

# 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 24, 2024  
Palm Sunday**

**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

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*Watch Sunday & Daily Mass on*

*Corpus Christi Facebook*

[www.facebook.com/corpuschristiparishpa](http://www.facebook.com/corpuschristiparishpa)

**Weekly Collection**

**March 17, 2024**

**St. Barbara**

**Weekly.....\$5,473.62**

**E-Giving.....\$550.00**

**Total \$6,023.62**

**Corpus Christi**

**Weekly.....\$10,649.71**

**E-Giving.....\$ 2,269.93**

**Total \$12,919.64**

## Second Collection This Weekend

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

## Deanery Penance Service

St. John the Evangelist Church, William St., Pittston on **Monday, March 25th at 6:30PM**. All are welcome.



**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 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**

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

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

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

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

## Blessing of Baskets

**Saturday, March 30, 2024 @ 12:00Noon St. Anthony Parish Center.**

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. All are welcome!



**Easter Egg Hunt**  
**Saturday, March 30, 2024 12:15PM**  
**St. Anthony Church Grounds**

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

**Living Stations of the Cross**  
**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 both parishes. Music is provided by our parish youth choir. Following the presentation, all are welcome to us in the parish hall for pizza.



**Family Brunch Sponsored by Corpus Christi Holy Name Society**

Will be held on Sunday, April 21, 2024 following the 10:30AM Mass in Immaculate Conception Church Hall. Our guest speaker is Dennis Bonvie former AHL/NHL player and current scouting coach for the Boston Bruins. The menu will consist of omelette station, homemade waffles, breakfast potatoes, ham, sausage, bacon and rolls and butter. Tickets are.....Adults over 16 years ....\$12.00  
 Children 6 to 16 years .....\$8.00  
 Children 5 years and under....Free  
 Tickets will be available after all Masses or at the rectory.

**Social Concerns**

Volunteer help is needed on the following days and times.....

Sunday, March 24

12:30-2:00PM Immaculate Conception Church Hall to help with distribution of Easter food and Easter baskets for children.

Saturday, March 30

- 10:00AM St. Anthony Parish Center to help prepare baskets for our homebound parishioners which will be blessed and delivered to them.
- 11:00AM St. Anthony Parish Center. Teens are welcome to set up the Easter Egg Hunt.
- 12:00PM Volunteers are needed to deliver blessed baskets to our homebound.

**Winter Lottery Winners**

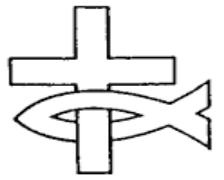
3/13	#011	Linda Blandina	\$50.00
3/14	#912	Leonard Lojewski	\$50.00
3/15	#537	Gerald Guarneri	\$150.00
3/16	#858	No Winner	\$50.00
3/17	#644	Matthew Schifano	\$100.00
3/18	#334	No Winner	\$50.00
3/19	#676	Lynn Doylan	\$50.00

Special drawing winners: 3/16 Barbara Davis \$50.00 & 3/18 Donna Kasa \$50.00

**Exeter Lions Bingo**

Our 2nd annual Cash/Gift Certificate Bingo Night at St. Anthony's Parish Center will take place on Saturday, April 13th from 5:00PM to 9:00PM. For tickets please contact Lori DeAngelo at 570 239 5260 or Linda Grogan at 570 814 0584.

**Liturgy Intentions**  
**For The Week**



**March 25 thru 31, 2024**

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| <b>Mon 7:30AM (ICC)</b>   | <b>Bernadine Lizza</b><br>By George & Georgia Young                  |
| <b>8:30AM (HRC)</b>       | <b>Linda Sperrazza</b><br>By Sam & Mary Giambra                      |
| <b>12:10PM(SAC)</b>       | <b>Ray Sabatini</b><br>By Cousins, Mary Lou, Michael & Rosalie       |
| <b>5:30PM (ICC)</b>       | <b>Jennie &amp; Michael Champi &amp; Carmella Uter</b><br>By Family  |
| <b>Tues 7:30AM (ICC)</b>  | <b>John D. Cenera, Jr.</b><br>By Jack, Mariclaire & Julianna Borzell |
| <b>8:30AM (HRC)</b>       | <b>Jonathan Gilpin</b><br>By Phil & Kristen Boyle                    |
| <b>5:30PM (ICC)</b>       | <b>Albert &amp; Dorothy Adrian</b><br>By Family                      |
| <b>Wed 7:30AM (ICC)</b>   | <b>Beno Borzell</b><br>By Mom, Dad & Julianna                        |
| <b>8:30AM (HRC)</b>       | <b>Nancy Ratajczak</b><br>By Jon & Mary Kay Melvin                   |
| <b>12:10PM (SAC)</b>      | <b>John Costello</b><br>By Shirley Micnicoski                        |
| <b>5:30PM (ICC)</b>       | <b>Sharon Wiatrowski</b><br>By Friends                               |
| <b>Thurs 7:00PM (ICC)</b> | <b>Mass of the Lord's Supper</b>                                     |
| <b>Fri 1:00PM (ICC)</b>   | <b>Passion of Our Lord</b>   |
| <b>Sat 8:00PM (SAC)</b>   | <b>Easter Vigil &amp; Mass</b>                                       |
| <b>Sun 7:30AM (SAC)</b>   | <b>Sam &amp; Connie Angelella</b><br>By Joseph & John Angelella      |
| <b>9:00AM (HRC)</b>       | <b>James Oliveri, Jr.</b><br>By Janine & Family                      |
| <b>10:30AM (ICC)</b>      | <b>Stephen E. Sokach</b><br>By Family                                |

**Candles**

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

**Altar Candles at ICC**

**John & Mary Prischak.....**By Daughters & Families

**Holy Family Candle at ICC**

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

**Sanctuary Candle at ICC**

**Colton Cikota.....**By Grandma

**Altar Candles at SA**

**Ray Sabatini.....**By Cousins, Mary Lou, Michael & Rosalie

**Religious Education Classes**

**There are NO Religious Ed Classes today, Sunday March 24 and March 31. See you all on Sunday, April 7th.**