

# 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.”*

**October 8, 2023**

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

**Weekly Collection  
October 1,, 2023  
St. Barbara**

**Weekly.....\$5,290.50  
E-Giving.....\$235.00  
Total \$5,525.50  
No Bazaar Collection  
This Week.....\$300.00  
Total to Date \$17,002.00**

**Corpus Christie**

**Weekly..... \$7,825.36  
E-Giving.....\$1,793.93  
Total \$9,619.29  
No Bazaar Collection  
This week.....\$0-  
Total to date \$30,570.00**

**Second Collection Next Weekend**

Next Sunday, October 21-22, our parish will take up the diocesan collection for World Mission Sunday. It is celebrated as the feast of catholicity and universal solidarity so Christians the world over will recognize their common responsibility with regard to the evangelization of the world. Your generosity is appreciated.

**No Religious Education Classes**

**There are no Religious Ed classes today, Sunday, October 8th.**

**No Youth Choir Practice**

**There is no Youth Choir practice today, Sunday, October 8th.**

**St. Barbara Holy Name Chicken Dinner Tickets**

This take-out roasted chicken dinner featuring Arcaro & Genell’s 1/2 Italian roasted chicken, potato, vegetable, roll & dessert will be held next **Sunday, October 15 from 11:00AM to 3:00PM** at St. Anthony’s Parish Center. For tickets, stop by the rectory Monday thru Thursday between 9:00AM and 5:00PM. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

**Chicken Dinners to the Homebound**

Next Sunday, Oct 15th, Social Concerns will be delivering some 80 plus dinners to the homebound parishioners from Corpus Christi & St. Barbara Parishes. Volunteers delivering the dinners are asked to meet at St. Anthony’s Parish Center between 2:30 & 3:00PM to pick up your dinners.



**HALLOWEEN FAMILY MASS & PARTY  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH**

**10:30AM MASS AND PARTY IN ICC HALL**

ALL ARE WELCOME. BE SURE TO WEAR YOUR HALLOWEEN COSTUME TO MASS! THEN JOIN US IN THE CHURCH HALL FOR A SPOOKTACULAR TIME. SPONSORED BY THE SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEES FROM CORPUS CHRISTI & ST. BARBARA PARISHES. THERE WILL BE FOOD, MUSIC AND TREAT BAGS FOR ALL THE KIDS.

**Social Concerns  
“Fall Food Drive”**

It is now that time of year when we must begin thinking about our Thanksgiving and Christmas food distributions. The Social Concerns Committees of Corpus Christi and St. Barbara Parishes will be preparing bountiful bags of non-perishable foods and turkeys for Thanksgiving and for Christmas giving. If you can help, we are looking for donations of the following.....stuffing, boxed or canned potatoes, yams, gravy, cranberry sauce, pie crust, pie fillings, and cookie baking ingredients. Donations may be left in the vestibules of the churches or dropped off at the rectory. We will gladly accept donations of frozen turkeys or monetary donations for turkeys. As always, thank you for your help!



**Help for the Holidays**

If you or someone you know is struggling financially and could use help with food and a turkey for Thanksgiving and/or food and Christmas gifts for their children, we can help. Just e-mail Joyce at [jceconi50@gmail.com](mailto:jceconi50@gmail.com), let as member of Social Concerns from either parish know, or call the rectory at 570 654 2753. A representative from Social Concerns will get in touch with you.

**Thank You Life Scout Drew Dixon!**

For his Eagle Scout service project, Life Scout Drew Dixon recently conducted a massive food drive of non-perishable foods for Corpus Christi & St. Barbara Parishes. Drew collected, sorted, then delivered and set up a huge truckload of food in our food pantry. On behalf of Social Concerns, thank you to everyone who so generously donated food to this project. Thank you, Drew, for a job well done!!

**Knights of Columbus Coat Drive**

The Knights of Columbus Council 18046 is conducting a coat drive until November 30. For your convenience, there are boxes in the vestibules of the churches. They are asking for new or gently used coats in all sizes for babies thru adults. The Knights meet in Immaculate Conception Rectory every third Monday of the month at 7:00PM. The next meeting is Monday, October 16 at 7:00PM. All men are welcome!

**Bereavement/Memorial 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. At Corpus Christi Parish, our Bereavement Mass & Social will be held on Tuesday, November 14th at 6:00PM. At St. Barbara Parish, our Memorial Mass & Social will be held on Thursday, November 16th at 6:00PM in the parish center.

**Courtesy News**

**St Elizabeth Ann Seton Rummage Sale**

Sponsored by their Christian Mothers will be held in the school gym at 116 Hughes St, Swoyersville...

Monday, October 9th 9:00AM-5:00PM

Tuesday, October 10th 9:00AM-3:00PM (\$2/Bag Day)

Bake Sale & Refreshments available

**Scranton Prep Open House**

Sun, October 15 12:00PM-4:00PM. Registration is required [www.scrantonprep.org/openhouse](http://www.scrantonprep.org/openhouse). Seventh & eighth grade students and their families are invited. Please call 570 941 PREP ext 1141 with any questions.

**Scranton Prep Scholarship Entrance Exam**

Will be held on Saturday, December 2nd for eighth grade students applying for fall term of 2024. Register online at [www.scrantonprep.org/preptest](http://www.scrantonprep.org/preptest).

**Holy Cross High School Open House**

Sunday, October 29th from 11:00AM –3:00PM. Visit [HCHSPA.org](http://HCHSPA.org).

**Holy Redeemer High School Open House**

Sunday, November 15, 1:00PM-3:00PM. For information call 570 829 2424.



**October 9 thru 15, 2023**

- Mon 7:30AM (ICC) Cornelius Allen**  
By Pittston Central Catholic High School Class of 1955
- Tues 7:30AM (ICC) Tony Denisco**  
By Sam & Karen Aritz
- 8:30AM (HRC) Jimmy Haggerty**  
By Zaloga Family
- Wed 7:30AM (ICC) Paul Karasinski**  
By Family
- 12:10PM (SAC) Annmari Cerulli**  
By Mother
- Thurs 7:30AM (ICC) Leonard Insalaco,II**  
By Family
- 8:30AM (HRC) George Mason**  
By Josephine Franko
- Fri 7:30AM (ICC) Jim Wiedl**  
By Patricia, Mark & Matthew Olmstead
- 12:10PM (SAC) Frank Galonis**  
By Family
- Sat 4:00PM (SAC) Ann E Thomashunis**  
By Family
- 5:30PM (ICC) Leanne Janco**  
By Barbara Harris
- Sun 7:30AM (SAC) Helen Parulis**  
By Joan Yonki
- 9:00AM (HR) Emmit W. Coolbaugh, Sr.**  
By M/M Gary Halecki & Family
- 10:30AM (ICC) Raymond Yunkunis**  
By Betsy Bendik

**Candles**

These candles will burn the week of October 8 thru 14th in loving memory of the following:

- Altar Candles at ICC**
- Joseph S. Agolino, Sr.....**By Anne Cummings
- Holy Family Candle at ICC**
- Tony Denisco.....**By Wife, Carmella
- Sanctuary Candle at ICC**
- 55th Anniversary Anthony & Betty Agati**  
.....By Daughter & Family

**Rectory Office Hours**

The rectory office is open Monday thru Thursday from 9:00AM to 5:00PM.

**Corpus Christi/St. Barbara Parishes Website**

Our new parish website should be up and running in a couple of weeks.