

# 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*

**January 29, 2023**  
**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Corpus Christi/  
 St. Barbara Parishes**  
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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](http://www.facebook.com/corpuschristiparishpa)

**Weekly Collection**  
**January 22, 2023**  
**St. Barbara**

**Weekly.....\$4,068.42**  
**E-Giving..... 120.00**  
**Total               \$4,188.42**  
**2nd Collection \$475.60**

**Corpus Christi**

**Weekly.....\$7,812.05**  
**E-Giving..... 1,557.33**  
**Total               \$9,369.38**  
**2nd Collection \$600.64**

**Update Regarding the Sale of St. Cecilia Church Property**

Since the closure of St. Cecilia Church on April 24, 2022, leadership from St. Barbara Parish, Wyoming Area Catholic School and the Diocese of Scranton have continued diligent efforts to sell that church facility.

Before a sale can be completed however, compliance with Exeter Borough’s legal subdivision requirements and PennDOT’s Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP) requirements are necessary. These requirements principally include:

- 1) The establishment of a new parking lot exclusively for the school since the current parking lot must be sold with the church to fulfill off-street parking minimums.
- 2) Improvement to the Wyoming Avenue entranceway to ensure safety once the church property is sold.

We are pleased to report that Exeter Borough has approved the engineering plans proposed to meet these requirements and HOP approval from PennDOT is pending and will hopefully be received in the near future. Once PennDOT approval is received, construction of the new parking lot in front of the school will be completed. The St. Cecilia church property will then be put up for sale. Our hope is to both finish the parking lot construction and put the church property up for sale this year.

In regard to financing the new parking lot, the cost will be split equally between St. Barbara Parish and the Diocesan Catholic Schools Office. St. Barbara Parish will not pay any up-front costs (instead using a zero-percent loan from the Diocese) until the St. Cecilia property is sold. At that time, the parish will pay its half of the parking lot from the sale proceeds and the remaining money will stay with St. Barbara Parish. This arrangement is consistent with historical documents from the original construction of the facilities and has been reviewed by the linked parish councils and finance council of St. Barbara Parish.

**Corpus Christi/St. Barbara Combined Adult Choir**

Do you enjoy singing? Are you looking for a group to share fellowship and ministry? Then the newly formed COMBINED ADULT CHOIR is for you!

The Parishes of St. Barbara’s and Corpus Christi are forming a Combined Adult Choir that will travel to one parish per weekend to sing one Mass per weekend on a rotating basis at St. Anthony (Saturdays 4PM), Immaculate Conception (Sundays 10:30AM), and Holy Redeemer (Sundays 9:00AM). The great part is all rehearsals and all Mass participation of the Choir will be held in the front of the church so there are NO STAIRS to climb to a choir loft! Rehearsals will be held on Thursdays at 6PM. The first rehearsal will be held on Thursday, February 16 at 6PM at St. Anthony’s. The first Mass with the Choir will be Saturday, February 18 at the 4PM Mass at St. Anthony’s. Current Choir members as well as new members from both parishes are welcome.



For more information and/or to sign up for this exciting opportunity please email [ckatsock@yahoo.com](mailto:ckatsock@yahoo.com) or call the parish office at (570) 654-2753. We would like an idea of how many are interested in Choir, so please either email or call to let us know you are interested!

## Corpus Christi "Winter Lottery" Winners

Congratulations to our lucky "Winter Lottery" winners...

1/18	#496	No Winner	\$50.00
1/19	#969	Paul Pugliese	\$50.00
1/20	#129	Mary & Glenn Davis	\$50.00
1/21	#311	Cherianne Scala	\$50.00
1/22	#585	Anita Fino	\$100.00
1/23	#359	Ann Marie Devine	\$50.00
1/24	#404	Drew Nat	\$50.00
Special Drawing Winner 1/18 Amy Hetro			\$50.00

Thank you to everyone for your participation in our parish lottery.

## St. Barbara Rectory Closing January 31, 2023

•All permanent records will be moved to Corpus Christi Parish rectory.

•All mail for St. Barbara's Parish should be addressed to 605 Luzerne Avenue, West Pittston, Pa. 18643.

•Please do not drop off church envelopes at St. Anthony's rectory. All envelopes must be dropped off or mailed to 605 Luzerne Avenue, West Pittston, Pa. 18643.

•Please be reminded, because we are separate parishes, all checks or monies intended for St. Barbara's Parish must be made payable to St. Barbara's Parish and checks and monies intended for Corpus Christi Parish must be made payable to Corpus Christi Parish.

•Please note you can no longer use the fax number for St. Barbara's Parish but you can continue to use the phone number (570)654-2103. Thank you.

## Report for Taxes

For a financial statement of your contributions for Corpus Christi or St. Barbara Parish for the year 2022, call 570-654-2753 or e-mail Joyce at [jceconni50@gmail.com](mailto:jceconni50@gmail.com)

## Mass in the Parking Lot

You can sit in your car. Tune into 90.3FM and listen to Mass on Saturday at 5:30PM & Sunday at 10:30AM in Immaculate Conception Parking lot. On Sunday mornings you can sit in your car at 9:00AM in Holy Redeemer parking lot and tune to 89.3FM. Holy Communion will be distributed outside.

## Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement.

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at [www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis). To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551.

# Liturgy Intentions For The Week



January 30 thru February 5, 2023

- Mon 7:30AM (ICC) Ulderico & Giovanna Conte, Peter Nunziata & Maria Sarno**  
By Nardell Family
- Tues 7:30AM (ICC) Theresa Gavigan**  
By Dave & Children
- 8:30AM (HRC) Anna Ostrowski**  
By Carol Zavorotny
- Wed 7:30AM (ICC) Edward G. Zalepa, Jr.**  
By Chrissy & Tommy Campenni
- 12:10PM (SAC) Robert Dickson**  
By Carmella Dixon
- Thurs 7:30AM (ICC) George Menn, Jr.**  
By Friend
- 8:30AM (HRC) Phoenix Kasisky**  
By Family
- Fri 7:30AM (ICC) Helen Yakobitis**  
By Marguerite Dixon
- 12:10PM (SAC) Grace & Peter Savoia & Antoinetta Colarusso**  
By Deborah & Peter Savoia
- Sat 4:00PM (SAC) Judy Gaul**  
By Cindy Pecuch
- 5:30PM (ICC) Anthony Rostock, Jr.**  
By Sam & Karen Aritz
- Sun 7:30AM (SAC) Dorothy Kalinas**  
By M/M Karl Paoloni
- 9:00AM (HRC) John Roche**  
By Family
- 10:30AM (ICC) Dr. Jennifer A. Sidari**  
By Mom, Dad & Family

## Candles

These candles which will burn January 29 thru February 4, 2023 are donated in loving memory of the following:

### Altar Candles at ICC

**Dr. Jennifer A. Sidari**.....By Donna Berti

### Holy Family Candle at ICC

**Dec'd Members of Golden, Lasky & Parry Families**.....By Family

### Sanctuary Candle at ICC

**Dante Bovani, Sr**.....By Marian Pisano & Family

### Sanctuary Candle at HR

**Janet Kopcho**.....By Joy Biscontini & Family

### Sanctuary Candle at SAC

**Joan Siani**.....By Brother, Lou