

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 15, 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

5:30PM Immaculate Conception

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Weekly Collection

March 8, 2026

Weekly.....\$13,110.65

E Giving.....\$3,458.00

Total \$16,568.65

Final Profit

Night at the Races

\$12,624.52

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 which will benefit Catholic Relief Services. Your generosity is appreciated.

The Light is on for You

This Monday, March 16, 2026, Monsignor Sempa or Father Drevitch will be available for the Sacrament of Penance at 6:15PM in St. Anthony Church.

Lenten Soup & Scripture

This week Tuesday, March 17th is our final “Soup & Scripture” Series. **Mr. Dominick Constantino will be our guest speaker** and the soups and sandwiches will be provided by our **Adult Choir, Religious Ed Teachers & Baptism Ministry.**

Knights of Columbus Council 18246

Will meet tomorrow, **Monday, March 16 at 7:00PM** in the rectory. All men from the parish are welcome to join us.

Social Concerns

◆Help for Easter

If you or someone you know is struggling financially and could use help for Easter, contact Joyce at 570 654 2753 or jcecconi50@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 and all non perishable foods.

3/15	Canned/Box Soup	3/19	Tuna
3/16	Granola/Breakfast Bars	3/20	Boxed Potatoes
3/17	Peanut Butter/Jelly	3/21	Rice/Stuffing
3/18	Hot/Cold Cereal		

To date we have about 75 families who are asking for help with food and Easter baskets for their children age 12 years and younger. We expect to reach 100 families. As always, thank you to everyone for your donations of non perishable foods, Easter candy, Easter basket fillers and monetary donations. If you can, please keep the donations coming in as our food shelves have been depleted this past winter. Thank you!!

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!! This year there will be music and Ice Creamers Ice Cream Truck!! We will have a special section for toddlers only! Our Confirmation students, along with adult help, are coordinating this fun event!! All are welcome!!





Blessing of the Easter Baskets

In many Eastern European countries, it's a tradition to have a basket of food blessed on Holy Saturday. This Catholic ritual has been adopted by people of all ethnic backgrounds. Baskets will be blessed at 12 Noon

on Holy Saturday, April 4th in St. Anthony Church.

Winter Lottery

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

03/05/26	Jean Talamelli	#653	\$75
03/06/26	Peggy Balberchak	#116	\$75
03/07/26	Joe/Lois Pluskey	#697	\$75
03/08/26	Patricia Teehan	#415	\$100
03/09/26	Audrey Ann Deleo	#966	\$75
03/10/26	Nick Van Fleet	#108	\$75
03/11/26	Cheryl Gadomski	#757	\$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 who attend Religious Education classes or who are attending a Catholic school are eligible to receive this Sacrament. Please know there is no specific dress code for this Sacrament.

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. 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.

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.

Courtesy News

Wyoming Area Catholic School

We are in need of substitute teachers for grades PK thru 8. If interested, please contact Principal Eileen Rishcoff at erishcoff@wacsh.com.

Bitter Lamentations

Gorzkie zale, the traditional Polish-language Lenten devotion known as the "Bitter Lamentations," will be held on Sunday, March 22, at 3:00PM in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont. The devotion is a sung reflection on the Passion of Christ and his Sorrowful Mother. **Msgr. John Sempa, pastor of Corpus Christi Parish, West Pittston, will be the guest homilist.** A light reception will follow in the church hall. All are invited to attend.



Mass Intentions

March 16 through March 22, 2026

Mon 7:30AM (ICC) Barbara Pazdziorko

By Loretta

5:30PM (ICC) Justine Silvi

By Barbara Wrazien

Tues 7:30AM (ICC) Patrick Cawley, Sr.

By Joan Hennigan

8:30AM (HRC) Brian Shannon

By Mom & Dad

12:10PM (SAC) John Dunnigan

By Mary Theresa Walsh
Obzansky

5:30PM (ICC) Linda Victor

By Mascatelli Family

Wed 7:30AM (ICC) Eugene Manganello

By Wife, Catherine

5:30PM (ICC) Margaret Palmer

By Patti Wiatrowski

Thurs 7:30AM (ICC) Beth & Jack Szeghy

By Burke Family

8:30AM (HRC) Special Intention

12:10PM (SAC) Karen Potoski

By Family

5:30PM (ICC) James & Patricia Dobbs

By Children/Grandchildren

Fri 7:30AM (ICC) Frank Grasso

By Edith Lentini

5:30PM (ICC) Bobby Robbins

By Wife, Children &
Grandchildren

Sat 4:00PM (SAC) Louis V. Forlenza

By Cella Family

5:30PM (ICC) Frances Bellanco

By Roseann, Josie &
Families

Sun 7:30AM (SAC) Stacie Ann Powers

By Friends of Seton Catholic

9:00AM (HRC) Andrew Vitek, Sr

By Loving Family

10:30AM (ICC) Joseph & Gerri Galaida

By Family

Candles

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

Altar Candles at ICC

Edith & Joseph O'Malley & Lelia & Harry Corcoran.....By Anne & Blair Corcoran

Holy Family at ICC

Eugene Manganello.....By Wife, Catherine

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Dec'd Membs of Brown, Bishop, Serafin & Pasternak Families.....By John & Maryellen Serafin

Altar Candles at St. Anthony

Clara Trotta.....By Lucille & Family

Sanctuary Candle at St. Anthony

Louis V. Forlenza.....By Wife, Lois & Family

RECTORY, SET, COOK 2026

Help make Father Michael #1

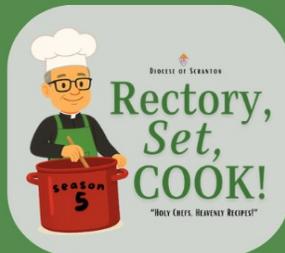
Fr. Michael teamed up with the Pacelli family, parishioners of Corpus Christi Parish, and proud advocates of Catholic education. Kelly Pacelli, a teacher at **Holy Redeemer High School**, cooked alongside her three children—Frank, Lia, and Michael—who are all students at **Wyoming Area Catholic School**,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

Listed below are dates and times when we could use a helping hand. All are welcome to join us!!

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

◆**8:00AM** Meet in ICC hall to prepare Easter baskets for children 12 years of age and younger.

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◆**4:00PM** Confirmation students and volunteers meet to fill hundreds of eggs and prepare prizes for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

◆**8:00AM** Meet in ICC hall to assemble Easter gifts for our homebound and nursing home residents.

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

◆**4:00PM** Confirmation students and volunteers meet to fill hundreds of eggs and prepare prizes

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, March 26, 27 & 28, 2026

◆Volunteers needed to deliver Easter gifts and blessed palm to homebound and nursing home residents.

Sunday, March 29, 2026

◆**11:15AM** Volunteers, young teens and adults, needed in ICC hall to help with distribution of Easter food and Easter baskets for children

Monday, March 30, 2026

◆**9:00AM** Volunteers meet in ICC kitchen to make Easter cake pops

Saturday, April 4, 2026

◆**9:00AM** Volunteers meet in ICC rectory to prepare baskets for our homebound which will be blessed and delivered today.

◆**11:00AM** Volunteers needed at ICC rectory to deliver blessed baskets to our homebound.



Holy Thursday, April 2, 2026

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00PM

Night Prayer 10:00PM

Immaculate Conception Church

Good Friday, April 3, 2026

Passion of our Lord

1:00PM

Saint Anthony Church

Holy Saturday, April 4, 2026

Easter Vigil & Mass

8:00PM

Immaculate Conception Church

Easter Sunday Masses, 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. Will we get a surprise visit from the Easter Bunny?