



## Mission Statement

We as members of the Body of Christ, through our thoughts, words and deeds, celebrate the presence of God in all people. As a community of believers, we answer Christ's call to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless and love one another.

**February 27, 2022**

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary time**

**Immaculate Conception  
Holy Redeemer Church**

**Corpus Christi Parish  
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**Msgr. John J. Sempa, Pastor  
Mr. James Meizanis, Deacon  
Mrs. Joyce Cecconi,  
Pastoral Associate**

### Daily Mass Schedule

Monday thru Friday

7:30AM Immaculate Conception  
8:30AM Holy Redeemer  
During Lent  
5:30PM Immaculate Conception

### Weekend Mass Schedule

#### Saturday

4:00PM Immaculate Conception  
5:30PM Holy Redeemer

#### Sunday

7:30AM Immaculate Conception  
9:00AM Holy Redeemer  
10:30AM Immaculate Conception

### Confession

#### Saturday

3:00-3:30PM

Immaculate Conception

### Weekly Collection

**February 20, 2022**

**Sunday \$8,751.75  
E-Giving 3,427.93  
Total \$12,179.68**

### SUNDAY & DAILY MASS

**on our  
WEBSITE**

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

**and  
FACEBOOK**

[www.facebook.com/  
corpuschristiparishpa](http://www.facebook.com/corpuschristiparishpa)

## Responsorial Psalm...

*“Lord, It is Good to Give Thanks to You”*

**Ash Wednesday is**

**March 2, 2022**

***Distribution of Ashes is as follows:***



7:30AM Mass & distribution of ashes @ ICC  
8:30AM Mass & distribution of ashes @ HR  
12:00 Noon distribution of ashes only @ICC  
**(outdoor distribution...no Mass)**  
3:30PM distribution of ashes only @ ICC  
**(outdoor distribution...no Mass)**  
5:00PM distribution of ashes only @ HR  
**(outdoor distribution...no Mass)**  
5:30PM Mass & distribution of ashes @ ICC

## Ash Wednesday Collection

At all Masses on Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022, we will take up a collection which will benefit the Church in Central and Eastern Europe including the church in Lithuania, Poland, and Slovakia.

## Daily Mass during Lent

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022, our daily Mass schedule is as follows: 7:30AM and 5:30PM Masses at Immaculate Conception and 8:30AM Mass at Holy Redeemer.

## Lenten Soup & Scripture

We are working on bringing back our Lenten Soup & Scripture. Watch for details in next week's bulletin!!

## Adult Choir

Our adult choir will begin preparing for Holy Week and Easter. Choir rehearsals will be held on Monday evenings at 6:30PM beginning on **Monday, March 7th**. If you like to sing, come join us!! All are welcome!

## Youth Choir

Once again our youth choir will be preparing to sing at the 10:30AM Family Mass on Easter Sunday morning. All children, any age, are welcome to join. To sign up or for information on rehearsal times, please contact Mary Supey at 570-237-2275 or e-mail [tsupey@hotmail.com](mailto:tsupey@hotmail.com).



**First practice for the Youth Choir is**

**Sunday, March 13 at 5:30PM in Immaculate Conception Church.**

**Candles**  
**February 27 thru March 5, 2022**



**Altar Candles at ICC**

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Ralph DeLucia** are donated by the Hreha Family.

**Holy Family Candle at ICC**

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Bridget Ristagno Fulkerson** is donated by Helen & Donna David.

**Sanctuary Candle at ICC**

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Tony Denisco** is donated by his family.



**Corpus Christi Crew**

Calling all boys and girls! Come and join the "Corpus Christi Crew." During the six weeks of Lent, join us on Sunday mornings at the 10:30AM Mass and be part of the team as we work to create something amazing for Easter.

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

The new ministry schedule, which runs from March 1 thru May 31st, can be found in the sacristies of the churches. Please take one home today.

**Winter Lottery Winners**

Congratulations to this week's lucky winners!

2/17	#628	Mr & Mrs Anthony Basta	\$50.00
2/18	#932	Mary Ann Duliba	50.00
2/19	#281	Prebola	50.00
2/20	#487	John & Sandie Vensky	100.00
2/21	#933	Jim Gordon	50.00
2/22	#370	Debi Secor	50.00
2/23	#478	Elaine Pavidus	50.00

**Courtesy News**

**Parish of St. Barbara's Lenten Food Sale**

Members of St. Barbara's Parish in Exeter are making and selling food every Friday during the Lenten season. The sale is held at St. Anthony Center, Rear 212 Memorial Street, Exeter, for the benefit of the Parish.

**The MENU:** Take-out only from 3:00 - 6:00 PM

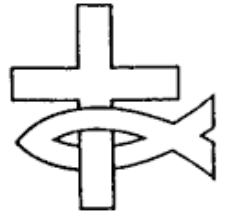
**Potato Pancakes** -\$1.25 each; ½ dozen - \$7.50; Dozen - \$15.00

**Pierogi** - 1/2 dozen - \$6.00 & **Halushki** - Quart: \$7.00.

**Ash Wednesday (3/2/2022) and Good Friday – (4/15/2022)** Potato Pancakes only. Take-out from Noon - 6:00 PM.

Orders are CASH only, No pre-orders.

**Liturgy Intentions**  
**For The Week**



**February 28 thru March 6, 2022**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>Dian Burick</b> By Denise, Suzanne, Christine & Katie Durkin
	<b>8:30AM</b>	<b>Fred Lokuta</b> By Walter & Doreen Kozak & Family
<b>Tues</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>Deceased Members of the Ristagno Family</b> By Martha
	<b>8:30AM</b>	<b>Jane R. Landau</b> By Eugene & Fran Fumanti
<b>Wed</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>Edward Viola</b> By Amanda Shedlock & Family
	<b>8:30AM</b>	<b>Marianne Stramaglia</b> By Mary & Mike Burke
	<b>5:30PM</b>	<b>Frank Colella</b> By Rosemary & Sherry Petrokonis
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>Eugene Schultz</b> By Denise Durkin
	<b>8:30PM</b>	<b>Trudi Holleran</b> By Sandy & Ralph Nardell
	<b>5:30PM</b>	<b>Dominic &amp; Ann Aufiero</b> By Jim & Joanne English
<b>Fri</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>Jean Conlon</b> By Dr. & Mrs. Peter Andrews
	<b>8:30AM</b>	<b>Gini Ciampi</b> By Olmstead Family
	<b>5:30PM</b>	<b>Donald Fetsko</b> By Marguerite Dixon
<b>Sat</b>	<b>4:00PM</b>	<b>Regina Poplawski</b> By Blair & Anne Corcoran
	<b>5:30PM</b>	<b>Bernard Wierbowski</b> By Ron Yakobitis
<b>Sun</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>Anna Mooney</b> By Leroy & Linda Fettig
	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>Joseph Kozloski</b> By Paul & Lori Pugliese & Family
	<b>10:30AM</b>	<b>Faust Valenti</b> By Patti Wiatrowski





OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON  
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February 27, 2022

Dear Parishioners of Corpus Christi Parish,

In 2019, well before any of us knew about the approaching COVID-19 pandemic, the Diocese of Scranton began a long-range pastoral planning process with clergy and parish leaders. The Vision 2030 Blueprint Process that we began aims to look proactively at the realities of our local church in the present moment, while striving to meet the opportunities and challenges of the coming decade. The goal is to create vibrant parish communities rooted in the life of Jesus Christ.

As we strive to be a "mission-driven" church, we must all work together in a way that we best live out our baptismal calling in both a world - and local environment - that continues to change. Our Church faces significant challenges, among which are a fewer number of parishioners, financial sustainability questions, facility infrastructure needs and a diminishing number of ordained priests.

With this in mind, I write to inform you that Father Michael E. Finn, Pastor of Saint Barbara Parish, Exeter, recently notified the Diocese of his intention to retire on May 1, 2022. We are so thankful for his 45 years of dedicated and faithful service to the Church of Scranton, the last nine of which were served at Saint Barbara Parish.

In recognition of all our Church faces, and after consultation with your Pastors and Parish Pastoral and Finance Council members, I have directed that the parishes of Saint Barbara and Corpus Christi be brought together in a linkage, with a single Pastor.

Your Pastoral and Finance Council members have acknowledged this linkage will take careful planning and both parishes will participate in the discussions about the particulars of linking under one pastor. This is not a consolidation, although your discussion may lead to that at some point in the future. With the Grace of God, all involved in this linkage will continue to serve and minister to our Lord and His Holy People.

Please know this decision is just the very first step in a process that will require the involvement and engagement of all of you, our faithful parishioners. There will be many questions to be examined and choices that will need to be made when this linkage occurs upon Father Finn's retirement in May. A team with members from both parishes, assisted by Diocesan staff, will be created to accompany and guide the transition process. Professionals in pastoral formation, financial planning and engineering are also ready to contribute to the development of this new linkage in any way that is necessary.

While I know change is never easy, be assured of my deep gratitude for all that you and your families have shared, and continue to share, in furthering the mission of the Church. As you know, our mission is to take Christ into the world. I am confident that by working together we can "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

Be assured that you are in my prayers as this process towards a new hope-filled future begins.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.  
Bishop of Scranton