

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

December 18, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Corpus Christi Parish

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St. Barbara Parish

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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

December 11, 2022

St. Barbara

Sunday.....\$5,280.25

Holy Day.....\$680.00

\$5,960.25

2nd Collection for

Retired Religious.....\$788.75

Corpus Christi

Sunday.....\$11,101.02

E-Giving\$3,202.48

Holy Day.....\$901.06

Total \$15,204.56

2nd Collection for

Retired Religious.....\$768.80

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 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

Penance Service

All are welcome to attend a penance service on Monday, December 19 at 7:00PM at St. John the Evangelist Church on William St. in Pittston.

Christmas Gifts for Altar Servers

This weekend when you are at Mass, please check in the sacristy for an envelope with your name on it. It is a Christmas gift from Msgr. Sempa and our Deacons for assisting them at Mass.

Social Concerns News

•Delivery to Homebound/Nursing Homes

This weekend a number of volunteers came forth to deliver Christmas gifts to the parishioners from Corpus Christi and St. Barbara Parishes who are homebound or residing in nursing homes. Through the generosity of both parishes they were given consisting of warm socks, boxes of chocolates, parish calendars, cards from the Religious Ed students. A few crafty parishioners gifted them with a Christmas cozy, a Nativity candle and a lovely hand carved and painted tree ornament. Also, many of our parishioners and friends baked an extensive assortment of delicious Christmas cookies. These were packaged and sent out with their Christmas gifts. Lastly, thank you to our “soup chefs” for the delicious homemade soup. They made so much, we were able to give two quarts to everyone!

•Giving Tree Gifts

Just a reminder! Today, **Sunday, December 18 between 3:00PM and 4:00PM** our families will be driving through to pick up their Christmas gifts for their children and their Christmas food bags. If you have not yet returned your Giving Tree gifts, please do so by this Sunday. Thank you!

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.

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 today Sunday December 18 at 5:30PM in Immaculate Conception Church.**

Redner's Receipt Program

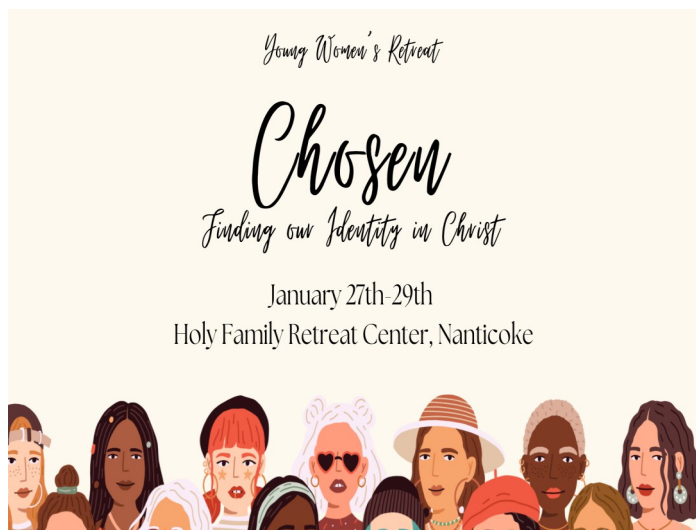
Thank you to everyone for your participation the last few years in the Redner's Save-A-Tape program. We recently received a check in the amount of \$105.00. Beginning in 2023 we will no longer participate in this program.

Corpus Christi Parish Diocesan Appeal

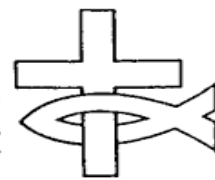
2022 Goal: \$30,000.00
 Raised: \$34,040.00
 Over \$4,040.00

St. Barbara Parish Diocesan Appeal

2022 Goal: \$31,000.00
 Raised: \$18,628.00
 Over (Under) (\$12,372.00)



Liturgy Intentions For The Week



December 19 thru 25, 2022

- Mon 7:30AM (ICC) Paul Laure**
By Daughter, Donna
- Tues 7:30AM (ICC) Robert Berlew**
By Wife, Shirley & Family
- 8:30AM (HRC) Joseph Kozloski**
By Wife, Ann & Family
- Wed 7:30AM (ICC) Harry O'Dell**
By Wife, Maryann & Children
- 12:10PM (SAC) Joseph Pellegrini**
By M/M Patrick Bone
- Thurs 7:30AM (ICC) Beno Borzell**
By Mom, Dad, Julianna, Family & Friends
- 8:30AM (HRC) Michael Bitters**
By M/M Andrew Kosmach
- Fri 7:30AM (ICC) Eric Speicher, Jr.**
By Family
- 12:10PM (SAC) Jean Manderson**
By Leonard, Linda & Family
- Sat 4:00PM (SAC) Special Intentions**
- 4:00PM (ICC) Jack Rose**
By Mom, Dad, & Children
- 10:00PM (ICC) Kathryn Gitkos**
By Ron & Rosemary Gitkos
- Sun 7:30AM (SAC) Special Intentions**
- 9:00AM (HRC) Good Health & God's Blessings on your 80th Birthday Fran Franko**
By Family
- 10:30AM (ICC) Connie & Sam Angelella**
By Sons, Joe & John

Candles

These candles, which will burn December 18 thru 24, are donated in loving memory of the following:

- Altar Candles at ICC**
Margaret Cawley & Rose Hudak....By Pat, Eileen & Patrick Cawley
- Holy Family Candle at ICC**
Beno Borzell.....By Mom, Dad, Julianna, Family & Friends
- Sanctuary Candle at ICC**
Beno Borzell.....By Mom, Dad, Julianna, Family & Friends
- Altar Candles at HR**
Grace Aritz.....By Grandchildren
- Sanctuary Candle at HR**
Ralph DeLucia.....By Hreha Family
- Sanctuary Candle at SAC**
Merle & Florence Pace & Robert Kepich.....
By Family