

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.”

January 14, 2024

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Immaculate Conception Church

**Holy Redeemer Church
St. Anthony Church**

**Msgr. John J. Sempa, Pastor
Rev. Michael Drevitch,
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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 St. Anthony

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

12:10PM St. Anthony

Tues 7:30AM St. Anthony

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

Wed 7:30AM St. Anthony

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

12:10PM St. Anthony

Thurs 7:30AM St. Anthony

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

Fri 7:30AM St. Anthony

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

12:10PM St. Anthony

*Watch Sunday & Daily Mass on
Corpus Christi Facebook*

www.facebook.com/corpuschristiparishpa

Weekly Collection

January 7, 2024

St. Barbara

Weekly.....\$3,115.00

E-Giving.....\$150.00

Total \$3,265.00

Corpus Christi

Weekly.....\$5,216.40

E-Giving.....\$3,896.93

Total \$9,113.33

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to the construction of a new roof on Immaculate Conception Church, the 7:30AM Daily Mass is temporarily moved to St. Anthony Church. This will remain in effect for the entire month of January. Any funerals scheduled in the month of January will need to be celebrated at St. Anthony Church or Holy Redeemer Church. No changes will be made to the weekend Mass schedule.

Sacraments of First Reconciliation & First Eucharist

Will be celebrated on **Saturday, May 4, 2024** at 10:00AM in Immaculate Conception Church. Boys and girls in 2nd grade and older who are registered in our Religious Education program are eligible to receive these sacraments. Students attending a Catholic school do not have to attend religious education classes, but please contact Joyce at 570-654-2753 or e-mail jceconni50@gmail.com to register your child to receive these sacraments.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Will be celebrated on **Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024** at St. Anthony Church (time to be determined). Our pastor, Msgr. John Sempa, will be the celebrant. Eighth grade students and older who are registered in our Religious Education program are eligible to receive this sacrament. Students attending Catholic Schools do not have to attend religious education classes, but please contact Joyce at 570-654-2753 or e-mail jecconni50@gmail.com to register to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Knights of Columbus Meeting

All men from Corpus Christi and St. Barbara Parishes are welcome to attend a meeting of our Knights of Columbus Council #18246 which will be held on **Monday, January 15 at 7:00PM** in Immaculate Conception Rectory.

Visitation Ministry Meeting

The purpose of this ministry is to visit parishioners who are homebound and those residing in nursing homes. Our goal is to offer these parishioners an encounter with other parishioners to experience God’s goodness through the kindness of others. Through home visits and phone calls, our visitors will engage these elderly/homebound people with conversation and social support. Our intent is to establish a connection for them to any pastoral needs they may have. Communion will be distributed to those who would like it. If need be, Monsignor or Father Michael Drevitch will hear their Confession or a visit from Deacon Walt Janoski or Deacon Jim Meizanis can be arranged. Anyone who may be interested in volunteering for this ministry is asked to attend a meeting on **Wednesday, January 17 at 6:00PM** in Immaculate Conception Rectory.



Social Concerns Soup Ministry

Our Social Concerns Chefs will be at it again this week. They will be making another delicious homemade soup which will be delivered to the homebound parishioners of Corpus Christi and St. Barbara Parishes. Anyone who would like to help is asked to be in the kitchen of Immaculate Conception Church this Wednesday and Thursday, January 17 and 18 at 9:00AM. If you can help deliver soup to our homebound, please contact Joyce at 570 654 2753 or jceccconi50@gmail.com.

2023 Contributions

For a financial statement of your contributions for Corpus Christi or St. Barbara Parish for the year 2023, call 570-654-2753 or e-mail Lori at lkasisky1@epix.net.

Save the Date!!!

Corpus Christi Parish Twilight Bingo will be held on **Saturday, March 9, 2024** in Immaculate Conception Church hall. This is a BYOB event with all cash prizes.

Corpus Christi "Winter Lottery" Winners

Congratulations to the first of our "Winter Lottery" winners for the season.

1/1/2024	#980	Gail Andrews	\$150.00
1/2/2024	#526	No Winner	50.00
1/3/2024	#105	Ann Hrobak	50.00
1/4/2024	#736	No Winner	50.00
1/5/2024	#085	Paula Tracy	50.00
1/6/2024	#440	Theresa Colella	50.00
1/7/2024	#741	No Winner	100.00
1/8/2024	#775	Christine Rutledge	50.00
1/9/2024	#410	No Winner	50.00

If the number drawn is the number of an unsold lottery ticket, we draw a number from our sold lottery tickets to come up with the "special drawing winner."

Special drawing winners this week include: 1/2/24 Mark Kuzminski \$50.00, 1/4/24 Lisa Perta \$50.00, 1/7/24 Sharon Bewick 100.00, 1/9/24 Barbara Peterson \$50.00.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Corpus Christi Parish

Goal	\$30,000
Raised	\$36,890
Over (Under)	\$6,890

St. Barbara Parish

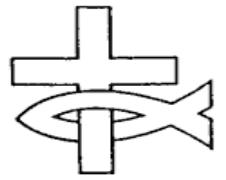
Goal	\$31,000
Raised	\$18,098
Over (Under)	(\$12,902)

Courtesy News

Feast of the Holy Spouses

will be held at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, Route 315, Laflin, on **Sunday, January 21, 2024 with a special Mass at 3:00PM**. This annual celebration honors the spousal role of the Blessed Virgin Mary & St. Joseph exalting the sanctity of marriage and family life within our modern world. Celebrant and homilist for this year's celebration is Rev. Anthony J. Generose, pastor of Most Precious Blood & Queen of Heaven Parishes, Hazleton. The public is invited to attend, a social will follow the Mass. For more information, contact the seminary office at 654-7542.

Liturgy Intentions For The Week



January 15 thru 21, 2024

Mon	7:30AM (SAC)	Michael Murphy By Brian & Family
	8:30AM (HRC)	Cheryl Devers By Dr. Joseph & Lisa Stella & Family
	12:10PM (SAC)	Carol Dente By Natalie Mish
Tues	7:30AM (SAC)	Gerard Zezza By Nick & Geraldine Anzelmi & Ed & Amanda Shedlock
	8:30AM (HRC)	Helen Manganello By Alberta Simonson & Debbie Dushok
Wed	7:30AM (SAC)	Alfred & Rita Montville By Children
	8:30AM (HRC)	Dec'd Membs of the Alexander & Josephine Parente Families By Grandchildren
	12:10PM (SAC)	Loretta Bufalino By M/M Tino Turco
Thurs	7:30AM (SAC)	Barbara Cawley By Eileen & Patrick
	8:30AM (HRC)	Margaret Elaine Menn By Frank & Lori Nocito
Fri	7:30AM (SAC)	Ellen Brown By Michael & Mary Burke
	8:30AM (HRC)	Debra R. Skesavage By M/M Junius Beradini & Family
	12:10PM (SAC)	Elmer & Ethel Stella By Children & Grandchildren
Sat	4:00PM (SAC)	Dorothy Luke By John & Diane Luke
	5:30PM (ICC)	Agnes Konopka By Family
Sun	7:30AM (SAC)	Pamela Bell By Husband & Family
	9:00AM (HRC)	Dorothy Coobaugh By Bob Chabak.
	10:30AM (ICC)	Rosemarie Anzelmi Viola By Frank & Ann Marie Parente

Candles

The following candles will burn the week of January 14 thru 20 in loving memory of the following:

- Altar Candles at ICC**
- Barbara Cawley**.....By Eileen & Patrick
- Holy Family Candle at ICC**
- Ruth & Jim Oliveri, Jr**.....By Janine & Family
- Sanctuary Candle at ICC**
- Joseph S. Agolino, Sr**...By Joe & Patricia Colozza
- Altar Candles at HRC**
- Dolores Dziedzic**.....By Husband & Children
- Sanctuary Candle at HRC**
- Dolores Dziedzic**.....By Husband & Children



Understanding Your Parish Financial Report

Revenue

- **Collections** include all offertory envelopes, online giving and loose collections, including for holidays, Holy Days and any special collection (flowers) envelopes.
- **Faith Formation Fees** include all registration and program fees for both faith formation and adults programs.
- **Fundraising/Development** includes any gifts or donations that are not regular parish offertory, bequests and memorials, parish activities (dinners, picnics, bingo, lottery, etc.), donations from parish societies and any parish rebate from the Diocesan Annual Appeal (75% over goal is refunded to the parish).
- **Other Income** includes rental of facilities, insurance refunds, interest income, sale of assets, funeral/wedding perquisites or any other income.
- **Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan** includes donations or grants specifically earmarked for a designated purpose, reimbursements from linked parishes to help cover expenses and any Paycheck Protection Plan grant income.
- **Transfers Savings Account/Other** includes transfers from bank accounts that are excluded from operating income or have already been reported as operating income.
- **Diocesan Special Collections** are special collections (Care & Education of Priests or Emergency collections following a natural disaster) which get remitted back to the Diocese.

Expenses

- **Administration** includes clergy salary and benefits, office staff salary and benefits, administrative expenses, telephone, computer services, postage, printing, envelopes and the Cathedralium (9.5% parish assessment to the Diocese) and Clergy Care and Wellness Assessment.
- **Rectory expenses** include the costs to run and maintain the rectory, as well as household expenses for the pastor(s).
- **Liturgy** includes salaries and benefits for musicians and liturgical staff including directors, musicians and sacristans. This also includes all liturgical equipment and supplies (printed materials, candles, flowers, decorations, etc.)
- **Faith Formation** includes salaries and benefits of faith formation director and staff, including family and/or youth director. This also includes the cost of all textbooks and supplies, retreats, etc.
- **Social Justice** includes all social justice salaries and benefits, as well as the cost of all social justice expenses.
- **Operation & Maintenance of Plant** includes salaries and benefits of all maintenance staff. This also includes the occupancy costs of the parish buildings, including electricity, heat, water, cleaning, janitorial, repairs and maintenance, and any plant and maintenance supplies.
- **Fixed Expense** includes insurance premiums from the Diocesan self-insured program for property, liability and workers compensation, real estate taxes (if any) and rental of facilities.
- **Debt Service** includes the interest and principal payments paid on outstanding parish debt.
- **Capital Outlays** includes any major repairs on the parish building or site or any new construction costs.
- **Designated Expenses/Transfers Out** includes all expenses designated for a specific purpose (i.e., food pantry) or transfers out to savings/building fund.
- **Catholic School Assessments** paid are included here. These represent the parish's portion allocated for the support of the Diocese of Scranton Catholic School System which are 14.5% for a parish with a Catholic School in its county and 8% if there is no school in its county.
- **Diocesan Special Collections Remittance** are the remittals of the Diocesan collections above.

Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis

- This line represents the increase or decrease in parish cash balances from the beginning of the year to the end of the year on a **CASH BASIS** based on actual expenses paid.

(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations

- This amount represents the change in the parish's unpaid obligations over the year. If there is an increase in unpaid obligations, this number will be **negative**. If the parish **reduced** its unpaid obligations, this will be a **positive** number.

Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)

- This value is the sum of the Parish Surplus/(Deficit) and the (Increase)/decrease of Unpaid Diocesan Obligations. The cash balance represents the net effect of operating activity on a cash basis. If a parish is current on all of its obligation, there would be no difference between the Cash and **ACTUAL** Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit). However, if a parish is unable to stay current on its obligations, the increase of unpaid obligations will reduce their CASH Basis Net Surplus/(Deficit) by the amount of the increase in unpaid Diocesan obligations. **This Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit) reflects a parish's true ability to pay its current obligations.**

Outstanding Diocesan Obligations

- This section highlights the change in a parish's unpaid Diocesan obligations over each fiscal year. If a parish has an increase in unpaid obligations for the year, this will result in a lower Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit) as these are an annual obligation of the parish that was not paid in the current year.

Diocesan Loan/Debt

- This is the amount of outstanding loans of the parish.

**Parish Financial Report
St. Barbara - Exeter
TREND ANALYSIS**

	Fiscal Year July 1 - June 30				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Revenue					
Collections	284,248	280,287	301,551	344,253	304,083
Faith Formation Fees	591	2,509	3,378	2,473	2,829
Fundraising/Development	31,102	58,069	45,924	76,365	53,610
Other Income	34,880	44,644	63,000	38,343	32,473
Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan	9,432	3,535	3,717	3,443	574
Transfers Savings Account/Other	8,270	9,285	28,879	180,926	-
Diocesan Special Collections	800	8,480	7,897	11,805	15,654
Total Revenue	369,322	406,809	454,346	657,608	409,223
Expenses					
Administration	157,391	132,496	155,798	169,048	144,967
Rectory	1,709	12,889	3,939	4,961	4,914
Liturgy	20,951	22,799	18,294	26,855	30,208
Faith Formation	1,327	5,419	2,654	1,787	1,225
Social Justice	904	6,157	5,600	13,976	2,009
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	129,638	137,910	158,455	150,502	112,719
Fixed Expense	43,193	38,673	24,465	42,069	22,886
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlays	-	-	-	-	-
Designated Expenses /Transfers Out	530	13,020	48,006	223,923	-
Catholic School Assessment	91,022	39,281	25,060	50,996	36,220
Diocesan Special Collections Remittance	3,183	12,019	3,697	3,365	11,905
Total Expense	449,848	420,660	445,967	687,482	367,053
Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis	(80,526)	(13,851)	8,380	(29,874)	42,170
	77,261	(3,265)			
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	47,121	(19,410)	(23,877)	27,021	(61,887)
Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(33,404)	(33,261)	(15,497)	(2,853)	(19,717)
NOTE					
Outstanding Diocesan Obligations could include: Diocesan assessments, School assessments, health insurance, self-insurance, pension and other expenses.					
End of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	54,128	101,249	81,839	57,962	84,983
Beginning of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	101,249	81,839	57,962	84,983	23,096
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	47,121	(19,410)	(23,877)	27,021	(61,887)
Diocesan Loan/Debt	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Parish Financial Report
Corpus Christi - West Pittston
TREND ANALYSIS**

	Fiscal Year July 1 - June 30				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Revenue					
Collections	546,849	559,102	513,360	495,736	507,819
Faith Formation Fees	3,230	2,240	1,225	4,890	5,495
Fundraising/Development	99,654	74,590	73,904	54,304	138,792
Other Income	58,485	35,287	48,240	49,079	35,342
Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan	-	-	43,975	42,272	-
Transfers Savings Account/Other	-	-	-	-	-
Diocesan Special Collections	-	623	-	-	2,101
Total Revenue	708,219	671,842	680,704	646,281	689,549
Expenses					
Administration	285,979	298,997	281,623	282,358	285,033
Rectory	29,255	28,770	20,979	30,619	39,520
Liturgy	48,097	45,270	21,689	40,660	52,766
Faith Formation	4,491	4,480	2,132	7,419	8,874
Social Justice	28,333	-	-	-	-
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	113,861	90,965	68,208	65,969	97,126
Fixed Expense	35,941	34,302	33,113	31,901	30,735
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlays	33,406	-	-	11,754	1,000
Designated Expenses /Transfers Out	141	582	2,000	598	1,354
Catholic School Assessment	89,916	88,164	97,704	90,648	90,888
Diocesan Special Collections Remittance	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expense	669,419	591,530	527,448	561,926	607,296
Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis	38,800	80,312	153,255	84,355	82,253
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	868	(800)	(68)	-	-
Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)	39,668	79,512	153,187	84,355	82,253
NOTE					
Outstanding Diocesan Obligations could include: Diocesan assessments, School assessments, health insurance, self-insurance, pension and other expenses.					
End of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	-	868	68	-	-
Beginning of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	868	68	-	-	-
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	868	(800)	(68)	-	-
Diocesan Loan/Debt	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A