

# 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.”*

**March 1, 2026  
Second 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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### **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

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Watch Sunday & Daily Mass at-

[www.corpuschristinepa.com](http://www.corpuschristinepa.com)

#### **Weekly Collection**

**February 22, 2026**

**Weekly.....\$13,562.42**

**E Giving.....\$2,329.00**

**Ash Wednesday...\$2,013.96**

**Total       \$17,905.38**

#### **Second Collection**

**Total   \$1,705.80**

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

### **Phone Line to be Disabled**

Due to all day spam calls to the 570-654-2103 (former St. Barbara phone line) we will be having the service shut off.

### **Stations of the Cross**

On Fridays during Lent, immediately following the 5:30PM Mass at Immaculate Conception Church, our Confirmation students will lead us in Stations of the Cross.

### **The Light is on For You**

This Monday, March 2, 2026, Monsignor Sempa or Father Drevitch will be available for the Sacrament of Penance at **St. Anthony’s Church** at 6:15PM.

### **Lenten Soup & Scripture Series**

All are welcome to attend our weekly “Soup & Scripture” Series following the 5:30PM Mass in ICC hall. This week **Tuesday, March 3rd**, Deacon Andre Kabacinski will be our guest speaker and the soups and sandwiches will be provided by our Christian Women.

Betty Ann and Mike Capizzi will be coordinating the Soup and Scripture evenings this year. We need your help, so if you can provide 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](mailto:mcapizzi319@comcast.net). It's always helpful to know in advance how many soups and sandwiches we will have.

The following ministries will host the next two sessions:

**March 10       Lectors/EM’s/ Heavenly Hosts**

**March 17       Adult Choir/Religious Ed Teachers/Baptism Ministry**

### **Christian Women Meeting**

All are welcome to join us for our next meeting on **Friday, March 6th** at **1:00PM** in the rectory. Pizza will be served. New members are always welcome.

### **Dress A Girl**



Do you like to sew? Join us in creating simple dresses for impoverished girls in the US and beyond. Our next meeting is **Saturday March 7** from **9:00AM-11:00AM** in the classroom behind Immaculate Conception Church. All are welcome!

### **Care & Education for Priests Envelope**

For the month of February 2026, **\$1,127.50** was collected in our Care & Education for Priests envelope. Thank you for your generosity.

### **“Roof Repair” Envelope**

For the month of February 2026, we received **\$1,954.50** in donations from the “Roof Repair” envelope. This was deposited back into our Diocesan savings account and the amount we owe ourselves is now **\$139,562.68**. Thank you for your donations.

**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.

To vote: Text: 2026PASTORCHEF12 to 71777 or visit [www.DIOCESEOFSCRANTON.ORG](http://www.DIOCESEOFSCRANTON.ORG)

**Winter Lottery**

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

02/19/26	Laurie Bachman	#071	\$75
02/20/26	Carol Bardzell	#566	\$75
02/21/26	Barbara Konopka	#444	\$75
02/22/26	Charlotte Mahavits	#236	\$100
02/23/26	Stephen Mazur	#404	\$75
02/24/26	Sandra Nobile	#646	\$75
02/25/26	Russell Halchak	#390	\$75

**Reverse Lenten Calendar**

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

**Food suggestions for this week:**

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 3/1 Peanut Butter/Jelly | 3/2 Hot/Cold Cereal |
| 3/3 Tuna                | 3/4 Canned Fruit    |
| 3/5 Canned/Box Soup     | 3/6 Boxed Potatoes  |
| 3/7 Canned Pasta/Chili  |                     |



**Twilight Bingo**  
**Save the Date!!**

All are welcome to attend our next "Twilight Bingo" which will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2026 at 7:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church Hall. A mailing has been sent to all parishioners this week with information on purchasing tickets and/or sponsoring this event. Children under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

**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 3:00PM 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.



**Mass Intentions**

**March 2 through March 8, 2026**

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|---------------------------|---|
| <b>Mon 7:30AM (ICC)</b>   | <b>Michael Burke</b><br>By Cherrywood HOA   |
| <b>5:30PM (ICC)</b>       | <b>Angelo S., Mary Ann &amp; Angelo P. Anzalone &amp; Eddie Wodnicki</b><br>By Mary Jo Anzalone |
| <b>Tues 7:30AM (ICC)</b>  | <b>Francis 'Fritz' Keder</b><br>By Paul Starolis  |
| <b>8:30AM (HRC)</b>       | <b>John Zaloga</b><br>By Ed & Jeanne Zaloga   |
| <b>12:10PM (SAC)</b>      | <b>Barbara Pazdziorko</b><br>By Christian Women   |
| <b>5:30PM (ICC)</b>       | <b>Florence Gelso</b><br>By Bill D'Elia & Family  |
| <b>Wed 7:30AM (ICC)</b>   | <b>Tom &amp; Marita Burke</b><br>By Burke Family  |
| <b>5:30PM (ICC)</b>       | <b>Colleen Kehoe</b><br>By John & Maryellen Serafin   |
| <b>Thurs 7:30AM (ICC)</b> | <b>Barry Hosier, Sr.</b><br>By M/M Jerry Stofko   |
| <b>8:30AM (HRC)</b>       | <b>Gregory Javer</b><br>By Mary Vanbuskirk  |
| <b>12:10PM (SAC)</b>      | <b>Richard Olechna</b><br>By Carla & Tony   |
| <b>5:30PM (ICC)</b>       | <b>Connie Skoronski &amp; Jim Payne</b><br>By Family  |
| <b>Fri 7:30AM (ICC)</b>   | <b>Thomas Pellegrini</b><br>By WAHS Class of 73   |
| <b>5:30PM (ICC)</b>       | <b>Thomas Salvaggio</b><br>By Debbie, Deneen, Michel, Maria, Cindy & Eileen                     |
| <b>Sat 4:00PM (SAC)</b>   | <b>Ann Louise Ross</b><br>By Husband, Children & Grandchildren                                  |
| <b>5:30PM (ICC)</b>       | <b>Gerald Prebola</b><br>By Wife & Children   |
| <b>Sun 7:30AM (SAC)</b>   | <b>James A. Pizano, Sr.</b><br>By Jumper Family   |
| <b>9:00AM (HRC)</b>       | <b>Allen Cook</b><br>By Carolyn Smith   |
| <b>10:30AM (ICC)</b>      | <b>Bill Rowe</b><br>By Leo & LuAnn Sperrazza  |

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**Candles**

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

- Sanctuary Candle at ICC**  
**Gerald Prebola**.....By Wife and Children
- Holy Family at ICC**  
**Thomas Salvaggio**.....By Debbie, Deneen, Michel, Maria, Cindy & Eileen
- Sanctuary Candle at HR**  
**Barbara & Chuck Richter**.....By Walleye