

# 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 8, 2026  
Third Sunday of Lent**

## **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

**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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Watch Sunday & Daily Mass at-

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

## **Weekly Collection**

**March 1, 2026**

**Weekly.....\$12,961.81**

**E Giving.....\$2,858.50**

**Total       \$15,820.31**

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

## **Second Collection Next Weekend**

Next weekend at all Masses will take up the collection which will benefit Catholic Relief Services. Your generosity is always appreciated.

## **Stations of the Cross**

On Fridays during Lent, immediately following the 5:30PM Mass at Immaculate Conception Church, our Confirmation students will lead us in Stations of the Cross.

## **The Light is on For You**

This Monday, March 9, 2026, Monsignor Sempa or Father Drevitch will be available for the Sacrament of Penance at Immaculate Conception Church at 6:00PM.

## **Lenten Soup & Scripture Series**

This week Tuesday, March 10th, Mr. Carmen Ambrosino will be our guest speaker and the soups and sandwiches will be provided by our Lectors, EM's and Heavenly Hosts. Our next session, Tuesday, March 17th, will be hosted by our Adult Choir, Religious Ed Teachers and Baptism Ministry.

## **EM's, Lectors & Altar Servers**

Please contact your coordinator with your availability to serve for the Triduum and/or Easter Sunday Masses. *To be placed on the schedule, you must contact your coordinator by March 20th.*

EM's & Lectors contact:

Teresa at [tacross5@comcast.net](mailto:tacross5@comcast.net) or 570 357 3985

Altar Servers contact:

Donna at [toddler.dm@gmail.com](mailto:toddler.dm@gmail.com) or 570 903 9142

## **Social Concerns**

### **◆Help for Easter**

**If you or someone you know is struggling financially and could use help for Easter, please contact Joyce at 570 654 2753 or [jcecco-ni50@gmail.com](mailto:jcecco-ni50@gmail.com). We will be preparing Easter Baskets for children through 12 years of age.**

### **◆Easter Basket Donations**

**To help us fill Easter Baskets for children and prepare prizes for our annual Easter Egg Hunt, we will gladly accept donations including individually wrapped candy, chocolates, small toys, coloring/painting books, bubbles, tablets, books, sidewalk chalk, crafts or any other items/toys/treats appropriate for boys or girls through age 12. Thank you for your help!!**

### **◆Reverse Lenten Calendar**

Please see this week's food suggestions. Please know, we will gladly accept any non perishable foods.

3/8 Rice/Stuffing

3/12 Macaroni & Cheese

3/9 Hot & Cold Cereal

3/13 Pasta

3/10 Tuna

3/14 Spaghetti Sauce

3/11 Peanut Butter & Jelly

### **◆Social Concerns Meeting**

All are welcome to attend our next planning meeting on **Wednesday, March 11 at 5:00PM in the rectory.**

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
**Saturday, April 4, 2026**  
**12:30PM**  
**Grounds of**  
**St. Anthony Church**



Our Easter Egg Hunt this year will be bigger and better than ever!! Our Confirmation students are coordinating this fun event so watch the bulletin for more details!!

**Winter Lottery**

Thank you to everyone for your participation in our "Winter Lottery." Congratulations to this weeks winners!

02/26/26	Mark Olmstead	#316	\$75
02/27/26	Colleen Trusavage	#003	\$75
02/28/26	Mary Agolino	#779	\$75
03/01/26	Gracelyn Borini	#695	\$100
03/02/26	Alice Kozop	#891	\$75
03/03/26	Rita Mauriello	#237	\$75
03/04/26	Helen Shoener	#846	\$75

**Sacrament of Confirmation**  
**Sunday, April 26, 2026 2:00PM**  
**Saint Anthony Church**

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. Please know there is no specific dress code for this Sacrament. We will have one practice for the candidates and sponsors (if available) on Thursday, April 23 at 6:00PM in St. Anthony Church.

**Sacraments of First Reconciliation**  
**First Eucharist**

**Saturday, May 2, 2026 10:00AM**  
**Immaculate Conception Church**

All boys and girls in second grade or older who attend Religious Education classes or who are attending a Catholic School are eligible to receive these Sacraments. Please know, the First Eucharist Retreat scheduled for Saturday, March 14th has been cancelled. There are two practices scheduled for First Eucharist, one on Sunday, April 26 at 6:00PM and one on Friday, May 1 at 6:00PM, both at Immaculate Conception Church.

Everyone receiving any of the above mentioned sacraments must fill out a registration form and return it to the rectory along with a copy of the child's Baptism, if he/she was not baptized at St. Barbara or Corpus Christi Parish.

If you have any questions regarding any of these sacraments, please contact DRE Loretta Semenza at 570 313 0099 or [raetta@gmail.com](mailto:raetta@gmail.com) or Pastoral Associate, Joyce Cecconi at the rectory 570 654 2753 or [jcecco-ni50@gmail.com](mailto:jcecco-ni50@gmail.com).

**Twilight Bingo**  
**Save the Date!!**



All are welcome to attend our next "Twilight Bingo" which will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2026 at 7:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church Hall. A mailing has been sent to all parishioners this week with information on purchasing tickets and/or sponsoring this event.



**Mass Intentions**

**March 9 through March 15, 2026**

- Mon 7:30AM (ICC)** **Theresa Gavigan**  
By Husband, Dave & Children
- 5:30PM (ICC)** **Rae Ann Casterline**  
By M/M Anthony Massara
- Tues 7:30AM (ICC)** **Dec'd Membs of the Ristagno Family**  
By Martha
- 8:30AM (HRC)** **"Beno" Borzell**  
By Mom, Dad, Julianna & Sam
- 12:10PM (SAC)** **Carmen J. Santasania**  
By Tom & Carol Lee Aycock
- 5:30PM (ICC)** **William Drevitch & Sons, Edward & Marc**  
By Wife/Mother
- Wed 7:30AM (ICC)** **Florence Reilly**  
By Family
- 5:30PM (ICC)** **Frank Colella**  
By Wife, Theresa & Children
- Thurs 7:30AM (ICC)** **Stephanie Cawley**  
By Mary Burke & Family
- 8:30AM (HRC)** **Christine Martin**  
By Gary & Mary Reeves
- 12:10PM (SAC)** **Lorraine & Ray Condo & Children**  
By Marian & Joseph Rubino
- 5:30PM (ICC)** **Frank & Nellie Parente**  
By Family
- Fri 7:30AM (ICC)** **George Purcell**  
By Ron & Rosemary Gitkos
- 5:30PM (ICC)** **Peter Donnora**  
By Wife, Jean
- Sat 4:00PM (SAC)** **Edward Benish**  
By Wife, Jean
- 5:30PM (ICC)** **Ralph Nardell, Jr.**  
By Family
- Sun 7:30AM (SAC)** **Ryan, Frank & Alex**  
By Family
- 9:00AM (HRC)** **Ulderico & Giovanna Conte & Peter Nunziata & Maria Sarno**  
By Ron & Maria Nardell
- 10:30AM (ICC)** **Leonard Insalaco, II**  
By Mom & Dad

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**Candles**

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

- Altar Candles at ICC**  
**Patrick Cawley**.....By Eileen & Patrick
- Holy Family at ICC**  
**"Beno" Borzell**.....By Mom, Dad, Julianna & Sam
- Sanctuary Candle at ICC**  
**Mary Ann Switzer**.....By Robbie Switzer & Family

# RECTORY, SET, COOK 2026

## Help make Father Michael #1

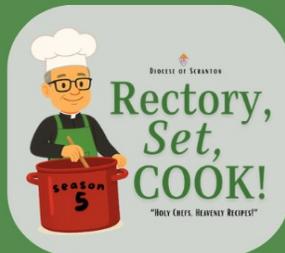
Fr. Michael teamed up with the Pacelli family, parishioners of Corpus Christi Parish, and proud advocates of Catholic education. Kelly Pacelli, a teacher at **Holy Redeemer High School**, cooked alongside her three children—Frank, Lia, and Michael—who are all students at **Wyoming Area Catholic School**, where Fr. Michael serves as chaplain.

The team prepared a rich and hearty chili from one of Kelly's favorite cookbooks, *The Comfort Table* by Katie Lee. The Pacelli kids were all hands on deck—each claiming a spot in the kitchen, chopping, stirring, and making sure Mom and Fr. Michael stayed on task—true sous chefs in action!

And this wasn't just any chili. The recipe includes a **secret ingredient** that adds incredible depth of flavor and helps tenderize the meat, taking it from ordinary to unforgettable—this is a must-try recipe.

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# Easter Triduum



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 2, 2026**

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

**Night Prayer 10:00PM**

**Immaculate Conception 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 3, 2026**

**Passion of our Lord**

**1:00PM**

**Saint Anthony 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 4, 2026**

**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 5, 2026**

**7:30AM Mass**

**Saint 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!!