## 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 20, 2023 Twentieth 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 13, 2023 St. Barbara

Weekly......\$5,080.00
E-Giving.......\$590.00
Total \$5,670.00
No Bazaar Collection
This week.....\$4,680.00
Total to Date \$10,585.00

**Corpus Christi** 

Weekly......\$7,833.12 E-Giving......\$3,424.43 Total \$11,257.55

No Bazaar Collection
This week......\$1,375.00
Total to date \$28,170.00

# MAKE HIIS PRAISE

## Corpus Christi & St. Barbara Adult Choir

Our first adult choir rehearsal will be held on Thursday, August 31st, at 6:00PM at Immaculate Conception Church. As was the practice last season, the choir will travel to one church per weekend to sing one Mass on a

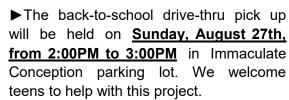
rotating basis at St. Anthony (Saturdays 4:00PM), Immaculate Conception (Sundays 10:30AM), and Holy Redeemer (Sundays 9:00AM). We will begin rehearsing for Masses as well as for a special presentation during the Advent/Christmas season.

The first Mass with the choir will be Saturday, September 9th, at the 4:00PM mass at St. Anthony Church. Current members, as well as new members, are welcome and encouraged to attend!

For more information, please contact Christine Katsock, choir director, at <a href="mailto:ckatsock@yahoo.com">ckatsock@yahoo.com</a> or call the parish office at (570) 654-2753.

## Social Concerns "Project, Back to School"

► All are welcome to join us on Monday, August 21st, at 6:00PM in Immaculate Conception Hall as we prepare food bags for the back-to-school giveaway.





## Corpus Christi/St. Barbara Visitation Ministry Meeting

All are welcome to join us on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>August 24 at 6:00PM in Immaculate Conception Rectory</u>. The mission of this group is to reach out to our parishioners who are homebound and those residing in nursing homes to be sure their spiritual needs are met.



## **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 <a href="Wednesday">Wednesday</a>, <a href="September">September</a></a> <a href="September">6th from 6:00PM to 8:00PM</a>. We will meet the

first Wednesday of each month. To sign up, contact Joyce at 570 654 2753 or email <a href="mailto:icecconi50@gmail.com">icecconi50@gmail.com</a>.

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 <a href="https://www.johnmsamonysr.com">www.johnmsamonysr.com</a>.

# St. Barbara Flea Market & Potato Pancake Sale

Thank you to everyone for the many hours spent setting up, organizing and selling at the flea market and to those responsible for making & selling the delicious potato pancakes. The final profit from this event is **\$12,309.02**.

#### **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 Commit-

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

## **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 <u>Saturday</u>, <u>September 2</u>, <u>2023</u>, <u>at 7:30PM</u>. You do not need to be present to win

## Corpus Christi Parish Twilight Bingo.

Save the date! Our fall "Twilight Bingo" will be held on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>October 7, 2023</u>. A planning meeting will be held on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>August 22, 2023</u>, <u>at 6:00PM in Immaculate Conception Rectory</u>. All are welcome to attend.

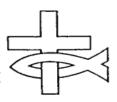
## **Religious Education News**

Beginning this year, all Religious Education classes for Corpus Christi and St. Barbara Parishes will be held at the Immaculate Conception Church site. Classes, which are held on Sundays from 9:00AM to 10:10AM, will begin on Sunday, September 24, 2023. Classes include children in kindergarten thru grade 8. Boys and girls who attend a Catholic school do not have to attend Religious Ed classes.

This week a mailing was sent to all students who attended class last year at Corpus Christi or St. Barbara Parish. If you did not receive a mailing which includes a letter, a registration form for each child who will be attending class and a Religious Ed calendar, please call the rectory or e mail Joyce at <a href="mailto:icecconi50@gmail.com">icecconi50@gmail.com</a> and we will gladly send one to you. Additional Religious Education registration forms can be found in the vestibules of the churches

When writing out checks for the Religious Education fee, if you belong to Corpus Christi Parish, you must make your check payable to Corpus Christi Parish and if you belong to St. Barbara Parish, please make your check payable to St. Barbara Parish. You must always make the check payable to the parish where you belong because we are linked and the finances are separate.

## Liturgy Intentions For The Week



## August 21 thru 27, 2023

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Mon 7:30AM (ICC)	<b>Charles Gibbons</b> By Mary & Michael Burke
Tues 7:30AM (ICC)	Patrick Cawley  By Eileen & Patrick
8:30AM (HRC)	Carol Gamble By Joan Hennigan
Wed 7:30AM (ICC)	<b>Beverly Byington</b> By Family
12:10PM (SAC)	Bruno, Sr & Velia Ferretti By Bruno, Jr & Santino
Thurs 7:30AM (ICC)	Lorraine & Angelo Portelli By Family
8:30AM (HRC)	Joseph Massara  By Carl Alles & Family
Fri 7:30AM (ICC)	<b>Helen Butera</b> By Anthony & Patricia Scalzo & Family
12:10PM (SAC)	<b>Guy Fasciana</b> By Theresa Colella
Sat 4:00PM (SAC)	<b>Mary Lou Gillespie</b> By Eileen Slavinski
5:30PM (ICC)	Michael & Jennie Champi By Family
Sun 7:30AM (SAC)	Hortense Oschal  By Helen C. Oschal
9:00AM (HR)	Dorothy Coolbaugh By Julie Angeli Mancus
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## Candles

**Christopher Lewis** 

By Family

10:30AM (ICC)

These candles will burn August 20 thru 26, 2023, in loving memory of the following:

Altar Candles at ICC	
Cheryl Devers	By Rosella Fedor

Holy Family Candle at ICC
Harry O'Dell......By Wife, Marianne & Family

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

Sanctuary Candle at SAC

Dec'd Membs of Cerulli Family.....By Margaret

Cerulli

### Parish Mail

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