

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

March 19, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Holy Hour with Bishop Bambara

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

7:00PM Immaculate Conception Church

Following Holy Hour, all are welcome to join us for light refreshments in the church hall

Immaculate Conception Church

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

5:30PM Immaculate Conception

Tues 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

5:30PM Immaculate Conception

Wed 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

12:10PM St. Anthony

5:30PM Immaculate Conception

Thurs 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

5:30PM Immaculate Conception

Fri 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

12:10PM St. Anthony

5:30PM Immaculate Conception

Watch Sunday & Daily Mass on

Corpus Christi Facebook

www.facebook.com/corpuschristiparishpa

Weekly Collection

March 12, 2023

St. Barbara

Weekly.....\$5,302.97

E-Giving.....\$565.00

Total \$5,867.97

Rice Bowl Collection..... \$1,100.00

Corpus Christi

Weekly.....\$7,389.55

E-Giving.....\$ 3,938.43

Total \$11,327.98

Rice Bowl Collection..... \$1,395.25

Rosary

All are welcome to join us this Thursday, March 23rd at 5:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church as we pray the Rosary for the Wiedl Family.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent at 3:30PM St. Anthony's & after 5:30PM Mass at Immaculate Conception Church.

The Light Is on for You

During Lent, on Monday evenings, Msgr. Sempa will be in the confessional at one of our worship sites. The schedule is....

3/20 5:45PM to 6:30PM Immaculate Conception Church

3/27 6:00PM to 7:00PM Holy Redeemer Church

Soup & Scripture

This Tuesday, March 21, all are welcome, following the 5:30PM Mass, to join us in the church hall to share a simple Lenten meal of soup and sandwiches. Following the meal, please welcome our guest speaker, Fr. Paul McDonnell. This week the Christian Women and Social Concerns of St. Barbara Parish will provide the soups and sandwiches.

Easter Sunday Family Mass

All children from both parishes are welcome to take part in our Family Mass at 10:30AM on Easter Sunday. There are both reading and non-reading parts. If your child is interested in participating, please contact:

Sarah Konopka 570 498 9304 skono1683@yahoo.com

MaryAnn Oliveri 570 357 1778 mare0912@epix.net

Youth Choir

Children from both parishes are welcome to join our Youth Choir. They practice on Sunday evenings at 5:30PM in Immaculate Conception Church. They will sing for Living Stations on Friday, April 7th at 7:00PM in St. Anthony's Church and at the 10:30AM Family Mass on Easter Sunday morning.

The Paschal Candle

The new Paschal candle at each worship site can be donated in memory of or in honor of a friend or loved one. The Paschal Candles from Immaculate Conception and Holy Redeemer Churches have been spoken for. For information on donating the Paschal candle at St. Anthony's Church, call Joyce at the rectory 570 654 2753. Thank you.

**Family Brunch Sponsored by
Corpus Christi Parish Holy Name Society**

Save the Date!! Corpus Christi Parish Holy Name Society is hosting a family brunch on Sunday, April 23rd following the 10:30AM Mass in Immaculate Conception Church Hall. The guest speaker is Mark Hiller from WBRE. The menu will consist of an omelette station, homemade waffles, breakfast potatoes, ham, sausage, bacon and rolls & butter.

Tickets are.....Adults over 16 years of age...\$12.00
Children 6 years to 16 years...\$8.00
Children 5 years and under.....Free
For tickets, call or stop by the rectory.

Please note.....

►All correspondence for St. Barbara's rectory **MUST** be mailed to **605 Luzerne Avenue, West Pittston 18643.**

►When making your weekly contributions, until we receive our church envelopes, please be sure to put your name, parish and the amount of your contribution on the envelope. Thank you!

Save the Dates!!

St. Barbara's Parish will be having a giant **Flea Market July 21, 22 & 23, 2023.** We will begin collecting items for the flea market in June. Please no, we will not accept encyclopedias, computers or clothing. Watch the bulletin for further details. Thank you!!

Corpus Christi "Winter Lottery" Winners

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

3/8	#802	Mark Royer	\$50.00
3/9	#436	Edward Charney	\$50.00
3/10	#119	Donna Mattei	\$50.00
3/11	#954	Irene Alfano	\$50.00
3/12	#281	Isabel Parry	\$100.00
3/13	#322	No Winner	\$50.00
3/14	#274	Len Pribula	\$50.00

Special drawing winners include...

3/13 Maryanne Paleski \$50.00

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

Courtesy News

Exeter Lions Variety Bingo

This cash and gift card bingo will be held on Saturday, April 15th in St. Barbara's Parish Center. Doors open at 4:00PM. Bingo starts at 5:00PM. Cost is \$29 in advance or \$25 at the door. Includes card for 20 cash games (\$100 cash prize for each game). Special games, basket raffle and 50/50. Food and drink available for purchase. For tickets text 570 239 5260/570 814 0584 or e mail loridee220@comcast.net or laqroqan6040@gmail.com.

Women's Clothing Boutique

Saturdays, March 25 & April 1 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM at the First United Methodist Church, 408 Wyoming Ave, West Pittston. New and gently used women's clothing including yoga pants, purses and shoes. Name brand clothing with prices starting at \$3.00. Come stroll through our racks, freshen up your wardrobe and support our church fundraiser!!



March 20 thru 26, 2023

- Mon 7:30AM (ICC) **Dec'd Members of the Graham Family**
By John Graham
- 5:30PM (ICC) **Dec'd Members of Drevitch & Sabol Families**
By Family
- Tues 7:30AM (ICC) **Special Intention**
By A Friend
- 8:30AM (HRC) **Charles Godri**
By Son, Ed & Family
- 5:30PM (ICC) **Josette Yakobitis**
By Jerry, Faith, Andy & Michael
- Wed 7:30AM (ICC) **Margaret Elaine Menn**
By Barbara, Linda & Anna Marie Gubitose
- 12:10PM (SAC) **Margaret Space**
By Family
- 5:30PM (ICC) **NO MASS**
- Thurs 7:30AM (ICC) **Dec'd Membs of Ristagno Family**
By Martha
- 8:30AM (HRC) **Marian Martin Franko**
By Sister, Anna Mae
- 5:30PM (ICC) **Lou Ciampi, Sr.**
By Frank & Ann Marie Parente
- Fri 7:30AM (ICC) **Albert & Dorothy Adrian**
By Family
- 12:10PM (SAC) **Ryan Jones & Frank & Alexander Gubbiotti**
By Family
- 5:30PM (ICC) **Anthony Chimento**
By John, Marianne & Joseph Chimento
- Sat 4:00PM (SAC) **Michael & Josephine Zaboski**
By Children & Families
- 5:30PM (ICC) **Kevin Sharp**
By John Kuckla & Patty Lombardi
- Sun 7:30AM (SAC) **Janet M. Marranta**
By Martha Zavada & Family
- 9:00AM (HRC) **Matthew & Viola Michels**
By Daughter, Carolyn
- 10:30AM (ICC) **Dec'd Members of the Capizzi Family**
By BettyAnn & Mike Capizzi

Candles

These candles which will burn March 19 thru 25, 2023 are donated in loving memory of the following:

- Altar Candles at ICC**
- Dec'd Membs of O'Malley & Corcoran Families.....**By Anne & Blair Corcoran
- Holy Family Candle at ICC**
- Ellen Brown.....**By Patricia Rindgen
- Sanctuary Candle at ICC**
- Joseph E Fedor.....**By Rosella & Josette

- Altar Candle at HR**
- Dale Franko.....**By Sister, Michele & Family
- Sanctuary Candle at HR**
- William J. Kraski.....**by Wife, Sarah

- Altar Candles at SAC**
- Clare Trotta.....**By Lucille

Twilight Bingo Meeting

A meeting will be held on Monday, March 20 at 6:00PM in the rectory. At this meeting, we will finalize plans for the Twilight Bingo which will be held on Saturday, March 25th. All are Welcome to attend this meeting. Volunteer help is needed to help set up the hall for the bingo on Thursday, March 23rd at 5:00PM.

Social Concerns

Easter Food Drive & Easter Baskets for Children

We are collecting donations of all non perishable foods or monetary donation which will be used to fill food bags for over 100 families this Easter.

This Easter we will be preparing just under 200 Easter baskets for local children 12 years of age and under. We are looking for donations of individually wrapped candy, chocolates, small toys, coloring & painting books, bubbles, tablets, chalk, any items appropriate for kids ages toddler thru 12 years. Donations may be dropped off at the rectory or left in the vestibules of the churches. Thank you!

Volunteer help will be needed to help fill and wrap Easter baskets for children on Wednesday, March 29 at 5:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church hall. On Thursday, March 30 at 5:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church hall, volunteers are needed to help fill Easter food bags.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 8 at 12:15PM on the grounds of St. Anthony's Church. All teens from both parishes are invited to help prepare and set up the grounds. The teens are asked to meet in St. Anthony's meeting room at 10:00AM on Saturday, April 1st to prepare the prizes and on Saturday, April 8 at 10:00AM to set up the grounds.



**ST. BARBARA PARISH
RED & WHITE
PIZZA SALE**

**Pick up on Good Friday, April 7, 2023
2:00-6:00PM
St. Barbara's Parish Center**

I would like (enter quantity)....

_____ Red Pizza (half tray) \$7.00
(unbaked)

_____ Red Pizza (full tray) \$14.00
(unbaked)

_____ White Pizza (half tray) \$9.00
(baked)

_____ White Pizza (full tray) \$18.00
(baked)

I have enclosed \$ _____ for my order

NAME: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

Preorder/Prepaid Only (checks made payable to St. Barbara Parish)

Orders are due by Sunday, March 26th

Red pizza will be unbaked • White pizza will be baked

Options to return form and payment:
Place in collection basket • Drop off at rectory • Mail to rectory

Monday, April 3, 2023
Deanery Penance Service
St. John the Evangelist Church
William Street, Pittston
All are welcome!

Holy Thursday, APRIL 6, 2023
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00PM
Immaculate Conception Church
Night Prayer 10:00PM

This is the night when we remember how God freed his people enslaved in Egypt. It is the Passover of the Lord. At the Last Supper, Jesus washes the feet of the disciples as a sign of servanthood and commands us to do likewise. We hear again Christ's command (mandatum) to love and serve one another. We give thanks for the gift of Christ's presence in the Eucharist. There is no dismissal; we leave in silence; the story continues tomorrow. After communion the blessed sacrament is placed on the altar and remains there until Night Prayer at 10:00PM.

Good Friday, April 7, 2023
Passion of our Lord 1:00PM
St. Anthony's Church

This is the day of our salvation! The service commemorating Christ's passion and death is the most somber and solemn liturgy in our church year. All who enter the church should feel a deep silence settle over them and be struck by the barrenness of the church. The Church comes together to read from Scripture and to pray for the whole world. This is not only a time to mourn the death of Jesus on the Cross, but a moment to remember that through his death on the Cross, we are given eternal life with him.

Good Friday, April 7, 2023
Living Stations of the Cross
7:00PM St. Anthony's Church

All are welcome to attend this beautiful presentation of "Living Stations of the Cross" which is presented by children from both parishes. Music is provided by our parish youth choir. Following the presentation, all are welcome to join the kids in the parish center for pizza.

Holy Saturday, April 8, 2023
Blessing of Baskets 12:00Noon
St. Anthony's Church

Our Social Concerns members will be preparing approximately 80 Easter Baskets containing ham, hard boiled eggs, paska, a chocolate cross and a small bottle of wine which will be blessed then delivered to our homebound parishioners.

Holy Saturday, April 8, 2023
Easter Egg Hunt 12:15PM
St. Anthony's Church Grounds

All boys and girls are invited to our Easter Egg Hunt. All Teens from both parishes will be scattering hundreds of eggs on the grounds of St. Anthony's Church. There will be a special section for toddlers and prizes for everyone!! Of course, we will expect a visit from the Easter Bunny!!

Easter Vigil & Mass 8:00PM
Immaculate Conception Church

This is the most sacred night in the church's liturgical year. We remember that the death and darkness of the tomb does not triumph. It is shattered in the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. The service begins with the lighting of the new fire. We hear salvation's story. We renew our baptismal vows. We sing Alleluia. We ring bells. Sing the Gloria. Eucharist is shared. We rejoice! The Lord is risen!!

Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023
Mass 7:30AM.....St. Anthony's Church
Mass 9:00AM.....Holy Redeemer Church
Family Mass 10:30AM.....Immaculate Conception Church

At this Easter Sunday Family Mass, our youth choir will sing and children of the parishes will participate as lectors, heavenly hosts, and gift bearers. The Easter Bunny just may join us with delicious treats for everyone.