

# 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"*

**February 5, 2023**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

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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 29, 2023**

**St. Barbara**

**Weekly.....\$5,580.25**

**Care & Ed for Priests**

**January 2023.....\$289.99**

**Corpus Christi**

**Weekly.....\$7,325.09**

**E-Giving..... 2,143.93**

**Total \$9,469.02**

**Care & Ed for Priests**

**January 2023.....\$690.00**

**Blessing of Throats**

Saint Blase was the Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. Very little is known about his life. According to various accounts he was a physician before becoming a bishop. His cult spread throughout the entire Church in the Middle Ages because he was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat.

**In honor of Saint Blase, this weekend at all Masses, we will be blessing throats.**

**Corpus Christi Parishioners....No Envelopes!**

This week we received a call from Church Budget Envelope & Mailing Company.....the company that provides church envelopes for Corpus Christi Parish. They informed us that because of a paper shortage, our parishioners will not be receiving their February & March church envelopes. Until you receive your church envelopes, just put your contribution in a plain envelope with your name, envelope number (if you know it) and Corpus Christi on it. Whether you attend Mass at St. Anthony, Holy Redeemer or Immaculate Conception Church, when using a plain envelope, be sure to write on the envelope Corpus Christi 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!

**Youth Choir**

ALL children from both parishes are welcome to join our youth choir! They will practice on **Sunday, February 5 & 19 at 5:30PM in Immaculate Conception Church.**



**Corpus Christi Twilight Bingo**

Ticket order forms and sponsorship forms for the Twilight Bingo have been mailed to all Corpus Christi parishioners. Our Twilight Bingo will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2023 in Immaculate Conception Church Hall. Tickets are \$25.00 and must be purchased in advance. Reserved Seating is available. Additional order forms are available in the vestibules of Immaculate Conception, Holy Redeemer and St. Anthony Churches.

### Social Concerns Soup Ministry

Our Social Concerns chefs will be making another delicious soup this **Wednesday and Thursday, February 8 & 9 at 9:00AM** in Immaculate Conception kitchen. All are welcome to come and help!

### Valentine Day Gift Deliveries

Volunteers who can do deliveries will be needed this Friday or Saturday, February 10 & 11 at 10:00AM to deliver Valentine gifts and homemade soup to our parishioners who are home bound and those residing in nursing homes.

### St. Barbara Christian Women

Will meet on **Tuesday, February 7th at 6:30PM in the meeting room in St. Anthony's Parish Center.** New members are always welcome!

### St. Barbara Fundraising Committee

Will meet on **Thursday, February 9th at 6:00PM in the meeting room in St. Anthony's Parish Center.** Plans for a Lenten food sale will be discussed. All are welcome to attend.

### St. Barbara Parish.....Online Giving

This is a service we've teamed up with to give you the ability to send your offerings online in the same way that many of you already pay bills and purchase products. Simply log in to our service and set up your offering. This service allows you to give any amount, at any time, with your computer or your mobile device. You control how and when you give your tithes. To sign up, go to [members.myeoffering.com](http://members.myeoffering.com). Click on Register and continue from there. If you have a problem signing up, please contact Deacon Walter at 570-362-2121 or e-mail [wjanoski@gmail.com](mailto:wjanoski@gmail.com).

### Corpus Christi "Winter Lottery" Winners

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

1/25	#614	Caroline Kudasik	\$50.00
1/26	#883	No Winner	\$50.00
1/27	#598	Raymond Ritts	\$50.00
1/28	#972	Diane Martin	\$50.00
1/29	#882	Ann Lisowski	\$100.00
1/30	#344	No Winner	\$50.00
1/31	#483	Jasmine Mikita	\$50.00

Special drawing winners include:

1/26	Paul Kamor	\$50.00
1/30	John Pribula	\$50.00

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

### 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 [jceconi50@gmail.com](mailto:jceconi50@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.

### Corpus Christi Parish Diocesan Appeal

2022 Goal:	\$30,000.00
Raised:	<u>\$38,820.00</u>
Over	\$8,820.00

### St. Barbara Parish Diocesan Appeal

2022 Goal:	\$31,000.00
Raised:	<u>\$23,092.00</u>
Over (Under)	(\$7,908.00)



February 6 thru 12, 2023

- Mon 7:30AM (ICC) Carmella Buynak**  
By Paulette & Carmen DeBella
- Tues 7:30AM (ICC) Gini Ciampi**  
By Pat, Rosalie & Pat Messina III
- 8:30AM (HRC) Adam & David Panek**  
By Wife/Mother
- Wed 7:30AM (ICC) Petey Rohland**  
By Mary Butera
- 12:10PM (SAC) Joan Siani & Ann Marie Pizano**  
By Brother, James
- Thurs 7:30AM (ICC) Peggy Foglietta**  
By Friend
- 8:30AM (HRC) Stephen Franko, Jr.**  
By Sister Romaine
- Fri 7:30AM (ICC) Florence Reilly**  
By Family
- 12:10PM (SAC) Gerard & Jerry Dunn**  
By Family
- Sat 4:00PM (SAC) Sam & Mary Giordano**  
By Ross, Margaret & Family
- 5:30PM (ICC) Rose Marie Timek**  
By Singer Family
- Sun 7:30AM (SAC) Arthur Fratamico**  
By Family
- 9:00AM (HRC) Josephine Greskiewicz**  
By Son, Walleye
- 10:30AM (ICC) Dominic Pizzella**  
By Ed & Tish Doreskewicz

### Candles

These candles which will burn February 5 thru 11, 2023 are donated in loving memory of the following:

- Holy Family Candle at ICC**  
**Dominic Carsia.....**By Granddaughters
- Sanctuary Candle at ICC**  
**Margaret & John Hoover.....**By Family
- Sanctuary Candle at HR**  
**Dec'd Members of the DePolo & Bellumari Families.....**By James & Florence DePolo
- Sanctuary Candle at SAC**  
**James & Antoinette Manganiello.....**By Ann Manganiello