

# 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.”*

**June 4, 2023**  
**The Most Holy Trinity**

June 1, 2023

**Immaculate Conception Church**

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

**Corpus Christi/  
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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 28, 2023**

**St. Barbara**

**Weekly.....\$4,314.92**

**E-Giving.....\$165.00**

**Total                   \$4,479.92**

**Care & Ed for Priests (May)**  
**\$408.50**

**Corpus Christi**

**Weekly.....\$6,900.95**

**E-Giving.....\$2,068.93**

**Total                   \$8,969.88**

**Care & Ed for Priests (May)**  
**\$842.00**

Dear Parishioners:

With the help of the Diocese of Scranton, our linked parishes continue to combine ministries (including our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, our Lectors, our incredibly talented Choir, and our Pastoral Council) and look for ways to further build community between the St. Barbara’s and Corpus Christi Parishes. We have now been linked for nearly a year. The long-term hope and goal remains that we will one day become one parish community which the Catholic Church refers to as “consolidation.” Toward that goal, we sought Diocesan input on how to assure the process is inclusive and uplifting for the parishioners of both communities. They suggested that we prioritize great transparency regarding the finances of the two parishes. In that spirit and at the direction of Bishop Bambera and Monsignor Sempa, all data about the income and expenses of both parish communities was placed in the combined bulletin and parishioners are to receive continued updates regarding finances.

As a further step toward transparency, the Diocese recently recommended to our combined Parish Pastoral Council that we secure expert evaluations of the physical condition and needs of each of the facilities within the St. Barbara’s and Corpus Christi communities. This information, the Diocese explained, will help to assure that parishioners from both parish communities have a clear picture of the financial obligations and challenges that our respective parishes must anticipate in terms of capital investment and upkeep as we go forward. These evaluations do not include the St. Cecilia’s church property which is to be sold once the WAC School parking lot is complete.

Against this backdrop, the Diocese recommended multiple companies who have successfully performed facility evaluations in the past. The Quandel Company, based in Harrisburg but with significant experience working locally, was selected. Quandel’s quote for services was by far the most cost-effective for the extensive information being sought with a total cost not to exceed \$6,206.00 for Corpus Christi facilities and a total cost not to exceed \$5,188.00 for St. Barbara’s facilities broken down as follows: Corpus Christi: Holy Redeemer site: Church, Rectory, Garage, (not to exceed \$2508.00), Immaculate Conception site: Church, Rectory, School (not to exceed \$3698.00); St Barbara site: Church, Rectory, Garage, Pavilion and Hall/Classrooms, not to exceed \$5,188.00.

With the support of Monsignor Sempa, the Pastoral Council will assure that the results of the evaluations are shared with parishioners in both of our linked-parish communities. The collective prayer of Monsignor and our Pastoral Council is that this open exchange of information between our linked parishes will foster ever greater trust and confidence among our fellow parishioners and help build the foundation for one marvelous faith-filled parish community in the future.

Sincerely,

Atty. Joseph Burke

President, Pastoral Council

**St. Barbara Parish  
Take Out Ziti Dinner  
Sunday June 11th  
Pick-Up  
12:00PM -3:00PM  
St. Anthony's  
Parish Center**



Dinners are \$12 each and include ziti, homemade sauce & meatballs, salad, roll and dessert. To order dinners, call Barbara at 570 654 8670 or Marilyn at 570 905 4227 **Today is the final day to order dinners.** Volunteers are asked to meet at **St. Anthony's Parish Center at 9:00AM on Sunday, June 11th.**

Courtesy ziti dinners will be delivered to the homebound parishioners of both parishes. If you can help deliver, please be at St. Anthony's Parish Center by 3:00PM on Sunday, June 11th.

**Homebound & Nursing Homes**

There will be a meeting on **Monday, June 12 at 6:00PM in the rectory** for anyone interested in bringing communion to our parishioners from both parishes who are homebound or residing in nursing homes.

**Knights of Columbus**

This weekend after all Masses, representatives from the Knights of Columbus will be available for men who are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus. A new council encompassing Corpus Christi and St. Barbara Parishes is being formed. All information you need to join and any questions will be answered by the men representing the Knights. A representative will be available in Immaculate Conception School on **Monday, June 5th at 7:00PM** for anyone interested in joining. All men are welcome!

**St. Barbara Parish "Flea Market"  
July 21, 22, 23**

Flea market items can be left at St. Anthony's Parish Center by the door next to Pride. Please do not leave donations on a rainy day and do not block the door. We will gladly accept any and all your gently used household & yard items. **Please note, we do not accept encyclopedias, exercise equipment, computers, clothing, shoes or live plants.**

Beginning **Monday, June 12th, volunteers are needed on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM in St. Anthony's Parish Center to begin setting up the flea market.**

**Notice to the Roman Catholic Faithful of the Diocese of Scranton regarding Saints Francis and Clare Progressive Catholic Community**

On Sunday, May 14, 2023, the Saints Francis & Clare Progressive Catholic Community reopened the former Saint Mary of Czestochowa Church building in Moosic for worship. The Diocese of Scranton sold the church property in September 2014 during a previous parish consolidation process.

In response to questions that have been received, we wish to remind the faithful that the Progressive Catholic Church is neither affiliated with the Diocese of Scranton nor in communion with the universal Catholic Church.

The faithful of the Diocese of Scranton should not attend Masses nor receive the sacraments provided by the Progressive Catholic Church community. Particularly regarding the sacraments of Confession and Marriage, these celebrations would not only be illicit, but also invalid.

**Liturgy Intentions  
For The Week** 

**June 5 thru 11, 2023**

- Mon 7:30AM (ICC) Ed & Sally Hennigan**  
By Family
- Tues 7:30AM (ICC) Samuel Angelella**  
By Sons, Joseph & John
- 8:30AM (HRC) Michael J. & Laura Butera**  
By Children
- Wed 7:30AM (ICC) Joseph Montante**  
By Family
- 12:10PM (SAC) John J. Zack, Jr.**  
By Family
- Thurs 7:30AM (ICC) Harry O'Dell**  
By Wife, Marianne & Family
- 8:30AM (HRC) James Kaskiel**  
By Sandy
- Fri 7:30AM (ICC) Barbara Cawley**  
By Eileen & Patrick
- 12:10PM (SAC) M/M George Maffei & Elaine Gager**  
By M/M David Nygren & George T. Maffei
- Sat 4:00PM (SAC) Constantino Bocci**  
By Family
- 5:30PM (ICC) Tom & Marita Burke & Daughter, Beth**  
By Family
- Sun 7:30AM (SAC) Joseph R. Biago**  
By Marion & Lisa Pantucci
- 9:00AM (HR) Ann & Rudy Biscontini**  
By Son, Rudy & Family
- 10:30AM (ICC) Frederick C. Melvin**  
By Norieka & Bienkowski Families

**Candles**

These candles, which will burn June 4 thru 10, 2023 are donated in loving memory of the following:

- Altar Candles at ICC**  
**Ruth Oliveri.....**By Daughter, Janine & Family
- Holy Family Candle at ICC**  
**John & Anna Recupero, Son, Daughter & Grandson .....**By Rosemary
- Sanctuary Candle at ICC**  
**Barbara Cawley .....**By Eileen & Patrick
- Sanctuary Candle at SAC**  
**Robert Crosbie.....**By Tina & Melissa Crosbie