

The Linked Parishes of Corpus Christi and St. Barbara



“As members of the Body of Christ, the linked parishes of St. Barbara and Corpus Christi celebrate 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.”

November 27, 2022
First Sunday of Advent

Immaculate Conception Church
Holy Redeemer Church
St. Anthony Church
Msgr. John J. Sempa, Pastor

Corpus Christi Parish

605 Luzerne Avenue
West Pittston, PA 18643
Phone (570) 654-2753
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St. Barbara Parish

224 Memorial Street
Exeter, PA 18643
Phone (570) 654-2103
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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

12:10PM St. Anthony

Thurs 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

Fri 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

12:10PM St. Anthony

Watch Sunday & Daily Mass on

Corpus Christi Facebook

www.facebook.com/corpuschristiparishpa

Weekly Collection

November 20, 2022

St. Barbara

Sunday.....\$4,707.00

Second Collection.....\$644.99

Corpus Christi

Sunday.....\$6,792.25

E-Giving\$1,576.43

Total \$8,368.68

Second Collection.....\$739.52

The “Giving Tree”

This Christmas project is organized by the members of the Social Concerns Committees of both Corpus Christi and St. Barbara Parishes. On the “Giving Trees” are hundreds of tags representing Christmas wishes of some children from our local area. They range in age from infant to 17 years. The success of this project depends on the generosity of both of our parishes as well as our friends and neighbors.

► On the tag you will find the child’s first name, age, his/her size (we included sizes for anyone who wishes to purchase clothing) and an item from his/her Christmas wish list. Just choose a tag, purchase the gift/gifts, wrap them and securely attach the tag to the gift. On each tag is a family number which is how we identify the child who will receive the gift. If you have multiple gifts for a child, please tie the gifts together or place them in a large bag with the tag securely fastened.

► Please know wrapped gifts may be returned to any church. They do not have to be returned to the church from which you took the tags. At St. Anthony’s church, please place wrapped gifts in front of the altar. At Holy Redeemer & Immaculate Conception, wrapped gifts should be placed on the altar near the “Giving Tree.”

► Please know the very last day to return your “Giving Tree” gifts is Sunday, December 18.

► For your convenience, a virtual “Giving Tree” can be accessed on our website at www.corpuschristinepa.com or our Facebook at www.facebook.com/corpuschristiparishpa.

► Questions regarding this Christmas project can be referred to Joyce at 570-654-2753 or jcecon50@gmail.com.

“A Thanksgiving Thank You”

On behalf of the Social Concerns Committees, thank you to the many volunteers who delivered homemade soup to the homebound from both parishes. The men, women, teens and children who came to help fill 280 Thanksgiving food bags and who helped work the drive thru pick-up on Sunday afternoon made it a successful event. Thank you to all for your very generous monetary donations and to everyone who brought non-perishable foods and turkeys. We wish to thank the Wyoming Area Primary Center for their donations of non-perishable foods, the Forty Fort Lions for the donations of Gerrity gift certificates and the Pittston Knights of Columbus Council #372 for their donations of food & turkeys. Because of your generosity our Social Concerns Committees were able to help 140 local families have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Christmas Wafers

Beginning this weekend, you can pick up your Christmas wafers when you go to Mass at St. Anthony’s, Immaculate Conception or Holy Redeemer. Donation is \$2.00 for a pack of 4 wafers. If you prefer, you may pick them up at either rectory.

Corpus Christi Parish “Winter Lottery”

If you would like additional “winter lottery” tickets (\$25.00 each), just e mail needtickets123@gmail.com. To become a winner, just match the evening Pick 3 drawing (straight) of the PA Daily Lottery. You can win \$50 Monday thru Saturday, \$100 on Sundays or \$150 on the following bonus days: January 1 & 15, February 1 & 15 or March 1 & 15.

St. Barbara Christian Women Meeting

Will be held on Tuesday, December 6th at 7:00PM in St. Anthony's rectory. At 6:30PM we will say the rosary.

Save the Date!

St. Barbara Christian Women Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 14 at Fox Hill Country Club.

Details to follow!

Corpus Christi Bingo Planning Meeting

A bingo planning meeting will be held on **Monday, December 5th at 6:00PM** in Immaculate Conception rectory. All are welcome to attend!!

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Lectors & Altar Servers

A new ministry schedule for January, February & March 2023 will be prepared this month. Please contact your coordinator by December 16 with any changes to your scheduling preference. Also, please inform your coordinator by December 7 of your availability to serve Mass on Christmas or New Year's.

Lectors/ EM's...Teresa Crossin tacross5@comcast.net
or 570-357-3985

Altar Servers.....Donna Mason toddler.dm@gmail.com
or 570-903-9142

Christmas & New Years Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th:

4:00PM Mass.....St. Anthony's
Celebrant.....Fr. Finn

4:00PM Mass.....Immaculate Conception
Family Mass/Youth Choir

10:00PM MassImmaculate Conception

Christmas Day, Sunday December 25th:

7:30AM Mass.....St. Anthony's

9:00AM Mass.....Holy Redeemer

10:30AM Mass.....Immaculate Conception

New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31st:

4:00PM MassSt. Anthony's

5:30PM Mass.....Immaculate Conception

New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1st:

7:30AM Mass.....St. Anthony's

9:00AM Mass.....Holy Redeemer

10:30AM Mass.....Immaculate Conception

Religious Education News

There are no Religious Ed classes at either parish this Sunday, November 27th. Classes resume next Sunday, December 4th. Classes at St. Barbara for grades 1 thru 6 are 9:00AM to 10:15AM and for grades 7 & 8 6:00PM to 7:30PM. At Corpus Christi Parish classes for grades K thru 8 are 9:00AM to 10:10AM.

Corpus Christi Parish Diocesan Appeal

2022 Goal: \$30,000.00

Raised: \$30,270.00

Over \$270.00

St. Barbara Parish Diocesan Appeal

2022 Goal: \$31,000.00

Raised: \$16,023.00

Over (Under) (\$14,977.00)

Liturgy Intentions For The Week



November 28 thru December 4, 2022

- Mon 7:30AM **(ICC)** **Rev. Angelo Messina**
By Family
- Tues 7:30AM **(ICC)** **Joseph Berti**
By Wife, Donna
- 8:30AM **(HRC)** **Lena Lynch**
By Mizenko Family
- Wed 7:30AM **(ICC)** **Mary Jo Hetro**
By Amy & Jason Washo
- 12:10PM **(SAC)** **Rocco Yanora**
By Parra Family
- Thurs 7:30AM **(ICC)** **Special Intention**
By Sam & Karen Aritz & Fam
- 8:30AM **(HRC)** **Birthday Blessings for Ray Franko**
By Wife, Fran & Children
- Fri 7:30AM **(ICC)** **Jim Powers**
By Ann Powers & Family
- 12:10PM **(SAC)** **Amy Petrucci & Richard Trotta**
By Lucille & Family
- Sat 4:00PM **(SAC)** **Edward Benish**
By Wife, Jean
- 5:30PM **(ICC)** **Fred P. Lokuta**
By Family
- Sun 7:30AM **(SAC)** **Julia Winsock**
By Diane Magni
- 9:00AM **(HRC)** **Joseph Romasiewicz, Sr.**
By Adam Buckman
- 10:30AM **(ICC)** **Dec'd Members of the Vanavage Family**
By Mike & Betty Ann Capizzi

Candles

These candles, which will burn November 27 thru December 3, are donated in loving memory of the following:

Altar Candles at ICC

Ann & Paul Hreha.....By Family

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Charlie Alfano.....By Tom Blaskiewicz

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Lucille Hall.....By Children

Altar Candles at HR

Kathy Krushnowski.....By Jim, Beth, Kris & Roxy

Sanctuary Candle at HR

Robert Kowalczyk.....By Ann Marie, Adam & Fam.

Sanctuary Candle at SAC

George Gercak.....By Family