

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 25, 2024
Second Sunday of Lent**

**Immaculate Conception Church
Holy Redeemer Church
St. Anthony Church
Msgr. John J. Sempa, Pastor
Rev. Michael Drevitch,
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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

5:30PM Immaculate Conception

Tues 7:30AM Immaculate Conception
8:30AM Holy Redeemer

5:30PM Immaculate Conception

Wed 7:30AM Immaculate Conception
8:30AM Holy Redeemer
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
8:30AM Holy Redeemer
12:10PM St. Anthony

5:30PM Immaculate Conception

*Watch Sunday & Daily Mass on
Corpus Christi Facebook*

www.facebook.com/corpuschristiparishpa

Weekly Collection

February 18, 2024

St. Barbara

Weekly.....\$4,958.36

E-Giving.....\$395.00

Total \$5,353.36

Ash Wednesday \$677.00

Corpus Christi

Weekly.....\$8,527.62

E-Giving.....\$2,224.93

Total \$10,752.55

Ash Wednesday \$1,240.41

Important Notice:

There will be no 5:30PM Mass at Immaculate Conception Church on Monday, February 26th and confession will not be available.

The Light is on for You

The following Mondays during Lent, Msgr. Sempa will be in the confessional as follows:

March 4th	Holy Redeemer Church	6:10PM
March 11th	St. Anthony Church	6:10PM
March 18th	St. Anthony Church	6:10PM

Soup & Scripture

All are welcome to attend our Lenten Soup & Scripture on Tuesdays during Lent following the 5:30PM Mass in Immaculate Conception Church hall. Each week a different guest speaker will be featured. The soups and sandwiches will be provided by volunteers from various ministries from our parishes. The schedule is as follows:

February 27th	David R. Betts	Adult Choir
March 5th	Father Michael S. Drevitch	EM's & Lectors
March 12th	Attorney Eugene C. Kelly	Christian Women
March 19th	Father Michael J. Boris	Rel Ed Teachers/ Baptism Ministry

Stations of the Cross

On Fridays during Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross after the 12:10PM Mass at Saint Anthony’s Church and after the 5:30PM Mass at Immaculate Conception Church.

Rectory, Set, Cook: Collars & Scholars

Our own, 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. We are asking for your support to help Fr. Michael and WAC come in first place! All donations will go to Wyoming Area Catholic School & Catholic Social Services. To vote, please go to:

<https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/2024PASTORCHEF/team/FrMichaelDrevitch>

Wish to donate, but not online? Cash or checks are welcome! Checks made out to the Diocese of Scranton can be sent to the chancery at the following address:

**DIOCESE OF SCRANTON
ATTN: SANDRA SNYDER / RECTORY SET COOK!
300 WYOMING AVE.
SCRANTON, PA 18503**

Please be sure to indicate you are supporting Fr. Michael Drevitch. Also, please let us know if you prefer to remain anonymous, otherwise, we’ll add your name to our online donor walls. Questions? Call event director Sandra Snyder 570-591-5004

Corpus Christi Parish Bingo Meeting

Our “Twilight Bingo” is ***SOLD OUT!*** **Thank you to everyone for your continued support of our parish projects.** All are welcome to attend a bingo meeting on **Wednesday, February 28th at 6:00PM in the rectory.**

Living Stations of the Cross Practice

Will be held today, **Sunday, February 25th at 4:30PM in Immaculate Conception Church.** All students in grades 6, 7, 8 and older are invited to participate. For more information, please call or e-mail Loretta at 570 313 0099 or raetta@gmail.com.

Candles

The following candles will burn this week in loving memory of:

Altar Candles at ICC

Margaret & John

Hoover.....By Family

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Amy & John Petrucci.....By

Children



Youth Choir Practice

Will be held today, Sunday, February 25th at 5:30PM in Immaculate Conception Church. All youth from Corpus Christi & St. Barbara Parishes are welcome to join. The Youth Choir will sing at Living Stations on Good Friday at 7:00PM and at the Easter Sunday Family Mass at 10:30AM, both at Immaculate Conception Church.

Sacraments of First Eucharist & Confirmation

This week we mailed registration forms to students registered in our parish who are in 2nd and 8th grades. These students, who are attending Religious Ed classes or are students in a Catholic school, are eligible to receive the Sacraments of First Penance & First Eucharist and Confirmation. If you did not receive the mailing, please call or e mail Joyce at the rectory 570 654 2753 or jceconi50@gmail.com. Thank you!

Message from Father Alco.....

To quote St. Theresa of Calcutta, "Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love." I come to you with a heart that is full of "great love" and humility as expressed from the many cards I received, both at Christmas and with get well wishes that were filled with concern and encouragement during my recent illness. But the greatest "Gift" I received from everyone was your constant "Prayers." This is the best medicine I could have asked for and believe me, I felt them in my heart.

Also, to my brother priests, who were a constant source of prayer and guidance...Thank you!!

Please know, all of you have a very special place in my heart. God is good and always faithful!

Please, let us continue to pray and support one another.

**Much Love and Prayers,
Father Alco**

Corpus Christi "Winter Lottery" Winners

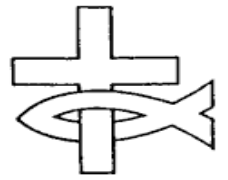
Congratulations to the following "Winter Lottery" winners:

2/14/2024	#260	No Winner	\$50.00
2/15/2024	#843	No Winner	150.00
2/16/2024	#920	Marianne Ciampi	50.00
2/17/2024	#111	No Winner	50.00
2/18/2024	#440	Theresa Colella	100.00
2/19/2024	#948	Adam Kowalczyk	50.00
2/20/2024	#786	Coleen Reis	50.00

Special drawing winners this week:

2/14 Rita Chernesky \$50.00, 2/15 Mary Grace Balent \$150.00, & 2/17 Len & Celestine Bonfanti \$50.00

Liturgy Intentions For The Week



February 26 thru March 3, 2024

Mon	7:30AM (ICC)	Beth & John Szeghy By Cella Family
	8:30AM (HRC)	George Morgan By PJ Pribula
	12:10PM(SAC)	Charles E. Rome By Janell Kaczmarek
Tues	7:30AM (ICC)	Catherine Dwyer By Patti Wiatrowski
	8:30AM (HRC)	James Biagioli By Carolyn & Jarod Carlson
	5:30PM (ICC)	Dec'd Membs of the Anzalone Family By Lisa, Chuck & Family
Wed	7:30AM (ICC)	Kathleen Berto By Joan Hennigan
	8:30AM (HRC)	Ann Brannon By Michael & Julie Martinelli
	12:10PM (SAC)	Donald Zurenda By Catherine & Jack Trzcinski
	5:30PM (ICC)	Rose Marie Timek By Edward & Arlene Timek
Thurs	7:30AM (ICC)	Dec'd Membs of the Ristagno Family By Martha
	8:30AM (HRC)	John & Regina LaNunziata By Paul & Rosalie Skrzysowski
	5:30PM (ICC)	Blanche Semenza By Mary & Loretta
Fri	7:30AM (ICC)	Rosemary Schmid By Michel & David DeStefano
	8:30AM (HRC)	Mary Switzer By Aufiere Family
	12:10PM (SAC)	Jean Manderson By Linda & Leonard Blandina & Family
	5:30PM (ICC)	Jack & Carmella Salvaggio By Children & Grandchildren
Sat	4:00PM (SAC)	Loretta Bufalino By Carol Viola
	5:30PM (ICC)	Jim Wiedl By Family
Sun	7:30AM (SAC)	Mary Dervinis By Joan & Don Robbins
	9:00AM (HRC)	Angeline Balzano By Gar & Dorothy Serino
	10:30AM (ICC)	Cataldo Saitta By Angeline Saitta



REVERSE LENT CALENDAR

Instead of giving something up during Lent, please consider giving something away each day! Add an item each day to donate to Corpus Christi & St. Barbara Parishes Social Concerns Food Pantry.

February 14	Thank you!	March 8	Spaghetti/Pasta
February 15	Thank you!	March 9	Spaghetti Sauce
February 16	Thank you!	March 10	Soup
February 17	Thank you!	March 11	Granola Bars
February 18	Thank you!	March 12	Pancake Mix
February 19	Thank you!	March 13	Syrup
February 20	Thank you!	March 14	Peanut Butter
February 21	Thank you!	March 15	Jelly
February 22	Thank you!	March 16	Canned Fruit
February 23	Thank you!	March 17	Coffee/Tea
February 24	Thank you!	March 18	Rice
February 25	Peanut Butter	March 19	Cereal
February 26	Canned Tuna	March 20	Cookies
February 27	Oatmeal	March 21	Beef Stew/Chili
February 28	Boxed Cake Mix	March 22	Peanut Butter
February 29	Canned Frosting	March 23	Snacks
March 1	Canned Beans	March 24	Cereal
March 2	Crackers	March 25	Macaroni & Cheese
March 3	Snacks	March 26	Muffin Mix
March 4	Soup	March 27	Boxed Stuffing
March 5	Oatmeal	March 28	Juice
March 6	Rice		
March 7	Flour		

Thank you to all for your participation in our “Reverse Lent Calendar” which is filled with suggestions of foods to fill our food shelves. You can bring your donations when you are coming to Mass on the weekends and place them in the wicker baskets in the sanctuaries of the churches or drop them off at the rectory. Your donations are very important as we expect to be helping well over 150 local families with Easter “food” baskets this year. Because of the continued generosity of you, our parishioners and friends, whenever someone calls the rectory looking for food, they are never turned away. Thank you!

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Social Concerns News

Ministering to the Homebound

The spiritual needs of our sick, homebound, hospitalized and nursing home parishioners are very important to us. We want to keep them in prayer and provide visits and communion. You can help us minister to these parishioners in a variety of ways. Please call the rectory 570 654 2753 or e mail Joyce at jceccconi50@gmail.com.

- If someone you know is admitted to a hospital, nursing facility or is homebound...
- If you would like to visit a nursing facility on a regular basis....
- If you would like to bring communion to our homebound on a regular basis...
- If you can help deliver soup and/or holiday gifts to our homebound and nursing home residents...
- If you are homebound and wish to receive communion...
- If you are homebound or residing in a nursing facility and would like the bulletin mailed to you...

Help for Easter

If you or someone you know is struggling and could use help for Easter, please call the rectory 570 654 2753 or e mail Joyce at jceccconi50@gmail.com. We will be preparing Easter Baskets for all children through 12 years of age.

Easter Baskets for Children

This Easter we will probably be filling Easter Baskets for well over 200 local children. If you can help, we are asking for donations of individually wrapped Easter candy, chocolates, small toys, coloring & painting books, bubbles, tablets, chalk, or any items appropriate for kids through 12 years of age. Donations may be dropped off at the rectory or left in the vestibules of the churches. Thank you for your help!

***Listed below are days and times when help is needed.
We welcome everyone to lend a helping hand whenever able.
Students needing service hours are always welcome!***

Wednesday, March 20th

● **4:00PM** Volunteers meet in ICC hall to fill and wrap Easter Baskets for children and prepare prizes for the Easter Egg Hunt.

● **5:00PM** Volunteers meet in ICC hall to fill Easter food bags for families. All are welcome!

Thursday, March 21st

● **9:00AM** Our "soup ministers" will be in the kitchen at ICC to make another delicious soup for our homebound. All are welcome to help!

● **4:00PM** Volunteers meet in ICC hall to fill and wrap Easter Baskets for children and prepare prizes for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Friday, March 22nd

● **9:00AM** Volunteers will meet in ICC kitchen to package soup for delivery to our homebound.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, March 22, 23 & 24

Volunteers are needed to deliver homemade soup, blessed palm and Easter gifts to our parishioners who are homebound and to those residing in nursing homes. .

Sunday, March 24th

● **12:30PM-2:00PM**

Volunteers are needed to help with pick up of Easter food and Easter baskets for children. Help is needed to carry items out to cars.

Monday & Tuesday, March 25 & 26

● **9:00AM** Volunteers are needed in ICC kitchen to help make Easter cake pops for children.

Saturday, March 30th

● **10:00AM** Volunteers needed in Immaculate Conception rectory to fill and prepare baskets to be blessed for our homebound

● **12:00PM** Volunteers needed to deliver blessed baskets to our homebound