

# 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.”*

**February 4, 2024**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## **Immaculate Conception Church**

**Holy Redeemer Church  
St. Anthony Church**

**Msgr. John J. Sempa, Pastor  
Rev. Michael Drevitch,  
Assistant 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**

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

12:10PM St. Anthony

**Tues 7:30AM Immaculate Conception**

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

**Wed 7:30AM Immaculate Conception**

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

12:10PM St. Anthony

**Thurs 7:30AM Immaculate Conception**

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

**Fri 7:30AM Immaculate Conception**

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

12:10PM St. Anthony

*Watch Sunday & Daily Mass on*

*Corpus Christi Facebook*

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

## **Weekly Collection**

**January 28, 2024**

**St. Barbara**

**Weekly.....\$5,226.80**

**E-Giving.....\$175.00**

**Total \$5,401.80**

**2nd Collection \$742.50**

## **Corpus Christi**

**Weekly.....\$8,336.00**

**E-Giving.....\$1,893.43**

**Total \$10,229.43**

**2nd Collection \$787.33**

## **Important Announcement**

As we all are aware, during the month of January, due to the construction of a new roof on Immaculate Conception Church, the 7:30AM Daily Mass was temporarily moved to St. Anthony Church. **Beginning Monday, February 5, 2024, the 7:30AM daily Mass will be back at Immaculate Conception Church.**

## **Blessing of Throats**

**In honor of Saint Blase, this weekend at all Masses, we will be blessing throats.**

## **Blessed Candles**

Are available in the vestibules of the churches. Donation is \$4.00 for a box of 2 blessed candles.

## **Welcome, Scouts!!!**

Today, Saturday, we welcome members of Exeter Scout groups including Pack 310, Troop 311 and Troop 311G to our 4:00PM Mass at St. Anthony Church as they celebrate the start of scouting in February. For more information on scouting, e mail [troop311nepa@gmail.com](mailto:troop311nepa@gmail.com).

## **Rectory, Set, Cook: Collars & Scholars**

Father Michael Drevitch recently participated in a cooking competition with the priests of the Diocese of Scranton, including our students from Wyoming Area Catholic School. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, the cooking videos will go live and Father Michael is looking for your votes. Every donation will count as a vote and all contributions will go towards Wyoming Area Catholic School & Catholic Social Services. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

## **Youth Choir & Family Mass**

Our next Family Mass will take place at the 10:30AM Mass on Sunday, February 18th. At this Mass our Youth choir will sing and children will participate as lectors and heavenly hosts. All boys and girls from both parishes are welcome to join our Youth Choir. For information, contact Mary Supey at [tsupey@hotmail.com](mailto:tsupey@hotmail.com) or just show up at our practice. We will practice this evening **Sunday, February 4 at 5:30PM in Immaculate Conception Church.**

## **Living Stations of the Cross**

**Good Friday**

**March 29, 2024**

**7:00PM**

**Immaculate Conception Church**

**ALL students in grades 6, 7, 8 from Corpus Christi and St. Barbara Parishes are welcome to participate in our presentation of “Living Stations of the Cross.”**

**Practices will be held Sunday afternoons from 4:30-5:30PM on February 18, 25, March 3, 10, 17, 24 and Tuesday, March 26. Registration form for Living Stations is attached to this bulletin. If your child is interested in participating, please fill out the attached form and return to the rectory via the collection or Religious Ed students can return it to their teacher. Thank you!!**



**Grief: Comfort Through Sharing**

Grief is real. It is the emotional cross you bear after losing someone you love. Grief is a challenging and intensely personal experience. Our program is offered to help care for you through group sharing to facilitate healing.

Corpus Christi Parish will host a bereavement program in the Rectory starting Wednesday February 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00PM to 8:00PM. Our group meets monthly on the first Wednesday of each month. Space is limited, so sign up by calling Joyce Cecconi, Pastoral Associate at 570-654-2753. The Program Leader, John M Samony Sr, CGSS, a University of Wisconsin, Certified Grief Support Specialist will facilitate the sessions. John is the author of "The Morning After-Surviving the Loss of Someone you Love." Available on Amazon, West Bow Press or is web site at [www.johnmsamonysr.com](http://www.johnmsamonysr.com)

**St. Barbara Christian Women Meeting**

All women, from both parishes, are welcome to attend our next meeting on Friday, February 9, 2024 at 1:00PM in Immaculate Conception rectory.

**Care & Education for Priests Envelope**

For the month of January 2024

Corpus Christi Parish.....\$857.00  
St. Barbara Parish.....\$329.00

**Dinners For Our Homebound**

Once again, "Fork Over Love" is very kindly providing a delicious hot meal for our homebound. The dinners will be delivered to Immaculate Conception rectory on Wednesday, February 7th at 4:00PM. If you can help with these deliveries between 4:00PM & 5:00PM, please contact Joyce at 570 654 2753 or [jceconni50@gmail.com](mailto:jceconni50@gmail.com). Thank you.



**Corpus Christi "Winter Lottery" Winners**

Congratulations to the following "Winter Lottery" winners:

1/25/2024	#449	Catherine Wisnesky	\$50.00
1/26/2024	#162	Joseph Hritz	50.00
1/27/2024	#971	<b>No Winner</b>	50.00
1/28/2024	#784	Denise Ulichney	100.00
1/29/2024	#277	<b>No Winner</b>	50.00
1/30/2024	#264	Irene Alfano	50.00

Special drawing winner this week:

1/27 Patricia Doreskewicz & 1/29 Adam Kowalczyk

**First Reconciliation & First Eucharist**

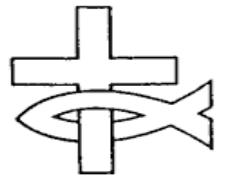
Will be celebrated on Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 10:00AM in Immaculate Conception Church. Boys and girls in 2nd grade and older are eligible to receive these sacraments.

**Sacrament of Confirmation**

Will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024 at St. Anthony Church (time to be determined). Eighth grade students and older are eligible to receive this sacrament.

Students attending Catholic Schools do not have to attend religious education classes, but please contact Joyce at 570-654-2753 or e-mail [jecconni50@gmail.com](mailto:jecconni50@gmail.com) to register to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation.

**Liturgy Intentions For The Week**



**February 5 thru 11, 2024**

- Mon 7:30AM (SAC) Joseph D. Granteed, Sr**  
By Ted & Theresa Kross & Family
- 8:30AM (HRC) Joseph J. Marranta**  
By Family
- 12:10PM (SAC) Joseph J. Leandri**  
By M/M Emmit Coolbaugh
  
- Tues 7:30AM (SAC) Carl Hosier**  
By Angeline Saitta
- 8:30AM (HRC) Patricia Gilmore**  
By M/M Robert Nawracki & Family
  
- Wed 7:30AM (SAC) Helen Doherty**  
By Andrews Family
- 8:30AM (HRC) Mary Ann Cipolla**  
By Caroline Zabretsky
- 12:10PM (SAC) Betty Borosky**  
By Gubbiotti Family
  
- Thurs 7:30AM (SAC) Ed Bernard**  
By Wife, Mrs. B
- 8:30AM (HRC) Stephen Franko, Jr.**  
By Sister, Romaine
  
- Fri 7:30AM (SAC) Philip T. Medico**  
By Krista Medico
- 8:30AM (HRC) Ann Brannon**  
By Diane & Robert Sabol
- 12:10PM (SAC) Gerard & Jerry Dunn**  
By Family
  
- Sat 4:00PM (SAC) Elmer & Ethel Stella**  
By Cynthia & Gerri
- 5:30PM (ICC) Thomas Ford**  
By Family
  
- Sun 7:30AM (SAC) Charles & Carmella Cupani**  
By Karen & Ed Tomaszewski
- 9:00AM (HRC) Charlie Alfano**  
By Sam & Josie Mantione
- 10:30AM (ICC) Robert Pradel**  
By Wife & Sons

**Candles**

The following candles will burn the week of February 4 thru 10 in loving memory of the following:

**Altar Candles at ICC**

**Dec'd Members of Parry, Golden & Lasky Families.....By Family**

**Holy Family Candle at ICC**

**Anthony, Ann, Sam & Brittany Berto**  
.....By Family

**Sanctuary Candle at ICC**

**Joseph T. Yozwiak.....By Daughter, Cathy & Family**

**Altar Candles at SAC**

**John & Julia Gregus.....By Tina & Pat**



# SAVE THE DATE!



**COMING THIS LENT!  
TO A VIRTUAL KITCHEN  
→ NEAR YOU!  
LAUNCHES FEB. 13, 2024!**

**WHO:** DIOCESE OF SCRANTON PASTOR CHEFS  
AND STUDENT OR GUEST CHEF PARTNERS FROM ELEVEN COUNTIES

**WHAT:** RECTORY, SET, COOK! III:  
COLLARS + SCHOLARS!

**WHEN:** FEB. 13, 2024,  
(FAT TUESDAY) THROUGH MARCH 26, 2024

**WHERE:** ANY COMPUTER SCREEN  
OR MOBILE DEVICE

**WHY:** RECTORY, SET, COOK! IS A DIOCESE  
OF SCRANTON ANTI-HUNGER AND ANTI-HOMELESSNESS  
INITIATIVE. ALL SPONSORSHIP PROCEEDS  
WILL BENEFIT CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES'  
FOOD KITCHENS, FOOD PANTRIES  
AND MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SHELTERS.



For more information,  
call Sandra Snyder  
at 570-591-5004  
or email

[Sandra-Snyder@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:Sandra-Snyder@dioceseofscranton.org)

**CORPUS CHRISTI & ST. BARBARA PARISHES**  
**LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
**GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024 7:00PM**  
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**  
**All students in grades 6, 7, and 8 are welcome to sign up**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate the type of part you prefer:**

**Speaking:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Non-Speaking** \_\_\_\_\_ **Props:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Indicate the top 4 parts (listed below) in order that you would like to have for Living Stations:**

**1.** \_\_\_\_\_

**2.** \_\_\_\_\_

**3.** \_\_\_\_\_

**4.** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Student preferences will be considered when assigning parts)**

<b>Jesus (speaks)</b>	<b>Guard 3</b>	<b>Children of Jerusalem</b>
<b>Mary</b>	<b>Guard 4</b>	<b>Narrator 1</b>
<b>Mary Magdalene</b>	<b>Guard 5</b>	<b>Narrator 2</b>
<b>Mary of Cleophus</b>	<b>Guard 6</b>	<b>Narrator 3</b>
<b>Veronica</b>	<b>Guard 7</b>	<b>Lights (2)</b>
<b>Simon</b>	<b>Guard 8</b>	<b>Sound Effects</b>
<b>St. John</b>	<b>Thief 1 (speaks)</b>	<b>Fog Machine</b>
<b>Pontius Pilate (speaks)</b>	<b>Thief 2 (speaks)</b>	
<b>Guard 1</b>	<b>Angel (speaks)</b>	
<b>Guard 2</b>	<b>Women of Jerusalem</b>	

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