

# 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.”*

**December 4, 2022**  
**Second 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  
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## St. Barbara Parish

224 Memorial Street  
Exeter, PA 18643  
Phone (570) 654-2103  
Fax (570) 655-3313

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

## Weekly Collection

**November 27, 2022**

### St. Barbara

**Sunday.....\$4,173.10**

Care & Ed for Priests.....\$323.00

### Corpus Christi

**Sunday.....\$7,670.00**

**E-Giving .....\$2,298.80**

**Total \$9,968.80**

Care & Ed for Priests.....\$888.00

## Christmas & New Year’s 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 Mass .....Immaculate 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 Mass .....St. 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

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Masses are as follows: Wednesday, December 7th, Vigil Mass 6:00PM at St. Anthony’s. Thursday, December 8th, Masses 7:30AM & 6:00PM at Immaculate Conception & 8:30AM at Holy Redeemer.

## Christmas Wafers

Christmas Wafers are in the vestibules of the churches or you may pick them up at either rectory. Donation is \$2.00 for a pack of 4 wafers.

## 2023 Parish Calendars

2023 parish calendars can be found in the vestibules of the churches. Thank you to Gubbiotti Funeral Home, LLC for, once again, donating our parish calendars. Please take one home today!

## Youth Choir

All children from St. Barbara and Corpus Christi Parishes are welcome to join our “Youth Choir” to sing at the 4:00PM Family Mass on Christmas Eve. The children will practice on Sundays,

December 4, 11, and 18 at 5:30PM in Immaculate Conception Church.

If you are planning on attending the Family Mass on Christmas Eve and your child, whatever age, likes to sing, why not have him or her join our Youth Choir? Msgr. Sempa and his team of elves are busy planning some surprises for all the children at this Mass. You never know, maybe even Santa will make a surprise visit!!! For further information on the Youth Choir, contact director Mary Supey at 570-237-2275 or [tsupey@hotmail.com](mailto:tsupey@hotmail.com).



## Meetings

### •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!!

### •St. Barbara Fundraising Meeting

St. Barbara Fundraising Committee will meet on **Thursday, December 8 at 6:00PM** in St. Anthony's rectory to discuss plans for a Night at the Races to be held on Saturday, February 18, 2023.

### •St. Barbara & Corpus Christi Usher Meeting

All ushers from both parishes are asked to attend a meeting at Immaculate Conception rectory on **Tuesday, December 13 at 6:00PM**. Refreshments will be served.

### Corpus Christi Parish "Winter Lottery"

Beginning next weekend, December 10/11, "Winter Lottery" tickets will be sold after all Masses. If you prefer, you can e mail [needtickets123@gmail.com](mailto:needtickets123@gmail.com) for tickets. 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. Donation is \$25.00 a ticket.

### 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](mailto:tacross5@comcast.net)  
or 570-357-3985

Altar Servers.....Donna Mason [toddler.dm@gmail.com](mailto:toddler.dm@gmail.com)  
or 570-903-9142

### St. Barbara Envelopes

Beginning January 2023, the envelope system used at St. Barbara's will change. The finance committee decided to remove some envelopes and added a monthly dues envelope. In addition, St. Barbara's will initiate e-giving in January. More information on the process of signing up for e-giving will be published later.

### 2022/2023 Envelope Donations

Please know any envelopes for St. Barbara or Corpus Christi Parish received after December 31, 2022 will be credited to 2023.

## Liturgy Intentions For The Week



December 5 thru 11, 2022

- Mon 7:30AM (ICC) **Gilbert Dominick**  
By Nardell Family
- Tues 7:30AM (ICC) **Chick Adonizio**  
By Betty Jane & Joe Adochio
- 8:30AM (HRC) **Karen Gallagher**  
By Brother, Michael
- Wed 7:30AM (ICC) **Dec'd Membs of Grasso & Kurent Families**  
By Frank & Toni
- 12:10PM (SAC) **Charles Cheskiewicz**  
By Wife, Marie & Family
- 6:00PM (SAC) **Gil Dominick**  
By Family
- Thurs 7:30AM (ICC) **James & Margaret Nocito**  
By Family
- 8:30AM (HRC) **Dorothy Coolbaugh**  
By Marie Manganiello
- 6:00PM (ICC) **Jack & Carmella Salvaggio**  
By Children/Grandchildren
- Fri 7:30AM (ICC) **Joseph W. Gordon**  
By Mary & Michael Flynn
- 12:10PM (SAC) **Florence DiMaria**  
By Dtr, Jacqueline & Fam.
- Sat 4:00PM (SAC) **Sr Angelina Mazarella, MPF**  
By Kelly & Drew Hikes
- 5:30PM (ICC) **Paul Laure**  
By Wife, Donna
- Sun 7:30AM (SAC) **Julius & Irene Parini**  
By Richard, John & Connie
- 9:00AM (HRC) **Mary Ann Cipolla**  
By Jan, Dave & Family
- 10:30AM (ICC) **Frank Colella**  
By Family

### Candles

These candles, which will burn December 4 thru 10, are donated in loving memory of the following:

#### Altar Candles at ICC

**Armondo & Lucy Fanti.....**By Family

#### Holy Family Candle at ICC

**Tony Denisco.....**By Tom Blaskiewicz

#### Sanctuary Candle at ICC

**Laura Setzer.....**By Louis Campenni & Mary Ann O'Dell

#### Altar Candles at HR

**Robert Hreha.....**By Family

#### Sanctuary Candle at HR

**James & Rosemary Campenni.....**By Children & Families

#### Sanctuary Candle at SAC

**Charles, Antonietta & Carmolina Mazarella..**  
.....By Tina & Ray Sabatini

## Social Concerns Christmas News

### 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.



► 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](http://www.corpuschristinepa.com) or our Facebook at [www.facebook.com/corpuschristiparishpa](http://www.facebook.com/corpuschristiparishpa). When you choose a tag from our "Giving Tree" on line, please know we do have the tags at Immaculate Conception rectory or you can put your own tag on the gift with the child's name and family number on it.

► Questions regarding this Christmas project can be referred to Joyce at 570-654-2753 or [icecconi50@gmail.com](mailto:icecconi50@gmail.com).

### Christmas Food Donations

Our food pantry shelves are bare. If you could help, we would appreciate donations of some of the following non-perishable foods for Christmas giving: **hot and cold cereals, pancake mix, syrup, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, pastas, sauces, canned vegetables and fruit, canned and boxed soups, canned tuna & chicken, rice, beans & crackers. We would like to include some Christmas treats including candy and cookies for the families.** As always, thank you for your generous donations of food which keeps our food pantry filled. No one is ever turned away when asking for food.



### Soup Ministry

Our Social Concerns Chefs will meet at **9:00AM in Immaculate Conception Church kitchen on Wednesday and Thursday, December 14 and 15** to make soup for the homebound parishioners of Corpus Christi & St. Barbara Parishes. All are welcome!



### Baking Spirits Bright

Our homebound parishioners and those residing in nursing homes love to receive gifts of goodies for Christmas! If you love to bake, would you consider baking a few extra dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies which we will package and share with these elderly parishioners? If you can bake and share, please have your baked goods dropped off at Immaculate Conception hall no later than **Thursday, December 15th.** Thank you!



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## Volunteer Help is Needed:

### ► Wrapping & Packaging Christmas Gifts for Homebound and Nursing Homes

**Thursday, December 15th at 5:00PM** We will meet in IC Church hall to fill Christmas cookie tins and prepare Christmas gifts to be delivered to our homebound and nursing home parishioners. All are welcome to join us!

### ► Delivery to Homebound/Nursing Homes

**Friday & Saturday, December 16th & 17th** Volunteers will be needed to deliver soup and Christmas gifts to the homebound and to nursing homes from Corpus Christi and St. Barbara Parishes. If you are able to help, please contact Joyce at 570-654-2753 or [icecconi50@gmail.com](mailto:icecconi50@gmail.com) or Josie Hatrak at 570-693-0826 or [inphat@comcast.net](mailto:inphat@comcast.net).

### ► Preparing Christmas Food Bags

**Saturday, December 17th at 10:00AM** We will meet in Immaculate Conception Church hall to fill food bags for Christmas giving. We welcome teens needing service hours and anyone else who would like to help. Thank you in advance!

### ► Sorting & Packing Christmas Gifts

**Sunday, December 18th at 11:30AM** Volunteers, including teens, are asked to meet in Immaculate Conception Church to sort & pack up Christmas gifts for distribution.

### ► Drive-Thru Pick Up of Christmas Gifts

**Sunday, December 18th at 2:00PM** Volunteers, including teens needing service hours, will be needed at Immaculate Conception Church to help with the Christmas gift and food distribution. Some volunteers are needed at 2:00PM to help get ready for the distribution. ***The drive-thru distribution will take place from 3:00PM to 4:00PM. We will need the help of teens to carry food bags and bags of Christmas gifts to the cars.***

### ► Cake Pops for Family Mass on Christmas Eve

**Monday & Tuesday, December 19th & 20th** Our Social Concerns Chefs will meet at 9:00AM in Immaculate Conception Church kitchen to make Christmas Cake Pops. The pops will be given to the children at our 4:00PM "Family Mass" at Immaculate Conception Church on Christmas Eve. If you enjoy baking and you are able, please join us. Thank you!



### ST. BARBARA'S CHRISTIAN WOMEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

**When:** Wednesday December 14, 2022

**Where:** Fox Hill Country Club

**Time:** Arrival 6pm Dinner at 6:30 pm

**Entertainment:** Holy Redeemer Chorus Students

**Price:** \$35.00 Checks payable to: St. Barbara's Parish

(Payment can be dropped off at either St. Barbara's or Corpus Christi's rectory or in the collection basket.)

**Reservations & Payment are due no later than December 11, 2022.**

**Collecting Donations for:** (take with you to the dinner) All donations are appreciated

Homeless Men (socks, hats, gloves, & scarves)

Wyoming Area Closet for Students (Toiletries)

