

# 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.”*

**December 14, 2025**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

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

**Corpus Christi Parish**  
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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

Tues 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

12:10PM St. Anthony

Wed 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

Thurs 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

12:10PM St. Anthony

Fri 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

Watch Sunday & Daily Mass at

[www.corpuschristinepa.com](http://www.corpuschristinepa.com)

**Weekly Collection**  
**December 7, 2025**

**Weekly.....\$13,300.34**

**E Giving.....\$4,799.50**

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception.....\$2,049.10**

**Total           \$20,148.94**

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

**Second Collection This Weekend**

This weekend at all Masses, we will take up the collection to benefit Retirement Fund for Religious. Your generosity is appreciated.

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

**Christmas Eve:**

**4:00PM—Immaculate Conception Church  
(Family Mass...Will we have a surprise visitor?)**

**4:00PM—Saint Anthony Church**

**10:00PM—Immaculate Conception Church**

**Christmas Day:**

**7:30AM—Saint Anthony Church**

**9:00AM—Holy Redeemer Church**

**10:30AM—Immaculate Conception Church**

**New Year's Mass Schedule**

**New Year's Eve:**

**4:00PM—Saint Anthony Church**

**5:30PM—Immaculate Conception Church**

**New Year's Day:**

**9:00AM—Immaculate Conception Church**

**Advent Deanery Penance Service**

All are welcome to attend our Deanery Penance Service on Monday, December 15th at 6:30PM at St. John the Evangelist Church, William Street, Pittston. There will be a number of priests present to hear confessions.

**Baking Spirits Bright!!**

Thank you, in advance, to all who are baking cookies to share with our homebound parishioners. Please drop them off at the rectory or in ICC kitchen by Tuesday, December 16th. On Wednesday, December 17th, our Social Concerns members and volunteers will meet in ICC hall at 9:00AM to pack the cookies in decorative tins.



At this time, our volunteers will pack gifts of chocolates, lovely hand made Christmas items and Christmas cards made by students in Wyoming Area Catholic School and our parish Religious Ed Program. These gifts will be delivered to our parishioners residing in nursing homes, as well as our homebound.

**Social Concerns Welcomes ALL Volunteer Help!!!**

The following days and times are when volunteer help is needed. We welcome adults, teens needing service hours and children.

**•Today, Sunday, December 14th, 11:30AM**

in IC Church to sort and pack Giving Tree gifts for distribution

**•Today, Sunday, December 14th, 1:30PM-4:00PM**

in IC Church to help with distribution of Christmas food and gifts

**•Wednesday, December 17th, 9:00AM**

in ICC hall to package cookies and wrap Christmas gifts for our homebound and parishioners residing in nursing homes

**•Friday, December 19th, 9:00AM**

in ICC hall/kitchen to make “Cake Pops” which will be distributed at our Christmas Eve Family Mass

## Christmas Wafers

Are available in the vestibules of the churches. Donation is \$2.00 for a pack of 4 wafers.

## Youth Choir

Will practice today, **Sunday, December 14 at 5:00PM** in ICC. All children are welcome. The Youth Choir will be singing at our 4:00PM Family Mass on Christmas Eve in ICC.

## Hospitals & Nursing Homes

If you or someone you know is being admitted to a hospital or nursing home, please call the rectory to let us know. Because of HIPPA, we cannot always find out who is admitted to hospitals and nursing homes.



**Save the Date!!**  
**Night at the Races**  
**Saturday**  
**January 31, 2026**  
**Doors Open 6:15PM**  
**Races Begin**  
**7:00PM**

Admission, which

includes food and entry in the door prize raffle, is \$5.00. Tickets can be purchased by calling the rectory at 570 654 2753.

## The Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

Children in 2nd grade and older who are registered in our Religious Education Program or who attend a Catholic school will receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist on Saturday, May 2, 2026 at 10:00AM. Site TBD.

## The Sacrament of Confirmation

Young men and women in grade 8 and older who are registered in our Religious Education Program or are attending a Catholic school will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, April 26, 2026 at 2:00PM. Site TBD.

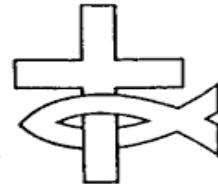
In the next couple of weeks, a letter will be mailed to the families of the students receiving these sacraments. Any questions regarding these sacraments can be referred to Joyce at the rectory 570 654 2753 or [jceconni50@gmail.com](mailto:jceconni50@gmail.com)

## Courtesy News

### Lessons and Carols at St. Joseph Marello Parish

The parish choir of St. Joseph Marello Parish will present an evening of Lessons and Carols on Tuesday, December 16 at 6:30PM in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 237 William Street in Pittston. This candlelit service will feature scripture readings alongside hymns and carols to highlight the joyful Expectation of Advent, allowing us to prayerfully prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ on Christmas Day. Don't miss this beautiful service! This is a free event and all are welcome to attend!

## Liturgy Intentions For The Week



**December 15 through 21, 2025**

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| <b>Mon 7:30AM (ICC)</b>  | <b>Gloria Green</b><br>By A Friend                                |
| <b>Tues 7:30AM (ICC)</b>   | <b>Perry Piazza</b><br>By Sister, Anita                           |
| <b>8:30AM (HRC)</b>  | <b>Frank Schevets</b><br>By Patti & Jim Cooney                    |
| <b>12:10PM (SAC)</b>   | <b>Tom Pellegrini</b><br>By Wife, Children & Grandchildren        |
| <b>Wed 7:30AM (ICC)</b>  | <b>Karin Trotta</b><br>By ICC Morning Mass Group                  |
| <b>Thurs 7:30AM (ICC)</b>  | <b>John J. Casey, Jr.</b><br>By Family                            |
| <b>8:30AM (HRC)</b>  | <b>Gerard Zizza</b><br>By Jill Fasciana McCoy                     |
| <b>12:10PM (SAC)</b>   | <b>William Loyack</b><br>By Wife, Lucille & Family                |
| <b>Fri 7:30AM (ICC)</b>  | <b>Paul &amp; Peter Laure</b><br>By Daughter & Niece, Donna Berti |
| <b>Sat 4:00PM (SAC)</b>  | <b>Patricia Zack</b><br>By Family                                 |
| <b>5:30PM (ICC)</b>  | <b>Dec'd Membs of the Oliveri Family</b><br>By Janine & Family    |
| <b>Sun 7:30AM (SAC)</b>  | <b>Bobby Robbins</b><br>By Wife, Children & Grandchildren         |
| <b>9:00AM (HRC)</b>  | <b>Imelda Kormos</b><br>By Paul Komensky & Family                 |
| <b>10:30AM (ICC)</b>   | <b>Salvatore Gambone</b><br>By Paul Komensky                      |
| <b>Candles</b>   |   |
| <i>The following candles will burn this week in loving memory of:</i>                                  |   |
| <b>Altar Candles at ICC</b>  |   |
| <b>John Kosiski, Sr.</b> .....By Family  |   |
| <b>Holy Family Candle at ICC</b>   |   |
| <b>William Drevitch</b> .....By Wife & Son   |   |
| <b>Sanctuary Candle at ICC</b>   |   |
| <b>Dec'd Membs of Brown, Bishop, Serafin &amp; Pasternak Families</b> .....By John & Maryellen Serafin |   |
| <b>Altar Candles at HR</b>   |   |
| <b>Stephanie Godri Johnston</b> .....By Mom, Dad & Siblings  |   |
| <b>Sanctuary Candle at HR</b>  |   |
| <b>Caroline &amp; Joseph Just &amp; Irene &amp; John Dolgash</b> .....By Geraldine Anzelmi             |   |
| <b>Altar Candles at SA</b>   |   |
| <b>Dec'd Membs of Savoia, Colarusso, DeMarco &amp; Sarf Families</b> .....By Deborah Savoia            |   |
| <b>Sanctuary Candle at SA</b>  |   |
| <b>Tom Pellegrini</b> .....By Wife, Children & Grandchildren   |   |
| <b>Sanctuary Candle at SA Chapel</b>   |   |
| <b>Jean Manderson</b> .....By Linda, Leonard & Family  |   |

**Corpus Christi Parish**  
**2026 Night at the Races**  
**January 31, 2026**

We're excited to announce that our annual **Night at the Races** will take place on **Saturday, January 31, 2026, at 7:00 PM** in the Immaculate Conception Church Hall. We invite you to join us for an evening of fellowship, fun, and friendly competition!

**Admission, which includes food and entry into the door prize raffle, is \$5.** Tickets can be pre-purchased by calling the rectory.

There are also several ways you can participate and support this event, as outlined below. **All sponsorships, basket donations and horse purchases must be returned to the rectory by Monday, January 19, 2026.** Please make checks payable to *Corpus Christi Parish*.

For questions, please call the rectory at 570-654-2753 or Kim Rollman at 570-814-4745.

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**Sponsorship Form**

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship Level (check one):

**Race Sponsor - \$100.00**    **Full Page Ad - \$200.00**    **Half Page Ad - \$100.00**  
 **Quarter Page Ad - \$50.00**    **Eighth Page Ad/Business Card - \$25.00**

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**Basket Donation Form**

Donor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Donor Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Monetary Value of Basket/Items: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Theme (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Items included:

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**Horse Purchase Form - \$10.00 Donation for Each Horse**

Seller \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

|    | Horse Name | Owner | Phone # |
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