

Corpus Christi Parish



“As members of the Body of Christ, Corpus Christi Parish celebrates 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.”

October 4, 2026
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Tues 7:30AM Immaculate Conception
8:30AM Holy Redeemer

Wed 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

Thurs 7:30AM Immaculate Conception
8:30AM Holy Redeemer

Fri 7:30AM Immaculate Conception
Watch Sunday & Daily Mass at-

www.corpuschristinepa.com

Weekly Collection

September 27, 2026

Weekly.....\$12,031.14

E Giving.....\$2,425.00

Total \$14,456.14

No Bazaar Envelope

This week we received \$320.00

Bringing our total received to
\$39,660.00

Thank you to everyone for your continued generosity to our parish



Blessing of the Animals
Today, Sunday
October 4, 2026

Today is the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. In honor of St Francis’s deep love for all creatures and promoting kindness and respect for them, we will be blessing animals at our three worship sites.

All animals, real or otherwise, are welcome. The schedule is as follows:

11:30AM Immaculate Conception Church Grounds
12:00PM Holy Redeemer Church Grounds
12:30PM St. Anthony Church Grounds

Bereavement Mass & Social

Each year the Church gives us the entire month of November as an opportunity to remember our loved ones who have gone before us in death. We pray for their happiness and prepare ourselves to be reunited with them one day. Because of the number of deaths this year, we will have two Bereavement Masses, one on **Tuesday, November 10** and one on **Thursday, November 12, both at 6:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church**. Following the Mass, all are invited to enjoy some light refreshments in the church hall hosted by our Social Concerns Ministry. A letter will be sent to the next of kin of all deceased who were buried from our parish through September 30, 2026 to let them know at which Mass their loved one will be remembered.

Night at the Races Meeting

A planning meeting for our parish “Night at the Races”, which will be held in our parish early in 2027, is scheduled for this **Tuesday, October 6th at 6:00PM in the rectory**. All are welcome to join us and help plan this fun parish fundraiser!!!

Bereavement Ministry Meeting

All are welcome to attend our next Bereavement Ministry Meeting this **Wednesday, October 7th at 6:00PM in the rectory**. For more information, please call coordinator, Rita Wall at 570 606 9318.

Christian Women Meeting

Christian Women will meet this **Friday, October 9th at 1:00PM in the rectory**. New members are always welcome!

Help for Thanksgiving and Christmas

If your or someone you know will be needing help for the upcoming holidays, Thanksgiving and Christmas, please call the rectory 570 654 2753 or e-mail Joyce at jceccconi50@gmail.com.

Parish “Twilight Bingo”
November 7, 2026

Save the date! All are welcome to join us for a fun evening of bingo-with all cash prizes. All attendees, children and adults, must have a ticket to enter. **NO ALCOHOL IS PERMITTED AT THIS EVENT.**



Ticket order forms have been mailed to all parishioners. Additional order forms can be found in the vestibules of the churches. Just send in the order form with payment via the weekend collection or by mail and the tickets will be mailed to you.



Knights of Columbus
Coat Drive

Our Knights of Columbus Council 18246 is conducting a coat drive in our parish. We are asking for new or gently

used coats and outerwear in all sizes from infant and children through teen and adult sizes. These donations will be distributed to the families who are requesting help for Thanksgiving. For your convenience, there will be boxes in the vestibules of the churches. Please know, your donations are greatly appreciated.

Scheduling Masses & Candles for 2027

If you are interested in scheduling Masses or candles for the year 2027, please watch the bulletin. We will announce when the 2027 Mass book is open, Thank you.

Lector Workbooks for 2027

If you are a lector in our parish and would like a 2027 Lector Workbook, please call Teresa at 570 357 3985 as soon as possible. Thank you!

Care & Education for Priests Envelope

For the month of September 2026, we received **\$1,368.50** in our “Care and Education for Priests” envelope. Thank you for your generosity.

“Roof Repair” Envelope

For the month of September 2026, we received **\$1,518.00** in donations from the “Roof Repair” envelope. This was deposited back into our Diocesan savings account. The amount we owe ourselves is now **\$121,872.18**. Thank you for your donations.

Courtesy News

Jenkins Twp. Volunteer Fire Department
Community Yard Sale

This 3rd annual event will take place on Saturday, October 17 from 10:00AM to 2:00PM at the Jenkins Twp. Fire Department, 2 Second Street, Jenkins Twp. Anyone can reserve a table, call Jack at 570 313 0072, \$15 for residents or \$20 for non residents (table will be provided). Food and beverages available for purchase from firefighters.



Mass Intentions

October 5 through 11, 2026

Mon 7:30AM (ICC)	In Thanksgiving to Saint Anthony By Denise Adams
Tues 7:30AM (ICC)	Eugene Chikowski By Anne Cummings
8:30AM (HRC)	Samuel Ristagno By Hudock Family
Wed 7:30AM (ICC)	Helen & George Maffei, Elaine Maffei Gager & Faith Ann Maffei Nygren By George T. Maffei
Thurs 7:30AM (ICC)	Velia & Bruno Ferretti, Sr By Sons, Bruno, Jr. & Santino
8:30AM (HRC)	Esther Zavrotny By Carol Zavrotny
Fri 7:30AM (ICC)	Reno Bartoli By Lee Brossa
Sat 4:00PM (SAC)	66th Anniversary Blessings Marion & Joseph Rubino By Family
5:30PM (ICC)	Stanley Benczkowski By Marie Sperrazza
Sun 7:30AM (SAC)	Joseph Kearney By Kathy & Family
9:00AM (HRC)	Paul Karasinski By Family
10:30AM (ICC)	Dec'd Membs of the Vanavage Family By Michael & BettyAnn

Candles

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

Altar Candles at ICC	Dec'd Membs of the Yozwiak & Maheady Families.....By Family
Holy Family at ICC	Tony Denisco.....By Wife, Carmella
Sanctuary Candle at ICC	Teresa Montante, Theresa Alessi & Theresa Montante.....By Sons & Families
Altar Candles at SAC	Louis V. Forlenza.....By Wife, Lois & Family

No Religious Ed Classes

Please know, there are NO Religious Ed Classes next Sunday, October 11th.



Corpus Christi Parish
Social Concerns
Thanksgiving “Calendar of Giving”

Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.’... ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’

(Matthew 25:34-40)

We’ve all seen an increase in need in our area over the last several years. The number of families seeking assistance is growing, and the holidays add to that number. While many families struggle to make ends meet each week, the holidays bring with them additional expenses many simply cannot afford. We, as a parish community, are making every effort to extend as much as we can to meet this need, but we cannot do it without your help. For your convenience, we have devised a “Calendar of Giving” filled with suggestions of non-perishable food items which we will need to fill bountiful Thanksgiving food bags for area families in need. We will gladly accept any of the donations listed below or any other non-perishable foods. Your donations may be left in the vestibules of the churches or at the rectory.

Thank you, in advance, for your help!
Social Concerns Committee

10/05/26	Boxed Stuffing	10/26/26	Cake Mix & Frosting
10/06/26	Turkey/Chicken Gravy	10/27/26	Canned Pumpkin
10/07/26	Boxed/Canned Potatoes	10/28/26	Boxed Stuffing
10/08/26	Canned Vegetables	10/29/26	Turkey/Chicken Gravy
10/09/26	Plain Bread Cubes	10/30/26	Box Turkey/Chicken Broth
10/10/26	Canned Yams/Sweet Potatoes	10/31/26	Peanut Butter & Jelly
10/11/26	Canned Pumpkin	11/01/26	Graham Crackers/Snacks
10/12/26	Apple or Cherry Pie Filling	11/02/26	Pasta & Sauce
10/13/26	Boxed Pie Crust Mix	11/03/26	Rice
10/14/26	Boxed Cornbread Mix	11/04/26	Granola Bars/Snacks
10/15/26	Cake Mix & Frosting	11/05/26	Canned Ham
10/16/26	Canned Stew/Chili	11/06/26	Powered /Shelf Stable Milk
10/17/26	Peanut Butter & Jelly	11/07/26	Instant potatoes
10/18/26	Box Turkey/Chicken Broth	11/08/26	Cranberry Sauce
10/19/26	Crackers/Snacks	11/09/26	Canned Yams/Sweet Potatoes
10/20/26	Canned Soups	11/10/26	Canned Tuna/Chicken
10/21/26	Canned Chicken/Tuna	11/11/26	Cranberry Sauce
10/22/26	Canned Ham	11/12/26	Canned Vegetables
10/23/26	Pasta & Sauce	11/13/26	Canned/Dried Fruit
10/24/26	Jello/Puddings	11/14/26	Cereals
10/25/26	Turkey/Chicken Gravy	11/15/26	Powdered/Shelf Stable Milk