reconciliation & First Eucharist**

Will be celebrated for the children of Corpus Christi & St. Barbara Parishes on Saturday, May 6th at 10:00AM in Immaculate Conception Church. There are 2 mandatory practices for the children on Sunday, April 30 and Friday, May 5 at 6:00PM in ICC.

**► Sacrament of Confirmation**

Will be celebrated for 8th grade students from Corpus Christi & St. Barbara Parishes on Sunday, May 21 at 3:00PM in St. Anthony's Church. There is one practice for the students and sponsors on Wednesday, May 17 at 6:00PM in St. Anthony's Church.

**► Corpus Christi Religious Education Classes**

Students in K thru grades 7 have two more classes, Sunday, April 23 and the final classes are on Sunday, April 30th. The 8th grade Confirmation prep class is done.

**► St. Barbara Religious Education Classes**

This Sunday, April 16 is the final day for classes at St. Barbara Parish.

**Family Mass**

Our last "Family Mass" for this year will be held on Sunday, April 30th at 10:30AM. All boys and girls from Corpus Christi and St. Barbara Parishes are welcome to take part as lectors, heavenly hosts, gift bearers, etc. Please contact

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MaryAnn Oliveri 570 357 1778 [mare0912@epix.net](mailto:mare0912@epix.net)

**Make Your Own Sundae, Sunday**

On Sunday, April 30th, immediately following the 10:30AM Mass, all are welcome to join us in Immaculate Conception church Hall for "Make your own sundae, Sunday".

**Family Brunch**  
**Sponsored by Corpus Christi Parish**  
**Holy Name Society**

**Sunday, April 23 following the 10:30AM Mass**  
**Immaculate Conception Church Hall**

Tickets will be sold after all Masses this weekend or you may call or stop by the rectory for tickets. The guest speaker is Mark Hiller from WBRE. The menu will consist of an omelette station, homemade waffles, breakfast potatoes, ham, sausage, bacon and rolls & butter. Tickets are \$12 for adults over 16 years of age, \$6 for children 6 to 16 and children 5 and younger are free.

**St. Barbara Fundraising Committee**

We wish to thank everyone who helped make our recent pizza sale a success. To those who donated, cooked bought our pizzas and cleaned up, your generosity is greatly appreciated. The profit from the sale is **\$2,058.00.**

**St. Barbara Parish "Flea Market"**

Our annual flea market will be held on **July 21, 22 & 23.** Starting May 1st we will begin accepting donations for our flea market. Items can be left at St. Anthony's Parish Center by the door next to Pride. Please do not leave donations on a rainy day and do not block the door. Please no encyclopedias, exercise equipment, computers, clothing, shoes or live plants. Thank you!

**Corpus Christi Parish**  
**Car Show**  
**Sunday, May 7th**  
**Holy Redeemer Grounds**  
**11:00AM to 4:00PM**

There will be music all day, food trucks, vendors and give-aways. Show is open to antiques, classics, customs, street rods, low riders and motorcycles. Car Registration \$15. Begins at 11:00AM.

**2023 Wedding Anniversary Mass**

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.I., Bishop of Scranton and the office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2023 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 4. The event includes a 2:30PM Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. The registration deadline is May 7th.

To register go to <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/wedding-anniversary-2023-registration-form/> or contact Bridget Guarneri 570 207 2213 x 1133 or [familylife@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:familylife@dioceseofscranton.org).

**Courtesy News**

**Cherry Blossom Festival**

The annual Cherry Blossom Festival will take place from 11:00AM to 5:00PM on Saturday and Sunday, May 6 & 7th. We are looking for some teen and adult help grilling and working the food stands. If you can help, contact Pat Messina at 570 479 5023. Great opportunity for service hours!

**Les Miserables**

Wyoming Area Drama Club and Thespian Troupe #4795 presents Les Miserables at the WA Secondary Center on April 28 & 29 at 7:00PM and April 30 at 2:00PM. Tickets can be purchased April 17 thru 20 & April 24 thru 27 from 6-8PM at the Secondary Center or at the door. Tickets are \$15.

**Liturgy Intentions**  
**For The Week**



April 17 thru 23, 2023

**Mon 7:30AM (ICC) Dave Dembowski**

By Friends

**Tues 7:30AM (ICC) Jimmy Gardner**

By Friends

**8:30AM (HRC) Daniel Smitka**

By Family

**Wed 7:30AM (ICC) Dec'd Members of the Graham Family**

By John Graham

**12:10PM (SAC) Adella & Joseph Zavada**

By Joseph, Marion Rubino & Family

**Thurs 7:30AM (ICC) Louis & Elvera Cella**

By Family

**8:30AM (HRC) Margaret O'Fier**

By Secular Carmelite Community Marie Schimmelbusch, OCDS

**Fri 7:30AM (SAC) Mary & Jim English**

By Jim & Joanne

**12:10PM (SAC) Frank DiMaria**

By Daughter & Family

**Sat 4:00PM (SAC) Carmelina Frankosky**

By Tina & Ray Sabatini

**5:30PM (ICC) Joseph & Bernadine Romasiewicz**

By Adam Buckman

**Sun 7:30AM (SAC) Robert Robbins**

By Bill & MaryAnn Kull

**9:00AM (HR) George Mason, Jr.**

By Wife, Donna

**10:30AM (ICC) John Ciampi**

By Linda & Michael Drevitch

**Candles**

These candles which will burn April 16 thru 22, 2023 are donated in loving memory of the following:

**Altar Candles at ICC**

**Joseph & Bernadine Romasiewicz.....**By Adam Buckman

**Holy Family Candle at ICC**

**Clem Parulis.....**By Wife, Diane & Family

**Sanctuary Candle at ICC**

**Joe & Teresa Cravatta.....**By Dtgr, Phyllis

**Altar Candles at SAC**

**Frank Galonis.....**By Family

**Bishop Youth Awards**

Students who received the Bishop Youth Award and did not attend the Mass, we have your award in the rectory. Please call or stop by to pick it up.