

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.”

March 3, 2024
Third Sunday of Lent

Immaculate Conception Church

Holy Redeemer Church
St. Anthony Church
Msgr. John J. Sempa, Pastor
Rev. Michael Drevitch,
Assistant Pastor
Corpus Christi &
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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

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

12:10PM St. Anthony

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Thurs 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

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12:10PM St. Anthony

5:30PM Immaculate Conception

Watch Sunday & Daily Mass on

Corpus Christi Facebook

www.facebook.com/corpuschristiparishpa

Weekly Collection

February 25, 2024

St. Barbara

Weekly.....\$5,087.29

E-Giving.....\$145.00

Total \$5,232.29

Care/Ed Priests Feb \$400.00

Corpus Christi

Weekly.....\$6,218.00

E-Giving.....\$1,848.43

Total \$8,066.43

Care/Ed Priests Feb \$956.50

The Light is on for You

The confessional schedule is as follows:

March 4th	Holy Redeemer Church	6:10PM
March 11th	St. Anthony Church	6:10PM
March 18th	St. Anthony Church	6:10PM

Soup & Scripture

On the following Tuesdays during Lent all are welcome to join us for Soup & Scripture at 6:00PM in ICC hall. The soups and sandwiches will be provided by volunteers from various ministries. The schedule is as follows:

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

Religious Education Classes

Please note, next Sunday, March 10th, there are No Religious Ed Classes.

Living Stations of the Cross Practice

Will be held today, **Sunday, March 3rd at 4:30PM in Immaculate Conception Church.** All students in grades 6, 7, 8 and older are invited to participate.

Youth Choir Practice

Will be held today, Sunday, March 3rd at 5:30PM in Immaculate Conception Church. All children from Corpus Christi & St. Barbara Parishes are welcome to join.

Christian Women Meeting

All women are welcome to join us for our next meeting on **Friday, March 8th at 1:30PM in Immaculate Conception rectory.** Refreshments will be served.

Corpus Christi Parish Roof Repair Envelope

For the months of January & February 2024, the sum of **\$1,904.00** which was collected in the Roof Repair Envelopes, will be deposited into our diocesan savings account. Thank you for your donations.

EM's, Lectors and Altar Servers

Please contact your coordinator to let her know of your availability to serve for the Triduum and Easter Masses. The schedule is as follows:

Holy Thursday 3/28 7:00PM Immaculate Conception

Good Friday 3/29 1:00PM Immaculate Conception

Holy Saturday 3/30 8:00PM St. Anthony Church

Easter Sunday 3/31 7:30AM St. Anthony Church

9:00AM Holy Redeemer Church

10:30AM Immaculate Conception (Family Mass)

(EM/Lectors) Teresa Crossin 570 357 3985 tacross5@comcast.net

(Altar Servers) Donna Mason 570 903 9142 toddler.dm@gmail.com

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>

Message from Father Alco.....

To quote St. Theresa of Calcutta, "Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love." I come to you with a heart that is full of "great love" and humility as expressed from the many cards I received, both at Christmas and with get well wishes that were filled with concern and encouragement during my recent illness. But the greatest "Gift" I received from everyone was your constant "Prayers." This is the best medicine I could have asked for and believe me, I felt them in my heart.

Also, to my brother priests, who were a constant source of prayer and guidance...Thank you!!

Please know, all of you have a very special place in my heart. God is good and always faithful! Please, let us continue to pray and support one another.

Much Love and Prayers,
Father Alco

Sacraments of First Eucharist & Confirmation

Students in grades 2 and 8 from Corpus Christi or St. Barbara Parish who are attending a Catholic school must register to receive the Sacraments of First Penance & First Eucharist and Confirmation. If you did not receive the mailing with the registration forms, please call or e mail Joyce at the rectory 570 654 2753 or jceconni50@gmail.com. Thank you!

Corpus Christi "Winter Lottery" Winners

Congratulations to the following "Winter Lottery" winners:

2/21/2024	#712	Sherri Petrokonis	\$50.00
2/22/2024	#886	No Winner	50.00
2/23/2024	#508	No Winner	50.00
2/24/2024	#999	No Winner	50.00
2/25/2024	#588	Anna Roche	100.00
2/26/2024	#053	Tony Zielen	50.00
2/27/2024	#725	No Winner	50.00

Special drawing winners this week:

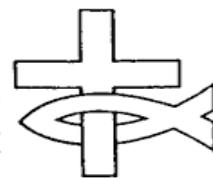
2/22 MaryAnn Lewis \$50.00, 2/23 MaryAnn Duliba \$50.00
2/24 Fran McGlynn \$50.00, 2/27 Frank Werhun \$50.00

Donate Gently Used Childrens Books

Parishioner, Mia Altavilla belongs to Junior Leadership Northeast and realizes just how important reading is to a young child's literacy development. For a special project Mia is conducting, she is asking for donations of gently used children's books. A Book Fair will then be held in May. Your donations may be placed in the boxes in the vestibules of the churches or dropped off at the rectory. Thank you, in advance, for helping with this project.



Liturgy Intentions For The Week



March 4 thru 10, 2024

- Mon 7:30AM (ICC)** **Nicoletta Goldsworthy**
By Joan & Don Moss
- 8:30AM (HRC)** **William O'Brien Longstreet**
By Fran & Ray Franko
- 12:10PM(SAC)** **Nancy Stash**
By Sam & Josie Mantione
- 5:30PM (ICC)** **John Purcell**
By Wife & Daughters
- Tues 7:30AM (ICC)** **Mary M. Occhiato**
By Nick & Geri Anzelmi
- 8:30AM (HRC)** **Rose Migliosi**
By Ron & Cathy Sampson
- 5:30PM (ICC)** **Donald Fetsko**
By Family
- Wed 7:30AM (ICC)** **Isabelle Hoyt**
By Margaret Hudock & Family
- 8:30AM (HRC)** **John H. Lewis**
By Bob, Lucille, Tammy, Karen & Terence
- 12:10PM (SAC)** **Patricia Stefanko**
By David Schultz
- 5:30PM (ICC)** **Dec'd Membs of the Drevitch & Sabol Families**
By Family
- Thurs 7:30AM (ICC)** **Joseph Kuhar**
By George & Georgia Young
- 8:30AM (HRC)** **Carol Traeger**
By M/M Sal Luzio
- 5:30PM (ICC)** **Jerry Zezza, Jr.**
By Burke Family
- Fri 7:30AM (ICC)** **Robert Bugelholli**
By Hubert & Liza Dixon & Family
- 8:30AM (HRC)** **Florence Angelella Cumbo**
By Mary & Stanley Dicton
- 12:10PM (SAC)** **John Costello**
By Gloria & Paul Kaspriskie
- 5:30PM (ICC)** **John Zardecki**
By Patti Wiatrowski
- Sat 4:00PM (SAC)** **Ann Ross**
By Husband & Children
- 5:30PM (ICC)** **Thomas Cole**
By Mary Grace Maloney
- Sun 7:30AM (SAC)** **Raymond Sabatini**
By Ettore Anselmi
- 9:00AM (HRC)** **Beno Borzell**
By Mom, Dad & Julianna
- 10:30AM (ICC)** **John W. Luke**
By Daughter, Anne Luke

Candles

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

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Joseph S. Agolino.....By Joe & Holly Colozza

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Faust Valenti.....By M/M Pacchioni



REVERSE LENT CALENDAR

Instead of giving something up during Lent, please consider giving something away each day! Add an item each day to donate to Corpus Christi & St. Barbara Parishes Social Concerns Food Pantry.

February 14	Thank you!	March 8	Spaghetti/Pasta
February 15	Thank you!	March 9	Spaghetti Sauce
February 16	Thank you!	March 10	Soup
February 17	Thank you!	March 11	Granola Bars
February 18	Thank you!	March 12	Pancake Mix
February 19	Thank you!	March 13	Syrup
February 20	Thank you!	March 14	Peanut Butter
February 21	Thank you!	March 15	Jelly
February 22	Thank you!	March 16	Canned Fruit
February 23	Thank you!	March 17	Coffee/Tea
February 24	Thank you!	March 18	Rice
February 25	Thank you!	March 19	Cereal
February 26	Thank you!	March 20	Cookies
February 27	Thank you!	March 21	Beef Stew/Chili
February 28	Thank you!	March 22	Peanut Butter
February 29	Thank you!	March 23	Snacks
March 1	Thank you!	March 24	Cereal
March 2	Thank you!	March 25	Macaroni & Cheese
March 3	Snacks	March 26	Muffin Mix
March 4	Soup	March 27	Boxed Stuffing
March 5	Oatmeal	March 28	Juice
March 6	Rice		
March 7	Flour		

Thank you to all for your participation in our “Reverse Lent Calendar” which is filled with suggestions of foods to fill our food shelves. 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 or drop them off at the rectory. Your donations are very important as we expect to be helping well over 150 local families with Easter “food” baskets this year. Because of the continued generosity of you, our parishioners and friends, whenever someone calls the rectory looking for food, they are never turned away. Thank you!

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Social Concerns News **Ministering to the Homebound**

The spiritual needs of our sick, homebound, hospitalized and nursing home parishioners are very important to us. We want to keep them in prayer and provide visits and communion. You can help us minister to these parishioners in a variety of ways. Please call the rectory 570 654 2753 or e mail Joyce at icecconi50@gmail.com.

- If someone you know is admitted to a hospital, nursing facility or is homebound...
- If you would like to visit a nursing facility on a regular basis....
- If you would like to bring communion to our homebound on a regular basis...
- If you can help deliver soup and/or holiday gifts to our homebound and nursing home residents...
- If you are homebound and wish to receive communion...
- If you are homebound or residing in a nursing facility and would like the bulletin mailed to you...

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 icecconi50@gmail.com. We will be preparing Easter Baskets for all children through 12 years of age.

Easter Baskets for Children

This Easter we will probably be filling Easter Baskets for well over 200 local children. If you can help, we are asking for donations of individually wrapped Easter candy, chocolates, small toys, coloring & painting books, bubbles, tablets, chalk, or any items appropriate for kids through 12 years of age. Donations may be dropped off at the rectory or left in the vestibules of the churches. Thank you for your help!

Listed below are days and times when help is needed.

We welcome everyone to lend a helping hand whenever able.

Students needing service hours are always welcome!

Wednesday, March 20th

● **4:00PM** Volunteers meet in ICC hall to fill and wrap Easter Baskets for children and prepare prizes for the Easter Egg Hunt.

● **5:00PM** Volunteers meet in ICC hall to fill Easter food bags for families. All are welcome!

Thursday, March 21st

● **9:00AM** Our "soup ministers" will be in the kitchen at ICC to make another delicious soup for our homebound. All are welcome to help!

● **4:00PM** Volunteers meet in ICC hall to fill and wrap Easter Baskets for children and prepare prizes for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Friday, March 22nd

● **9:00AM** Volunteers will meet in ICC kitchen to package soup for delivery to our homebound.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, March 22, 23 & 24

Volunteers are needed to deliver homemade soup, blessed palm and Easter gifts to our homebound parishioners and those residing in nursing homes. .

Sunday, March 24th

● **12:30PM-2:00PM**

Volunteers are needed to help with pick up of Easter food and Easter baskets for children. Help is needed to carry items out to cars.

Monday & Tuesday, March 25 & 26

● **9:00AM** Volunteers are needed in ICC kitchen to help make Easter cake pops for children.

Saturday, March 30th

● **10:00AM** Volunteers needed in Immaculate Conception rectory to fill and prepare baskets to be blessed for our homebound

● **12:00PM** Volunteers needed to deliver blessed baskets to our homebound

Hey Kids, Save the Date!
Easter Egg Hunt
St. Anthony Church Grounds
Saturday, March 30, 2024
12:15PM

The Easter Egg Hunt will be organized by our Confirmation students with adult help. All children aged 12 years and younger are invited to attend. There will be a separate area for toddlers. **Confirmation students, who are able to take part in the Easter Egg Hunt, are asked to meet in ICC hall on Wednesday, March 20th at 4:00PM to begin preparations for the Easter Egg Hunt.**

