

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 17, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Immaculate Conception Church
Holy Redeemer Church
St. Anthony Church
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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

March 10, 2024

St. Barbara

Weekly.....\$4,886.95

E-Giving.....\$205.00

Total \$5,091.95

Corpus Christi

Weekly.....\$8,759.88

E-Giving.....\$2,976.43

Total \$11,736.31

Second Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend, March 23-24, we will take up the collection for the “Rice Bowl” at all Masses.

The Light is on for You

Msgr. Sempa will be in the confessional at St. Anthony’s Church tomorrow, **Monday, March 18 at 6:10PM.**

Soup & Scripture

Our final Lenten Soup & Scripture event will be held next **Tuesday, March 19th with guest speaker Father Michael Boris.** Our soups and sandwiches will be provided by our Religious Ed teachers and members of our Baptism Ministry.

Deanery Penance Service

Will be held at St. John the Evangelist Church, William St., Pittston on **Monday, March 25th at 6:30PM.** Several priests from our deanery will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this time. All are welcome!

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



Living Stations of the Cross Practice

Practice will be held today, **Sunday, March 17th at 4:30PM in Immaculate Conception Church.**

Youth Choir Practice

Practice will be held today, **Sunday, March 17th at 5:30PM in Immaculate Conception Church.** All children from Corpus Christi & St. Barbara Parishes are welcome to join.

Twilight Bingo...Thank you!

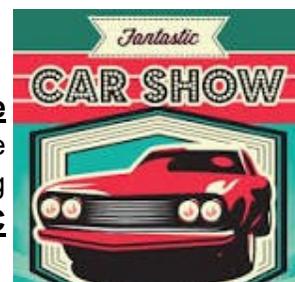
The Twilight Bingo profit is **\$15,572.72.** Thank you to the generous sponsors, dedicated volunteers and enthusiastic bingo players.

Knights of Columbus Council 18246

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

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 ICC rectory.**



Candles

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

Altar Candles at ICC

Joseph E. Fedor.....By Wife & Daughter



Holy Family Candle at ICC

Dec'd Membs of O'Malley & Corcoran Families..
.....By Ann & Blair Corcoran

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Clare Trotta.....By Lucille & Family

Altar Candles at SA

Stacie Ann Powers.....By Ed & Tish

Sanctuary Candle at SA

John W. Luke.....By Daughter, Anne Luke

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 jceconi50@gmail.com. We will be preparing Easter Baskets for all children through 12 years of age.

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 20

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 21

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 22

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

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, March 22, 23,

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

Sunday, March 24

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

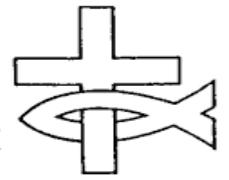
9:00AM Volunteers are needed in ICC kitchen to help make Easter cake pops for children.

Saturday, March 30

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

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

Liturgy Intentions For The Week



March 18 thru 24, 2024

Mon 7:30AM (ICC)	Louis Ciampi, Sr. By Judy Sokach
8:30AM (HRC)	Dec'd Membs of the Alexander & Josephine Parente Family By Grandchildren
12:10PM (SAC)	Davidica Mattei Ferretti By Bruno Ferretti, Jr.
5:30PM (ICC)	John Yakobitis By Cynthia Bialy
Tues 7:30AM (ICC)	Priscilla Orsheski By Carolee & Tom
8:30AM (HRC)	John & Regina LaNunziata By Bobby & Amanda Calpin
5:30PM (ICC)	Karen Potoski By Family
Wed 7:30AM (ICC)	Thomas J. Zenobi By Joe & Marie Marranta
8:30AM (HRC)	Tyler Patrick Egan By Jim & Barb Salitis
12:10PM (SAC)	Patricia Musloski By Biduck Family
5:30PM (ICC)	Frank Colella By Theresa & Children
Thurs 7:30AM (ICC)	Walter Opshinski By Jerry Yakobitis
8:30AM (HRC)	Carmella Buynak By Loree & John Gerich
5:30PM (ICC)	Special Intentions
Fri 7:30AM (ICC)	Michael Naples By Roseann & Tom O'Connor
8:30AM (HRC)	Helen Butera By Christine Marianacci
12:10PM (SAC)	Anthony Sakalouckas By Family
5:30PM (ICC)	Carmen Colarusso By Family
Sat 4:00PM (SAC)	M/M George J Maffei & Elaine Gager By George T Maffei & M/M Dave Nygren
5:30PM (ICC)	Dolores Sarafinko By Patti Wiatrowski
Sun 7:30AM (SAC)	Ryan Jones By Gubbiotti Family
9:00AM (HRC)	Clare Jurchak By Patti Wiatrowski
10:30AM (ICC)	Ralph Nardell, Jr. By M/M Robert Connors

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.



This is your invitation to follow Jesus' journey from Holy Thursday through Good Friday to the telling of salvation's story at the Vigil. Do this and you will have an Easter like no other. The Triduum—the three days beginning on the evening of Holy Thursday and ending on Easter Sunday—is an opportunity to experience the essence of Lent and more. The high point of the liturgical life of the Church, The Triduum, allows us to walk with Jesus in his mission of salvation from suffering and death to glorious resurrection. As we do so, we are moving from death to life in our own lives, just as we did in baptism. God is holy. This week is holy. Lent only makes sense and reaches its fullness in our participation in The Easter Triduum.

Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024

**Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:00PM**

**Immaculate Conception Church
Night Prayer 10:00PM**

This is the night when we remember how God freed his people enslaved in Egypt. It is the Passover of the Lord. At the Last Supper, Jesus washes the feet of the disciples as a sign of servanthood and commands us to do likewise. We hear again Christ's command (mandatum) to love and serve one another. We give thanks for the gift of Christ's presence in the Eucharist. There is no dismissal; we leave in silence; the story continues tomorrow. After communion the Blessed Sacrament is placed on the altar and remains there until Night Prayer at 10:00PM.

Good Friday, March 29, 2024

**Passion of our Lord
1:00PM**

Immaculate Conception Church

This is the day of our salvation! The service commemorating Christ's passion and death is the most somber and solemn liturgy in our church year. All who enter the church should feel a deep silence settle over them and be struck by the barrenness of the church. The Church comes together to read from Scripture and to pray for the whole world. This is not only a time to mourn the death of Jesus on the Cross, but a moment to remember that through his death on the Cross, we are given eternal life with him.

Holy Saturday, March 30, 2024

**Easter Vigil & Mass
8:00PM**

St. Anthony's Church

This is the most sacred night in the church's liturgical year. We remember that the death and darkness of the tomb does not triumph. It is shattered in the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. The service begins with the lighting of the new fire. We hear salvation's story. We renew our baptismal vows. We sing Alleluia. We ring bells. Sing the Gloria. Eucharist is shared. We rejoice! The Lord is risen!!

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

**7:30AM Mass
St. Anthony's Church**

**9:00AM Mass
Holy Redeemer Church**

**10:30AM Family Mass
Immaculate Conception Church**

At this Easter Sunday Family Mass, our youth choir will sing and children of the parish will participate as lectors, heavenly hosts, and gift bearers. The Easter Bunny just may join us with delicious treats for everyone!!



Reverse Lent Calendar

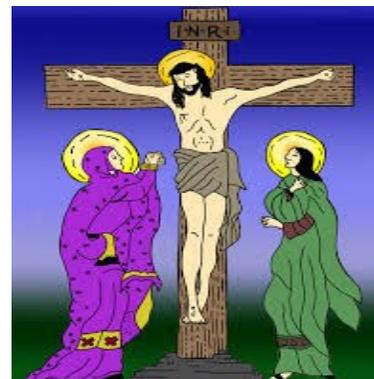
Thank you to everyone for your participation in our "Reverse Lent Calendar." We can honestly say, you have completely blown us away with your Lenten food donations this year. There truly is no more room on our food shelves which is a wonderful problem to have. Because of your kindness, the families we are helping will receive truly bountiful "Easter Food Baskets."

March 17	Coffee/Tea
March 18	Rice
March 19	Cereal
March 20	Cookies
March 21	Beef Stew/Chili
March 22	Peanut Butter
March 23	Snacks
March 24	Cereal
March 25	Macaroni & Cheese
March 26	Muffin Mix
March 27	Boxed Stuffing
March 28	Juice

Living Stations of the Cross Good Friday, March 29, 2024 7:00PM

Immaculate Conception Church

All are welcome to attend this beautiful presentation of "Living Stations of the Cross" which is presented by the youth from our parishes. Music is provided by our parish youth choir. Following the presentation, all are welcome to join the kids in the parish hall for pizza.



Blessing of Baskets

12:00 Noon

St. Anthony's Parish Center



In many Eastern European countries, it's a tradition to have a basket of food blessed on Holy Saturday. This Catholic ritual has been cherished for centuries among many families. It has now been adopted by people of all ethnic backgrounds who enjoy this richly symbolic custom.

Members of our Social Concerns Committees have prepared nearly 80 baskets containing ham, hard boiled eggs, paska, a chocolate cross and a small bottle of wine which will be blessed then delivered to our homebound parishioners.

Easter Egg Hunt

12:15PM

St. Anthony's Church Grounds

All boys and girls are invited to our Easter Egg Hunt. Confirmation candidates from our parishes will be scattering hundreds of eggs on the grounds of St. Anthony's Church. There will be a special section for toddlers and plenty of prizes! Of course, we will expect a visit from the Easter Bunny!!



Winter Lottery Winners

3/6	#050	Virginia Parisi	\$50.00
3/7	#282	Margaret Coolbaugh	\$50.00
3/8	#901	Bonnie Wasilisin	\$50.00
3/9	#519	No Winner	\$50.00
3/10	#461	Margaret Burke	\$100.00
3/11	#124	Joseph Conniff	\$50.00
3/12	#439	Paul Levandoski	\$50.00

Special drawing winner 3/9 Damian Evanko \$50.00