

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.”

August 13, 2023

Nineteenth 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

12:10PM St. Anthony

Thurs 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

Fri 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

12:10PM St. Anthony

Watch Sunday & Daily Mass on

Corpus Christi Facebook

www.facebook.com/corpuschristiparishpa

Weekly Collection

August 6, 2023

St. Barbara

Weekly.....\$4,953.25

E-Giving.....\$230.00

Total \$5,183.25

No Bazaar Collection

Total to Date \$5,905.00

Corpus Christi

Weekly..... \$8,170.34

E-Giving.....\$1,641.93

Total \$9,812.27

No Bazaar Collection

This week.....\$1,945.00

Total to date \$26,795.00

Social Concerns

“Project, Back to School”

You never cease to amaze us with your generous support of our projects. Once again, thank you to everyone for your extremely generous donations of school supplies, hygiene products, backpacks, food and monetary donations. This year we anticipate helping 65 to 70 local families which includes between 125 and 130 school age children.



▶ If you need help with back to school supplies, hygiene products and food, please register by contacting Joyce at 570 654 2753 or e mail jceconi50@gmail.com by **Monday, August 21, 2023**.

▶ Social Concerns members will meet on **Thursday, August 17 at 11:00AM in Immaculate Conception** Hall to fill backpacks for back-to-school. All are welcome!

▶ Social Concerns members will meet on **Monday, August 21 at 6:00PM in Immaculate Conception Hall** to fill food bags. All are welcome!

▶ The drive thru pick up will be held on **Sunday, August 27 from 2:00PM to 3:00PM** in Immaculate Conception parking lot. We could use the help of some younger men, women and teens to help carry backpacks, hygiene products and food bags to cars. Thank you!

Grief: Comfort Through Sharing

Grief is real. It is the emotional cross you bear after losing someone you love. Grief is a challenging and intensely personal experience. Our program is offered to help care for you through group sharing to facilitate healing.

Corpus Christi and St. Barbara Parishes will be hosting a monthly bereavement program in Immaculate Conception Rectory beginning **Wednesday, September 6th from 6:00PM to 8:00PM**. We will meet the first Wednesday of each month. Space is limited so sign up by contacting Joyce at 570 654 2753 or email jceconi50@gmail.com.

The program leader, John M. Samony, Sr, CGSS, a University of Wisconsin, Certified Grief Support Specialist will facilitate the sessions.

John is the author of “The Morning After-Surviving the Loss of Someone You Love.” Available on Amazon, West Bow Press or his website www.johnmsamonysr.com.

Food Drive



Life Scout Drew Dixon of Troop 302 is conducting a “Food Drive” for his Eagle Scout Project. Drew has placed food boxes in Immaculate Conception, Holy Redeemer and St. Anthony Churches. Let’s all show our support of Drew’s project by filling these boxes with non-perishable foods. All food donated will fill our food shelves as our Social Concerns

Committees begin preparing for our Thanksgiving and Christmas food give aways. On behalf of Corpus Christi and St. Barbara Social Concerns, thank you Drew!

Parish Mail

All mail to Corpus Christi or St. Barbara Parish must be addressed to: **605 Luzerne Avenue, West Pittston, Pa. 18643**

New Parish Website

Currently, we are working on developing a new website encompassing both Corpus Christi & St. Barbara Parishes. It should be up and running in a few weeks.

Baptism Ministry

When a baby is baptized at Corpus Christi or St. Barbara Parish, he or she is given several gifts from the parishes. One gift is a lovely handmade white baby afghan which is made by parishioners. We invite anyone who enjoys crocheting or knitting to make white baby afghans which will be gifted on behalf of the St. Clare Sewing Ministry.

EM's, Lectors, Altar Servers

The new ministry schedule will be prepared and placed in the sacristies next weekend. If you have any changes to your preferred Mass selections.....

EM's and Lectors, contact Teresa at 570 357 3985 or tacross5@comcast.net by August 15.

Altar servers, contact Donna Mason at 570 903 9142 or toddler.dm@gmail.com by August 15.

Autographed Penn State Football

Tickets for the football autographed by the Penn State Football Team (including local high school graduates) are still available. Donation is \$1.00 per ticket or \$10.00 for 15 tickets. Profit from this raffle directly benefits the children from our parishes through the Holy Name Society's donations toward gifts and parties for all children. The drawing will be held on Saturday, September 2, 2023 at 7:30PM. You do not need to be present to win.

Upcoming Meetings

► St. Barbara Holy Name Society

Will meet on Thursday, August 17th at 7:00PM
Immaculate Conception Rectory

► Corpus Christi Twilight Bingo Planning Mtg

Will meet on Tuesday, August 22nd at 6:00PM
Immaculate Conception Rectory

► Corpus Christi/St. Barbara Visitation Ministry

Will meet on Thursday, August 24th at 6:00PM
Immaculate Conception Rectory

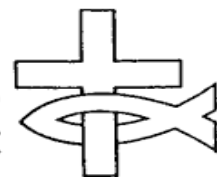


Direct Tax Dollars to a Diocesan Catholic School

Turn your PA taxes into need-based scholarships for students and receive up to a 90% state income tax credit. Did you know that individuals and businesses have the ability to direct your tax dollars to a diocesan Catholic School? A gift in support of tuition assistance will provide you with a direct reduction on your state income taxes. Applications are due by August 31, 2023.

To receive a form to participate, contact: Jim Bebla in the Diocese of Scranton Development Office 570 207 2250 or Development@dioceseofscranton.org

Liturgy Intentions For The Week



August 14 thru 20, 2023

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| Mon | 7:30AM (ICC) | Beth & Jack Szeghy
By Joan Hennigan |
| | 6:00PM (SAC) | Mariano Fanelli
By Charles Heiser & Mary Ellen Riley |
| Tues | 7:30AM (ICC) | Ed Bernard
By Mrs. B |
| | 8:30AM (HRC) | Carl Frank
By HR morning Mass Group |
| | 6:00PM (ICC) | Charlie Alfano
Carm & Joe Agolino |
| Wed | 7:30AM (ICC) | Angelina Balzano
By Joan Serino |
| | 12:10PM (SAC) | Sara Rome
By Frisbie Family |
| Thurs | 7:30AM (ICC) | Olga & Bill Orsheski
By Carolee & Tom |
| | 8:30AM (HRC) | Jeroma Foy
By Mary & Family |
| Fri | 7:30AM (ICC) | Joseph D Granteed, Sr
By Barry & Grace Hosier |
| | 12:10PM (SAC) | Jean Manderson
By Ann & Antoinette . Manganiello |
| Sat | 4:00PM (SAC) | Thomas & Eugene Space
By Family |
| | 5:30PM (ICC) | Helen Manganiello
By Dan & Karen Falkinburg |
| Sun | 7:30AM (SAC) | Robert O'Connell
By Mary Purcell & Daughters |
| | 9:00AM (HR) | Anthony Rostock, Jr.
By M/M Anthony Petroski |
| | 10:30AM (ICC) | Ross DeNisco, Jr, Ross DeNisco, Sr, Anna Maria & Rita Ann DeNisco, John & Rose Dente & Frank Braccini
By Family |

Candles

These candles will burn August 13 thru 19, 2023, in loving memory of the following:

- Altar Candles at ICC**
Lillian Denisco.....By Children
- Holy Family Candle at ICC**
Pat Cawley.....By Eileen & Patrick
- Sanctuary Candle at ICC**
Nancy & John CiampiBy Rosemary, Karen & Diane DeNisco
- Sanctuary Candle at SAC**
Daniel Trotta.....By Family