

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 and love one another.”

July 30, 2023

Seventeenth 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

Weekly Collection July 23, 2023

St. Barbara

Weekly.....\$4,543.85

E-Giving.....\$200.00

Total \$4,743.85

Corpus Christi

Weekly.....\$6,307.31

E-Giving.....\$639.93

Total \$6,947.24

Dear Parishioners:

The letter below from Ms. Kristen Donohue, Diocesan Secretary of Education, serves as an update regarding our effort to sell the St. Cecilia's Church facility and land. As previously mentioned, because of the subdivision requirements, we must await completion of the new school parking lot before the church facility sale can be completed. Expect further information as soon as it becomes available.

Wyoming Area Catholic School

“Where We Live, Love and Learn by Faith”

July 26, 2023

Dear Wyoming Area Catholic School Families,

We write to update you regarding the latest plans for the sale of St. Cecilia’s Church and the new parking lot at Wyoming Area Catholic School.

As noted in our January communication, there are many steps to the process of selling St. Cecilia’s Church, which includes installing a new parking lot for Wyoming Area Catholic School. As you may recall, in order to be in compliance with Exeter borough’s legal subdivision requirements and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation’s (PennDOT) Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP) requirements are necessary. For reference, 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, and 2) improvement to the Wyoming Avenue entranceway to ensure safety once the church property is sold.

To our surprise, the HOP took much longer than expected to obtain from PennDOT. While we have recently achieved this step of obtaining the HOP, the delay significantly impacts the ability to complete the project within the original timeline. Due to this delay, and with the safety of our students at the forefront of our decision-making, we will be postponing the project until next spring. While this delay was unexpected, we are committed to this project and will continue to take steps to see this project come to fruition.

As always, thank you for your commitment to Catholic education at Wyoming Area Catholic School. May God continue to bless you and your families!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Kristen Donohue

*Diocesan Secretary of Catholic Education/
Superintendent of Catholic Schools*

*Eileen Rishcoff
Principal*

Homebound and Nursing Homes

We are in the process of updating our lists of homebound and nursing home residents. If you know of someone who is homebound or is residing in a nursing home, please let us know. If you or someone you know is a patient in a hospital, please let us know. We do not always get this information because of the HIPA Law. Please call the rectory or e mail Joyce at icecconi50@gmail.com. Thank you.

Corpus Christi "No Bazaar" Collection

Recently, a letter was mailed to each parishioner from Corpus Christi Parish with information on donating to the "No Bazaar" Collection. Please know if you use E giving, you have the option of making your donation on line. This week our "No Bazaar" collection envelopes brought in **\$3,460.00** bringing our total to date **\$20,645.00**. Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

St. Barbara "No Bazaar" Collection

Sometime later this week, parishioners of St. Barbara's Parish will be receiving a letter with information on donating to St. Barbara's "No Bazaar" Collection. Once the envelopes begin coming in, we will keep you updated on the monies received for this collection. Thank you to everyone for your generosity!

Corpus Christi Parish Holy Name Society



Hey all you Penn State Football fans, our Holy Name Society is raffling off a Penn State Football which is autographed by the Penn State Football Team (including local high school graduates). The donation is \$1.00

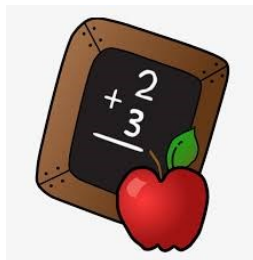
per ticket or \$10.00 for 15 tickets. Profit from this raffle directly benefits the children from our parishes through the Society's donations toward gifts and parties for all children.

Scheduling Masses for 2024

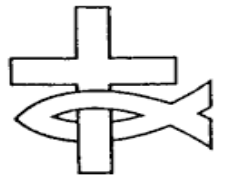
To schedule Masses or candles for Corpus Christi or St. Barbara's Parish for 2024, please call Dorothy at the rectory Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays between 10:00AM and 2:00PM. Thank you!

Social Concerns "Project, Back to School"

Our Social Concerns Committees from Corpus Christi and St. Barbara Parishes are teaming up to collect donations of new back-to-school supplies and new hygiene products. Our goal is to enable local families, who may be struggling financially, to equip their children with the back-to-school supplies and hygiene products they need. We collect donations for children in Kindergarten thru high school. We also help them out with a generous amount of non perishable foods. Donations may be left in the vestibules of the churches or dropped off at the rectory. Thank you for your continuous and generous support of this ministry! If you or someone you know of needs help with back to school, just call the rectory or Joyce at icecconi50@gmail.com.



Liturgy Intentions For The Week



July 31 thru August 6, 2023

- Mon 7:30AM (ICC)** **Raeann Rose Merlino**
By Tony & Chris Desanto
- Tues 7:30AM (ICC)** **Health & God's Blessings**
Rosemary Gitkos
By IC Morning Mass Group
- 8:30AM (HRC)** **Joseph Kozloski**
By Wife, Ann & Family
- Wed 7:30AM (ICC)** **Marion Krolick**
By MaryAnn, Anna & Mary
- 12:10PM (SAC)** **Michael T. Chiampi**
By Paul & Josephine Hatrak
- Thurs 7:30AM (ICC)** **Ralph Nardell**
By Bill & MaryAnn Kull
- 8:30AM (HRC)** **Kay Thornton**
By Mark & Donna Misencik
- Fri 7:30AM (ICC)** **Joseph Berti**
By Sam & Rosemary Mendola
- 12:10PM (SAC)** **Atty Frank A. Mazzeo**
By Michael & Cathy Crossin.
- Sat 4:00PM (SAC)** **Dec'd Membs of Charles & Emanuella Mazzarella Families**
By Family
- 5:30PM (ICC)** **Bob Lasky**
By Julie Carmody & Bill Howley
- Sun 7:30AM (SAC)** **George Gercak**
By Family
- 9:00AM (HR)** **Carmen, Mary & Jimmy Ciampi**
By Helen Ciampi Shannon
- 10:30AM (ICC)** **Evelyn Kaczmarek**
By Secor & Kocylowski Families

Candles

These candles, which will burn July 30 thru August 5, 2023, are donated in loving memory of the following:

Altar Candles at ICC

Joseph Berti.....By Wife, Donna

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Christine, Cataldo & Sam Scalzo.....By Family

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Nancy & John CiampiBy Rosemary, Karen & Diane DeNisco