

# 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.”*

**September 24, 2023**  
**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Immaculate Conception Church**  
**Holy Redeemer Church**  
**St. Anthony Church**

**Msgr. John J. Sempa, Pastor**  
**Corpus Christi/**  
**St. Barbara Parishes**  
**605 Luzerne Avenue**  
**West Pittston, 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](http://www.facebook.com/corpuschristiparishpa)

**Weekly Collection**

**September 17, 2023**

**St. Barbara**

**Weekly.....\$5,519.73**

**E-Giving.....\$285.00**

**Total \$5,804.73**

**No Bazaar Collection**

**This Week.....\$465.00**

**Total to Date \$16,497.00**

**Corpus Christi**

**Weekly..... \$6,049.00**

**E-Giving.....\$2,159.93**

**Total \$8,208.93**

**No Bazaar Collection**

**This week.....\$275.00**

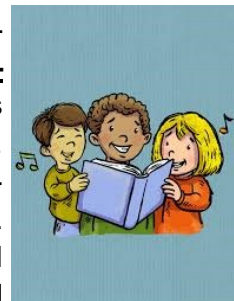
**Total to date \$30,250.00**

**Religious Education Classes**

Religious Education classes for Corpus Christi and St. Barbara Parishes will begin today, **Sunday, September 24, 2023**. Classes for children in kindergarten thru grade 8 are held from 9:00AM to 10:10AM.

**Youth Choir**

Our combined parish “Youth Choir” will begin practice on **Sunday, October 1st at 5:30PM in Immaculate Conception Church**. We welcome all boys and girls from both parishes to join our Youth Choir. Our Youth Choir will be singing at the 10:30AM Halloween Family Mass on Sunday, October 29th. After that they will be singing at our scheduled Family Masses, including Christmas Eve at 4:00PM and our Easter Sunday at 10:30AM. For more information, please contact youth choir director, Mary Supey at 570 237 2275 or e-mail [tsupey@hotmail.com](mailto:tsupey@hotmail.com)



**Blessing of the Animals**

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi the blessing of the animals will take place at our parish next Sunday, October 1st as follows:  
**12:00PM**.....Deacon Jim will “Bless the Animals” on the grounds of Holy Redeemer Church  
**12:00PM**.....Deacon Walter will “Bless the Animals” under the pavilion at St. Anthony’s Church  
**12:30PM**.....Msgr, Sempa will “Bless the Animals” on the grounds of Immaculate Conception Church

**St. Barbara Parish  
 Holy Name Chicken Dinner**



This take-out roasted chicken dinner featuring Arca-ro & Genell’s 1/2 Italian roasted chicken, potato, vegetable, roll & dessert will be held on **Sunday, October 15 from 11:00AM to 3:00PM** at St. Anthony’s Parish Center. Dinners are \$14 each. To order tickets fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket (at any Mass), drop off, or mail to St. Barbara Parish, 605 Luzerne Avenue, West Pittston, 18643 by Sunday, October 8th. Tickets will also be available after all Masses beginning next weekend. All dinners must be pre-ordered.

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**St. Barbara Parish “Take-Out” Chicken Dinner**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ dinners.

I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for my order.

*(Please make checks payable to St. Barbara Parish)*

**Corpus Christi Parish  
"Twilight Bingo"**

This all cash bingo will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2023 in Immaculate Conception Church Hall. Doors open at 6:15PM and bingo starts at 7:00PM. Tickets are \$25 and must be purchased in advance. To purchase tickets, please mail or bring in your completed form or stop in and fill out a form and the tickets will be mailed to you. This is a BYOB event. We will be selling food including chicken salad on croissant, pierogies, hot dogs, hamburgers, soda, bottled water and desserts.



**Sacraments of First Eucharist & Reconciliation**

Will be celebrated for students in second grade and older grade in Immaculate Conception Church on Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 10:00AM.

**Sacrament of Confirmation**

Will be celebrated for students in eighth grade and older in St. Anthony's Church on Sunday, May 19, 2024 (time to be announced.)

**St. Barbara Parish Envelopes**

**Please note if you are using E Giving and recently received envelopes, please disregard them. There was a glitch in the system. Thank you!**

**Courtesy News**

**Knights of Columbus Coat Drive**

The Knights of Columbus Council 18046 is conducting a coat drive until November 30. For your convenience, there are boxes in the vestibules of the churches. They are asking for new or gently used coats in all sizes for babies thru adults. The Knights meet in Immaculate Conception Rectory every third Monday of the month at 7:00PM. The next meeting is Monday, October 16 at 7:00PM. All men are welcome!

**Catholic Men's Conference**

Will be held on Saturday, October 7th at Holy Redeemer High School from 8:00AM-3:00PM. To attend, register online at [www.BeACatholicMan.com](http://www.BeACatholicMan.com) or by mail to: "Be a Catholic Man, Inc", PO Box 669, Wyalusing, Pa 18853. Cost is \$40 or \$15 for students. For information call Mike Kilmer 570 721 0872.

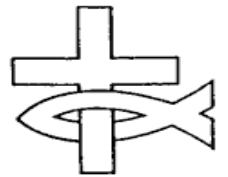
**Exeter Lions...Accepting New Members**

As Lions, we champion kindness in our communities and actively work to improve the lives of all people. Come serve with us in some of our community events...Halloween Goblin Watch for Wyoming Area elementary schools, Annual Christmas Tree Lighting in Lions Park or Spring Variety Bingo. We welcome all new members to join our mission. For an application, please e mail [loridee220@comcast.net](mailto:lорidee220@comcast.net).

**"Cruisin' for a Cause"....Car Show**

This car show benefiting Saint Joseph's Center will be held today Sunday, September 24 from 11:00AM -1:30PM in the Nazareth Student Center Parking Lot on the campus of Marywood University. Hi-Lites Motor Club along with a bake sale, raffle and refreshment stand will be on the grounds. Cars will be judged at 1:00PM.

**Liturgy Intentions  
For The Week**



**September 25 thru October 1, 2023**

- Mon 7:30AM (ICC) Dec'd Members of Hromisin Family**  
By Mary & Family
- Tues 7:30AM (ICC) Jimmy Parry**  
By Wife & Son
- 8:30AM (HRC) Ann Marie Armbruster**  
By Kittrick Family
- Wed 7:30AM (ICC) Stephen E. Sokach**  
By Mary Beth & Stephen
- 12:10PM (SAC) Frank Galonis**  
By Family
- Thurs 7:30AM (ICC) Nicolina Andrews**  
By Tom & Mary Moore
- 8:30AM (HRC) Philip La Scala**  
By Gloria Pleban
- Fri 7:30AM (ICC) Michael J. Fino**  
By Dr. Patrick & Judy Adonizio
- 12:10PM (SAC) Donata Chiampi**  
By Paul & Josephine Hatrak
- Sat 4:00PM (SAC) Bobby Robbins**  
By Wife, Children & Grandchildren
- 5:30PM (ICC) George Anthony**  
By Wife & Children
- Sun 7:30AM (SAC) Coach Jack Henzes**  
By WA Class of 1970
- 9:00AM (HR) John Borzell, Sr.**  
By Vince & Mary Ellen Kern
- 10:30AM (ICC) Robert & Doris Caruthers**  
By Children & Grandchildren

**Candles**

These candles will burn the week of September 24 thru 30 in loving memory of the following:

**Altar Candles at ICC**

**Jimmy Parry** .....By Wife & Son

**Holy Family Candle at ICC**

**Clare Leckie**.....By Husband, Children & Grandchildren

**Sanctuary Candle at ICC**

**Leonora Ford**.....By Family

**Sanctuary Candle at HR**

**Elaine Pendleton**.....By Gary & Mary Reeves

**Sanctuary Candle at SAC**

**Special Intentions**.....Paul & Josephine Hatrak