

# 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.”*

**August 25, 2024**

**Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Immaculate Conception Church  
Holy Redeemer Church  
St. Anthony Church**

**Msgr. John J. Sempa, Pastor  
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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

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[www.corpuschristinepa.com](http://www.corpuschristinepa.com)

## **Weekly Collection**

**August 18, 2024**

**Weekly.....\$11,434.66**

**E-Giving.....\$2,480.93**

**Total               \$13,915.59**

## **Holy Day Collection**

**\$1,763.00**

*Thank you everyone, for your generous support of our parish.*

## **Corpus Christi “No Bazaar” Collection**

This week our “No Bazaar” collection envelopes brought in **\$2,335.00** bringing our current total to **\$39,316.00**. Thank you for your generosity. Please know if you use **E** giving, you have the option to make your donation on line.

## **Banns of Ordination III**

Mr. Patrick B. Alba, who was baptized in St. Anthony Church Parish of St. Barbara, has been called to the Order of the Deacon by His Excellency, Alfred A. Schlert, D.D. Bishop of Allentown. Mr. Patrick B. Alba will be ordained at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown, on Saturday, the 14th day of September 2024.

## **Diocesan Annual Appeal Rebate**

Corpus Christi Parish recently received a check from the Diocese in the amount of **\$6,798.75**. We received this check because we surpassed our goal for the 2023 Diocesan Annual Appeal.

## **Church Envelopes**

Please note, all parishioners of the former St. Barbara Parish should receive a pack of “new envelopes” for September labeled Corpus Christi Parish. If you did not receive them, please call the rectory. In October, ALL parishioners will be on the same 2-month cycle of receiving envelopes.

## **New Ministry Schedules**

The new Ministry Schedule, which runs from September 7 through December 29, 2024 is available in the sacristies of the churches.

## **Religious Education News**

► A Religious Ed Registration form, calendar and a letter have been mailed to families who had children registered in classes in our parish last year. Please return the registration forms to the rectory via the collection or mail to Corpus Christi Parish, 605 Luzerne Avenue, West Pittston, Pa. 18643. We ask that you fill out a separate form for each child attending classes. Additional forms can be found in the vestibules of the churches or call the rectory at 570 654 2753 or e mail Joyce at [icecconi50@gmail.com](mailto:icecconi50@gmail.com) and we will send the forms to you.

► Religious Ed classes will begin on Catechetical Sunday, September 15, 2024. Classes for children in grades K through 5 will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:00AM to 10:10AM. Grades K, 1, 2, 3 & 4 will be held in the school and classes for grade 5 will be held in the rectory. Classes for students in grades 6, 7, and 8 will be held in the school from 5:00PM to 6:00PM.

► The Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist will be celebrated in our parish for children in 2nd grade and older on Saturday, May 3, 2025, in Immaculate Conception Church.

► The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish for students in 8th grade and older on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 5:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church by Most Rev. Bishop Joseph Bambera, D.D.

**Scheduling Masses for 2025**

Our 2025 Mass Book is now open! To schedule Masses or candles at Immaculate Conception Church, Holy Redeemer Church or St. Anthony Church, please call Dorothy at the rectory Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays between 10:00AM and 2:00PM. Thank you!

**Corpus Christi Parish Adult Choir**

The first rehearsal for the 2024-2025 season of the Corpus Christi Adult Choir will be held on Thursday, August 29 at 5:45PM at Immaculate Conception Church.

The Choir will continue the practice of traveling to one parish per weekend to sing one Mass per weekend on a rotating basis at St. Anthony (Saturdays 4PM), Immaculate Conception (Saturdays 5:30PM), and Holy Redeemer (Sundays 9:00AM). We will begin rehearsing for Masses as well as special Masses and presentations.

The first Mass with the Choir will be Saturday, September 7 at the 4PM Mass at St. Anthony's. Current Choir members as well as new members are welcome and encouraged to attend!

For more information, please email Choir Director Christine Forte at [ckatsock@yahoo.com](mailto:ckatsock@yahoo.com) or call the parish office at (570) 654-2753. Those interested in becoming members of the Choir are encouraged to visit the Choir website at <https://sites.google.com/view/ccsb-choir/home?athuser=0> for information about the choir, the choir schedule, and a fillable form to indicate interest in joining.

**Courtesy News**

**Paws-Animal Rescue Fundraiser**

Concert for Paws-Animal Rescue Fundraiser Social -Free Admission for All ages! September 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:00PM to 8:00PM at St. Anthony Parish Center, Erie Street, Exeter.



All proceeds will benefit Blue Chip, Griffin Pond, and The SPCA of Luzerne County. Live music. Refreshments for sale while supplies last and gift basket and 50/50 raffles. Cash only. Donations accepted cash or Venmo. For more information visit facebook <https://fb.me/e/eWhoq0aU7> or contact Kevin Kratzer at 570-885-9986

**Labor Day Triduum of Masses**

The weekend of August 30, 31 & September 1, the Oblates of St. Joseph will host their annual Labor Day Triduum of Masses honoring St. Joseph the Worker in their chapel located at Route 315, Laflin. Masses will be offered each day at 12 Noon only. Confessions will precede all Masses and devotions to St. Joseph the Worker will follow. On Labor Day morning (Sept. 2), a special Mass will be celebrated at 11:00AM for all area workers and the unemployed. Bread will be blessed and distributed to all as a symbol of the fruit of our labor.

**Designer Purse Bingo**

Saints Peter and Paul Parish, 13 Hudson Rd., Plains, will be holding a designer purse bingo on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at noon and the first game is at 1:00PM. There will be 20 regular games, 3 specials, and 1 spectacular Louis Vuitton grand prize valued at \$2,100. There will also be basket raffles, 50/50 and more! Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door, which includes food. For tickets, call (570) 825-6663. Hope to see you there!

**Liturgy Intentions For The Week**



**August 25 through September 1, 2024**

- Mon 7:30AM (ICC) Frank Balcavage**  
By John, Richard & Connie
- 8:30AM (HRC) Samuel Marranca**  
By Charles Mecadon & Family
- 12:10PM (SAC) Mary Lou Gillespie**  
By Mary Lavin
- Tues 7:30AM (ICC) Thomas Gilmore**  
By Wife, Alice
- 8:30AM (HRC) Catherine Dwyer**  
By Kim Rollman
- Wed 7:30AM (ICC) Emily DeNardi**  
By Sam & Karen Aritz
- 8:30AM (HRC) Jeanne-Jason Klinkel**  
By Zaloga Family
- 12:10PM (SAC) Guy Fasciana**  
By Jean Marie & Anthony Joseph Bantell
- Thurs 7:30AM (ICC) Ann Manganello**  
By M/M Seth Roach & Family
- 8:30AM (HRC) Dec'd membs of the Moleski & Danoski Families**  
By Christine
- Fri 7:30AM (ICC) Rose Marie Timek**  
By Jack Mills
- 8:30AM (HRC) Theodore Harowicz**  
By Pres. John F. Kennedy Council 372
- 12:10PM (SAC) Corey Comperatore**  
By Bruno Ferretti, Jr.
- Sat 4:00PM (SAC) John & Jennie Stefanelli**  
By Daughter, Patti
- 5:30PM (ICC) Rev. Joseph Gilbert**  
By Rev. Michael Drevitch
- Sun 7:30AM (SAC) Grace & James Mazzarella**  
By Mary Lou & Rosalie
- 9:00AM (HRC) Dorothy Coobaugh**  
By M/M Bill Schalles
- 10:30AM (ICC) Dec'd Membs of Nobile & DeGennaro Families**  
By Ann Nobile

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**Candles**

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

- Altar Candles at ICC**  
**Nicholas Hromek**.....By Family
- Holy Family Candle at ICC**  
**William Ostrowski**.....By Wife, Pat
- Sanctuary Candle at ICC**  
**Ross DeNisco** .....By Wife, Children & Grandchildren