

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.”

**February 22, 2026
First Sunday of Lent**

Immaculate Conception Church

**Holy Redeemer Church
St. Anthony Church**

**Msgr. John J. Sempa, Pastor
Rev. Michael Drevitch
Assistant Pastor**

Corpus Christi Parish

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West Pittston, PA 18643
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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
12:10PM St. Anthony

5:30PM Immaculate Conception

Wed 7:30AM Immaculate Conception
5:30PM Immaculate Conception

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

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Fri 7:30AM Immaculate Conception
5:30PM Immaculate Conception

Watch Sunday & Daily Mass at-

www.corpuschristinepa.com

Weekly Collection

February 15, 2026

Weekly.....\$15,692.61

E Giving.....\$ 2,408.50

Total \$18,101.11

Weekly Collection

February 8, 2026

Updated totals

Weekly.....\$13,819.35

E Giving.....\$ 3,171.00

Total \$16,990.35

Second Collection This Weekend

This weekend, at all Masses, we will take up the second collection to benefit the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

► **Pascal Candle at St Anthony’s:** If you are interested in donating the Paschal candle at St. Anthony Church in memory or in honor of a loved one, please call the rectory 570 654 2753. The Paschal Candle symbolizes the light of Christ dispelling darkness and represents the resurrection of Jesus. It’s a key symbol of the Easter season. The Paschal candle is lit during the Easter Vigil and is often carried by a deacon or celebrant.

► **Stations of the Cross:** On Fridays during Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross after the 5:30PM Mass at Immaculate Conception Church.

► **The Light is on For You:** This Monday, February 23, 2026, Monsignor Sempa or Father Drevitch will be available for the Sacrament of Penance at **Immaculate Conception Church at 6:00PM.**

► **Lenten Soup & Scripture Series**

All are welcome to attend our weekly “Soup & Scripture” Series following the 5:30PM Mass in ICC hall. For our first session, **Tuesday, Feb 24**, Fr. Andrew McCarroll will be our guest speaker and the soups and sandwiches will be provided by our Social Concerns Committee. **Please see the schedule for providing soups and sandwiches each week:**

February 24 Social Concerns

March 3 Christian Women

March 10 Lectors/EM’s/ Heavenly Hosts

March 17 Adult Choir/Religious Ed Teachers/ Baptism Ministry

Betty Ann and Mike Capizzi will be coordinating the Soup and Scripture evenings during Lent this year. We need your help, so if you can provide either soup and/or sandwiches please contact Betty Ann at 570-655-5341 or Mike at (cell phone) 570-814-7176 or you can email them at mcapizzi319@comcast.net. It’s always helpful to know in advance how many soups and sandwiches we will have.

► **Night at the Races...February 28th**

All adults are welcome to join us for this BYOB fun evening of horse racing, basket raffles, food and fun in Immaculate Conception Church hall. Doors open at 6:15 and Post time is 7:00PM. You can purchase horses (\$10) and/or admission tickets (\$5) at all Masses this weekend. You do not have to be present to win. To reserve a table, sponsor a race or donate a basket, please call the rectory at 570 654 2753.

* **Looking for Bakers**

The Night at the Races Committee is looking for people to bake or donate baked goods for the Night at the Races event next weekend. Please call Kim Rollman at 570-814-4745. Baked goods can be dropped off at the church hall the day of the event.

Dress a Girl Around the World

Our next meeting is Saturday, March 7th from 9-11 AM in the classroom behind Immaculate Conception Church. All are welcome! For more info, please call Mary Beth at 570-406-4888.

Winter Lottery

Thank you to everyone for your participation in our "Winter Lottery." Congratulations to the following winners!

02/12/26	Cara Joyce	#049	\$ 75
02/13/26	Elaine/Lee Searfoss	#520	\$ 75
02/14/26	Geri Tartantini	#782	\$500
02/15/26	Rita Mauriello	#237	\$100
02/16/26	Danielle Kretsch	#188	\$ 75
02/17/26	Sharon/David Mouallem	#367	\$ 75
02/18/26	Juel Anne Klepadlo	#434	\$ 75

•Reverse Lenten Calendar

Please see this week's food suggestions....donations may be dropped off at the rectory or bring them to any of our worship sites when you attend Mass.

Food suggestions for this week:

2/22 Canned Pasta/Stew	2/26 Canned Vegetables/Fruit
2/23 Hot/Cold Cereal	2/27 Granola/Breakfast Bars
2/24 Rice/Stuffing	2/28 Spaghetti Sauce/Pasta
2/25 Mac & Cheese	

Courtesy News

Bitter Lamentations

Gorzkie zale, the traditional Polish-language Lenten devotion known as the "Bitter Lamentations," will be held on Sunday, March 22, at 3 pm in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont. The devotion is a sung reflection on the Passion of Christ and his Sorrowful Mother. Msgr. John Sempa, pastor of Corpus Christi Parish, West Pittston, will be the guest homilist. A light reception will follow in the church hall. All are invited to attend.

In Need of a Kidney

A parishioner at Our Mother of Perpetual Help parish in Ephrata, PA is asking for prayers and the help of a truly generous individual. Jody is in need of a living donor kidney transplant. Due to a genetic condition, both her kidneys are slowly failing. If you would like to learn more about the disease or the donation process, please contact her at: kidneyforjody@gmail.com.

Thank you for taking the time to read my request. If the request isn't possible, would you please keep Jody in your prayers?

Employment Opportunity

► Director Villa St. Joseph

The Diocese of Scranton is looking for qualified candidates for the position of Director at the Villa St. Joseph. The Villa St. Joseph facility serves as the home for retired clergy of the Diocese of Scranton and is located in Dunmore, Pa. The Director reports to the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy and will provide compassionate leadership and administrative oversight for the daily operations of the facility, ensuring that all programs and services align with our Catholic mission and core values. This role requires a commitment to the well-being of residents, effective staff management, and sound financial stewardship.

Interested candidates for the Director position are encouraged to visit the Diocesan website at www.dioceseofscranton.org for a more detailed job description. Applicants are asked to submit a cover letter with salary requirements and a resume by **February 28, 2026**, to: James Burke, Diocesan Secretary for Human Resources, 300 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton Pa. 18503 Or email jburke@dioceseofscranton.org



Mass Intentions

February 23 through March 1, 2026

Mon 7:30AM (ICC)	Joan DiPietro By Bob & Debbie Hughes
5:30PM (ICC)	Ellen Brown By George Marr
Tues 7:30AM (ICC)	Jasmine Mikita By Robert & Julie Moran
8:30AM (HRC)	Attilio & Jennie Anzelmo By Family
12:10PM (SAC)	Paul Naples By Sam & Karen Aritz
5:30PM (ICC)	Dec. Mem. Drevitch & Sabol Families By Family
Wed 7:30AM (ICC)	Mary Razawich By Marion Heck
5:30PM (ICC)	Charles J. Gelso By Patti Wiatrowski
Thurs 7:30AM (ICC)	Joseph P. Switzer By Jack & Maryclair Borzell
8:30AM (HRC)	Marie Polchlopek By Marranco Family
12:10PM (SAC)	John Delaney By Family
5:30PM (ICC)	John Radkiewicz By Mary & Glenn Davis
Fri 7:30AM (ICC)	Blanche Semenza By Mary & Loretta
5:30PM (ICC)	Jamie Oliveri By sister, Janine & Family
Sat 4:00PM (SAC)	Barbara Pazdziorko By Mary Kepich
5:30PM (ICC)	Caroline Kudasik By mother, Jean
Sun 7:30AM (SAC)	Sandra Przybylski By Mark & Sharon Nenichka
9:00AM (HRC)	Rose Marie McKernan By Brian & Joan Decker
10:30AM (ICC)	Jim Wiedl By Family

Candles

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

- Sanctuary Candle at ICC**
Dec. Mem. Brown, Bishop, Serafin & Pasternak Families.....By John & Maryellen Serafin
- Sanctuary Candle at HR**
Christine & Bernie Martin.....By Children & Grandchildren
- Altar Candles at SAC**
Amy Petrucci.....By Children
- Sanctuary Candle at SAC**
Sam Brosso.....By Ross & Margaret

RECTORY, SET, COOK 2026

Help make Father Michael #1

Fr. Michael teamed up with the Pacelli family, parishioners of Corpus Christi Parish, and proud advocates of Catholic education. Kelly Pacelli, a teacher at **Holy Redeemer High School**, cooked alongside her three children—Frank, Lia, and Michael—who are all students at **Wyoming Area Catholic School**, where Fr. Michael serves as chaplain.

The team prepared a rich and hearty chili from one of Kelly's favorite cookbooks, *The Comfort Table* by Katie Lee. The Pacelli kids were all hands on deck—each claiming a spot in the kitchen, chopping, stirring, and making sure Mom and Fr. Michael stayed on task—true sous chefs in action!

And this wasn't just any chili. The recipe includes a **secret ingredient** that adds incredible depth of flavor and helps tenderize the meat, taking it from ordinary to unforgettable—this is a must-try recipe.

A DIOCESE OF SCRANTON
PASTOR CHEF SHOWDOWN



COOKING UP HOPE TO FIGHT
HUNGER & HOMELESSNESS



Team Corpus Christi

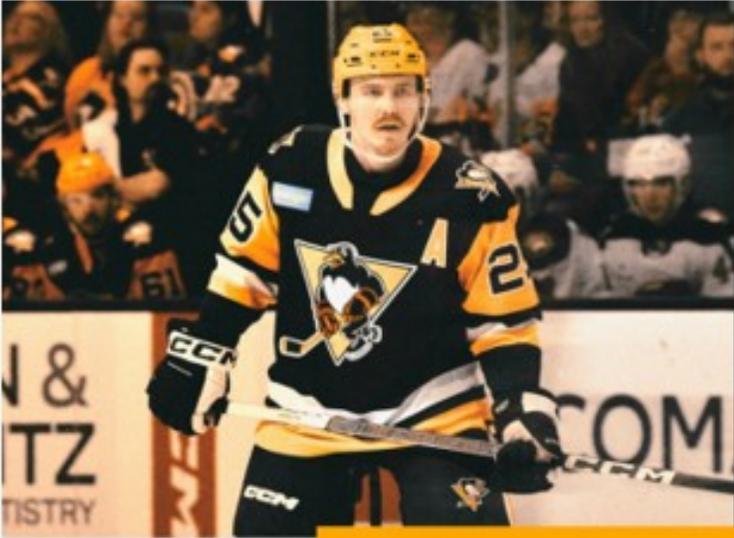
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**GROUP NIGHT
OUT WITH
THE PENS!**

March 13th | 7:05PM vs Hershey

Diocese of Scranton Group Night!

Diocese of Scranton Group Night with the WBS Penguins!!

Join us for an unforgettable evening of thrilling hockey action and PA rivalry at **Diocese of Scranton Group Night!** Friday, March 13th, 2026, come out with the Diocese of Scranton to cheer on the Penguins as they take on the Hershey Bears! This night is open to people of all ages, so bring your family, friends and neighbors as we come together as a diocesan family. Gates open at 6:00pm, Puck drops at 7:05pm. Discounted food vouchers are available for purchase until 3/6/26 To purchase discounted tickets visit www.dioceseofscranton.org or go to <https://www.gofevo.com/event/Diocesescranton27>. You can also call Tyler Rothman directly at (570) 208-5407 to purchase tickets over the phone.

Date: Friday, March 13th, 2026

Time: Gates open at 6:00PM; Puck Drops at 7:05PM

Location: Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza

Cost: There are two Pricing Options:

Green Zone (\$20+fees) or **Blue Zone** (\$17+fees).