

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.”

July 23, 2023

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**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

Weekly Collection July 16, 2023

St. Barbara

Weekly.....\$6,236.05

E-Giving.....\$130.00

Total \$6,366.05

Corpus Christi

Weekly.....\$7,484.70

E-Giving.....\$2,654.43

Total \$10,139.13



St. Barbara Parish Flea Market & Potato Pancake Sale

Fri, July 21st 4:00PM–8:00PM

Sat, July 22nd 12:00PM-5:00PM

Sun, July 23rd 12:00PM-4:00PM

Corpus Christi “No Bazaar” Collection

Once again this year we are replacing our parish bazaar with a “No Bazaar” Collection. A letter was mailed to each parishioner with information on donating to our “No Bazaar” Collection. Please know if you use **E** giving, you have the option of making your donation on line. This week our “No Bazaar” collection envelopes brought in **\$10,150.00** bringing our total to date **\$16,910.00**. Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

Corpus Christi Parish Holy Name Society

Hey all you Penn State Football fans, our Holy Name Society is raffling off a Penn State Football which is autographed by the Penn State Football Team (including local high school graduates). The donation is \$1.00 per ticket or \$10.00 for 15 tickets. Profit from this raffle directly benefits the children from our parishes through the Society’s donations toward gifts and parties for all children.

Scheduling Masses for 2024

Our 2024 Mass books are now open. If you would like to schedule Masses for Corpus Christi or St. Barbara’s Parish for 2024, please call Dorothy at the rectory Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays between 10:00AM and 2:00PM. Thank you!

Training Session for New Altar Servers

There is an altar server training session for boys and girls, from both parishes, who are interested in becoming altar servers on **Tuesday, July 25 at 6:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church**. Gabe Snyder will be training the new servers. If your child wishes to become an altar server but cannot attend this session, please contact Jennifer Snyder at genjag75@comcast.net so a training session can be set up.

Upcoming Meetings

St. Barbara Parish Finance Committee

Will meet on **Monday, July 24 at 6:00PM** in Immaculate Conception Rectory.

St. Barbara Parish Fundraising Committee

Will meet on **Tuesday, July 25 at 6:00PM** in the meeting room in St. Anthony’s Parish Center.

Religious Education Teacher Meeting

All current teachers and aides from Corpus Christi or St. Barbara Parishes and anyone who is interested in helping with Religious Education are welcome to attend this meeting on **Thursday, July 27 at 6:00PM** in Immaculate Conception Rectory.

Social Concerns News

•Social Concerns Committees Receive Diocesan Grants

Recently, we were notified by the diocese that St. Barbara Parish Social Concerns received a \$5,000 Grant and Corpus Christi Parish Social Concerns received a \$5,000 Grant from the Diocesan Annual Appeal.

•Homebound and Nursing Homes

We are in the process of updating our homebound and nursing home residents. If you know of someone who is homebound or is residing in a nursing home, please let us know. Please call the rectory or e mail Joyce at jcec-coni50@gmail.com. Thank you.

•“Project, Back to School”

Our Social Concerns Committees from Corpus Christi and St. Barbara Parishes are teaming up to collect donations of new back-to-school supplies and new hygiene products. Our goal is to enable local families, who may be struggling financially, to equip their children with the back-to-school supplies and hygiene products they need. Donations may be left in the vestibules of the churches or dropped off at the rectory.



►Establishing proper hygiene is key to a sense of self and better health. If you can help, we are asking for donations of personal hygiene products for children aged toddler thru teen. Some suggested items could include: **brushes, combs, chapstick, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, dry shampoo, ponytail holders, shaving cream, soap, bodywash, toothbrushes, toothpaste and mouthwash.**

►Some suggestions for back-to-school supplies could include: **pens, pencils, folders, composition books, spiral notebooks, wide ruled and college ruled paper, binders, pencil sharpeners, highlighters, pencil pouches, calculators, ear buds, staplers, rulers and hand sanitizers.**

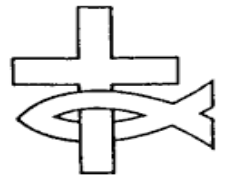
►Suggestions for non-perishable food donations could include: **peanut butter, jelly, pastas, sauces, rice, canned meats and tuna, breakfast foods including hot and cold cereals, oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, breakfast bars, puddings, jello, cookies and crackers.**

Courtesy News

Cemetery Administrative Assistant

The Diocese of Scranton is looking for qualified applicants for a full-time position at St. Mary's Cemetery, Hanover Twp. This position interacts with families, funeral directors and others who are in need of various cemetery services. Interested applicants are asked to send a complete resume with a minimum of 3 references by July 28, 2023 to James Burke, Diocesan Secretary for Human Services, 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, Pa. 18503 or please e mail Jim-Burke@dioceseofscranton.org.

Liturgy Intentions For The Week



July 24 thru 30, 2023

Mon	7:30AM (ICC)	Jim Wiedl By M/M Frank Pacelli
Tues	7:30AM (ICC)	Dante Bovani, Sr. By Charlie & Irene Alfano
	8:30AM (HRC)	Mark Kleback By Dolores & Ray Calabrese
Wed	7:30AM (ICC)	Vincent Rotondaro By Dorothy & Steve DeBella
	12:10PM (SAC)	Elmer & Ethel Stella By Cynthia & Gerri
Thurs	7:30AM (ICC)	Dec'd Membs of the Janoski & Voyton Families By Norma & Walter
	8:30AM (HRC)	James Sabol By Kluk Family
Fri	7:30AM (ICC)	James Biagioli By Kruchinsky Family
	12:10PM (SAC)	Jeffrey J. Szura By Francis Talerico.
Sat	4:00PM (SAC)	Merle & Florence Pace & Robert Kepich By Family
	5:30PM (ICC)	Providence Katarsky By Husband & Sons
Sun	7:30AM (SAC)	Rose Tokash By Steve & Judy Hager
	9:00AM (HR)	Marie Flannery By Friends
	10:30AM (ICC)	Claire H. & Thomas C. Carr III By Jack & Susan Carr

Candles

These candles, which will burn July 23 thru 29, 2023, are donated in loving memory of the following:

Altar Candles at ICC

Tom & Marita Burke.....By Daughter, Beth & Family

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Sam Denisco.....By Children

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Faust ValentiBy Hyzinski Family

Sanctuary Candle at HR

Stanley Gruner.....By Bob & Linda Gruner

Sanctuary Candle at SAC

Mary Giordano & Doris VaculaBy Ross, Margaret & Family