

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.”

October 1, 2023

Twenty-Sixth 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

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

Weekly Collection

September 24, 2023

St. Barbara

Weekly.....\$4,431.85

E-Giving.....\$310.00

Total \$4,741.85

No Bazaar Collection

This Week.....\$205.00

Total to Date \$16,702.00

Corpus Christi

Weekly..... \$7,103.90

E-Giving.....\$2,303.43

Total \$9,407.33

No Bazaar Collection

This week.....\$320.00

Total to date \$30,570.00

Welcome Father Michael Drevitch

Bishop Bambera has assigned Father Michael Drevitch as assistant pastor of Corpus Christi & St. Barbara Parishes beginning on Saturday, October 21st. Father Michael is excited to return to ministry after a leave of absence and is looking forward to serving our parish community.

Father Michael was born December 4, 1989, son of William and Linda Sabol Drevitch of Wilkes-Barre. He received his early education at Sacred Heart School in Wilkes-Barre and attended Bishop O'Reilly High School, Kingston, before graduating from Holy Redeemer High School, Wilkes-Barre, as a member of the school's first graduation class in 2008. Father Michael began his preparatory studies for the priesthood for the Scranton Diocese at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Overbrook, outside of Philadelphia, where he earned his bachelor's degree in philosophy in 2012. He completed his theological training as a seminarian at St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, where he received his bachelor's degree in sacred theology and a master of divinity degree.

Father Michael was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Bambera on May 28, 2016, and celebrated his first Mass of Thanksgiving the following day on May 29th at Corpus Christi Parish. Father's first assignment was Epiphany Parish in Sayre and was transferred later to Saint John's Parish in Honesdale. Presently, Father Michael has been on a leave of absence working in the healthcare field. Father Michael will celebrate all the weekend Masses on October 21st & 22nd and is looking forward to serving the linked parishes of Corpus Christi & St. Barbara.

Religious Education Classes

Please Note.....There are no Religious Ed classes next Sunday, October 8th.

Please note on Wednesday, October 4th there will be a Communion Service only at St. Anthony's Church at 12:10PM.

Blessing of the Animals

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the blessing of the animals will take place at our churches today, Sunday, October 1st as follows:

12:00PM.....Deacon Jim will "Bless the Animals" on the grounds of Holy Redeemer Church

12:00PM.....Deacon Walter will "Bless the Animals" under the pavilion at St. Anthony's Church

12:30PM.....Msgr. Sempa will "Bless the Animals" on the grounds of Immaculate Conception Church



Collection for Care & Education of Priests:

St. Barbara Parish September.....\$366.00

Corpus Christi Parish September.....\$789.50

Up Coming Meetings

► Twilight Bingo Meeting

Will be held on Monday, October 2nd at 6:00PM in Immaculate Conception Rectory. Plans for the bingo will be finalized.

► St. Barbara Christian Women Meeting

Will be held on Tuesday, October 3rd at 6:30PM in Immaculate Conception Rectory. We will begin with the Rosary. Plans for the November bake sale will be discussed. All women are welcome.

► Social Concerns Meeting (Combined Parishes)

Will be held on Wednesday, October 4th at 5:30PM in Immaculate Conception Rectory. Our agenda will include planning the Halloween Party for children, Bereavement/Memorial Masses, & Thanksgiving & Christmas. All are welcome.

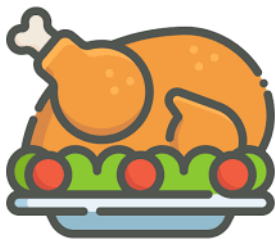
Youth Choir

Our combined parish "Youth Choir" will begin practice today, Sunday October 1st at 5:30PM in Immaculate Conception Church. We welcome all boys and girls from both parishes to join our Youth Choir. For more information, please contact youth choir director, Mary Supey at 570 237 2275 or e-mail tsupey@hotmail.com

Corpus Christi Parish "Twilight Bingo"

This all cash bingo will be held next Saturday, October 7, 2023 in Immaculate Conception Church Hall. There is still a limited number of tickets available. To purchase tickets, call or stop in the rectory. Tickets will not be sold at the door. This is a BYOB event. We will be selling food including chicken salad on croissant, pierogies, hot dogs, hamburgers, soda, bottled water and desserts.

St. Barbara Holy Name Chicken Dinner



This take-out roasted chicken dinner featuring Arcaro & Genell's 1/2 Italian roasted chicken, potato, vegetable, roll & dessert will be held on Sunday, October 15 from 11:00AM to 3:00PM at St. Anthony's Parish

Center. Dinners are \$14 each. To order tickets fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket (at any Mass), drop off, or mail to St. Barbara Parish, 605 Luzerne Avenue, West Pittston by Sunday, October 8th. Tickets are available after all Masses.

St. Barbara Parish "Take-Out" Chicken Dinner

Name _____

Phone # _____

I would like to order _____ dinners.

I have enclosed \$ _____ for my order.

(Please make checks payable to St. Barbara Parish)



October 2 thru 8, 2023

- Mon 7:30AM (ICC) Barry Keiffer**
By A Friend
- Tues 7:30AM (ICC) Jim "Goose" Ciali**
By Micki Ciampi & Tony & Marguerite Freda
- 8:30AM (HRC) Velia & Bruno Ferretti, Sr**
By Bruno, Jr. & Santino
- Wed 7:30AM (ICC) Charles Montante**
By Family
- 12:10PM (SAC) NO MASS Communion Service**
- Thurs 7:30AM (ICC) James Sabol**
By Noelle, Bryee & Aiden
- 8:30AM (HRC) Chet Simko**
By Kopetchny Family
- Fri 7:30AM (ICC) Helen Butera**
By M/M Tony Agati & Stephanie
- 12:10PM (SAC) Dorothy Pribula**
By Dorothy Kischel
- Sat 4:00PM (SAC) William Paoloni**
By Wife & Family
- 5:30PM (ICC) "Beno" Borzell**
By Mom, Dad, Juliana, Family & Friends
- Sun 7:30AM (SAC) Mary Jo Hetro**
By Residents of Cherrywood Estates
- 9:00AM (HR) Janice Pocceschi**
By Husband, Children & Grandchildren
- 10:30AM (ICC) Rita Colando**
By Evelyn Levandoski

Candles

These candles will burn the week of October 1 thru 7th in loving memory of the following:

Altar Candles at ICC

Dante Bovani, Sr.....By Richard & Heather Puchalski

Holy Family Candle at ICC

"Beno" Borzell..... ..By Sister, Juliana

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Mary E. Oliveri.....By Tina Bruno

Sanctuary Candle at SAC

Shirley Trotta.....By Josephine Hatrak

Knights of Columbus Coat Drive

The Knights of Columbus Council 18046 is conducting a coat drive until November 30. For your convenience, there are boxes in the vestibules of the churches. They are asking for new or gently used coats in all sizes for babies thru adults. The Knights meet in Immaculate Conception Rectory every third Monday of the month at 7:00PM. The next meeting is Monday, October 16 at 7:00PM. All men are welcome!