

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.”

April 28, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Tues 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

Wed 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

12:10PM St. Anthony

Thurs 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

Fri 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

12:10PM St. Anthony

Watch Sunday & Daily Mass on

Corpus Christi Facebook

www.facebook.com/corpuschristiparishpa

Weekly Collection

April 21, 2024

St. Barbara

Weekly.....\$4,331.57

E-Giving.....\$315.00

Total \$4,646.57

Corpus Christi

Weekly.....\$7,277.25

E-Giving.....\$2,458.43

Total \$9,735.68

Missionary.....\$270.00

Second Collection This Weekend

This weekend at all Masses, we will have a second collection for Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your generosity is always appreciated.



All are Welcome!
Today, Sunday, April 28th
Following 10:30AM Mass
Immaculate Conception
Church Grounds
“That Foam Party Guy”
“Icecreamers”
Ice Cream Truck

Parish Meetings

In order to answer any questions that you have regarding our merger, we will have two Parish-wide Information Sessions. They will take place on the following dates and times:

May 13, 2024 7:00PM St. Anthony’s Church

May 20, 2024 7:00PM Immaculate Conception Church

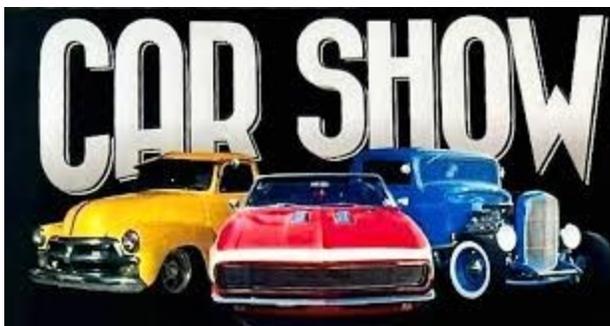
Sacraments of First Reconciliation & First Eucharist

Will be celebrated in our parish on Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 10:00AM in Immaculate Conception Church. There are two practices for the children...one today, Sunday, April 28 and one Friday, May 3, both at 6:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church. If your child cannot attend either of these practices, please e-mail Joyce at icecconi50@gmail.com.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Will be celebrated in our parish on Sunday, May 19, Pentecost Sunday, at 3:00PM in St. Anthony Church. There will be one practice for students and their sponsors on Tuesday, May 14 at 6:00PM in St. Anthony Church. If the sponsor is unavailable, a sibling or parent may sit in for practice.

Corpus Christi Parish
13th Annual Car Show



Sunday, May 5, 2024

(Rain Date: Sunday, May 12, 2024)

11:00AM-4:00PM

Holy Redeemer Church Grounds

Antiques, Classics, Customs, Street Rods, Low Riders, Motorcycles.....Car registration begins 11:00AM.....

Food trucks.....Give-A-Ways....Music All Day...

Car Registration \$15.00.



**Mass Honoring Our
Class of 2024
High School
Graduates
Sunday, June 2, 2024
10:30AM Mass
Immaculate Conception
Church**

All 2024 high school graduates from Corpus Christi and St. Barbara Parishes are invited to this Mass. We invite the graduates to take part in the liturgy as lectors, ushers, and gift bearers. Following the Mass all graduates and their guests are welcome to join us in the church hall for brunch. To help us prepare for the brunch, we are asking you to please RSVP to Joyce at icecconi50@gmail.com or 570 654 2753 by May 15th with the number of people who will be attending. Thank you.

**St. Barbara Parish
"Flea Market"
St. Anthony Parish Center
July 19, 20, & 21, 2024**

Starting May 1st we will begin accepting donations for our flea market. Items can be left at St. Anthony's Parish Center by the door next to PowerRail Distribution (formerly Pride) Please do not leave donations on a rainy day and do not block the door. Please no textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines, exercise equipment, computers, TVs, luggage, stuffed animals, shoes, clothing, live plants or any broken or dirty items. Thank you!



**Corpus Christi Parish
Holy Name Society
Family Brunch
Sunday, June 9, 2024
11:15AM**

Immaculate Conception 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 available after Masses or at the rectory.
Adults over 16 years.....\$12.00
Children 6 to16 years\$6.00
Children 5 years and under....Free



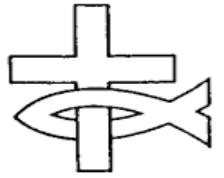
St. Barbara Christian Women

Will meet on **Tuesday, May 7th at 6:30PM** in the rectory. All women from both parishes are welcome.

**Refresh Your Faith
Catholic Women's Conference**

Women from around the Diocese of Scranton will gather on **Saturday, June 8, 2024** at Marywood University for the Annual Refresh Your Faith Catholic Women's Conference. The day includes Mass with Bishop Bambera, continental breakfast, Catholic Marketplace, 3 Keynote speakers, rosary, Eucharistic adoration, music and lunch. Register for only \$55, students \$20. You'll be inspired by this year's speakers. Father Justin Cinante, O.Carm, Jackie Francois Angel, Father Giuseppe Maria Siniscalchi, CFR. Just added: Special programming Friday night, June 7 – with accommodations at Marywood University. Register at cwcnepa.com.

**Liturgy Intentions
For The Week**



April 29 thru May 5, 2024

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| Mon 7:30AM (ICC) | Margaret & John Hoover
By Family |
| 8:30AM (HRC) | Joan Hudak
By Mary & Fran |
| 12:10PM(SAC) | Frank DiMaria
By Chidren & Grandchildren |
| Tues 7:30AM (ICC) | Bill Kull
By Jane, Judy, Kim & Bob |
| 8:30AM (HRC) | Elizabeth Marranca
By Gerald Stofko |
| Wed 7:30AM (ICC) | Evelyn Hughes
By Denise & Tony Bartoletti |
| 8:30AM (HRC) | John Ciampi
By Theresa Dente |
| 12:10PM (SAC) | Robert Blauer
By Wife, Children & Grandchildren |
| Thurs 7:30AM (ICC) | Stephen E. Sokach
By Wife, Judy |
| 8:30AM (HRC) | Rita Mogavero
By Sandy & John Orleski |
| Fri 7:30AM (ICC) | Ann Marie Kelly
By Rev. Michael Drevitch |
| 8:30AM (HRC) | Mary Rose Williams
By George & Annette Appel |
| 12:10PM (SAC) | Eleanor Kleback
By Family |
| Sat 4:00PM (SAC) | Dec'd Membs of the Parra,
Christian & Fetch Families
By Children |
| 5:30PM (ICC) | Clare Leckie
By Richard, Children & Grandchildren |
| Sun 7:30AM (SAC) | Maria & Berti Kittle
By Deborah Berti Walsh & Joe Walsh |
| 9:00AM (HRC) | Mildred & Joseph Tona
By Diane & Joseph Tona |
| 10:30AM (ICC) | Elmer & Ethel Stella
By Children & Grandchildren |

Candles

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

Altar Candles at ICC
Stephen E. Sokach.....By
Wife, Judy

Holy Family Candle at ICC
**Dec'd Membs of Brown,
Bishop, Serafin &
Pasternak Families.....By** John & Maryellen Serafin

Sanctuary Candle at ICC
Pearl & Louis Butera.....By Daughter, Tina

Sanctuary Candle at SA
Loretta Malsky.....By Paul & Josephine Hatrak



Financial Review of Corpus Christi & Saint Barbara Parishes

For far too many years, church finances were considered a taboo topic. In order to make sure all parishioners have trust that their money is being used wisely, financial transparency is critical.

For the last two years, following new Diocesan guidelines, we have published fiscal year financial reports for both Corpus Christi and Saint Barbara Parishes in January. Our parish communities have many dedicated professionals on our finance councils who spend many hours reviewing our income and revenue, ensuring we are faithful stewards of the generous donations that are provided.

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH FINANCIAL REVIEW

The current financial situation at Corpus Christi Parish is healthy. Corpus Christi Parish had steady collections up until the pandemic in 2020, but due to the generosity of parishioners saw only a slight decline that year. Collections (and overall revenue) quickly rebounded due to the steady stewardship of parish leadership. The parish has a strong commitment to fundraising, which brought in just shy of \$100,000 in the 2023 fiscal year. The parish has always been able to pay its obligations historically, including all payments to the Diocese of Scranton in regards to Parish Assessments and has made it a priority to pay its obligations in a timely fashion.

The expenses of Corpus Christi Parish have remained relatively consistent over the last five years. Corpus Christi Parish has significant funds in its operating fund and various bank and investment accounts in place for various projects or contingencies.

Five Year Revenue/Expense Analysis for Corpus Christi Parish

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Revenue	\$689,549	\$646,281	\$680,704	\$671,842	\$708,219
Expenses	\$607,296	\$561,926	\$527,448	\$591,530	\$669,419
Surplus/Deficit	\$82,253	\$84,355	\$153,255	\$80,312	\$38,800*

SAINT BARBARA PARISH FINANCIAL REVIEW

The current financial situation at Saint Barbara Parish is challenged. At the beginning of the pandemic in 2020, parish collections (and overall revenue) hit a high-point in the five year trend but have declined since that time. While Saint Barbara and Corpus Christi Parishes have remained independent since their linkage in May 2022, Saint Barbara's has relied on financial assistance from Corpus Christi in covering bills. Parish leadership has been clear indicating that the two parishes are in fact "one community of faith" and must share resources for the success of all.

For all five years, Saint Barbara Parish has spent more than \$100,000 on the operation and maintenance of its physical sites. This has led to overall budget shortfalls along with outstanding obligations to the Diocese of Scranton. Saint Barbara Parish currently has an outstanding debt of \$51,014 as of the end of the 2023 Fiscal Year. This is down from an outstanding debt of \$101,249 at the end of the 2022 Fiscal Year. This outstanding obligation consists of unpaid school assessments.

Five Year Revenue/Expense Analysis for Saint Barbara Parish

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Revenue	\$409,223	\$657,608	\$454,346	\$406,809	\$369,322
Expenses	\$367,053	\$687,482	\$445,967	\$420,660	\$449,848
Surplus/Deficit	\$42,170	-\$29,874	\$8,379	-\$13,851	-\$80,526**

* The 2023 reduction in surplus reflects 1) significant investment in physical infrastructure at Corpus Christi during 2023 and 2) financial support to Saint Barbara's to meet ongoing expenses.

** Reflecting remittance during 2023 of a past due Diocesan School Assessment in the amount of \$50,000.



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