

Corpus Christi Parish



“As members of the Body of Christ, Corpus Christi Parish celebrates 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.”

January 12, 2025 The Baptism of the Lord

**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

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

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www.corpuschristinepa.com

Weekly Collection

January 5, 2025

Weekly.....\$12,211.84

E Giving.....\$4,321.00

Christmas.....\$5,440.00

Solemnity.....\$2,712.01

Total \$24,684.85

Thank you everyone, for your generous support of our parish.

Daily Mass Schedule Effective January 20, 2025

Beginning the week of Monday, January 20, 2025, daily Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church will be celebrated on Tuesday and Thursday at 12:10PM. There will no longer be a daily Mass on Monday, Wednesday or Friday at St. Anthony of Padua Church.

Most Masses scheduled for Monday, Wednesday or Friday will be re-scheduled on Tuesday or Thursday of the same week. A few Masses may have to be moved to the following week. If you wish to know, in advance, the date your Mass intention is rescheduled, please call the rectory. Thank you.

Additional Parking at Immaculate Conception Church

West Pittston Borough has graciously granted us permission to use their borough building on the corner of Exeter Avenue and Fremont Street for additional parking during Mass hours. Please see the map below as only the area circled in red is available for use. The parking spots that run parallel to Garden Village Apartments are reserved and cannot be used. Please obey the “No Parking” signs in the borough parking lot and along Fremont Street. Failure to do so may result in fines or towing at the owner’s expense.



No Religious Ed Classes

Please know there are no Religious Ed classes, morning or evening session, next Sunday, January 19, 2025. Thank you!

Night at the Races

Saturday, February 15, 2025

**Immaculate Conception Church Hall
Doors Open 6:00PM Race Time 7:00PM**

All adults are welcome to join us for this BYOB fun evening of horse racing, basket raffles, food and fun! A mailing, with the opportunity to purchase a horse or become a race sponsor, has been sent to all parish members this week. If you would like to purchase a horse or sponsor a race, and are not a member of the parish just call 570 654 2753 or stop by the rectory Monday through Thursday between 10:00AM and 4:00PM. To reserve a table, contact Jamie Shimko at 570 855 3598, for program sponsorship, contact Dion Fernandes at 570 237 0563, to donate a basket for the Basket Raffle, contact Maryellen Serafin at 570 954 3274,



2024 Parish Contributions

For a financial statement of your parish contributions for 2024, please call Lori at 570 654 2753 or e-mail lkasis-ky1@epix.net.

Knights of Columbus Council #182446

All men of the parish are invited to our next monthly meeting on Monday, January 20, 2025 at 7:00PM in Immaculate Conception Rectory.

Parish Twilight "All Cash" Bingo

Save the Date! Our next Twilight "All Cash" Bingo with prizes up to \$1,000 will be held on Saturday, March 8, 2025, in Immaculate Conception Church Hall.

Christian Women Donate to Men's Shelter

At our recently held Christmas Party, members and guests donated men's socks (116 pair) and outerwear. The donations went to the newly opened men's shelter "Mother Teresa's Haven," located above the St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre. Thank you to all for your generosity.

Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

Will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at 10:00AM in Immaculate Conception Church. All boys and girls in second grade or older who attend Religious Education classes or who are currently attending a Catholic School are eligible to receive these sacraments. In the next week or two, a letter and registration form will be mailed to these second grade children.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Will be celebrated in our parish on Wednesday, May, 21, 2025, at 5:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L. will be the celebrant. All young men and women who are in 8th grade or older and who are attending Religious Education classes or who are students in a Catholic school are eligible to receive this sacrament.

If you have any questions regarding either of these sacraments, please contact DRE Loretta Semenza at 570 313 0099 or raettta@gmail.com or Pastoral Associate, Joyce Cecconi at the rectory 570 654 2753 or jceccconi50@gmail.com.

Winter Lottery Winners

Listed below are the first winners of our 2025 "Winter Lottery" Congratulations to all.

1/1/25	Kris Kiljewski	#461	\$500.00
1/2/25	Eddie Hennigan	#691	75.00
1/3/25	Flo DePolo	#608	75.00
1/4/25	Steve Mazur	#074	75.00
1/5/25	Margaret Hanlon	#293	100.00
1/6/25	Michael Lumley	#353	75.00
1/7/25	Steve Mazur	#074	75.00

Courtesy News

WA Class of 2025...Bingo

All are welcome! Sunday, January 19, 2025, at the WA Secondary Center Cafeteria. Doors open 11:00AM..Games begin 12:00PM.. Basket Raffles-Food-Drinks-Great Prizes Tickets are \$20. Venmo: @WA-Senior-Parents Proceeds benefit Class of 2025.



January 13 through 19, 2025

- Mon 7:30AM (ICC) Florence Reilly**
By Family
- 8:30AM (HRC) Raymond Wasiko, Sr.**
By George & Georgia Young
- 12:10PM (SAC) Samuel Ferrara**
By Gerri Moriconi
- Tues 7:30AM (ICC) Bill & Earle Kull**
By Wife & Sister in Law
- 8:30AM (HRC) John H. Lewis**
By Joseph Kamensky
- Wed 7:30AM (ICC) John Grimes**
By Daughter, Patti
- 8:30AM (HRC) Suzanne Marie McGlynn**
By Bob & Celeste Calpin
- 12:10PM (SAC) Sam E. Pennartz**
By Colleen Matthey
- Thurs 7:30AM (ICC) Alfred & Rita Montville**
By Children
- 8:30AM (HRC) Linda Sperrazza**
By James Giordina
- Fri 7:30AM (ICC) Rosemary Weinstock & Trudy Holleran**
By Sandy & Emily
- 8:30AM (HRC) Caroline Kudasik**
By M/M Gerald Stofko
- 12:10PM (SAC) John Costello**
By Family
- Sat 4:00PM (SAC) Gene Marshall**
By Wife & Daughters
- 5:30PM (ICC) Barbara Cawley**
By Eileen & Patrick
- Sun 7:30AM (SAC) Dec'd Membs of Josephine & August Fumanti Family**
By Gloria & Joe Sekusky & Family
- 9:00AM (HRC) Paul Zongilla**
By Annette
- 10:30AM (ICC) Agnes Konopka**
By Family

Candles

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

- Altar Candles at ICC**
- Dec'd Members of the Golden, Lasky & Parry Families.....By Family**
- Holy Family Candle at ICC**
- Barbara Cawley.....By Eileen & Patrick**
- Sanctuary Candle at ICC**
- Ruth & Jim Oliveri.....By Daughter, Janine & Family**

Parish Financial Report
St. Barbara - Exeter
TREND ANALYSIS

	Fiscal Year July 1 - June 30				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Revenue					
Collections	298,237	284,248	280,287	301,551	344,253
Faith Formation Fees	1,090	591	2,509	3,378	2,473
Fundraising/Development	35,337	31,102	58,069	45,924	76,365
Other Income	27,384	34,880	44,644	63,000	38,343
Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan	280,300	9,432	3,535	3,717	3,443
Transfers Savings Account/Other	85	8,270	9,285	28,879	180,926
Diocesan Special Collections	-	800	8,480	7,897	11,805
Total Revenue	642,433	369,322	406,809	454,346	657,608
Expenses					
Administration	154,981	157,391	132,496	155,798	169,048
Rectory	363	1,709	12,889	3,939	4,960
Liturgy	19,699	20,951	22,799	18,294	26,855
Faith Formation	1,113	1,327	5,419	2,654	1,787
Social Justice	-	904	6,157	5,600	13,976
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	96,384	129,638	137,910	158,455	150,502
Fixed Expense	43,645	43,193	38,673	24,465	42,069
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlays	-	-	-	-	-
Designated Expenses /Transfers Out	299	530	13,020	48,006	223,923
Catholic School Assessment	59,184	91,022	39,281	25,060	50,996
Diocesan Special Collections Remittance	-	3,183	12,019	3,697	3,365
Total Expense	375,668	449,848	420,660	445,967	687,481
Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis	266,765	(80,526)	(13,851)	8,380	(29,873)
	77,261	77,261	344,026		
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	3,087	47,121	(19,410)	(23,877)	27,021
Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)	269,852	(33,404)	(33,261)	(15,497)	(2,852)
NOTE					
Outstanding Diocesan Obligations could include: Diocesan assessments, School assessments, health insurance, self-insurance, pension and other expenses.					
Parish received a Grant for the Parking lot for \$ 280,300.					
End of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	51,041	54,128	101,249	81,839	57,962
Beginning of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	54,128	101,249	81,839	57,962	84,983
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	3,087	47,121	(19,410)	(23,877)	27,021
Diocesan Loan/Debt	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Parish Financial Report
Corpus Christi - West Pittston
TREND ANALYSIS**

	Fiscal Year July 1 - June 30				2020
	2024	2023	2022	2021	
Revenue					
Collections	556,262	546,849	559,102	513,360	495,736
Faith Formation Fees	3,690	3,230	2,240	1,225	4,890
Fundraising/Development	91,350	99,654	74,590	73,904	54,304
Other Income	47,492	58,485	35,287	48,240	49,079
Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan	76,613	-	-	43,975	42,272
Transfers Savings Account/Other	191,045	-	-	-	-
Diocesan Special Collections	-	-	623	-	-
Total Revenue	966,452	708,219	671,842	680,704	646,281
Expenses					
Administration	345,960	285,979	298,997	281,623	282,358
Rectory	38,795	29,255	28,770	20,979	30,619
Liturgy	42,560	48,097	45,270	21,689	40,660
Faith Formation	5,127	4,491	4,480	2,132	7,419
Social Justice	-	28,333	-	-	-
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	122,384	113,861	90,965	68,208	65,969
Fixed Expense	38,584	35,941	34,302	33,113	31,901
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlays	222,771	33,406	-	-	11,754
Designated Expenses /Transfers Out	2,000	141	582	2,000	598
Catholic School Assessment	98,472	89,916	88,164	97,704	90,648
Diocesan Special Collections Remittance	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expense	916,653	669,419	591,530	527,448	561,926
Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis	49,799	38,800	80,312	153,255	84,355
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations					
			** (SEE NOTE)**		
	-	868	(800)	(68)	-
Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)	49,799	39,668	79,512	153,187	84,355
NOTE					
Outstanding Diocesan Obligations could include: Diocesan assessments, School assessments, health insurance, self-insurance, pension and other expenses.					
End of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	0	-	868	68	-
Beginning of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	-	868	68	-	-
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	-	868	(800)	(68)	-
Diocesan Loan/Debt	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Understanding Your Parish Financial Report

Revenue

- **Collections** include all offertory envelopes, online giving and loose collections, including for holidays, Holy Days and any special collection (flowers) envelopes.
- **Faith Formation Fees** include all registration and program fees for both faith formation and adults programs.
- **Fundraising/Development** includes any gifts or donations that are not regular parish offertory, bequests and memorials, parish activities (dinners, picnics, bingo, lottery, etc.), donations from parish societies and any parish rebate from the Diocesan Annual Appeal (75% over goal is refunded to the parish).
- **Other Income** includes rental of facilities, insurance refunds, interest income, sale of assets, funeral/wedding perquisites or any other income.
- **Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan** includes donations or grants specifically earmarked for a designated purpose, reimbursements from linked parishes to help cover expenses and any Paycheck Protection Plan grant income.
- **Transfers Savings Account/Other** includes transfers from bank accounts that are excluded from operating income or have already been reported as operating income.
- **Diocesan Special Collections** are special collections (Care & Education of Priests or Emergency collections following a natural disaster) which get remitted back to the Diocese.

Expenses

- **Administration** includes clergy salary and benefits, office staff salary and benefits, administrative expenses, telephone, computer services, postage, printing, envelopes and the Cathedraticum (9.5% parish assessment to the Diocese) and Clergy Care and Wellness Assessment.
- **Rectory** expenses include the costs to run and maintain the rectory, as well as household expenses for the pastor(s).
- **Liturgy** includes salaries and benefits for musicians and liturgical staff including directors, musicians and sacristans. This also includes all liturgical equipment and supplies (printed materials, candles, flowers, decorations, etc.)
- **Faith Formation** includes salaries and benefits of faith formation director and staff, including family and/or youth director. This also includes the cost of all textbooks and supplies, retreats, etc.
- **Social Justice** includes all social justice salaries and benefits, as well as the cost of all social justice expenses.
- **Operation & Maintenance of Plant** includes salaries and benefits of all maintenance staff. This also includes the occupancy costs of the parish buildings, including electricity, heat, water, cleaning, janitorial, repairs and maintenance, and any plant and maintenance supplies.
- **Fixed Expense** includes insurance premiums from the Diocesan self-insured program for property, liability and workers compensation, real estate taxes (if any) and rental of facilities.
- **Debt Service** includes the interest and principal payments paid on outstanding parish debt.
- **Capital Outlays** includes any major repairs on the parish building or site or any new construction costs.
- **Designated Expenses/Transfers Out** includes all expenses designated for a specific purpose (i.e., food pantry) or transfers out to savings/building fund.
- **Catholic School Assessments** paid are included here. These represent the parish's portion allocated for the support of the Diocese of Scranton Catholic School System which are 14.5% for a parish with a Catholic School in its county and 8% if there is no school in its county.
- **Diocesan Special Collections Remittance** are the remittals of the Diocesan collections above.

Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis

- This line represents the **increase** or **decrease** in parish cash balances from the beginning of the year to the end of the year on a **CASH BASIS** based on actual expenses paid.

(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations

- This amount represents the change in the parish's **unpaid obligations** over the year. If there is an **increase** in unpaid obligations, this number will be **negative**. If the parish **reduced** its unpaid obligations, this will be a **positive** number.

Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)

- This value is the sum of the Parish Surplus/(Deficit) and the (Increase)/decrease of Unpaid Diocesan Obligations. The cash balance represents the net effect of operating activity on a cash basis. If a parish is current on all of its obligation, there would be no difference between the Cash and ACTUAL Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit). However, if a parish is unable to stay current on its obligations, the increase of unpaid obligations will reduce their CASH Basis Net Surplus/(Deficit) by the amount of the increase in unpaid Diocesan obligations.

This Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit) reflects a parish's true ability to pay its current obligations.

Outstanding Diocesan Obligations

- This section highlights the change in a parish's unpaid Diocesan obligations over each fiscal year. If a parish has an increase in unpaid obligations for the year, this will result in a lower Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit) as these are an annual obligation of the parish that was not paid in the current year.

Diocesan Loan/Debt

- This is the amount of outstanding loans of the parish.