

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.”

**February 18, 2024
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/ St. Barbara Parishes
605 Luzerne Avenue
West Pittston, PA 18643
Phone (570) 654-2753
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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

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

12:10PM St. Anthony

5:30PM Immaculate Conception

Tues 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

5:30PM Immaculate Conception

Wed 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

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Watch Sunday & Daily Mass on

Corpus Christi Facebook

www.facebook.com/corpuschristiparishpa

Weekly Collection

February 11, 2024

St. Barbara

Weekly.....\$5,033.50

E-Giving.....\$375.00

Total \$5,408.50

Corpus Christi

Weekly.....\$8,247.16

E-Giving.....\$3,263.43

Total \$11,510.59

Stations of the Cross

On Fridays during Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross after the 12:10PM Mass at Saint Anthony’s Church and after the 5:30PM Mass at Immaculate Conception Church.

The Light is on for You

Beginning Monday, February 19th, Msgr. Sempa will be in the confessional in one of the churches every Monday during Lent. The schedule is as follows.

February 19th	Immaculate Conception Church	6:00PM
February 26th	Immaculate Conception Church	6:00PM
March 4th	Holy Redeemer Church	6:10PM
March 11th	St. Anthony Church	6:10PM
March 18th	St. Anthony Church	6:10PM

Soup & Scripture

Beginning Tuesday, February 20th, all are welcome to attend our Lenten Soup & Scripture following the 5:30PM Mass in Immaculate Conception Church hall. Each week a different guest speaker will be featured. The soups and sandwiches will be provided by volunteers from various ministries from our parishes. The schedule is as follows:

February 20th	Father Alex J. Roche	Social Concerns
February 27th	David R. Betts	Adult Choir
March 5th	Father Michael S. Drevitch	EM’s & Lectors
March 12th	Attorney Eugene C. Kelly	Christian Women
March 19th	Father Michael J. Boris	Rel Ed Teachers/ Baptism Ministry

Rectory, Set, Cook: Collars & Scholars

Our own, Father Michael Drevitch, recently participated in a cooking competition with the priests of the Diocese of Scranton, including our students from Wyoming Area Catholic School. We are asking for your support to help Fr Michael and WAC come in first place! All donations will go to Wyoming Area Catholic School & Catholic Social Services. To vote, please go to: <https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/2024PASTORCHEF/team/FrMichaelDrevitch>

Wish to donate, but not online? Cash or checks are welcome! Checks made out to the Diocese of Scranton, can be sent to the chancery at the following address:

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON
ATTN: SANDRA SNYDER / RECTORY SET COOK!
300 WYOMING AVE.
SCRANTON, PA 18503

Please be sure to indicate you are supporting Fr. Michael Drevitch. Also, please let us know if you prefer to remain anonymous, otherwise, we’ll add your name to our online donor walls. Questions? Call event director Sandra Snyder 570-591-5004

Sacraments of First Eucharist & Confirmation

This week we mailed registration forms to students registered in our parish who are in 2nd and 8th grades. These students, who are attending Religious Ed classes or are students in a Catholic school, are eligible to receive to receive the Sacraments of First Penance & First Eucharist and Confirmation. If you did not receive the mailing, please call or e mail Joyce at the rectory 570 654 2753 or icecconi50@gmail.com. Thank you!



**Living Stations
of the Cross
Good Friday
March 29, 2024
7:00PM
Immaculate
Conception Church**

All students in grades 6, 7, 8 and older are invited to participate in our presentation of "Living Stations of the Cross." Students who wish to participate are asked to attend a meeting/practice session, today, Sunday, February 18th at Immaculate Conception Church at 4:30PM. If you wish to participate, but cannot attend the session this evening, please call or e-mail Loretta at 570 313 0099 or raetta@gmail.com.

Corpus Christi Parish "Twilight Bingo"

This all cash bingo will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2024 in Immaculate Conception Church Hall. Doors open at 6:15PM and bingo starts at 7:00PM. Tickets are \$25.00 and must be purchased in advance. To purchase tickets, please return completed form to the rectory via Sunday collection mail or drop off at the rectory and the tickets will be mailed to you.

Corpus Christi "Winter Lottery" Winners

Congratulations to the following "Winter Lottery" winners:

2/07/2024	#336	Blair Corcoran	\$50.00
2/08/2024	#554	L & C Bonfanti	50.00
2/09/2024	#694	No Winner	50.00
2/10/2024	#111	No Winner	50.00
2/11/2024	#595	Diane McAdarra	100.00
2/12/2024	#417	Nick Anzelmi	50.00
2/13/2024	#551	No Winner	50.00

Special drawing winners this week:

2/9 Robert Balint \$50.00, 2/10 Jaime Weinschenk \$50.00, & 2/13 Bernadette Cerza \$50.00

Social Concerns News

•Help for Easter

If you or someone you know is struggling and could use help for Easter, please call the rectory 570 654 2753 or e mail Joyce at jceconni50@gmail.com. We will be preparing Easter Baskets for all children through 12 years of age.

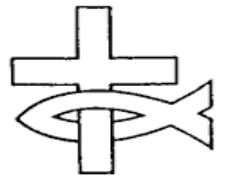
•Easter Food Drive

We are in the process of filling up our food shelves in preparation for our Easter food giveaway. This year we have prepared a "Reverse Lenten Calendar" which is filled with suggestions of foods we need for our Easter food baskets. You can bring your donations when you are coming to Mass on the weekends and place them in the wicker baskets in the sanctuaries of the churches. Your donations are very important as whenever someone calls the rectory looking for food, they are never turned away.

•Easter Baskets for Children

We are asking for donations of individually wrapped candy, chocolates, small toys, coloring & painting books, bubbles, tablets, chalk, or any items appropriate for kids ages toddler thru 12 years. Donations may be dropped off at the rectory or left in the vestibules of the churches. As always, thank you all for your help.

**Liturgy Intentions
For The Week**



February 19 thru 25, 2024

Mon	7:30AM (ICC)	Ralph, Ralph, Jr. & Marie Nardell By Family
	8:30AM (HRC)	John & Leonard Tallo By Fran & Ray Franko
	12:10PM(SAC)	Mary Jo Mackavage By David Schultz
	5:30PM (ICC)	Helen Yakobitis By M/M Barry Hosier
Tues	7:30AM (ICC)	Faust Valenti By M/M Robert Pace
	8:30AM (HRC)	Raymond Wasko, Sr. By Ann Cummings
	5:30PM (ICC)	Dec'd Membs of the Falzone Family By Lisa, Chuck & Family
Wed	7:30AM (ICC)	Eugene Chikowski By Mary Portelli
	8:30AM (HRC)	Karen Venetz By Nancy & Roger Ferretti
	12:10PM (SAC)	Anita Wanat By Tom & Sons
	5:30PM (ICC)	Ellen Brown By Ann Hrobak
Thurs	7:30AM (ICC)	James Ciali By Joe & Donna Valenti
	8:30AM (HRC)	Michael Popovich By Sue & Bill Lendacky
	5:30PM (ICC)	Jamie Oliveri By Sister, Janine & Family
Fri	7:30AM (ICC)	Marilyn & Bill Kile By Daughter, Kathy
	8:30AM (HRC)	Christopher Ryan Bone By John & Diane Lewis
	12:10PM (SAC)	Antoinetta Bottaro By Bovani Family
	5:30PM (ICC)	Rita Colondo By Hubie, Liza, Drew & Hallie Dixon
Sat	4:00PM (SAC)	Atty. Frank A. Mazzeo By M/M Jack Borzell
	5:30PM (ICC)	Anthony, Ann, Sam & Brittany Berto By Family
Sun	7:30AM (SAC)	Rose Marie Crisci By Phyllis & Dana Marquis
	9:00AM (HRC)	Anna Wierbowski By Marsha Fino, Ron Lobo & Family
	10:30AM (ICC)	Mary Kay & John Vitale & Nicholas John Pannunzio By Family

Candles

These candles will burn this week in loving memory of the following:

Holy Family Candle in ICC

Dec'd Members of the Brown, Bishop, Serafin & Pasternak Families.....By John & Maryellen Serafin

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Pittston Deanery

- Corpus Christi, West Pittston
- Nativity of Our Lord, Duryea
- Our Lady of the Eucharist, Pittston
- Queen of the Apostles, Avoca
- Sacred Heart of Jesus, Dupont
- Saint Barbara, Exeter**
- Saint John the Evangelist, Pittston
- Saint Joseph Marello, Pittston
- Saint Maria Goretti, Laflin
- Saint Monica, West Wyoming

PARISH DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Number of Households	664	695	695	780	-
Number of Parishioners	1144	695	1171	1531	1539
Total Number of Weekend Masses	2	2	3	3	3
Total Average Weekend Mass Attendance	442	-	173	157	429

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Baptisms	10	8	10	12	12
First Holy Communions	4	4	6	15	15
Confirmations	7	46	14	58	58
RCIA/Baptism	0	0	0	0	0
RCIA/Full Communion	0	0	0	0	0
Marriages	2	2	0	0	0
Funerals	68	53	15	50	50

FAITH FORMATION PARTICIPATION

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Religious Education K-8	27	43	58	134	134
Religious Education 9-12	0	0	0	0	0
Catholic School Students	12	17	19	-	-
Adult Faith Formation	0	0	0	0	0

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Number of Households	1257	1350	1366	1379	1345
Number of Parishioners	2854	3019	3004	2993	2916
Total Number of Weekend Masses	3	3	5	5	5
Total Average Weekend Mass Attendance	615	637	722	307	1125

2023 Worship Site Attendance Breakdown:

Immaculate Conception Church, West Pittston – 486 (2), Holy Redeemer Church, Harding – 129 (1)

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Baptisms	55	66	52	38	39
First Holy Communions	34	34	24	30	21
Confirmations	32	36	41	35	29
RCIA/Baptism	0	1	3	1	2
RCIA/Full Communion	0	0	0	0	0
Marriages	15	15	8	10	14
Funerals	87	68	76	83	70

FAITH FORMATION PARTICIPATION

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Religious Education K-8	126	145	95	177	155
Religious Education 9-12	0	0	0	0	20
Catholic School Students	46	81	60	0	49
Adult Faith Formation	0	0	6	0	25

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