

# 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.”*

**May 28, 2023  
Pentecost Sunday**

**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

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**

**May 21, 2023**

**St. Barbara**

**Weekly.....\$6,468.73**

**E-Giving.....\$185.00**

**Ascension.....\$733.00**

**Total \$7,386.73**

**2nd Collection \$671.05**

**Corpus Christi**

**Weekly.....\$6,395.55**

**E-Giving.....\$1,660.93**

**Ascension.....\$765.00**

**Total \$8,821.48**

**2nd Collection \$721.25**



**Memorial Day**

*Wishing you and your families  
a safe and happy holiday.*

Please note.....in observance of Memorial Day, our rectory office will be closed on Monday, May 29th. We will reopen Tuesday, May 30th.



**Memorial Day**

*Never Forget  
Ever Honor*

**St. Barbara Christian Women Dinner**

Will be held at Fox Hill Country Club on June 6th at 6:30PM. Cost is \$35.00. All women from both parishes are invited. Make checks payable to St. Barbara Parish and drop off at the rectory by Wed, May 31st.

**Baccalaureate Mass.....Sunday June 4, 2023**

This Mass honoring Wyoming Area graduates is at 1:00PM in St. Anthony’s Church. Following the Mass, the Christian Women are planning a reception for the grads and their families. Please contact Jeanne Wisniewski at 570 905 1946 with the number attending.

**St. Barbara Parish Take Out Ziti Dinner**

Will be held on Sunday, June 11, 2023. Pick up is 12:00 PM to 3:00PM at St. Anthony’s Parish Center. Dinners are \$12 each and include ziti, homemade sauce & meatballs, salad, roll and dessert. To order, fill out the form below and place in collection basket (at any Mass), drop off or mail to Corpus Christi Rectory by Sunday, June 4th. If you prefer, you can order dinners by calling Barbara at 570 654 8670 or Marilyn at 570 905 4227 after 5 PM.

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**St. Barbara Parish Ziti Dinner**

**Pick up Sunday, June 11 St.**

**Anthony Parish Center**

**12:00 PM to 3:00 PM Preorder/Prepaid Only**

**Orders due Sunday, June 4**



I would like \_\_\_\_\_ dinners.

I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for my order.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

## Thank You!

On this last weekend, until the Fall, that the Combined Choir will be singing at a weekend Mass, I would like to take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge those who have helped this group cultivate into the wonderful ministry it has become and participated in its formation and success.

First, we would like to thank Msgr. Sempa for his vision and idea to form a combined group of voices from our linked parishes. Msgr. Sempa's support and encouragement have been truly incredible. We could never realize the growth and success we have accomplished without Msgr. Sempa. Thank you to Deacon Walter and Deacon Jim for your continuing affirmation and working with us, giving us the opportunities to enhance worship and be true leaders of song.

Thank you to organists Eric McKittish and Paul Komensky who tirelessly gave of their time and talents during rehearsals and Masses to provide accompaniments and liturgical music, combining with and supporting us, allowing us to reach our fullest potential, reaching beyond what we thought was even possible. Thank you to our cantors, who never thought twice about stepping forward, exemplifying outstanding leadership.

Thank you to the office staff who are always willing to assist with every request and doing so efficiently and professionally.

Thank you to all the members of the congregations of each church, spurring us on with your praise and encouragement. Thank you for accepting us and joining us in singing during Masses. Please consider joining us in the Fall when we resume, and experience the joy, excitement and fulfillment this group provides.

Finally, I would like to personally thank each and every choir member. There are no words sufficient to capture how grateful I am to these choir members. We all entered this new venture not knowing what the result would be and what the future would hold. I was amazed and delighted at the amount of musicality and fellowship that resulted in such a short amount of time after the initial rehearsal. I have watched this group grow leaps and bounds in such a short amount of time, improving musically with every Mass and performance. I am so proud of these members who volunteer their time, embracing the unknown, shattering any doubts, and producing a musical family such as I have never experienced before in my musical career. Thank you for accepting and embracing me as your director, and for allowing me to be a part of such an amazing group of human beings. You have made me a better musician and a better director. I look forward to resuming in the Fall to continue God's work of ministry, music and fellowship.

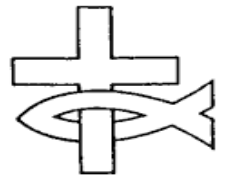
Christine Katsock,  
Combined Choir Director

## Dear Friends

I want to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for your thoughts and prayers. They got me over the first hurdle of my illness. Please continue to keep me in your prayers so I can hopefully come back to church.

Love,  
Rosemary Gitkos

## Liturgy Intentions For The Week



May 29 thru June 4, 2023

- Mon 7:30AM (ICC) Ernest Green**  
By Uncle Tony & Family
- Tues 7:30AM (ICC) Michael Sinibaldi**  
By Mary & Charles Sinibaldi
- 8:30AM (HRC) Eric Sutter**  
By MaryJo & Phil Thomas
- Wed 7:30AM (ICC) In Honor of 54th Wedding Anniversary Donna & Nelson Chepalonis**  
By Family
- 12:10PM (SAC) Elmer & Ethel Stella**  
By Children & Grandchildren
- Thurs 7:30AM (ICC) "Beno" Borzell**  
By Mom, Dad, Juliana, Family & Friends
- 8:30AM (HRC) William D. Ziegler**  
By Cikowski Family
- Fri 7:30AM (ICC) Margaret & John Hoover**  
By Family
- 12:10PM (SAC) Anita Wanat**  
By Husband, Tom
- Sat 4:00PM (SAC) Dr. Lindsay Ann Heck**  
By Uncle, Jr. & Aunt Kathy
- 5:30PM (ICC) Leo White**  
By Family
- Sun 7:30AM (SAC) Atty. Frank A. Mazzeo**  
Wife, Sharon & Daughters
- 9:00AM (HR) Mary & John Eldemar, Jr.**  
By Dtgr. Dianne & Family
- 10:30AM (ICC) Diane Argenio**  
By Husband, Charles & Children

## Candles

These candles, which will burn May 28 thru June 4, 2023 are donated in loving memory of the following:

### Altar Candles at ICC

**Beno Borzell**.....By Mom, Dad, Julianna, Family & Friends

### Holy Family Candle at ICC

**Dec'd Membs of Brown, Bishop, Serafin & Pasternak Families**.....By John & Maryellen Serafin

### Sanctuary Candle at ICC

**Margaret & John Hoover** .....By Family

### Sanctuary Candle at HR

**Ernest Green**.....By Wife, Angela

### Sanctuary Candle at SAC

**Dec'd Membs of DiMaria, Fasciana & Piazza Families**.....By Jacqueline Fasciana