

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.”

December 10, 2023
Second Sunday of Advent

Immaculate Conception Church
Holy Redeemer Church
St. Anthony Church
Msgr. John J. Sempa, Pastor
Rev. Michael Drevitch,
Assistant Pastor

**Corpus Christi/
St. Barbara Parishes**
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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
December 3, 2023
St. Barbara

Weekly.....\$4,492.25
E-Giving.....\$170.00
Total \$4,662.25

Corpus Christi

Weekly.....\$7,132.28
E-Giving.....\$1,628.43
Total \$8,760.71

Second Collection This Weekend

This weekend, December 9th and 10th, we will take up the diocesan collection to benefit the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your generosity is always appreciated.



Lessons and Carols
An Advent Concert
Presented by
Adult Choir of
Corpus Christi &
St. Barbara Parishes
Today, Sunday,
December 10th
3:00PM
Immaculate
Conception Church

Following the concert all are welcome to join us for refreshments in the church hall.

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 23/24 &
Feast of the Holy Family, December 30/31
please follow the regular weekend Mass schedule

Christmas & New Year’s Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th:

4:00PM Mass.....St. Anthony’s
4:00PM Mass....(Family Mass) Immaculate Conception
10:00PM MassImmaculate Conception

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th:

7:30AM Mass.....St. Anthony’s
9:00AM Mass.....Holy Redeemer
10:30AM Mass.....Immaculate Conception

New Year’s Eve, Sunday, December 31st:

4:00PM MassSt. Anthony’s

New Year’s Day, Monday, January 1st:

7:30AM Mass.....St. Anthony’s
9:00AM Mass.....Holy Redeemer
10:30AM Mass.....Immaculate Conception

Christmas Wafers

Christmas wafers can be found in the vestibules of the churches. Donation is \$2.00 for a pack of 4 wafers. You may also pick them up at the rectory.

New Website

Please note we now have a new Corpus Christi-St Barbara website, you can watch mass everyday on this site. Take some time to look over our new look. It is still a work in progress.

www.corpuschristi-stbarbara.com

2024 Parish Calendars

2024 parish calendars can be found in the vestibules of the churches. Thank you to Gubbiotti Funeral Home, LLC for, once again, donating our parish calendars. Please take one home today!

Mailing Address for St. Barbara Parish

Please note the correct mailing address is....

**St. Barbara Parish
605 Luzerne Avenue
West Pittston, Pa. 18643**

St. Barbara Holy Name Christmas Party

All men from both parishes are invited to a Christmas party on Thursday, December 14 at 6:00PM in St. Anthony's Parish Center.

Religious Education News

•Today, Sunday, December 10th, the children in grades Kindergarten thru grade 3 will be making Christmas cards for our elderly parishioners who are homebound and those residing in nursing homes.

•There are Religious Ed classes today, Sunday, December 10 and next Sunday, December 17. There are no classes December 24 and 31.

Corpus Christi Parish Winter Lottery

For a \$25 donation you have the chance of winning \$50 Monday thru Saturday or \$100 on Sundays during January, February & March 2024. Or you can win \$150 on the following bonus days...January 1 & 15, February 1 & 15 and March 1 & 15. For additional tickets, please e-mail needtickets123@gmail.com and we will gladly mail them to you

2023/2024 Envelope Donations

Please know any envelopes for Corpus Christi or St. Barbara Parishes received after December 31, 2023 will be credited to your 2024 parish donations.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations



Thursday,
January 4th

7:00 PM

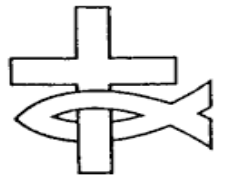
St. Maria Goretti Church
42 Redwood Drive - Laflin

SPEAKER, RECONCILIATION,
AND SOCIAL.

LIVE MUSIC BY JOEL KANKIEWICZ



Liturgy Intentions For The Week



December 11 thru 17, 2023

Mon	7:30AM (ICC)	Tony D'Angelo By Joan Hennigan
	8:30AM (HRC)	Margaret Elaine Menn By Thomas & Kathleen Richards
	12:10PM (SAC)	Janet M. Marranca By Ann Braccini & Family
Tues	7:30AM (ICC)	Dominick & Lucy Occhiato By Family
	8:30AM (HRC)	Charles Foy, Sr. By Mary & Family
Wed	7:30AM (ICC)	Ross DeNisco By Frank & Ann Marie Parente
	8:30AM (HRC)	Florence & William Pilkonis By Family
	12:10PM (SAC)	Florence DiMaria By Jacqueline & Family
Thurs	7:30AM (ICC)	Louis Ciampi, Sr. By Lou & Lisa Ciampi
	8:30AM (HRC)	Anthony Rostock, Jr. By Sandra Touw & Tom Obrzut
Fri	7:30AM (ICC)	Ann Manganello By M/M Joseph O. Noto & Family
	8:30AM (HRC)	Rose Marie Timek By A Friend
	12:10PM (SAC)	John Grimes By Family
Sat	4:00PM (SAC)	Lindsay A. Heck By Blannard Family
	5:30PM (ICC)	Josette Yakobitis By Jerry, Faith, Andy & Michael
Sun	7:30AM (SAC)	Ann Berto By Janis McAndrew & Family
	9:00AM (HRC)	Joseph Panzitta By Patti Wiatrowski
	10:30AM (ICC)	John Casey, Jr. By Family

Candles

These candles will burn the week of December 10th in loving memory of the following:

Altar Candles at ICC

Cheryl Devers.....By Rosella Fedor

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Frank Colella.....By Wife & Children

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Mary E. Oliveri.....By Sharon Nazarchuk

Altar Candles at HR

Dolores DziedzicBy Husband & Children

Sanctuary Candle at HR

Dolores Dziedzic.....By Husband & Children

Sanctuary Candle at SAC

Davidica Mattei Ferretti.....By Husband

Social Concerns Christmas News

The “Giving Tree”

This Christmas project is organized by the members of the Social Concerns Committees of both Corpus Christi and St. Barbara Parishes. On the “Giving Trees” are hundreds of tags representing Christmas wishes of some children from our local area. They range in age from infant to 17 years.



► On the tag you will find the child’s first name, age, his/her size (we included sizes for anyone who wishes to purchase clothing) and an item from his/her Christmas wish list. Just choose a tag, purchase the gift/gifts, wrap them and securely attach the tag to the gift. On each tag is a family number which is how we identify the child who will receive the gift. If you have multiple gifts for a child, please tie the gifts together or place them in a large bag with the tag securely fastened.

► Please know wrapped gifts may be returned to any church. They do not have to be returned to the church from which you took the tags. At St. Anthony’s Church, please place wrapped gifts in front of the altar. At Holy Redeemer & Immaculate Conception Churches, wrapped gifts should be placed near the “Giving Tree.”

► Please know the very last day to return your “Giving Tree” gifts is the morning of **Sunday, December 17th.**

► Questions regarding this Christmas project can be referred to Joyce at 570-654-2753 or icecconi50@gmail.com.

► For your convenience, a virtual “Giving Tree” can be accessed on Sign Up Genius at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AAAAF29A2FBCE9-46313986-giving>

Directions are as follows:

Click the link (or copy and paste in your browser)

Click “select” on the child you wish to buy for

Scroll to the bottom and click “save and continue”

Fill in your first name, last name and e-mail address

Click “sign up now”

Christmas Stockings for Kids



Every child looks forward to waking up on Christmas morning to a Christmas stocking filled with goodies and treats of candy and small surprises. If you can help, please consider taking a stocking which can be found in the vestibules of the churches and filling it with treats and goodies. The stockings can be filled for boys or girls aged toddler thru teen. The filled stockings may be returned under the Giving Trees in Immaculate Conception, Holy Redeemer or St. Anthony’s Church.

Baking Spirits Bright

Our homebound parishioners and those residing in nursing homes love to receive gifts of goodies for Christmas! If you love to bake, would you consider baking a few extra dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies which we will package and share with these elderly parishioners? If you can bake and share, please have your baked goods dropped off at the rectory or Immaculate Conception hall by Tuesday, December 12th. Thank you!!!



Christmas Food Donations



This year we have a record number of families on our Christmas lists. We will be filling food bags for approximately 160 families for Christmas. We are looking for donations of all non-perishable foods including Christmas goodies of cookies and candy. Donations may be left in the vestibules of the churches. As always, thank you for your generous donations of food which keeps our food pantry filled. No one is ever turned away when asking for food.

Outerwear for Children

Thank you to our Knights of Columbus Council #18246 for collecting outerwear for kids. We are looking for donations of “new or nearly new” winter coats, snowsuits, hats, scarves, gloves and boots for children from toddler to teen sizes. Donations may be left in the marked boxes in the vestibules of the churches.



Volunteer Help is Needed:

► Wrapping & Packaging Christmas Gifts for Homebound and Nursing Homes

Tuesday, December 12th at 2:00PM We will meet in IC Church hall to fill Christmas cookie tins and prepare Christmas gifts to be delivered to our homebound and nursing home parishioners. All are welcome to join us!

► Soup Ministry

Wednesday and Thursday, December 13 and 14 at 9:00AM Our Social Concerns Chefs will meet in Immaculate Conception Church kitchen to make another delicious soup for the homebound parishioners of Corpus Christi & St. Barbara Parishes. All are welcome to help!!

► Delivery to Homebound/Nursing Homes

Thursday, Friday & Saturday, December 14th, 15th & 16th Volunteers will be needed (you choose the day and time) to deliver soup and Christmas gifts to parishioners from Corpus Christi and St. Barbara Parishes who are homebound or residing in nursing homes.

► Preparing Christmas Food Bags

Thursday, December 14th at 6:00PM We will meet in Immaculate Conception Church hall to fill food bags for Christmas giving. We welcome teens needing service hours and anyone else who would like to help. Thank you in advance!

► Sorting & Packing Christmas Gifts

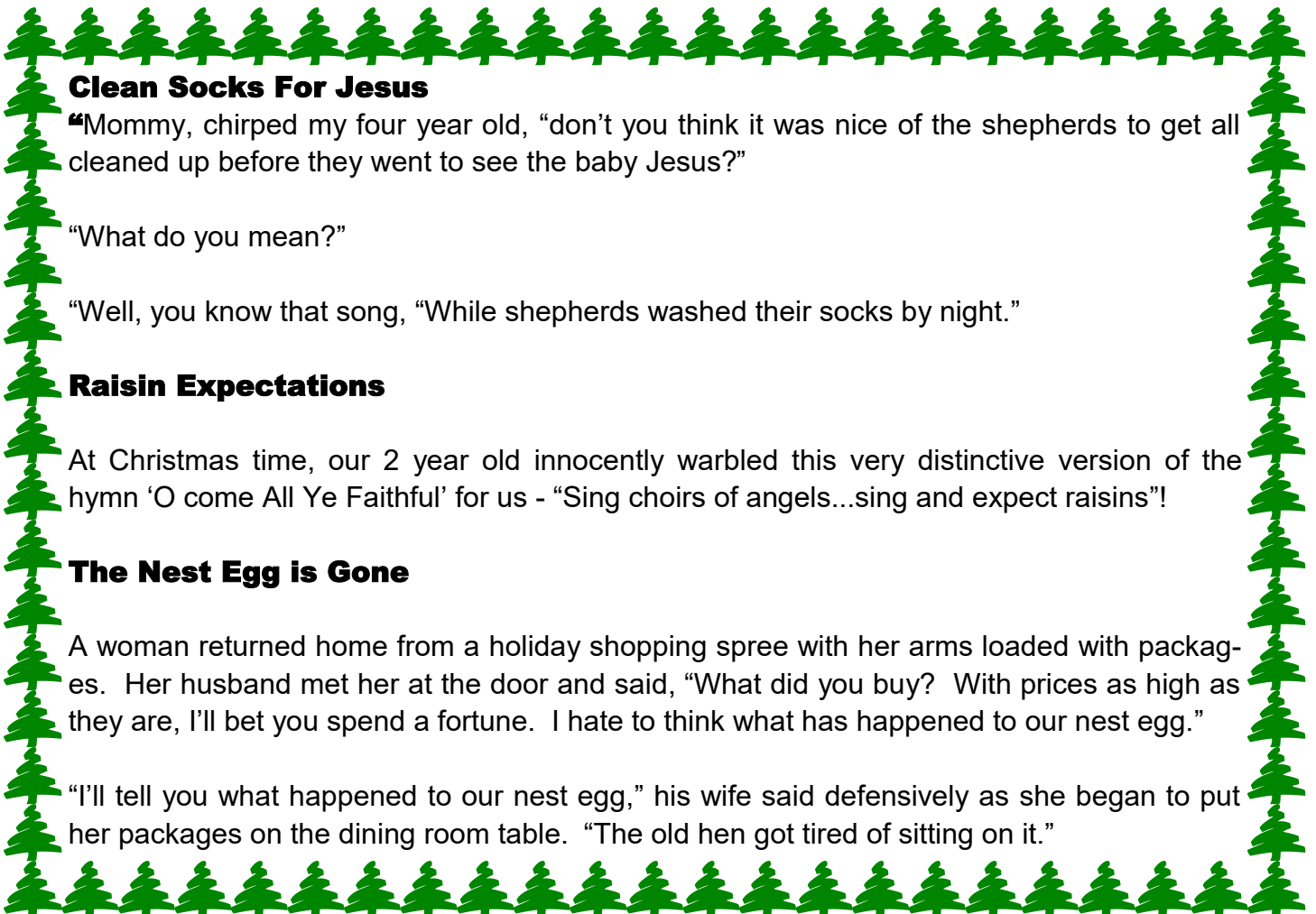
Sunday, December 17th at 11:30AM Volunteers, including teens, are asked to meet in Immaculate Conception Church to sort & pack up Christmas gifts for distribution.

► Pick Up of Christmas Gifts & Food Bags

Sunday, December 17th at 2:30PM Volunteers, including teens needing service hours, will be needed at Immaculate Conception Church to help with the Christmas gift and food distribution. *The distribution will take place from 3:00PM to 5:00PM. We will need the help of teens to carry food bags and bags of Christmas gifts to the cars.*

► Chocolate Marshmallow Pops for Family Mass on Christmas Eve

Monday, December 18th at 9:00AM Our Social Concerns Chefs will meet in Immaculate Conception Church kitchen to make Chocolate Marshmallow Pops. The pops will be given to the children at our 4:00PM "Family Mass" at Immaculate Conception Church on Christmas Eve. Please join us if you can. Thank you!



Clean Socks For Jesus

"Mommy, chirped my four year old, "don't you think it was nice of the shepherds to get all cleaned up before they went to see the baby Jesus?"

"What do you mean?"

"Well, you know that song, "While shepherds washed their socks by night."

Raisin Expectations

At Christmas time, our 2 year old innocently warbled this very distinctive version of the hymn 'O come All Ye Faithful' for us - "Sing choirs of angels...sing and expect raisins"!

The Nest Egg is Gone

A woman returned home from a holiday shopping spree with her arms loaded with packages. Her husband met her at the door and said, "What did you buy? With prices as high as they are, I'll bet you spend a fortune. I hate to think what has happened to our nest egg."

"I'll tell you what happened to our nest egg," his wife said defensively as she began to put her packages on the dining room table. "The old hen got tired of sitting on it."