

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 10, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Immaculate Conception Church
Holy Redeemer Church
St. Anthony Church
Msgr. John J. Sempa, Pastor
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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

5:30PM Immaculate Conception

Thurs 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

5:30PM Immaculate Conception

Fri 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

12:10PM St. Anthony

5:30PM Immaculate Conception

Watch Sunday & Daily Mass on

Corpus Christi Facebook

www.facebook.com/corpuschristiparishpa

Weekly Collection

March 3, 2024

St. Barbara

Weekly.....\$5,667.60

E-Giving.....\$205.00

Total \$5,872.60

Corpus Christi

Weekly.....\$7,998.48

E-Giving.....\$2,243.93

Total \$10,242.41

The Light is on for You

The confessional schedule is as follows:

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| 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:

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| March 12th | Attorney Eugene C. Kelly | Christian Women |
| March 19th | Father Michael J. Boris | Rel Ed Teachers/ Baptism Ministry |

Deanery Penance Service

Will be held at St. John Evangelist Church in Pittston on **Monday, March 25th at 6:30PM.** All are welcome!

Living Stations of the Cross

Practice will be held today, **Sunday, March 10th at 4:30PM in Immaculate Conception Church.**

Youth Choir

Practice will be held today, **Sunday, March 10th at 5:30PM in Immaculate Conception Church.** All children from Corpus Christi & St. Barbara Parishes are welcome to join.

Knights of Columbus Council 18246

Will meet on Monday, March 18 at 7:00PM in Immaculate Conception rectory. All men from Corpus Christi & St. Barbara Parishes are welcome to attend.



Save the Date!
Corpus Christi Parish
Car Show

Will be held on **Sunday, May 5, 2024 on the grounds of Holy Redeemer Church.**

All are welcome to attend our first planning meeting on **Thursday, March 21 at 6:00PM in the rectory.**

Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024

Mass of the Lord’s Supper....7:00PM (Immaculate Conception)
 Evening Prayer.....10:00PM (Immaculate Conception)

Good Friday, March 29, 2024

Passion of our Lord.....1:00PM (Immaculate Conception)

Holy Saturday, March 30, 2024

Easter Vigil & Mass.....8:00PM (St. Anthony)

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

7:30AM Mass.....(St. Anthony)
 9:00AM Mass.....(Holy Redeemer)
 10:30AM Family Mass.....(Immaculate Conception)

Candles

The following candles will burn in loving memory of the following:

Altar Candles at ICC

Patrick Cawley.....By Eileen & Patrick



Holy Family Candle at ICC

Ralph Nardell, Jr......By Family

Altar Candles at HR

Bernie Martin.....By Wife, Chris & Family

Sanctuary Candle at HR

Beno Borzell.....By Mom, Dad & Julianna

Altar Candles at SA

Margaret Space.....By Family

Sanctuary Candle at SA

Antoinette Tony Shinal.....By Dominick Family

Sanctuary Candle in Chapel at SA

Judy Barone.....By Paul & Josephine Hatrak

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://](https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/2024PASTORCHEF/team/FrMichaelDrevitch)

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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.

(EM/Lectors) Teresa Crossin 570 357 3985

tacross5@comcast.net

(Altar Servers) Donna Mason 570 903 9142

toddler.dm@gmail.com

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 jceconi50@gmail.com. Thank you!

Corpus Christi "Winter Lottery" Winners

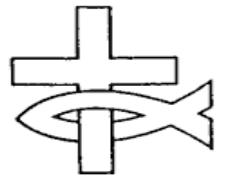
Congratulations to the following "Winter Lottery" winners:

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| 2/28/2024 | #197 | Roxann Hockenbury | \$50.00 |
| 2/29/2024 | #519 | No Winner | 50.00 |
| 3/01/2024 | #957 | Stephanie Morgan | 150.00 |
| 3/02/2024 | #996 | John M. Remus | 50.00 |
| 3/03/2024 | #298 | MaryAnn Duliba | 100.00 |
| 3/04/2024 | #136 | Rosalie/Pat Messina | 50.00 |
| 3/05/2024 | #074 | Rita Kopcho | 50.00 |

Special drawing winners this week:

2/29 Pat Scalzo \$50.00

Liturgy Intentions For The Week



March 11 thru 17, 2024

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| Mon | 7:30AM (ICC) | Florence Reilly By Family |
| | 8:30AM (HRC) | Samuel Marranta By Lance, Carolyn & Michael Moscatelli |
| | 12:10PM(SAC) | Dr. Lindsay Ann Heck By Joan Hennigan |
| | 5:30PM (ICC) | Connie Skoranski & James Payne By Family |
| Tues | 7:30AM (ICC) | Kathryn Maus By Amy Denisco & Family |
| | 8:30AM (HRC) | Bernice Valenti By Steve & Janine Starinsky |
| | 5:30PM (ICC) | Frank & Nellie Parente By Son & Family |
| Wed | 7:30AM (ICC) | Ralph Nardell, Jr. By Family |
| | 8:30AM (HRC) | Mary Switzer By Jim & Cheryl Butera |
| | 12:10PM (SAC) | Lorraine & Raymond Condo By Marion & Joseph Rubino |
| | 5:30PM (ICC) | Patrick Cawley By Eileen & Patrick |
| Thurs | 7:30AM (ICC) | Destiny Luciana By Deacon Jim & Lynn Meizanis |
| | 8:30AM (HRC) | Honorable James M. Munley By Neil T. O'Donnell |
| | 5:30PM (ICC) | Joseph & Gerri Galaida By Family |
| Fri | 7:30AM (ICC) | Leonard C Insalaco, II By Family |
| | 8:30AM (HRC) | Raeann Rose Merlino By Judd & Carmel Spencer |
| | 12:10PM (SAC) | Amy & John Petrucci By Children |
| | 5:30PM (ICC) | Joseph S Agolino, Sr By Olmstead Family |
| Sat | 4:00PM (SAC) | Brian Powers By Terry & Anne Woodmancy |
| | 5:30PM (ICC) | Joseph E. Fedor By Wife & Daughter |
| Sun | 7:30AM (SAC) | Bobby Robbins By Wife, Children & Grandchildren |
| | 9:00AM (HRC) | Thomas Gilmore By Mary & Glenn Davis |
| | 10:30AM (ICC) | Frances Bellanca By Roseann, Josie & Families |

Donate Gently Used Children's Books

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 asking for donations of gently used children's books. Donations may be placed in the boxes in the vestibules of the churches or dropped off at the rectory.



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.

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| February 14 | Thank you! | March 8 | Thank you! |
| February 15 | Thank you! | March 9 | Thank you! |
| 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 | Thank you! | March 26 | Muffin Mix |
| March 4 | Thank you! | March 27 | Boxed Stuffing |
| March 5 | Thank you! | March 28 | Juice |
| March 6 | Thank you! | | |
| March 7 | Thank you! | | |

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

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

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.**

