

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 22, 2026
Fifth 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

**605 Luzerne Avenue
West Pittston, PA 18643
Phone (570) 654-2753
Phone (570) 654-2103
Fax (570) 654-9244**

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

5:30PM Immaculate Conception

Fri 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

5:30PM Immaculate Conception

Watch Sunday & Daily Mass at-

www.corpuschristinepa.com

Weekly Collection

March 15, 2026

Weekly.....\$11,593.10

E Giving.....\$2,518.50

Total \$14,111.60

2nd Collection

Catholic Relief Services

\$1,437.63

Thank you everyone for your generous support of our parish.

Second Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend, at all Masses, we will take up a second collection which will benefit the “Rice Bowl Collection.”

The Light is on for You

This Monday, March 23, 2026, Monsignor Sempa or Father Drevitch will be available for the Sacrament of Penance at 6:15PM in Holy Redeemer Church.

Deanery Penance Service

All are welcome to our Deanery Penance Service on Monday, March 30, 2026 at 6:30PM in St. John the Evangelist Church, Pittston.

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.**

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 assemble Easter gifts for our homebound and nursing home residents.

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

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

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

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

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 needed in ICC hall to help with distribution of Easter food which takes place between 12:00PM and 1:00PM.

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.



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!! Free Ice Cream for everyone! Bubbles are magical! Everyone enjoys bubbles!! Join us for a fun filled bubble experience!! We will have a special section for toddlers only! Our Confirmation students, along with adult help, are coordinating this fun event!! All are welcome!!

Winter Lottery

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

03/12/26	Barbara Fetsko	#052	\$75
03/13/26	Lori Mikolosko	#598	\$75
03/14/26	Mary Agolino	#969	\$75
03/15/26	Kenneth Remus	#214	\$100
03/16/26	Barb Kelleher	#381	\$75
03/17/26	Anita Lizzo	#902	\$500
03/18/26	Ryan Ferraro	#083	\$75



Twilight Bingo
Saturday, April 11, 2026
7:00PM

Immaculate Conception Hall
 All are welcome to attend our Twilight Bingo. To purchase tickets, call or stop by the rectory.

Courtesy News

Corn Hole for a Cause

Parishioner, Ben Rogish, is hosting this fundraiser through Junior Leadership Northeast, partnering with CEO Weinberg to raise awareness for food insecurity in our community. For questions or to make a donation, contact Ben at 570 299 0521 or benjamin.rogish@gmail.com.

CORN HOLE FOR A CAUSE

Come out and help us in our fight against food insecurity in NEPA! Only 2 people to play, any age, and double elimination. Also 50/50, basket raffles, and concessions will be available. Join us in corn hole for a cause!

\$50 PER TEAM
WHEN: MARCH 28TH
STARTING AT 1PM
WHERE: DOUG'S BOARD ROOM
310 MARKET STREET, KINGSTON, PA 18704, USA
BRING NON PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS
FOR FREE RAFFLE TICKETS!!!
CASH PRIZES!!!
(1ST 2ND 3RD)

Sign up using the **SCOREHOLIO** APP

** A Junior Leadership Northeast Project



Mass Intentions

March 23 through March 29, 2026

- Mon 7:30AM (ICC)** **Maria Kittle Berti & Dale J. Berti**
By Debbie & Joseph Walsh
- 5:30PM (ICC)** **Michael Kostelansky**
By Mary Jane Tomasetti
- Tues 7:30AM (ICC)** **Joe Switzer**
By IC Morning Mass Group
- 8:30AM (HRC)** **Rita Colondo**
By Ronald Yakobitis
- 12:10PM (SAC)** **Linda Pizano Margle**
By Marlene & Family
- 5:30PM (ICC)** **John & MaryAnn O'Boyle**
By Children/Grandchildren
- Wed 7:30AM (ICC)** **Ed & Sally Hennigan**
By Family
- 5:30PM (ICC)** **Frank Colella**
By Theresa & Children
- Thurs 7:30AM (ICC)** **Kevin Powers**
By Joe & Roseann Bartell
- 8:30AM (HRC)** **Margaret Grivner**
By Fr. David Michael
- 12:10PM (SAC)** **Anthony Oliveri**
By Great /Grandchildren
- 5:30PM (ICC)** **Albert & Dorothy Adrian**
By Barbara & Family
- Fri 7:30AM (ICC)** **Marilyn Starna**
By Alicia McAndrew & Family
- 5:30PM (ICC)** **Loretta M. Malsky**
By Carol Clark
- Sat 4:00PM (SAC)** **George & Hortense Oschal**
By Children
- 5:30PM (ICC)** **Dave Gashi**
By Walleye
- Sun 7:30AM (SAC)** **Gloria Jean Dickson**
By Theresa & Mary
- 9:00AM (HRC)** **Vilma & John Timony**
By Patty Teehan
- 10:30AM (ICC)** **Gerry Orloski**
By Peggy & Paige

Candles

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

- Altar Candles at ICC**
Joe Switzer.....By Robbie Switzer & Family
- Holy Family at ICC**
Loretta Malsky.....By Family
- Sanctuary Candle at ICC**
Margaret & Jack Hoover.....By Family

RECTORY, SET, COOK 2026

Help make Father Michael #1

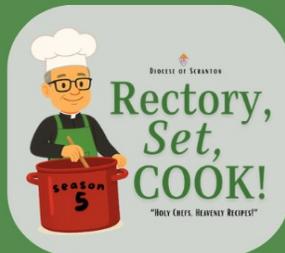
Fr. Michael teamed up with the Pacelli family, parishioners of Corpus Christi Parish, and proud advocates of Catholic education. Kelly Pacelli, a teacher at **Holy Redeemer High School**, cooked alongside her three children—Frank, Lia, and Michael—who are all students at **Wyoming Area Catholic School**,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

To vote: Text: **2026PASTORCHEF12** to 71777 or visit www.DIOCESEOFSCRANTON.ORG

A DIOCESE OF SCRANTON
PASTOR CHEF SHOWDOWN



COOKING UP HOPE TO FIGHT
HUNGER & HOMELESSNESS



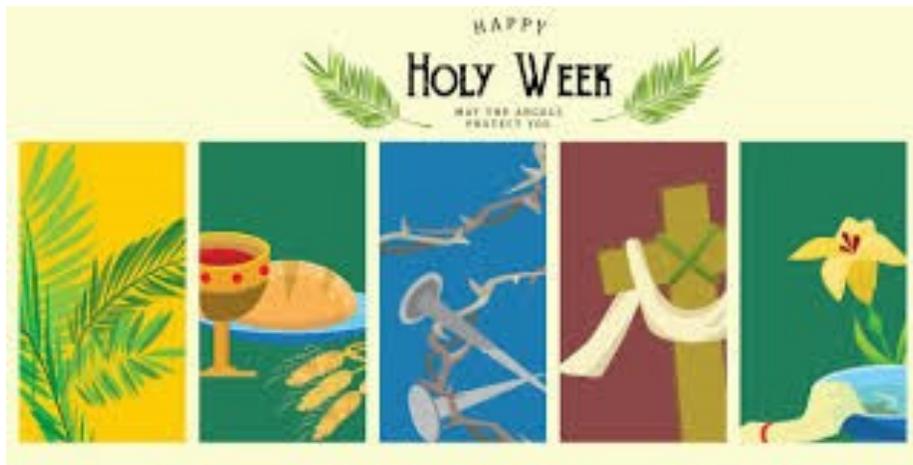
3 WAYS TO VOTE:

TEXT
2026PASTORCHEF12
TO 71777

SCAN THE
QR CODE



VISIT
WWW.DIOCESEOFSCRANTON.ORG



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!!