

# 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.”*

**April 6, 2025**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

## **Immaculate Conception Church**

**Holy Redeemer Church**  
**St. Anthony Church**

**Msgr. John J. Sempa, Pastor**  
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**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

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### **Weekly Collection**

**March 30, 2025**

**Weekly.....\$11,310.89**

**E Giving.....\$2,173.50**

**Total               \$13,484.39**

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

### **Second Collection This Weekend**

This weekend at all Masses, we will take up a second collection to benefit Catholic Relief Services. Your generosity is appreciated.

### **St. Cecilia Church**

Has been purchased by the Luzerne County Historical Society.

### **Living Stations of the Cross Practice**

Today, **Sunday, April 6 at 4:00PM** in Immaculate Conception Church.

### **Youth Choir Practice**

Today, **Sunday, April 6 at 6:00PM** in Immaculate Conception Church. This will be the final practice before they sing at Living Stations and at the Easter Sunday Family Mass at 10:30AM.

### **Christian Women Meeting**

Will be held on **Monday, April 7 at 6:30PM in the rectory**. Light refreshments will be served. New members are always welcome.

### **The Light Is On for You**

Tomorrow, **Monday, April 7**, a priest will be in the confessional at **Holy Redeemer Church at 6:15PM**.

### **Bereavement Group Meeting**

All are welcome **Wednesday, April 9** at 6:00PM in the rectory.

### **Road to Resurrection**

This **Wednesday, April 9, Mass is at 7:00PM** at Nativity of Our Lord Parish at Holy Rosary Church. All are welcome!

### **Deanery Penance Service**

All are welcome to our Deanery Penance Service on **Monday, April 14 at 6:30PM** at St. John the Evangelist Church, Pittston.

### **Graduation Mass & Brunch**

Will be held on **Sunday, May 4, 2025, at the 10:30AM Mass at Immaculate Conception Church**, followed by brunch for the graduates and their families in the church hall. All high school graduates of Corpus Christi Parish are welcome!!

### **Bishop’s Youth Awards**

Congratulations to the following 8th and 12th grade students from our parish who received the annual Bishop Youth Award this year. They were honored at a Mass at St. Peter’s Cathedral in Scranton on Sunday, March 30, 2025.

Megan Albrecht (12)	Donald Janis (8)	Roger Pollard (8)
Mia Altavilla (12)	Lily Kasa (12)	Genevieve Ruderman (8)
Krea Bonita (12)	Lucas Lokuta (8)	Chase Speicher (12)
Brady DePhillips (8)	Brady Mullin (12)	Andrew Steinberger (12)
Santino Ferretti (8)	Julianna O’Hop (8)	Samara Supey (12)
Rebecca Gula (12)	Matthew Olmstead (8)	Kevin Wiedl (12)
Madelin Hassey (12)	Paul Panek, Jr. (12)	

Listed below are the dates and times when our Social Concerns Committee members, our Confirmation students and our Knights of Columbus members will be in Immaculate Conception Church hall preparing for Easter events. All are welcome to join us!!!

# Liturgy Intentions For The Week



April 7 through 13, 2025

**Tuesday, April 8, 2025**

●4:00PM Confirmation students and volunteers will meet in ICC hall to prepare prizes and fill eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt.

**Wednesday, April 9, 2025**

●4:00PM Volunteers will meet in ICC hall to fill and wrap Easter Baskets for children.

●4:00PM Confirmation students and volunteers will meet in ICC hall to prepare prizes and fill eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. We will be preparing Easter gifts for our homebound and nursing home parishioners.

**Thursday, April 10, 2025**

●9:00AM Our "Soup Ministers" will be in the kitchen at ICC hall making soup for our homebound.

●4:00PM Confirmation students will meet in ICC hall to finalize preparations for Easter Egg Hunt.

●5:00PM Volunteers will meet in ICC hall to fill Easter food baskets.

**Friday, April 11, 2025**

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

**Fri, Sat & Sun, April 11, 12 & 13, 2025**

Volunteers needed to deliver blessed palm, soup and Easter gifts to our home bound and nursing home parishioners. (E-mail Joyce with time you will deliver)

**Sunday, April 13, 2025**

●12:00PM-1:00PM Volunteers are needed in ICC hall to help with pick up of Easter food and Easter baskets.

**Tuesday, April 15, 2025**

●9:00AM Volunteers will meet in ICC kitchen to make Easter cake pops for children.

**Saturday, April 19, 2025**

●9:00AM Volunteers will meet in the rectory kitchen to assemble Easter baskets which will be blessed and delivered to our homebound.

**Sacraments of First Reconciliation & First Eucharist**

Please note.....These Sacraments will be celebrated on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at 10:00AM in St. Anthony Church. There will be 2 practices, one on Sunday, April 27 at 6:00PM and one on Friday, May 2 at 6:00PM, both in St. Anthony Church.

**Sacrament of Confirmation**

Will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 5:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church for students of Corpus Christi and St. Monica Parishes.

**Final "Winter Lottery" Winners**

Listed below are the final winners of our "Winter Lottery ." Congratulations to all of the winners and thank you to everyone for your participation in this parish fundraiser.

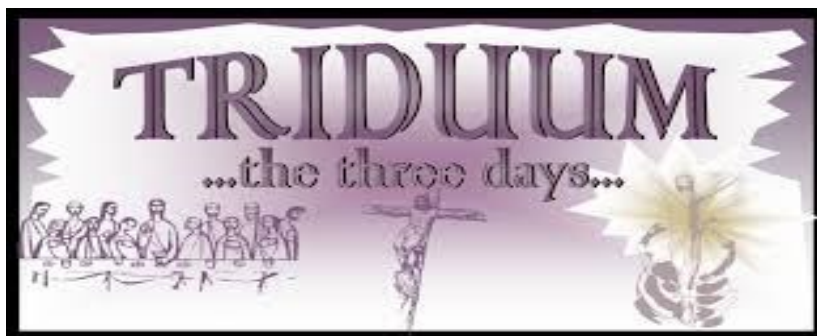
3/26/25 Mary Sakalouchas	#350	\$75.00
3/27/25 Patricia Burns	#501	\$75.00
3/28/25 Tim & Denise Barrett	#014	\$75.00
3/29/25 Bonnie Wasilisin	#794	\$75.00
3/30/25 Rudy & Phyllis Forlenza	#864	\$100.00
3/31/25 Betty Agati	#412	\$75.00

<b>Mon 730AM (ICC)</b>	<b>Joe &amp; Teresa Cravatta</b> By Daughter, Phyllis
<b>5:30AM (ICC)</b>	<b>Kenneth Kizis</b> By Pisony Family
<b>Tues 7:30AM (ICC)</b>	<b>Irene &amp; Julius Parini</b> By Richard, John & Connie
<b>8:30AM (HRC)</b>	<b>Claire Scalonge</b> By Dr & Mrs James Biagioli
<b>12:10AM (SAC)</b>	<b>Dec'd Membs of Angelo &amp; Fasciana Families</b> By Josephine
<b>5:30PM (ICC)</b>	<b>Nicolina &amp; Peter Andrews</b> By Andrews Family
<b>Wed 7:30AM (ICC)</b>	<b>Michael Naples</b> By Tom & Roseann O'Connor
<b>5:30PM (ICC)</b>	<b>George Mason</b> By Friend
<b>Thurs 7:30AM (ICC)</b>	<b>John Hanlon</b> By Hanlon Family
<b>8:30AM (HRC)</b>	<b>John &amp; Regina LaNunziata</b> By Julianna Borzell
<b>12:10PM (SAC)</b>	<b>John Fumanti</b> By Harding, Steve & Niemi Families
<b>5:30PM (ICC)</b>	<b>Frank Grasso</b> By Dr & Mrs Joe Andrews
<b>Fri 7:30AM (ICC)</b>	<b>Lou Ciampi, Sr.</b> By Maria Hackney & Thomas Detweiler
<b>5:30PM (ICC)</b>	<b>Gene Manganiello</b> By Glen & Mary Davis
<b>Sat 4:00PM (SAC)</b>	<b>Angelo, Mary &amp; Angelo P Anzalone &amp; Eddie Wodnicki</b> By Mary Jo
<b>5:30PM (ICC)</b>	<b>Dec'd Membs of Rosengrant, Lisowski, Sabol, Novak, Mackiewicz &amp; Scott Families</b> By Family
<b>Sun 7:30AM (SAC)</b>	<b>Julia Winsock</b> By Husband, Joseph
<b>9:00AM (HRC)</b>	<b>Jean &amp; Matthew Wisniewski</b> By Diane & Joseph Tona
<b>10:30AM (ICC)</b>	<b>Mary Ann Cipolla</b> By Family

**Candles**

These candles will burn this week in loving memory of:

- Altar Candles at ICC**  
**Mary Dente Denisco**.....By Children
- Holy Family Candle at ICC**  
**Paul Kosisky**.....By Family
- Sanctuary Candle at ICC**  
**Joe & Teresa Cravatta**.....By Daughter, Phyllis



This is your invitation to follow Jesus' journey from Holy Thursday through Good Friday to the telling of salvation's story at the Vigil. Do this and you will have an Easter like no other. The Triduum—the three days beginning on the evening of Holy Thursday and ending on Easter Sunday—is an opportunity to experience the essence of Lent and more. The high point of the liturgical life of the Church, The Triduum, allows us to walk with Jesus in his mission of salvation from suffering and death to glorious resurrection. As we do so, we are moving from death to life in our own lives, just as we did in baptism. God is holy. This week is holy. Lent only makes sense and reaches its fullness in our participation in The Easter Triduum.

### **Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025**

**Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00PM**

**Night Prayer 10:00PM**

**Saint Anthony Church**

This is the night when we remember how God freed his people enslaved in Egypt. It is the Passover of the Lord. At the Last Supper, Jesus washes the feet of the disciples as a sign of servanthood and commands us to do likewise. We hear again Christ's command (mandatum) to love and serve one another. We give thanks for the gift of Christ's presence in the Eucharist. There is no dismissal; we leave in silence; the story continues tomorrow. After communion the Blessed Sacrament is placed on the altar and remains there until Night Prayer at 10:00PM.

### **Good Friday, April 18, 2025**

**Passion of our Lord**

**1:00PM**

**Immaculate Conception Church**

This is the day of our salvation! The service commemorating Christ's passion and death is the most somber and solemn liturgy in our church year. All who enter the church should feel a deep silence settle over them and be struck by the barrenness of the church. The Church comes together to read from Scripture and to pray for the whole world. This is not only a time to mourn the death of Jesus on the Cross, but a moment to remember that through his death on the Cross, we are given eternal life with him.

### **Holy Saturday, April 19, 2025**

**Easter Vigil & Mass**

**8:00PM**

**Immaculate Conception Church**

This is the most sacred night in the church's liturgical year. We remember that the death and darkness of the tomb does not triumph. It is shattered in the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. The service begins with the lighting of the new fire. We hear salvation's story. We renew our baptismal vows. We sing Alleluia. We ring bells. Sing the Gloria. Eucharist is shared. We rejoice! The Lord is risen!!

### **Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025**

**7:30AM Mass**

**St. Anthony Church**

**9:00AM Mass**

**Holy Redeemer Church**

**10:30AM Family Mass**

**Immaculate Conception Church**

At this Easter Sunday Family Mass, our youth choir will sing and children of the parish will participate as lectors, heavenly hosts, and gift bearers. The Easter Bunny just may join us with delicious treats for everyone!!



## Reverse Lent Calendar

*Once again, thank you to everyone for your participation in our "Reverse Lent Calendar." We can honestly say the food donations are overflowing our shelves. Because of your kindness, the families we are helping this Easter will receive truly bountiful "Easter Food Baskets."*

April 6	Coffee/Tea
April 7	Rice/Pasta
April 8	Hot/Cold Cereal
April 9	Cookies/Crackers
April 10	Beef Stew/Chili
April 11	Peanut Butter/Jelly
April 12	Crackers/Snacks
April 13	Hot/Cold Cereal
April 14	Mac & Cheese/Tuna
April 15	Muffin Mix
April 16	Box/Bag Stuffing
April 17	Pancake Mix/Syrup

## Living Stations of the Cross

**Good Friday, April 18, 2025**

**7:00PM**

### Immaculate Conception Church

All are welcome to attend this beautiful presentation of "Living Stations of the Cross" which is presented by the youth from our parish. Music is provided by our parish youth choir. Following the presentation, all are welcome to join the kids in the parish hall for pizza.



## Blessing of Baskets

**Holy Saturday, April 19, 2025**

**12:00 Noon**

### St. Anthony Church

In many Eastern European countries, it's a tradition to have a basket of food blessed on Holy Saturday. This Catholic ritual has been cherished for centuries among many families. It has now been adopted by people of all ethnic backgrounds who enjoy this richly symbolic custom.

Members of our Social Concerns Committee will prepare approximately 85 baskets with slices of ham, hard boiled eggs, paska, a chocolate cross and a small bottle of wine which will be blessed and delivered to our homebound parishioners.

## Easter Egg Hunt

**12:15PM**

### St. Anthony Church Grounds

All boys and girls are invited to our Easter Egg Hunt. Our Confirmation candidates will be scattering hundreds of eggs on the grounds of St. Anthony's Church.

There will be a special section for toddlers and plenty of prizes! Of course, we will expect a visit from the Easter Bunny!! All are welcome!!

