

# 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.”*

**January 7, 2024**  
**Epiphany of the Lord**

**Immaculate Conception Church**  
**Holy Redeemer Church**  
**St. Anthony Church**  
Msgr. John J. Sempa, Pastor  
Rev. Michael Drevitch,  
Assistant Pastor

**Corpus Christi/  
St. Barbara Parishes**  
**605 Luzerne Avenue**  
**West Pittston, 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 St. Anthony

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

12:10PM St. Anthony

Tues 7:30AM St. Anthony

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

Wed 7:30AM St. Anthony

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

12:10PM St. Anthony

Thurs 7:30AM St. Anthony

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

Fri 7:30AM St. Anthony

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

12:10PM St. Anthony

*Watch Sunday & Daily Mass on*

*Corpus Christi Facebook*

[www.facebook.com/corpuschristiparishpa](http://www.facebook.com/corpuschristiparishpa)

### **Weekly Collection**

**December 31, 2023**

#### **St. Barbara**

**Weekly.....\$5,357.20**

**E-Giving.....\$330.00**

**Christmas.....\$1,052.00**

**New Year's.....\$1,048.00**

**Total \$7,787.20**

#### **Corpus Christi**

**Weekly.....\$6,332.00**

**E-Giving.....\$2,802.43**

**Christmas.....\$4,206.00**

**New Year's.....\$1,646.00**

**Total \$14,986.43**

### **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Due to the construction of a new roof on Immaculate Conception Church, the 7:30AM Daily Mass will be temporarily moved to St. Anthony Church effective Tuesday, January 2nd. This will remain in effect for the entire month of January. Any funerals scheduled in the month of January will need to be celebrated at St. Anthony Church or Holy Redeemer Church. No changes will be made to the weekend Mass schedule.**

### **The Paschal Candle**

At the opening of the Easter Vigil a “new fire” is lit and blessed. The Paschal candle is the first candle to be lit with a flame from this sacred fire, representing the light of Christ coming into the world. At the Easter Vigil in our linked parishes of Corpus Christi & St. Barbara, three Paschal candles will be lit from this sacred fire, one for Immaculate Conception Church, one for Holy Redeemer Church and one for St.



Anthony Church. The Paschal candle is lit and used throughout the Easter season and on special occasions such as funerals and baptisms. If you wish to memorialize one of the candles in loving memory of a family member, please call Joyce at **570 654 2753** or e mail [icecconi50@gmail.com](mailto:icecconi50@gmail.com).

### **Sacraments of First Reconciliation & First Eucharist**

Will be celebrated on **Saturday, May 4, 2024** at 10:00AM in Immaculate Conception Church. Boys and girls in 2nd grade and older who are registered in our Religious Education program 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

[icecconi50@gmail.com](mailto:icecconi50@gmail.com) to register your child to receive these sacraments.

### **Sacrament of Confirmation**

Will be celebrated on **Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024** at St. Anthony Church (time to be determined). Our pastor, Msgr. John Sempa, will be the celebrant. Eighth grade students and older who are registered in our Religious Education program 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 [icecconi50@gmail.com](mailto:icecconi50@gmail.com) to register to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

### **St. Barbara Christian Women Meeting**

All women from both parishes are welcome to attend our next meeting which will be held on **Friday, January 12, 2024 at 1:00PM in the rectory at 605 Luzerne Avenue, West Pittston.** Refreshments will be served.

## my E offering

This is a service we have 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. Simply log in to our service and set up your offering. This service allows you to give any amount, at any time, with your computer or your mobile device. You control how and when you give your tithes. To sign up, log into our parish website at [www.corpuschristi-stbarbara.com](http://www.corpuschristi-stbarbara.com)

On the right side, click on **my E offering** and follow the instructions. When it asks you which parish, Corpus Christi parishioners **MUST** put in Corpus Christi Parish and St. Barbara parishioners **MUST** put in St. Barbara Parish (**be sure to include the period after st.**) to be set up with your proper parish.

If you have any questions, you can contact Technical Support at 1-877-393-3330 Monday thru Friday from 8:00AM TO 4:00PM.

**Please note... The Correct Mailing Address:**  
**St. Barbara Parish**  
**605 Luzerne Avenue**  
**West Pittston, Pa. 18643**

### 2023 Contributions

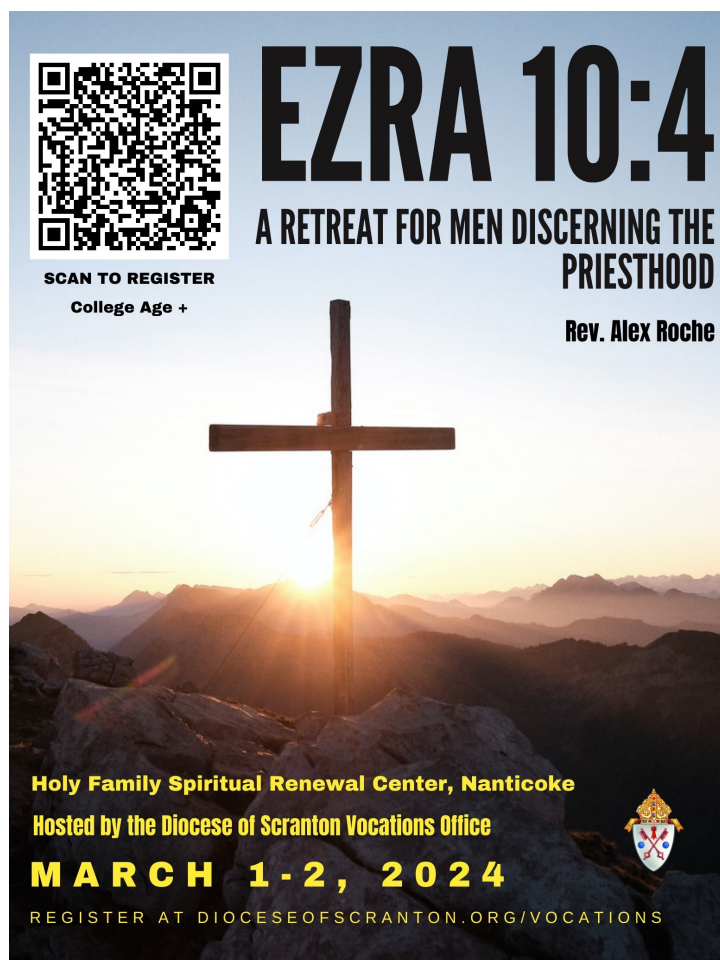
For a financial statement of your contributions for Corpus Christi or St. Barbara Parish for the year 2023, call 570-654-2753 or e-mail Lori at [lkasisky1@epix.net](mailto:lkasisky1@epix.net).

### Save the Date!!!

Corpus Christi Parish Twilight Bingo will be held on **Saturday, March 9, 2024** in Immaculate Conception Church hall. This is a BYOB event with all cash prizes.

### Organ Dedication Concert at St. Joseph Marelo Parish, Pittston

Sunday, January 28 at 3:00PM. This is a dedication concert for its new Rodgers Organ. Concert will feature parish choirs of St. Joseph Marelo and St. John the Evangelist accompanied by Michael Sowa and Brandon Jopling on the organ.

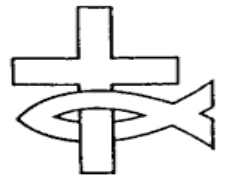


**EZRA 10:4**  
A RETREAT FOR MEN DISCERNING THE  
PRIESTHOOD  
Rev. Alex Roche

SCAN TO REGISTER  
College Age +

Holy Family Spiritual Renewal Center, Nanticoke  
Hosted by the Diocese of Scranton Vocations Office  
**MARCH 1 - 2, 2024**  
REGISTER AT [DIOCESEOFSCRANTON.ORG/VOCATIONS](http://DIOCESEOFSCRANTON.ORG/VOCATIONS)

## Liturgy Intentions For The Week



January 8 thru 14, 2024

<b>Mon 7:30AM (SAC)</b>	<b>John Hetro</b> By Family
<b>8:30AM (HRC)</b>	<b>Carol Wilkinson</b> By Louise Smith
<b>12:10PM (SAC)</b>	<b>Sal Cometa</b> By Lucille, Billy & Patti Loyack
<b>Tues 7:30AM (SAC)</b>	<b>Rosemary Weinstock &amp; Trudy Holleran</b> By Sandy & Emily
<b>8:30AM (HRC)</b>	<b>Carl Nocek</b> By Tom & Linda Ciampi
<b>Wed 7:30AM (SAC)</b>	<b>Kevin Powers</b> By Mike Salvo & Family
<b>8:30AM (HRC)</b>	<b>Shirley Ann Sutter</b> By Holleran Family
<b>12:10PM (SAC)</b>	<b>Constantino Bocci</b> By Family
<b>Thurs 7:30AM (SAC)</b>	<b>Anthony Krolick</b> By Daughters, Mary Ann, Anna & Mary
<b>8:30AM (HRC)</b>	<b>George Mason</b> By Russ & Mary Dickinson
<b>Fri 7:30AM (SAC)</b>	<b>Florence Reilly</b> By Family
<b>8:30AM (HRC)</b>	<b>Helen Meyer</b> By Jon & Mary Kay Melvin
<b>12:10PM (SAC)</b>	<b>Robert Fumanti</b> By Margaret Grimes
<b>Sat 4:00PM (SAC)</b>	<b>Laura Ann Wares</b> By Russell & Doreen Keeler
<b>5:30PM (ICC)</b>	<b>Bonnie Kudrako</b> By Linda Nickerson
<b>Sun 7:30AM (SAC)</b>	<b>Shirley &amp; Sam Charge, Sr.</b> By Karen & Ray Bernardi
<b>9:00AM (HRC)</b>	<b>Anne Wasko</b> By Fred, Patti, Fred, Jr. & Gina Marianacci.
<b>10:30AM (ICC)</b>	<b>Kenneth Williams</b> By Family

### Candles

The following candles will burn the week of January 7 thru 13 in loving memory of the following:

#### Altar Candles at ICC

**Michael J. Fino.....**By Corrine Milazzo & Ida Pisano

#### Holy Family Candle at ICC

**Biago & Josephine Dente.....**By Children & Grandchildren

#### Sanctuary Candle at ICC

**Helen Cummings.....**By Geraldine & Nick Anzelmi