

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.”

June 16, 2024

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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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 at

www.corpuschristi-stbarbara.com

Weekly Collection

June 9, 2024

St. Barbara

Weekly.....\$5,341.87

E-Giving.....\$225.00

Total \$5,566.87

Corpus Christi

Weekly.....\$8,712.75

E-Giving.....\$2,660.93

Total \$11,373.68



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As the choir season comes to a close, I wanted to take this opportunity to reflect on the past year and to thank all those involved. This year presented many exciting, challenging, and rewarding opportunities in music for both me and the choir members. The choir continued the practice of providing music for weekend masses at each of the 3 worship sites on a rotating basis. The choir also displayed musical leadership for many special masses, including the Veterans’ Day Mass, Christmas Eve, the Triduum, First Penance and First Holy Communion, Confirmation, and the Graduation Mass. In addition to these weekly and special masses, the Choir was invited to record and was featured on *WNEP-16 Sounds of Christmas* on Christmas Day, featuring the presentation of a setting of *Lessons and Carols* both for the recording as well as a special concert presented at Immaculate Conception Church in December.

As we approach full consolidation of our parishes, I contend that the joint adult choir of Corpus Christi and St. Barbara Parishes exhibits the epitome of a truly successful, combined group. From day one of rehearsal, I can honestly say I have NEVER seen or heard any division in this group based on home parishes. This group of individuals continually comes together with the fervent desire to lead congregations in song and to provide presentations that are spiritual and worshipful. I am certain that anyone involved in the Choir would tell you that, even though preparation and rehearsals, at times, are difficult work, it never seems difficult. The family this choir has become is something I have never experienced before in my liturgical music career. Each one of these members truly cares about not only musicality, but also about providing leadership and displaying community at the highest standards. They truly care about each other!

The Choir looks forward to another exciting and fulfilling season beginning in September. In addition to the continuation of leading song at weekend masses, the Choir has also been invited to sing (by invitation) at Fox Hill Country Club in December, as well as the possibility of additional special presentations for the Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter seasons. Please consider joining the choir in September. If you are interested, please visit our website at <https://sites.google.com/view/ccsb-choir/home> or call the parish office. We invite you to become part of the dedication, satisfaction and fun that choir brings. Please visit our website to view pictures and videos of the choir. Consider filling out the Google Form on our site to find out more about this amazing group.

I would like to thank Msgr. Sempa and Fr. Michael (and Fr. Alco), Deacon Walter and Deacon Jim for their continued and constant support of the choir. Thank you for your acknowledgments, your kind words, and for approaching all suggestions from the choir with open minds and hearts. Thank you, Msgr. Sempa, for having the foresight to believe in a combined choir and for making the path for such a successful ensemble. Thank you to Eric McKitish, organist for the choir, for your wonderful playing and accompanying, and for always being willing to help, no matter what the request. Thank you to all those in the choir who volunteer to cantor at masses. Thank you for assuming this very important leadership role and for stepping forward to share your talents at this level. Thank you to all of you, the congregation, for always supporting us and for joining us in song. And last but certainly not least, I would like to personally thank each and every choir member. There are not sufficient words for me to express my thanks to all of you. I have watched you grow in leaps and bounds this choir season, both musically and as a choir as a whole. Your care for each other, your level of volunteer commitment, and your dedication to this group is second to none.

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I watched all of you embrace a difficult task in learning and presenting *Lessons and Carols*, and completely tackle that difficult task with professionalism, a high level of musicality and dedication with groups meeting at each other's homes on non-rehearsal evenings to independently rehearse parts.

I remain in awe of each of you, and I am so proud and humbled to be part of this fine group of not only musicians, but human beings. Thank you for allowing me to be your director. I look forward to many wonderful times to come.

Thank you.
Christine Katsock, Choir Director

Thank You!!

On behalf of the entire parish community, we wish to thank the owners and staff of Ice Creamers, Birney Avenue, Moosic, for their very kind and generous donations. The children of our parish community enjoyed the ice cream at our outdoor party on Immaculate Conception Church grounds.

Candles

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

Altar Candles at ICC

Tony Denisco.....By Sisters

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Ross DeNisco, Jr.....By Wife, Children & Grandchildren

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Clare Trotta.....By Lucille & Family

Altar Candles at HR

William J. & Mary Werts.....By Daughters

Sanctuary Candle at HR

Paul Zongilla.....By Christine

Sanctuary Candle at SA

Anne Marie Shedlock.....By Montante Family

Important Notice

Due to the consolidation of Corpus Christi & St. Barbara Parishes, we will be utilizing one bank account. Effective the weekend of June 28/29, all checks **MUST** be made payable to CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH. Thank you.

Knights of Columbus Council 18642

Will meet tomorrow, Monday, June 17 at 7:00PM in the rectory. All men from both parishes are welcome to attend.

Courtesy News

Cash & Prize Bingo

At St. Joseph's Church, 312 Davis Street, Scranton on Sunday, July 14....Doors open at 1:00PM....Games start at 2:00PM. Donation is \$20.00 or \$25.00 at the door. \$1,000.00 grand prize...food and beverages available thru-out the event. For tickets, call 570 881 0770. This event is sponsored by "United Community Volunteers". All proceeds from this bingo will benefit Amaya Rose Jones. Amaya was born July 2, 2023 with HLHS condition (right side of her heart does double the work due to the left side not being fully developed). She has had two open heart surgeries in her first 6 months of life and is facing additional surgeries.

Liturgy Intentions For The Week



June 17 thru 23, 2024

Mon	7:30AM (ICC)	John, Elijah & Andrew Washo By Parents, Amy & Jason
	8:30AM (HRC)	Marion Bede By Romaine Panek
	12:10PM(SAC)	Anthony Matreselva By Beth Mangan
Tues	7:30AM (ICC)	Ralph Nardell, Jr. By Family
	8:30AM (HRC)	Louis Cella By Family
Wed	7:30AM (ICC)	Ted & Betty Hughes By Children
	8:30AM (HRC)	Debra R. Skesavage By Deebel Family
	12:10PM (SAC)	Patricia Schillaci By Carlena Miller
Thurs	7:30AM (ICC)	Margaret Bilbow Bechtold By Jean & Danny Ragantesi
	8:30AM (HRC)	Richard A. Mirro By Mom, Dad & Jeff
Fri	7:30AM (ICC)	JoAnn Pizano By Family
	8:30AM (HRC)	William Drevitch By HR Morning Mass Group
	12:10PM (SAC)	Stanley Mackachinas By Wife, Barbara
Sat	4:00PM (SAC)	Irene Janoski By St. Barbara EM's
	5:30PM (ICC)	Thomas Gilmore By Cindy Sutton Hizynski
Sun	7:30AM (SAC)	Ettore & Salvatrice Lorenzini By Children
	9:00AM (HRC)	Lil & Larry Kelleher By Family
	10:30AM (ICC)	Thomas C. Carr III By Jack & Susan Carr



Flea Market July 19, 20 & 21 St. Anthony's Parish Center

Donations for our flea market can be left at the parish center by the door next to Power-Rail Distribution (formerly Pride). Please do not leave donations on a rainy day. Please no textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines, exercise equipment, computers, TVs, luggage, stuffed animals, shoes, clothing, live plants or any broken or dirty items. **Volunteers are asked to meet in St. Anthony's Parish Center on Mondays & Thursdays from 6:00-8:00PM to help set up for the flea market. All are welcome!**