

Corpus Christi Parish



“As members of the Body of Christ, Corpus Christi Parish celebrates 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.”

September 28, 2025
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Immaculate Conception Church
Holy Redeemer Church
St. Anthony Church

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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
12:10PM St. Anthony

Wed 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

Thurs 7:30AM Immaculate Conception
8:30AM Holy Redeemer
12:10PM St. Anthony

Fri 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

Watch Sunday & Daily Mass at
www.corpuschristinepa.com

Weekly Collection

September 21, 2025

Weekly.....\$10,801.50

E Giving.....\$2,632.00

Total \$13,433.50

No Bazaar Envelope:
\$525.00

Total To Date:
\$39,330.00

*Thank you everyone, for your
generous support of our parish.*

Fundraising Committee

Our parish is beginning preparations for an important fundraising effort to support the life and mission of our faith community. We are inviting parishioners to prayerfully consider offering their time and talent by joining our Fundraising Committee. Those interested in serving, who would like to be considered, are asked to sign up by e-mailing Deacon Jim Rose at jim-rose12@gmail.com or call Lori at the parish office 570 654 2753. The final selection of committee members will be made by the parish staff. This is a wonderful opportunity to contribute your creativity, organizational skills, and devotion to help strengthen and sustain our parish for years to come.

Social Concerns News

Homebound & Nursing Home Parishioners

We are in the process of getting the birthdays of our parishioners who are homebound and residing in nursing homes.

We are also coordinating our homebound, who want to receive communion on a regular basis, with a volunteer who brings communion to our homebound.

If you are homebound and would like the weekly bulletin mailed to you, please call the rectory.

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

If you need a visit from one of our deacons or priests, please call the rectory.

Help for Thanksgiving and Christmas

If you or someone you know will be needing help for the upcoming holidays, Thanksgiving and Christmas, please e-mail Joyce at jceccconi50@gmail.com. If you do not use e-mail, please call the rectory at 570 654 2753.

Thanksgiving & Christmas Food Donations

Attached to this bulletin is our “Thanksgiving Giving Calendar” of suggested food donations we could use to fill the shelves in our food pantry. The calendar runs from October 1st through November 15th. As always, we thank you for your monetary gifts toward our food pantry and any and all non-perishable food donations.



Youth Choir

All boys and girls in our parish are welcome to join our “Youth Choir.” They practice, periodically, on Sundays at 5:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church. Our Youth Choir will have their first practice next **Sunday, October 5th.** Our Youth Choir sings at our Family Masses at 10:30AM in Immaculate Conception Church. They will sing at our “Halloween” Family Mass on Sunday, October 26th.

Bereavement Ministry

Our Bereavement Ministry Group will meet on Wednesday, October 1st at 6:00PM in the rectory. For more information, please call coordinator, Rita Wall at 570 606 9318. All are welcome!!

Bereavement Mass & Social

Each year the Church gives us the entire month of November as an opportunity to remember our loved ones who have gone before us in death. We pray for their happiness and prepare ourselves to be reunited with them one day. We will celebrate two Bereavement Masses, one on Tuesday, November 11 and one on Thursday, November 13, both at Immaculate Conception Church. Following both Masses, all are invited to a social in the church hall hosted by our Social Concerns Ministry. Next week, a letter will be sent to the next of kin of our deceased to let them know at which Mass their loved one will be remembered.

Religious Education Classes

Classes for children in grades K through 5 are held on Sunday mornings from 9:00AM to 10:10AM. Classes for students in grades 6 through 8 are held on Sunday afternoons from 4:00PM to 5:00PM. All classes are held in Immaculate Conception School, except grade 5, which is held in the rectory. Students enrolled in a Catholic school are not required to attend these classes.

Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

Will be celebrated in our parish for children in 2nd grade or older on Saturday, May 2, 2026 at 10:00AM (site to be determined).

Sacrament of Confirmation

Will be celebrated in our parish for young men and women in grade 8 or older on Sunday, April 26, 2026 at 2:00PM (site to be determined).

All Hallows Eve Organ Concert

Parish organist and music director, Michael Sowa, will present this program at St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 William St, Pittston on Sunday, October 19 at 2:00PM. It will feature music that is both powerful and peaceful for the upcoming celebrations of All Saints Day and All Souls Day, with a little bit of Halloween mischief, just for fun. A free-will offering will be accepted.

DIocese of SCRANTON

VOCATIONS

YOUNG ADULTS

KICK OFF NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

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Leave a Mark

2025

NOVEMBER 2ND

5pm Mass - Cathedral of St. Peter, Scranton



Food Trucks and Reception after Mass!

Liturgy Intentions
For The Week

September 29 thru October 5, 2025

Mon 7:30AM (ICC)	Margaret Hanlon By Hanlon Family
Tues 7:30AM (ICC)	Helen & Chester Chernesky By Family
8:30AM (HRC)	Roger Michael Belles By MaryAnn Akar
12:10PM (SAC)	Donata Chiampi By Paul & Josephine Hatrak
Wed 7:30AM (ICC)	James Caparoni By Ann Mihalik & Nicole Peck
Thurs 7:30AM(ICC)	Health & God's Blessings for Bernie Sabol By Sister, Ann
8:30AM (HRC)	Kathleen Bestider By Jordan & Nicole Lynch
12:10PM (SAC)	Dec'd Membs of the Micnicoski & Michaels Families By Shirley & Sons
Fri 7:30AM (ICC)	John M. Donelan By Bob & Celeste Calpin
Sat 4:00PM (SAC)	Michael Kolesar By Jim & Lorraine Debel
5:30PM (ICC)	Charles Montante By Brothers & Families
Sun 7:30AM (SAC)	Louise Castellani By Maureen & Dan Broгна
9:00AM (HRC)	Paul Karasinski By Family
10:30AM (ICC)	Jerry Yozwiak By Rosalie Mazzarella

Candles

The following candles will burn this week in loving memory of:

Altar Candles at ICC	
Leonard Pribula.....	By PJ Pribula & Family
Holy Family Candle at ICC	
John & Rose Dente.....	By Rosemary & JoAnn & Anna & John Recupero
Sanctuary Candle at ICC	
Frank Parente.....	By Rosemary & Family
Sanctuary Candle at SA	
Rita Kcenich.....	By Rita, David, Steve & Caroline





**Corpus Christi Parish
Social Concerns Committee
Thanksgiving “Calendar of Giving”**

Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.’... ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’
(Matthew 25:34-40)

We’ve all seen an increase in need in our area over the last several years. The number of families seeking assistance is growing, and the holidays add to that number. While many families struggle to make ends meet each week, the holidays bring with them additional expenses many simply cannot afford. We, as a parish community, are making every effort to extend as much as we can to meet this need, but we cannot do it without your help. For your convenience, we have devised a “Calendar of Giving” filled with suggestions of non-perishable food items which we will need to fill bountiful Thanksgiving food bags for area families in need. We will gladly accept any of the donations listed below or any other non-perishable foods. Your donations may be left in the vestibules of the churches or at the rectory. Thank you, in advance, for your help!

10/01/25	Boxed stuffing	10/24/25	Cake mix & Frosting
10/02/25	Canned gravy	10/25/25	Canned pumpkin
10/03/25	Boxed/canned potatoes	10/26/25	Boxed stuffing
10/04/25	Canned vegetables	10/27/25	Canned gravy
10/05/25	Canned/dried fruit	10/28/25	Cereal/oatmeal
10/06/25	Canned Yams	10/29/25	Peanut butter & Jelly
10/07/25	Applesauce	10/30/25	Graham crackers
10/08/25	Powdered Milk	10/31/25	Pasta & Sauce
10/09/25	Hot/cold cereals	11/01/25	Rice/pastas
10/10/25	Canned tuna/salmon	11/02/25	Granola Bars
10/11/25	Granola Bars	11/03/25	Applesauce
10/12/25	Canned stew/chili	11/04/25	Powered /shelf stable milk
10/13/25	Peanut butter & Jelly	11/05/25	Instant potatoes
10/14/25	Boxed broth/stock	11/06/25	Dry/canned beans
10/15/25	Crackers	11/07/25	Canned soups
10/16/25	Pie crust/pie filling	11/08/25	Tuna or canned fish
10/17/25	Canned chicken	11/09/25	Canned chicken
10/18/25	Canned ham	11/10/25	Canned vegetables
10/19/25	Pasta & Sauce	11/11/25	Canned/dried fruit
10/20/25	Jello/puddings	11/12/25	Cereals
10/21/25	Rice/pastas	11/13/25	Hamburger/Tuna Helper
10/22/25	Macaroni & cheese	11/14/25	Scalloped potatoes
10/23/25	Tea/coffee/hot cocoa	11/15/25	Ketchup, mustard, mayo