

# 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 19, 2023**  
**Seventh 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**  
**February 12, 2023**

**St. Barbara**

**Weekly.....\$5,582.34**  
**E-Giving.....\$465.00**  
**Total                 \$6,047.34**

**Corpus Christi**

**Weekly.....\$7242.44**  
**E-Giving.....\$3,327.93**  
**Total                 \$10,569.87**



**Ash Wednesday**

**February 22, 2023**  
**Schedule for Ashes is**  
**as follows:**

|         |                              |                  |
|---------|------------------------------|------------------|
| 7:30AM  | Immaculate Conception Church | Mass & Ashes     |
| 12:00PM | Immaculate Conception Church | Drive-thru Ashes |
| 12:10PM | St. Anthony Church           | Mass & Ashes     |
| 3:30PM  | St. Anthony Church           | Ashes Only       |
| 5:00PM  | Holy Redeemer Church         | Ashes Only       |
| 5:30PM  | Immaculate Conception Church | Mass & Ashes     |

**►Ash Wednesday Collection**

On Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023, a collection will be taken up at all Masses to benefit the Church in Central and Eastern Europe including the Church in Lithuania, Poland and Slovakia. Your generosity is always appreciated.

**►Daily Masses During Lent**

Beginning Ash Wednesday, an additional daily Mass will be celebrated Monday thru Friday at 5:30PM in Immaculate Conception Church.

**►The Light Is on for You**

During Lent, on Monday evenings, Msgr. Sempa will be in the confessional at one of our worship sites. His schedule is as follows:

|      |                  |                              |
|------|------------------|------------------------------|
| 2/27 | 5:45PM to 6:30PM | Immaculate Conception Church |
| 3/6  | 6:00PM to 7:00PM | St. Anthony Church           |
| 3/13 | 5:45PM to 6:30PM | Immaculate Conception Church |
| 3/20 | 5:45PM to 6:30PM | Immaculate Conception Church |
| 3/27 | 6:00PM to 7:00PM | Holy Redeemer Church         |

**►Soup & Scripture**

Beginning March 7th, all are welcome to join us, immediately following the 5:30PM Mass in Immaculate Conception Church hall on Tuesdays during Lent. A simple Lenten meal of soup and sandwiches will be served followed by reflections from a different guest speaker each week.

**►Living Stations of the Cross**

Students in 6, 7, and 8th grades are invited to participate in "Living Stations of the Cross" which will be held in St. Anthony's Church on Good Friday, April 7th at 7:00PM. Anyone who is interested is asked to attend a meeting next Sunday, February 26th at 7:00PM in St. Anthony's Church. For more information please contact:

JuelAnne Klepadlo 570 430 1470 or [jaklepadlo@aol.com](mailto:jaklepadlo@aol.com)  
 Loretta Semenza 570 313 0099 or [raetta@gmail.com](mailto:raetta@gmail.com)

**Family Mass**

ALL children from both parishes are welcome to take part in our "Family Mass" on **Sunday, February 26 at 10:30AM** in Immaculate Conception Church. To take part in the "Family Mass", please contact one of the following:

MaryAnn Oliveri 570 357 1778 [mare0912@epix.net](mailto:mare0912@epix.net)  
 Sarah Konopka 570 498 9304 [skono1683@yahoo.com](mailto:skono1683@yahoo.com)

## St. Barbara Fundraising Committee

Will meet on Thursday, February 23 at 6:00PM in St. Anthony's Meeting room. Plans for the Good Friday pizza sale will be discussed. All are welcome to attend.

## Funeral Servers Meeting

A meeting for anyone from Corpus Christi and St. Barbara Parishes who currently serve funerals will be held on Sunday, February 26 at 1:00PM in the rectory. Please contact Teresa at 570 357 3985 to let her know you will be attending.

## Sacraments of First Eucharist & Confirmation

A letter and registration forms have been mailed to all students receiving the sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation this year. If you do not receive a letter, please contact Joyce at 570 654 2753 or [icecconi50@gmail.com](mailto:icecconi50@gmail.com).

## Religious Ed Classes

Please know there are no Religious Ed classes next Sunday, February 26th at Corpus Christi Parish.

## Social Concerns News

### •Easter Food Drive

We are in the process of filling up our food shelves in preparation for our Easter food give a way. If you can help, we are looking for donations of any non-perishable foods. Kindly leave any donations in the vestibules of the churches.



### •Easter Baskets for Children

Once again this Easter we will be helping local families with Easter baskets for their children ages 12 and under. We are looking for donations of individually wrapped candy, chocolates, small toys, coloring & painting books, bubbles, tablets, chalk, any items appropriate for kids ages toddler thru 12 years. Donations may be dropped off at the rectory or left in the vestibules of the churches. Thank you!

### •Homebound & Nursing Homes

If you or someone you know is either homebound or residing in a nursing home, please call the rectory so we can put them on our lists. Thank you.

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

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). When you are asked to choose a church, you must enter it exactly like this.....St. Barbara.

## Corpus Christi "Winter Lottery" Winners

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

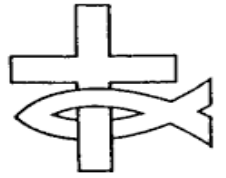
|      |      |                      |          |
|------|------|----------------------|----------|
| 2/8  | #285 | Marilyn Gubbiotti    | \$50.00  |
| 2/9  | #768 | No Winner            | \$50.00  |
| 2/10 | #220 | Louis Vullo          | \$50.00  |
| 2/11 | #154 | Sr. Sue Brown        | \$50.00  |
| 2/12 | #697 | Vicki Sempa          | \$100.00 |
| 2/13 | #766 | Jon & MaryKay Melvin | \$50.00  |
| 2/14 | #928 | Rosalie Messina      | \$50.00  |

Special drawing winner:

2/9 Nancy Stewart \$50.00

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

## Liturgy Intentions For The Week



February 20 thru 26, 2023

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| Mon 7:30AM (ICC)   | <b>Robert Pradel</b><br>By Wife, Patricia & Sons   |
| Tues 7:30AM (ICC)  | <b>Jean Conlon</b><br>By Sandy & John Orleski  |
| 8:30AM (HRC)       | <b>Bernard Wierbowski</b><br>By Ronald Yakobitis   |
| Wed 7:30AM (ICC)   | <b>Alex Nobile</b><br>By Burke Family  |
| 12:10PM (SAC)      | <b>George Morgan</b><br>By John & Richard Parini & Connie  |
| 5:30PM (ICC)       | <b>Edward &amp; Marc Drevitch</b><br>By Parents & Brother  |
| Thurs 7:30AM (ICC) | <b>Mary "Tootsie" Shorts</b><br>By Sally & Joe Baloga  |
| 8:30AM (HRC)       | <b>Marian Martin Franko</b><br>By Romaine Panek  |
| 5:30PM (ICC)       | <b>James Oliveri, Jr.</b><br>By Daughter, Janine   |
| Fri 7:30AM (ICC)   | <b>Margaret Capral</b><br>By Son, Bob  |
| 12:10PM (SAC)      | <b>Steve &amp; Joan Bommarito</b><br>By George & Stephanie Morgan  |
| 5:30PM (ICC)       | <b>Ellen Mellody</b><br>By Bob & Celeste Calpin  |
| Sat 4:00PM (SAC)   | <b>Blanche Semenza</b><br>By Mary & Loretta  |
| 5:30PM (ICC)       | <b>Frank Rollman</b><br>By Mary Curley   |
| Sun 7:30AM (SAC)   | <b>Peter &amp; Mary Saksa</b><br>By Dtgr Jacqueline & Family   |
| 9:00AM (HRC)       | <b>Anna &amp; Joseph Ostrowski</b><br>By Daughter, Joy & Family  |
| 10:30AM (ICC)      | <b>Dec'd Members of the Brown, Bishop, Serafin &amp; Pasternak Families</b><br>By John & Maryellen Serafin |

## Candles

These candles which will burn February 19 thru 25, 2023 are donated in loving memory of the following:

### Altar Candles at ICC

**Charlie Alfano**.....By M/M Frank Nocito, Jr.

### Holy Family Candle at ICC

**Bonnie Kudrako**.....By Tish & Ed Doreskewicz

### Sanctuary Candle at ICC

**Dec'd Membs of Brown, Bishop, Serafin, & Pasternak Families**...By John & Maryellen Serafin

### Altar Candles at SAC

**Robert Lafay**.....Sister, Ann & Family

### Sanctuary Candle at SAC

**Marianna Gildea Smith**.....By Husband, Chuck Smith