

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.”

August 9, 2026
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Immaculate Conception Church
Holy Redeemer Church
St. Anthony Church

Msgr. John J. Sempa,
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

Tues 7:30AM Immaculate Conception
8:30AM Holy Redeemer

Wed 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

Thurs 7:30AM Immaculate Conception
8:30AM Holy Redeemer

Fri 7:30AM Immaculate Conception
Watch Sunday & Daily Mass at-
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Weekly Collection

August 2, 2026

Weekly.....\$14,789.80

E Giving.....\$2,658.50

Total \$17,448.30

No Bazaar Envelope

August 2, 2026: \$4,410.00

Total to Date: \$32,225.00

Thank you to everyone for your continued generosity to our parish

With much gratitude, I want to share with all of you that Deacon Walter Janoski has made the decision to retire from active ministry at Corpus Christi Parish, effective July 26, 2026. In mid-July, Deacon Walter wrote a letter to Bishop Bambera requesting retirement, which the Bishop accepted.

For so many years, Deacon Walter has been a faithful and familiar presence in the life of Saint Barbara, and later Corpus Christi Parishes. Whether proclaiming the Gospel, assisting at the altar, celebrating baptisms, comforting families in times of loss, or simply offering a kind word or a listening ear, he has reflected Christ’s love through his unwavering commitment to serving others.

Many of us have been blessed by the ministry we saw each week. Yet, much of Deacon Walter’s service took place behind the scenes, known only to those whose lives he touched. He devoted countless hours to mentoring and helping future deacons, supporting the work of our parish and diocese, and generously giving of himself wherever there was a need. He never sought recognition – only the opportunity to serve God and His people.

On behalf of Corpus Christi Parish, I want to offer our heartfelt thanks to Deacon Walter for his many years of faithful ministry, his steadfast faith, and the compassion and kindness he has shared with so many. His example of servant leadership has enriched our parish in ways that will continue to bear fruit for years to come.

Please keep Deacon Walter in your prayers. Pray that the Lord blesses him with good health, peace, and the comfort of knowing how deeply he is appreciated by the Corpus Christi Parish family.

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Saturday, August 15th, there will be a 9:00AM Mass celebrating the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Immaculate Conception Church. This year it is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

New Altar Server Training

The altar server training days are: Tuesday, August 11 at 5:00PM, Saturday, August 15 at 12 Noon and Tuesday, August 18 at 5:00PM. Please contact Jen Snyder 570 510 4665 or jsnyder@holynosaryduryea.org. All boys and girls who have received the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are welcome to become altar servers.

Social Concerns Committee
Back-to-School Project

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations for our “Back-to-School” project. Our distribution will be held on Sunday, August 23 between 12:00PM and 1:30PM. Getting children ready to go back to school can be challenging to families with limited income.

Our goal is to help local families ease their burden by assisting them with back to school supplies including backpacks, personal hygiene products and non perishable food. If you or someone you know could use help with back to school supplies, call the rectory or e-mail Joyce at jecconi50@gmail.com. Thank you.



Social Concerns
Food Donations



Currently our food pantry is in low supply. This summer we have been receiving more calls than usual asking for help with food. We are blessed by your continued generous donations of non-perishable foods. Once again, we invite you to share your blessings by bringing non-perishable food items to help support our neighbors in need. Some of our most needed food items would include: *peanut butter and jelly, canned fruits and vegetables, canned soup, tuna, chicken, beans, rice, pasta and boxed cereal*. As always, thank you for your continued support!!

New Ministry Schedule

Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers and Altar Servers are asked to contact their coordinator by August 15th with any changes to your availability to serve September through December 2026. Altar Servers, contact Donna Mason @ 570 903 9142 or toddler.dm@gmail.com. Lectors and EM's contact Teresa Crossin @ 570 357 3985 or tacross5@comcast.net.

Dress A Girl Around the World

Join us in creating simple dresses for impoverished girls in the USA and beyond. Our next meeting is Saturday, August 15 from 9:00AM to 11:00AM in the classroom behind Immaculate Conception Church. All are welcome! For more information, call Michelle at 570 357 3276.

Religious Education News

Our Religious Ed classes for the 2026-2027 school year will begin in our parish on Sunday, September 13, 2026. A letter and registration forms were mailed to students who attended classes here last year. If you did not receive the mailing, please call the rectory 570 654 2753 or e-mail icecconi50@gmail.com and we will send the info to you.

Foam Party & Ice Screammers

On Sunday, September 13 following 10:30AM Mass everyone from toddlers to adults are welcome to join us for some good clean "foam party" fun. What could be better than topping it off with some delicious ice cream from "Ice Screammers." Save the date!!! See you in September!!

Courtesy News

Hospice Volunteers

Traditional Hospice is in need of caring, compassionate individuals to visit with hospice patients in local nursing homes and/or those residing in their own homes. Volunteers are an important part of our community support network. No experience is necessary-just a ready smile and an open ear to listen. Listed are some examples of how volunteers can help:

- ◆Provide companionship to hospice patients through visits, conversation, reading, listening to music, playing a game or sharing a hobby.
- ◆Sit with a patient to allow a family member to attend a medical appointment or to have a break.
- ◆Deliver birthday presents or make crafts for our hospice patients.



Mass Intentions

August 10 through 16, 2026

Mon 7:30AM (ICC)	Stephen E. Sokach, Sr. By Stephen, MaryBeth & Families
Tues 7:30AM (ICC)	“Beno” Borzell By Julianna & Sam
8:30AM (HRC)	George Krupsha By M/M Ronald Perry
Wed 7:30AM (ICC)	Diane McCabe By Nicole & Dorothy Engleman
Thurs 7:30AM(ICC)	Jim Ciali, Sr. By Family
8:30AM (HRC)	Grace Alco By Father Jim
Fri 7:30AM (ICC)	Barbara Davis By Marie Orlando Wills
Sat 9:00AM (ICC)	Lorraine Healey By Sister
4:00PM (SAC)	Anthony Massara By Pat & Judy Adonizio
5:30PM (ICC)	Dec’d Membs of the Brown, Bishop, Serafin & Pasternak Families By John & Maryellen Serafin
Sun 7:30AM (SAC)	Irene & Teclo Baldoni By Ray & Karen Bernardi
9:00AM (HRC)	Courtney Reeves By Mom & Dad
10:30AM (ICC)	Charlie Alfano By Family

Candles

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

Altar Candles at ICC	
“Beno” Borzell.....	By Julianna & Sam
Holy Family at ICC	
Stephen E. Sokach, Sr.....	By Family
Sanctuary Candle at ICC	
Lorraine Healey	By Sister & Nephew
Altar Candles at SAC	
Brian & Stacie Powers.....	By MaryAnn & Ron Zaledonis
Sanctuary Candle at SAC	
Daniel Trotta	By Family