

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

April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Immaculate Conception Church
Holy Redeemer Church
St. Anthony Church
Msgr. John J. Sempa,
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 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
 5:30PM Immaculate Conception

Tues 7:30AM Immaculate Conception
 8:30AM Holy Redeemer
 5:30PM Immaculate Conception

Wed 7:30AM Immaculate Conception
 12:10PM St. Anthony
 5:30PM Immaculate Conception

Thurs 7:30AM Immaculate Conception
 8:30AM Holy Redeemer
 5:30PM Immaculate Conception

Fri 7:30AM Immaculate Conception
 12:10PM St. Anthony
 5:30PM Immaculate Conception

Watch Sunday & Daily Mass on
 Corpus Christi Facebook

www.facebook.com/corpuschristiparishpa

Weekly Collection
March 26, 2023
St. Barbara

Weekly.....\$5,736.35
E-Giving..... \$30.00
Total \$5,766.35

Corpus Christi

Weekly.....\$5,530.25
E-Giving.....\$2,161.43
Total \$7,691.68

Holy Thursday, April 6, 2023

Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:00PM

Immaculate Conception Church

Night Prayer 10:00PM

This is the night when we remember how God freed his people enslaved in Egypt. It is the Passover of the Lord. At the Last Supper, Jesus washes the feet of the disciples as a sign of servanthood and commands us to do likewise. We hear again Christ’s command (mandatum) to love and serve one another. We give thanks for the gift of Christ’s presence in the Eucharist. There is no dismissal; we leave in silence; the story continues tomorrow. After communion the blessed sacrament is placed on the altar and remains there until Night Prayer at 10:00PM.

Good Friday, April 7, 2023

Passion of our Lord 1:00PM

St. Anthony’s Church

This is the day of our salvation! The service commemorating Christ’s passion and death is the most somber and solemn liturgy in our church year. All who enter the church should feel a deep silence settle over them and be struck by the barrenness of the church. The Church comes together to read from Scripture and to pray for the whole world. This is not only a time to mourn the death of Jesus on the Cross, but a moment to remember that through his death on the Cross, we are given eternal life with him.

Holy Saturday, April 8, 2023

Easter Vigil & Mass 8:00PM

Immaculate Conception Church

This is the most sacred night in the church’s liturgical year. We remember that the death and darkness of the tomb does not triumph. It is shattered in the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. The service begins with the lighting of the new fire. We hear salvation’s story. We renew our baptismal vows. We sing Alleluia. We ring bells. Sing the Gloria. Eucharist is shared. We rejoice! The Lord is risen!!

Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023

Mass 7:30AM....St. Anthony’s Church

Mass 9:00AM.....Holy Redeemer Church

Family Mass 10:30AM.....Immaculate Conception Church

At this Easter Sunday Family Mass, our youth choir will sing and children of the parishes will participate as lectors, heavenly hosts, and gift bearers. The Easter Bunny just may join us with delicious treats for everyone.

Living Stations of the Cross

Good Friday, April 7, 2023....7:00PM St. Anthony’s Church

All are welcome to attend this beautiful presentation of “Living Stations of the Cross” which is presented by the youth from both parishes. Music is provided by our parish youth choir. Following the presentation, all are welcome to join the kids in the parish center for pizza.

Blessing of Baskets

Holy Saturday, April 8, 2023...12:00Noon St. Anthony’s Church

Our Social Concerns members from both parishes will be preparing approximately 80 Easter Baskets containing ham, hard boiled eggs, paska, a chocolate cross and a small bottle of wine which will be blessed then delivered to our homebound parishioners.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8th @ 12:15PM

St. Anthony’s Church Grounds

All boys and girls are invited to our Easter Egg Hunt. Teens from both parishes will be scattering hundreds of eggs on the grounds of St. Anthony’s Church. There will be a special section for toddlers and prizes for everyone!! Of course, we expect a visit from the Easter Bunny!!



Deanery Penance Service

Monday, April 3, 2023 at St. John the Evangelist Church, Pittston. All are welcome!

Grief: Comfort Through Sharing

Grief is real. It is the emotional cross you bear after losing someone you love. Grief is a challenging and intensely personal experience. Our program is offered to help care for you through group sharing to facilitate healing.

Corpus Christi Parish will host a bereavement program in the church rectory. **Starting Wednesday, April 12 from 6:00PM to 8:00PM and will meet every other Wednesday for six weeks.** Space is limited, so sign up by calling Joyce at 570 654 2753. The program leader, John M. Samony Sr, CGSS, Author of "The Morning After-Surviving the Loss of Someone you Love," a University of Wisconsin, Certified Grief Support Specialist will facilitate the sessions.

Family Brunch Sponsored by Corpus Christi Parish Holy Name Society Sunday, April 23, 2023 Following the 10:30AM Mass Immaculate Conception Church Hall

The guest speaker is Mark Hiller from WBRE. The menu will consist of an omelette station, homemade waffles, breakfast potatoes, ham, sausage, bacon and rolls & butter.

Tickets are.....**Adults over 16 years of age...\$12.00**

Children 6 years to 16 years...\$8.00

Children 5 years and under....Free

Tickets will be available after all Masses this weekend or you can call or stop by the rectory for tickets.

Volunteers Are Needed...

•Pizza Sale

Volunteers helping with the pizza sale are asked to meet at St. Anthony's Parish Center at **11:00AM on Friday, April 7th.**

•Blessed Baskets for Homebound

Social Concerns members are asked to meet at St. Anthony's Parish Center on Saturday, **April 8th at 10:00AM to prepare the baskets for the blessing. Volunteers are asked to meet at St. Anthony's Parish Center at 12 Noon to deliver the blessed baskets to our homebound.**

•Easter Egg Hunt

Volunteers helping with the Easter Egg Hunt are asked to meet at St. Anthony's Parish Center on **Saturday, April 8th at 10:00AM.**

Please note.....

All correspondence for St. Barbara's rectory **MUST** be mailed to **605 Luzerne Avenue, West Pittston 18643.**

Corpus Christi Parish Car Show

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Holy Redeemer Grounds

11:00AM to 4:00PM

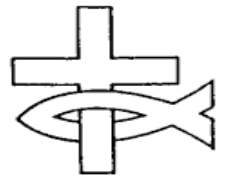
There will be music all day, food trucks, vendors and give-a-ways. Show is open to Antiques, classics, customs, street rods, low riders and motorcycles. Car Registration is \$15 and begins at 11:00AM.



St. Barbara Christian Women Meeting

All are welcome to join us on Tuesday, April 11 at 6:30PM for our next meeting in St. Anthony Parish Center meeting room.

Liturgy Intentions For The Week



April 3 thru 9, 2023

Mon 7:30AM (ICC) Rosemary Weinstock & Trudy Holleran

By Emily Kneeream & Sandy

5:30PM (ICC) Beno Borzell

By Mom, Dad, Julianna, Family & Friends

Tues 7:30AM (ICC) Cornelius Allen

By Sr. Susan Brown

8:30AM (HRC) Viola & Matthew Michels

By Ray & Dianne Smith

5:30PM (ICC) Elizabeth Marranta

By Richard, Dolores & Jeff Mirro

Wed 7:30AM (ICC) Vincent Savoca

By Wife, Arlene & Children

12:10PM (SAC) Theresa Ann Seman

By Eileen & Ed Slavinsky

5:30PM (ICC) Frances Fasciana

By Sister, Theresa Colella

Thurs 7:00PM (ICC) Mass of the Lord's Supper

Fri 1:00PM (SAC) Passion of the Lord

Sat 8:00PM (ICC) God's Blessings for All

Sun 7:30AM (SAC) Rose Turanis

By Mary Matani

9:00AM (HRC) Matthew Chipolis

By Mother, Gina & Brother, Christopher

10:30AM (ICC) God's Blessings for all Children

Candles

These candles which will burn April 2 thru 8, 2023 are donated in loving memory of the following:

Altar Candles at ICC

Charlie Alfano.....By M/M Frank Brassington

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Rita Ann DeNisco.....By Rosemary

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Mary Denisco.....By Children

Altar Candles at SAC

Samuel & Connie Angelella.....By Joe & John Angelella

Care & Education for Priests

For the month of March 2023 the diocesan collection for the Care & Education for Priests.....

Corpus Christi Parish.....\$327.50

St. Barbara Parish\$314.00