

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.”

**March 9, 2025
First Sunday of Lent**

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

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

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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
5:30PM Immaculate Conception

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

5:30PM Immaculate Conception

Wed 7:30AM Immaculate Conception
5:30PM Immaculate Conception

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

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Fri 7:30AM Immaculate Conception
5:30PM Immaculate Conception

Watch Sunday & Daily Mass at
www.corpuschristinepa.com

Weekly Collection

March 2, 2025

Weekly.....\$11,645.75

E Giving.....\$2,188.50

Total \$13,834.25

Ash Wednesday....\$1,473.36

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

Second Collection This Weekend

This weekend, at all Masses, we will take up the second collection to benefit the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

New Daily Mass Schedule

Beginning Monday, March 10, 2025, daily Mass at Holy Redeemer Church will be celebrated on Tuesday and Thursday, only, at 8:30AM

Daily Mass during Lent

In addition to our daily morning Masses, there will be a Mass at 5:30PM Monday through Friday at Immaculate Conception Church during Lent.

Stations of the Cross

On Fridays during Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross after the after the 5:30PM Mass at Immaculate Conception Church.

The Light is on For You

This **Monday, March 10th**, Msgr, Sempa or Father Drevitch will be in the confessional at 6:00PM.

Road to Resurrection

Wednesday, March 12th, Mass at 7:00PM at Sacred Heart Parish, Dupont. All are welcome!

Lenten Soup & Scripture Series

All are welcome to attend our weekly “Soup & Scripture Series following the 5:30PM Mass in ICC hall. For our first session, **Tuesday, March 11**, Fr. Michael Drevitch will be our guest speaker and the soups and sandwiches will be provided by our Social Concerns Committee. **Please see the schedule for providing soups and sandwiches each week:**

March 18 EM’s/Adult Choir

March 25 Lectors/Heavenly Hosts

April 1 Christian Women

April 8 Religious Ed Teachers/Baptism Ministry

Bereavement Group Meeting

All are welcome to attend this meeting on **Wednesday, March 12th** at 6:00PM in the rectory. For more information, please contact Rita Wall at 570 388 6967.

Christian Women Meeting

Will be held on **Friday, March 14 at 1:00PM** in the rectory. All women of the parish are welcome. Pizza will be served.

Religious Education Classes

Please know, there are **NO Religious Ed classes next Sunday, March 16th.**

Youth Choir Practice

No Youth Choir practice today, Sunday, March 9th. The next practice is **Sunday, March 16 at 6:00PM** in ICC. All youth are welcome!

Social Concerns Thank You!

We wish to thank our wonderful volunteers who distributed ashes and delivered quarts of homemade vegetable soup to our homebound parishioners on Ash Wednesday. And, of course, thank you to our “Social Concerns” Chefs for making another delicious soup!!!

Winter Lottery Winners

Listed below are this weeks 2025 "Winter Lottery" winners. Congratulations to all.

2/26/25	Leonard Insalaco	#487	\$75.00
2/27/25	Dana Waszczak	#744	\$75.00
2/28/25	Beth Krushnowski	#377	\$75.00
3/01/25	Emily Isenberg	#387	\$75.00
3/02/25	Cherianne Scala	#663	\$100.00
3/03/25	Daniel Margle	#091	\$75.00
3/04/25	Melissa Remus	#437	\$75.00

Thank you to the Parish Community

I would like to express my deepest gratitude for the overwhelming support and kindness you have shown me and my family following the death of my mother, Isabelle Meizanis. Your prayers, visits, cards, attendance at the viewing and funeral, Mass offerings, memorial donations to Social Concerns, and heartfelt messages have been a source of immense comfort. The warmth and compassion from this parish have not only helped me navigate through my grief but have also reinforced the strength and unity of our church family.

I am truly blessed to be part of such a caring and loving community, and I am eternally grateful for your presence in my life. **Deacon Jim**

Courtesy News

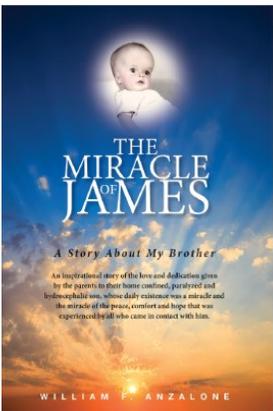
Diocese of Scranton

Safe Environment Coordinator

This position will work in collaboration with Diocesan officials, and with representatives from all diocesan parishes, schools and other diocesan institutions to ensure compliance with established diocesan policies and practices, especially the Charter for the Protection of Children. The comprehensive job description is posted on the diocesan website at www.dioceseofscranton.org. Interested applicants are asked to submit a cover letter and complete resume with a minimum of three (3) references by March 24, 2025 to:

James R. Burke
Diocesan Secretary for Human Resources

THE MIRACLE OF JAMES by *William F. Anzalone*



OVERVIEW

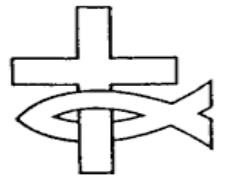
This is a story of my brother, who was injured at his birth. A story of a hydrocephalic, paralyzed, home confined, bedridden baby who was 100 percent dependent on my mom, dad, my sisters and me for survival. An inspirational story of young parents who were living the American dream, who had the financial means to do what they wanted and to go where they wanted and passed it all up to care for their invalid son for fifty four years. It is a story of love, dedication and sacrifice, and the belief in God, Jesus Christ and the Church, that lead my family and those who came in contact with James to witness The Miracle of James.

In honor of his brother James, the author, William F. Anzalone is donating 100% of the net proceeds from the purchase of this book to charities and organizations associated with special needs of children and adults.

For orders exceeding 100 books, kindly place your order and email the author at bill@wfanzalone.com with the contact person, name and address of the organization or charity you would like to support along with the date your order was placed.

To order copies of "The Miracle of James" book, visit WWW.WFANZALONE.COM

Liturgy Intentions For The Week



March 10 through 16, 2025

- Mon 7:30AM (ICC)** **“Beno” Borzell**
By Mom, Dad, Julianna & Sam
- 5:30AM (ICC)** **Ed Wodnicki & Angelo Anzalone**
By Mary Jo
- Tues 7:30AM (ICC)** **Florence Reilly**
By Family
- 8:30AM (HRC)** **Michael Sheplock**
By Mark & Mary Nobile
- 12:10AM (SAC)** **Richard Olechna**
By Carla & Tony
- 5:30PM (ICC)** **Dec'd Membs of the Drevitch Family**
By Family
- Wed 7:30AM (ICC)** **Robert Messina**
By Pat, Rosalie & Patrick Messina III
- 5:30PM (ICC)** **Frank & Nellie Parente**
By Frank & Family
- Thurs 7:30AM (ICC)** **Ralph Nardell**
By Family
- 8:30AM (HRC)** **David John Balint**
By Helen Szura
- 12:10PM (SAC)** **Lorraine & Raymond Condo**
By Marion & Joe Rubino
- 5:30PM (ICC)** **John & MaryAnn O'Boyle**
By Children & Grandchildren
- Fri 7:30AM (ICC)** **Margaret Space**
By Family
- 5:30PM (ICC)** **Joseph & Jerry Galaida**
By Family
- Sat 4:00PM (SAC)** **Bobby Robbins**
By Wife, Children & Grandchildren
- 5:30PM (ICC)** **Leonard Insalaco II**
By Mom & Dad
- Sun 7:30AM (SAC)** **Laura Ann Wares**
By Jocelyn & Ken Hetro
- 9:00AM (HRC)** **Emily DeNardi**
By George J. Missett
- 10:30AM (ICC)** **Frances Bellanco**
By Roseann, Josie & Families

Candles

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

Altar Candles at ICC

Ralph Nardell.....By Family

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Patrick Cawley.....By Eileen & Patrick

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Beno Borzell.....By Mom, Dad, Julianna & Sam

RECTORY, SET, COOK 2025

VOTE FOR MONSIGNOR SEMPA & FATHER MICHAEL



Move your favorite pastor chefs up these "collar-nary" leaderboards **TODAY!**

OUR LATEST FOOD FIGHT GOES HIGH-TECH WITH POTS + 'BOTS!

\$10 = 1 VOTE!

WHO: More brave Diocese of Scranton priests, or, as we like to call them, **PASTOR CHEFS**, plus special-guest and media chefs return to their kitchens with new recipes and new technology.

WHAT: Rectory, Set, Cook! IV: Teching it Up A Notch

WHEN: March 4, 2025, then throughout Lent, with Top Chefs and Top 10 named as of 5 p.m. April 10

WHERE: Any desktop, laptop or mobile device/cell phone

WHY: To feed the hungry and house the homeless within the Diocese of Scranton while also supporting our parishes.

HOW:

- 1 Click on the **OUR CHEFS** tab. On mobile devices, find this tab by scrolling down to the bottom of the page, past the sponsor logos, to see the pastor chef pages and view the videos.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR THOSE USING PHONES:

If you cannot see the videos, click **VIEW**, then "Read More" (under the small rectangular image beneath "Donate to Vote") to reveal the **PLAY** key.

- 2 Click on a chef's (or team of chefs') page, select **DONATE NOW** and make at least a \$10 gift to cast one vote. Cast as many votes as you wish as often as you wish for as many chefs as you wish!

- 3 Watch your name appear on our donor walls and your pastor chefs/chefs' page! (Or check the anonymous option when donating.)





REVERSE LENT CALENDAR

Lent is a Christian tradition that takes place over the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Holy Thursday each year. During Lent, Christians are called to commit acts of sacrifice and alms giving that honor the sacrifice they believe Jesus made for them, and help draw them closer to God. Some people choose to fast or “give up” certain luxuries, while others add spiritual discipline, such as reading a daily devotional, praying through a Lenten calendar or giving to others.

Your participation in our “Reverse Lent Calendar” will enable our Social Concerns Committee to fill our food shelves with a variety of non perishable foods. You may bring your donations when you come to Mass on the weekend and place them in the baskets in the sanctuary of the churches. We thank you, in advance, for your continued and generous participation in this project.

March 5	<i>Thank You!</i>	March 28	Hot/Cold Cereal
March 6	<i>Thank You!</i>	March 29	Spaghetti Sauce/Pasta
March 7	<i>Thank You!</i>	March 30	Canned/Boxed Soup
March 8	<i>Thank You!</i>	March 31	Granola/Breakfast Bars
March 9	Juice/Non Dairy Milk	April 1	Pancake Mix/Syrup
March 10	Hot/Cold Cereal	April 2	Non Dairy Milk/Juice
March 11	Juice/Non Dairy Milk	April 3	Peanut Butter/Jelly
March 12	Mac & Cheese/Tuna	April 4	Cake Mix/Frosting
March 13	Canned Fruit/Vegetables	April 5	Canned Vegetables/Fruit
March 14	Granola/Breakfast Bars	April 6	Coffee/Tea
March 15	Spaghetti Sauce/Pasta	April 7	Rice/Pasta
March 16	Peanut Butter/Jelly	April 8	Hot/Cold Cereal
March 17	Hot/Cold Cereal	April 9	Cookies/Crackers
March 18	Box/Bag Stuffing	April 10	Beef Stew/Chili
March 19	Cake Mix/Frosting	April 11	Peanut Butter/Jelly
March 20	Box/Bag Stuffing	April 12	Crackers/Snacks
March 21	Canned Beans	April 13	Hot/Cold Cereal
March 22	Crackers/Snacks	April 14	Mac & Cheese/Tuna
March 23	Granola/Breakfast Bars	April 15	Muffin Mix
March 24	Canned/Boxed Soup	April 16	Box/Bag Stuffing
March 25	Coffee/Tea	April 17	Pancake Mix/Syrup
March 26	Rice/Pasta		
March 27	Flour/Sugar		