

# 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*

**January 8, 2023**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**

**Immaculate Conception Church**

**Holy Redeemer Church**  
**St. Anthony Church**  
**Msgr. John J. Sempa, Pastor**

**Corpus Christi Parish**

605 Luzerne Avenue  
 West Pittston, PA 18643  
 Phone (570) 654-2753  
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**St. Barbara Parish**

224 Memorial Street  
 Exeter, PA 18643  
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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**

**December 25, 2022**

**St. Barbara**

**Christmas.....\$10,432.95**

**Weekly.....5,915.75**

**E-Giving.....120.00**

**Total \$16,468.70**

**Corpus Christi**

**Christmas.....\$21,096.00**

**Weekly.....6,302.10**

**E-Giving.....2,538.43**

**Total \$29,936.53**

**Sacraments of First Reconciliation & First Eucharist**

Will be celebrated on **Saturday, May 6, 2023**. Boys and girls in 2nd grade and older who are registered in the Religious Education program in Corpus Christi or St. Barbara Parish are eligible to receive these sacraments. Students attending a Catholic school do not have to attend religious education classes, but please contact Joyce at 570-654-2753 or e-mail [jceccconi50@gmail.com](mailto:jceccconi50@gmail.com) to register your child to receive these sacraments.

**Sacrament of Confirmation**

Will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 21, 2023** at St. Anthony’s Parish. Our pastor, Msgr. John Sempa, will be the celebrant. Eighth grade students and older who are registered in the Religious Education program in Corpus Christi or St. Barbara Parish are eligible to receive this sacrament. Students attending Catholic Schools do not have to attend religious education classes, but please contact Joyce at 570-654-2753 or e-mail [jceccconi50@gmail.com](mailto:jceccconi50@gmail.com) to register to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Save the Date!!!**

Corpus Christi Parish Twilight Bingo will be held on **Saturday, March 25, 2023** in Immaculate Conception church hall. This will be a BYOB event with all cash prizes.

**Upcoming Meetings**

**•Corpus Christi Twilight Bingo Planning Meeting**

Will be held on **Monday, January 9th at 6:00PM** in Immaculate Conception rectory. All are welcome to join us!

**•St Barbara Social Concerns Meeting**

Will be held on **Tuesday, January 10th at 6:00PM** in St. Anthony’s rectory. All are welcome to attend!

**•St Barbara Fundraising Committee Meeting**

Will be held on **Thursday, January 12th at 6:00PM** in St. Anthony’s rectory. The Night at the Races we planned for February will not take place due to a scheduling conflict with WAC as they are having one on the same day.

**Weekly Collection January 1, 2023**

**St. Barbara**

**Christmas.....\$1,880.00**

**Weekly.....4,610.50**

**Solemnity.....606.00**

**Total \$7,096.50**

**Corpus Christi**

**Christmas.....\$1,627.00**

**Weekly.....7,549.49**

**E-Giving.....362.43**

**Solemnity.....1,160.00**

**Total \$10,698.92**

**Care & Education for Priests.....December 2022**

**St. Barbara.....\$496.00**

**Corpus Christi.....\$829.00**

## St. Barbara Parish.....Online Giving

■**WHAT IS my E offering?** This is a service we've teamed up with to give you the ability to send your offerings online in the same way that many of you already pay bills and purchase products.

■**WHY SHOULD I USE my E offering?** We have decided to offer this service as a convenience to you—you can stop writing checks or having to remember to bring cash every weekend when you attend Mass. Simply log in to our service and set up your offering. You can set the donations to match your pay periods and even send your one-time donations to the special collections we may have from time-to-time. This new service allows you to give any amount, at any time, from home or on the road, with your computer or your mobile device. You control how and when you give your tithes.

■**HOW DO I SIGN UP?** Look for information on how you can sign up in next week's bulletin!!

## Corpus Christi "Winter Lottery" Winners

Congratulations to our first "Winter Lottery" winners...

1/1	Lori & Rich Mikolosko	\$150.00
1/2	Joseph Hritz	\$50.00
1/3	Donna Mason	\$50.00

Thank you to everyone for your participation in our parish lottery.

## EM's, Lectors, Altar Servers

Copies of the new ministry schedule which runs from January 1 thru April 30, 2023 can be found in the sacristy of the church where you serve. Please note...this schedule does NOT include the Triduum or Easter.

## 2023 Parish Calendars

2023 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!

## Redner's Save-A-Tape Program

Thank you to everyone for turning in your Redner's receipts for our participation in this program. You do not have to save your receipts as we no longer participate in this program.

## Courtesy News

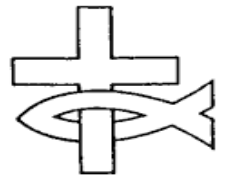
### Feast of the Holy Spouses

Will be held at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, Route 315, Laffin, on Sunday, January 22, 2023 with a special Mass at 3:00 pm. This annual celebration honors the spousal role of the Blessed Virgin Mary & St. Joseph exalting the sanctity of marriage and family life within our modern world. This Feast was officially approved by the Vatican for the Congregation of the Oblates of St. Joseph in 1989. Celebrant and homilist for this year's celebration is Rev. Jeffrey D. Tudgay, Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of Scranton and Pastor of St. Peter's Cathedral. The public is invited to attend and a social will follow the Mass. For more information, contact the seminary office at 654-7542.

### Piggy Dinner

Saint John the Evangelist Parish, 35 William Street in Pittston, will hold a take-out only Piggy Dinner on Thursday, February 9, with pick-up from 12 Noon to 2 p.m. in the Msgr. Bendik Pastoral Center (former Seton Catholic auditorium). Dinners are \$15 each and include pigs in the blanket, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, and dessert. Please call Jane Roche at 570-905-0325 by Monday, February 6 to place your order.

## Liturgy Intentions For The Week



January 9 thru 15, 2023

- Mon 7:30AM (ICC) **Dec'd Members of the Graham Family**  
By John Graham
- Tues 7:30AM (ICC) **Kevin Powers**  
By Tabit Family
- 8:30AM (HRC) **Ulderico Giovanna**  
By Peter LaNunziata & Maria Sarno
- Wed 7:30AM (ICC) **Steve & Joan Bommarito**  
By George & Stephanie Morgan
- 12:10PM (SAC) **Constantino Bocci**  
By Family
- Thurs 7:30AM (ICC) **Ernie Green**  
By Vincent & Mary Ellen Kern
- 8:30AM (HRC) **Dec'd Members of the Tallo Family**  
By Fran & Ray Franko
- Fri 7:30AM (ICC) **Anthony Krolick**  
By Daughters
- 12:10PM (SAC) **Gary Zavacki**  
By Mary Curley
- Sat 4:00PM (SAC) **Daniel & Madeline Ripa**  
By Carl & Sandra Gomola
- 5:30PM (ICC) **Agnes Konopka**  
By Family
- Sun 7:30AM (SAC) **Dorothy D. Dzugan**  
By Charles Cheskiewicz  
Megan & Ryan
- 9:00AM (HRC) **Mary Ann Janoski**  
By Ed & Marilyn Litwin & Family
- 10:30AM (ICC) **Jeanne Klush**  
By Lisa Falzone

## Candles

These candles which will burn January 8 thru 14, 2023 are donated in loving memory of the following:

### Altar Candles at ICC

**Barbara & Pat Cawley**.....By Nick & Geraldine Anselmi

### Holy Family Candle at ICC

**Uncle Bob**.....By Family

### Sanctuary Candle at ICC

**Ruth & Jim Oliveri, Jr**.....Janine & Family

### Sanctuary Candle at HR

**Dec'd Members of the De Polo & Bellumori Families** .....By James & Florence DePolo

### Sanctuary Candle at SAC

**Donald Cavanaugh**....By Leonard & Linda Blandina

**Parish Financial Report  
St. Barbara - Exeter  
TREND ANALYSIS**

	Fiscal Year July 1 - June 30				
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
<b>Revenue</b>					
Collections	280,287	301,551	344,253	304,083	311,219
Faith Formation Fees	2,509	3,378	2,473	2,829	2,592
Fundraising/Development	58,069	45,924	76,365	53,610	54,817
Other Income	44,644	63,000	38,343	32,473	29,535
Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan	3,535	3,717	3,443	574	-
Transfers Savings Account/Other	9,285	28,879	180,926	-	30,000
Diocesan Special Collections	8,480	7,897	11,805	15,654	20,447
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>406,809</b>	<b>454,346</b>	<b>657,608</b>	<b>409,223</b>	<b>448,610</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Administration	132,496	155,798	169,048	144,967	164,764
Rectory	12,889	3,939	4,961	4,914	6,321
Liturgy	22,799	18,294	26,855	30,208	27,716
Faith Formation	5,419	2,654	1,787	1,225	5,931
Social Justice	6,157	5,600	13,976	2,009	48
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	137,910	158,455	150,502	112,719	113,771
Fixed Expense	38,673	24,465	42,069	22,886	33,901
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlays	-	-	-	-	-
Designated Expenses /Transfers Out	13,020	48,006	223,923	-	30,020
Catholic School Assessment	39,281	25,060	50,996	36,220	57,985
Diocesan Special Collections Remittance	12,019	3,697	3,365	11,905	14,379
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>420,660</b>	<b>445,967</b>	<b>687,482</b>	<b>367,053</b>	<b>454,836</b>
<b>Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis</b>	<b>(13,851)</b>	<b>8,380</b>	<b>(29,874)</b>	<b>42,170</b>	<b>(6,226)</b>
<b>(Increase)/Decrease In Unpaid Diocesan Obligations</b>	<b>*(SEE NOTE)*</b>	<b>(19,410)</b>	<b>(23,877)</b>	<b>27,021</b>	<b>(61,887)</b>
<b>Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(33,261)</b>	<b>(15,497)</b>	<b>(2,853)</b>	<b>(19,717)</b>	<b>(29,322)</b>
<b>**NOTE**</b>	<b>Outstanding Diocesan Obligations could include: Diocesan assessments, School assessments, health insurance, self-insurance, pension and other expenses.</b>				
<b>End of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations</b>	<b>101,249</b>	<b>81,839</b>	<b>57,962</b>	<b>84,983</b>	<b>23,096</b>
<b>Beginning of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations</b>	<b>81,839</b>	<b>57,962</b>	<b>84,983</b>	<b>23,096</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>(Increase)/Decrease In Unpaid Diocesan Obligations</b>	<b>(19,410)</b>	<b>(23,877)</b>	<b>27,021</b>	<b>(61,887)</b>	<b>(23,096)</b>
<b>Diocesan Loan/Debt</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**Parish Financial Report  
Corpus Christi - West Pittston  
TREND ANALYSIS**

	Fiscal Year July 1 - June 30				
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
<b>Revenue</b>					
Collections	559,102	513,360	495,736	507,819	509,061
Faith Formation Fees	2,240	1,225	4,890	5,495	3,675
Fundraising/Development	74,590	73,904	54,304	138,792	86,781
Other Income	35,287	48,240	49,079	35,342	25,636
Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan	-	43,975	42,272	-	-
Transfers Savings Account/Other	-	-	-	-	1,441
Diocesan Special Collections	623	-	-	2,101	-
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>671,842</b>	<b>680,704</b>	<b>646,281</b>	<b>689,549</b>	<b>626,594</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Administration	298,997	281,623	282,358	285,033	277,045
Rectory	28,770	20,979	30,619	39,520	38,307
Liturgy	45,270	21,689	40,660	52,766	55,448
Faith Formation	4,480	2,132	7,419	8,874	10,454
Social Justice	-	-	-	-	-
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	90,965	68,208	65,969	97,126	87,900
Fixed Expense	34,302	33,113	31,901	30,735	29,784
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlays	-	-	11,754	1,000	11,379
Designated Expenses /Transfers Out	582	2,000	598	1,354	65
Catholic School Assessment	88,164	97,704	90,648	90,888	89,084
Diocesan Special Collections Remittance	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>591,530</b>	<b>527,448</b>	<b>561,926</b>	<b>607,296</b>	<b>599,466</b>
<b>Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis</b>	<b>80,312</b>	<b>153,255</b>	<b>84,355</b>	<b>82,253</b>	<b>27,128</b>
<b>(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations</b>	<b>(800)</b>	<b>(68)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>79,512</b>	<b>153,187</b>	<b>84,355</b>	<b>82,253</b>	<b>27,128</b>
<b>**NOTE**</b>					
Outstanding Diocesan Obligations could include: Diocesan assessments, School assessments, health insurance, self-insurance, pension and other expenses.					
End of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	868	68	-	-	-
Beginning of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	68	-	-	-	-
<b>(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations</b>	<b>(800)</b>	<b>(68)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Diocesan Loan/Debt	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

# Understanding Your Parish Financial Report

## Revenue

- **Collections** include all offertory envelopes, online giving and loose collections, including for holidays, Holy Days and any special collection (flowers) envelopes.
- **Faith Formation Fees** include all registration and program fees for both faith formation and adults programs.
- **Fundraising/Development** includes any gifts or donations that are not regular parish offertory, bequests and memorials, parish activities (dinners, picnics, bingo, lottery, etc.), donations from parish societies and any parish rebate from the Diocesan Annual Appeal (75% over goal is refunded to the parish).
- **Other Income** includes rental of facilities, insurance refunds, interest income, sale of assets, funeral/wedding perquisites or any other income.
- **Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan** includes donations or grants specifically earmarked for a designated purpose, reimbursements from linked parishes to help cover expenses and any Paycheck Protection Plan grant income.
- **Transfers Savings Account/Other** includes transfers from bank accounts that are excluded from operating income or have already been reported as operating income.
- **Diocesan Special Collections** are special collections (Care & Education of Priests or Emergency collections following a natural disaster) which get remitted back to the Diocese.

## Expenses

- **Administration** includes clergy salary and benefits, office staff salary and benefits, administrative expenses, telephone, computer services, postage, printing, envelopes and the Cathedraicum (9.5% parish assessment to the Diocese) and Clergy Care and Wellness Assessment.
- **Rectory** expenses include the costs to run and maintain the rectory, as well as household expenses for the pastor(s).
- **Liturgy** includes salaries and benefits for musicians and liturgical staff including directors, musicians and sacristans. This also includes all liturgical equipment and supplies (printed materials, candles, flowers, decorations, etc.)
- **Faith Formation** includes salaries and benefits of faith formation director and staff, including family and/or youth director. This also includes the cost of all textbooks and supplies, retreats, etc.
- **Social Justice** includes all social justice salaries and benefits, as well as the cost of all social justice expenses.
- **Operation & Maintenance of Plant** includes salaries and benefits of all maintenance staff. This also includes the occupancy costs of the parish buildings, including electricity, heat, water, cleaning, janitorial, repairs and maintenance, and any plant and maintenance supplies.
- **Fixed Expense** includes insurance premiums from the Diocesan self-insured program for property, liability and workers compensation, real estate taxes (if any) and rental of facilities.
- **Debt Service** includes the interest and principal payments paid on outstanding parish debt.
- **Capital Outlays** includes any major repairs on the parish building or site or any new construction costs.
- **Designated Expenses/Transfers Out** includes all expenses designated for a specific purpose (i.e., food pantry) or transfers out to savings/building fund.
- **Catholic School Assessments** paid are included here. These represent the parish's portion allocated for the support of the Diocese of Scranton Catholic School System which are 14.5% for a parish with a Catholic School in its county and 8% if there is no school in its county.
- **Diocesan Special Collections Remittance** are the remittals of the Diocesan collections above.

## Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis

- This line represents the **increase or decrease** in parish cash balances from the beginning of the year to the end of the year on a **CASH BASIS** based on actual expenses paid.

## (Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations

- This amount represents the change in the parish's **unpaid obligations** over the year. If there is an **increase** in unpaid obligations, this number will be **negative**. If the parish **reduced** its unpaid obligations, this will be a **positive** number.

## Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)

- This value is the sum of the Parish Surplus/(Deficit) and the (Increase)/decrease of Unpaid Diocesan Obligations. The cash balance represents the net effect of operating activity on a cash basis. If a parish is current on all of its obligation, there would be no difference between the Cash and ACTUAL Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit). However, if a parish is unable to stay current on its obligations, the increase of unpaid obligations will reduce their CASH Basis Net Surplus/(Deficit) by the amount of the increase in unpaid Diocesan obligations.

This Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit) reflects a parish's true ability to pay its current obligations.

## Outstanding Diocesan Obligations

- This section highlights the change in a parish's unpaid Diocesan obligations over each fiscal year. If a parish has an increase in unpaid obligations for the year, this will result in a lower Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit) as these are an annual obligation of the parish that was not paid in the current year.

## Diocesan Loan/Debt

- This is the amount of outstanding loans of the parish.