

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, February 26, 2017



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PARISH LIFE

MASSES

Daily (M - S): 8:00 AM
Weekend: Saturday 4:00 PM;
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM
Holy Days: Please Refer to Bulletin

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Saturday: Immediately after 8:00 AM Mass
and 3:00 to 3:45 PM,
or by Appointment

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Saturday Morning following the 8:00 AM Mass

WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONS TO SAINT JOSEPH

Immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass

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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Please call the Rectory Office at 609.877.5322

BAPTISMS

2nd Sunday of the Month at 1:00 PM. Parents should
be registered in the parish. Please call the Rectory two
months prior to the Baptism to make arrangements.

SICK CALLS Any time of day or night. Please call Rectory.

MARRIAGE

We joyfully welcome your Marriage here at Corpus
Christi. The Diocese requires that arrangements be
made one year in advance. Please call the Rectory.

PARISH REGISTRATION

We welcome new parishioners and newly married
couples and ask that you kindly register with us.

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SANCTUARY CANDLEWeek of February 26:**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, February 27

8:00 AM Joseph Gibson
r/b Wife & Family

TUESDAY, February 28

8:00 AM Billy McGee, Jr.
r/b Lisa Meyer

WEDNESDAY, March 1, Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM Diane Hemphill
r/b Anna Tyrrell

THURSDAY, March 2

8:00 AM Billy McGee, Jr.
r/b Lisa Meyer

(Masses Continued)FRIDAY, March 3, St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

8:00 AM Fran Lucas
r/b Dear Friends

SATURDAY, March 4, St. Casimir

8:00 AM Bob Willis
r/b Jack & Kay Hutchins
4:00 PM Holy Souls in Purgatory
r/b

SUNDAY, March 5

7:30 AM Rod O'Connor
r/b Anna Tyrell
9:30 AM Angelo Angelatos (7th Anniversary)
r/b Karl & Carmela Mersinger
11:30 AM PRO POPULO
r/b For The People



From the Pastor:

My dear friends in Christ,

Today launches the Annual Catholic Appeal across the Diocese of Trenton. We seek to gather the entire Catholic community as one through the Annual Catholic Appeal, recognizing God's blessings in our lives, offering our gifts as followers of Jesus, working together day after day for the salvation of the world. Let us be united in prayer for those we serve, united in Christ through the Eucharist. Our parish goal is \$70,000. May God bless you in your generosity.

Lent lies at the very heart of our Catholic Faith. Each year, on Ash Wednesday, March 1st until Holy Thursday, April 13th, we spend 40 days being led into the desert of our own hearts to look within, face our sins, and ask for God's mercy. The model Jesus gave us for "these forty days" was His own experience of the desert and the temptations that followed Him there where He encountered Satan face to face. Forty days was chosen as the time of preparation because it was symbolic of the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness before embarking on His public ministry. Forty days also recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert before entering the Promised Land.

Please note the schedule for Ash Wednesday, March 1st, 2017. We will have three Masses in which ashes will be distributed: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 7:00 PM. There will be no other services for distribution of ashes.

May Lent be a time of penance, grace, and joy for us all.

May God bless you all!

Fr. John

LENT 2017

Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States asks of us as baptized Catholics:

1. **The days of fast (only one full meal) and abstinence (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.**
2. **All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence (no meat).**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast (only one full meal) as above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to abstain (no meat: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat). The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of days, which must be considered serious.

ASH WEDNESDAY**March 1, 2017****Masses with distribution of ashes:****8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 7:00 PM**

Collections

Collection February 19, 2017	\$9,204.30
Same Weekend Last Year	\$12,263.52

Please take the time to use your envelopes. By doing so we are better able to keep track of your donations. We sincerely thank you for your continued generosity.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL REBATE FORMULA

Did you know that when a parish collects funds equal to their ACA goal, they will receive 15% rebate. Funds collected in excess of the parish goal will earn a 50% rebate. A parish that increases their participation rate by at least ten percent will receive an additional 5% rebate.

END OF YEAR TAX STATEMENTS

If you would like to receive a statement substantiating your donations to Corpus Christi Church for the 2016 calendar year, please call the Rectory office at 609.877.5322 to make a request as statements are mailed upon request only.

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Matthew's Gospel invites us all to come to understand how to live out the Kingdom of Heaven in our daily life. You are welcome to join us any Sunday, 3:00 to 5:00 PM. We welcome new and former participants. Questions? Please call Ann at 609.871.0527 or Bob at 609.877.9455.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

Saturday, March 4, 2017, 11:00 AM

Ladies, you are most welcome to join us in the Parish Meeting Room, instead of Bogdan Hall, for the recitation of the Holy Rosary followed by a short meeting and light refreshments. We look forward to seeing you!

WELCOMING COMMITTEE NEWS

Sunday Morning Gathering for New Parishioners

Corpus Christi Parish extends a warm invitation to all newly registered parishioners (last three months) to join us following the 9:30 AM Mass on SUNDAY, MARCH 26th so that we may have the opportunity to welcome you to our Parish Family. Light refreshments served.

THAT MAN IS YOU!

We are now entering into the Lenten Season for 2017. Our Catholic Faith has given us many spiritual devotions. One of the greatest is praying the Holy Rosary. The men of That Man Is You will be asking the Blessed Mother for her help in drawing us closer to her Son, Jesus, by praying the rosary. Please join us on Saturdays, 6:00 to 7:45 AM in Bogdan Hall. Good coffee and danish before we start! For information and questions, please call Tom Janus at 609.835.1475.

P.S.: Yes, it's early so try not to wake everyone up as you get ready to come!

RESURRECTION PARISH

DANCE TO THE OLDIES Saturday, March 11, 2017 7:00 to 11:00 PM. Featuring Joey D's Rockin' Oldies! \$20.00/pp (or \$25 at the door). Buffet and Set-ups. BYOB. Sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society at Resurrection Parish. Join us at Holy Name Parish Center, Conrow Road, Delran. For tickets and information, please call Betty at 856.461.2767.

CORPUS CHRISTI SENIORS CLUB***March 2017 Activities***

MONTHLY MEETING Wednesday, March 1st, Bogdan Hall. Arrival 1:15 PM. Meeting 1:30 PM.

OUTREACH

PRAYER SERVICE/CLARE BRIDGE Levitt Pkwy., 11:00 AM. Join us Thurs., March 2nd; Weds., March 8, 15, 22, 29. **VOLUNTEER AT THE SAINT FRANCIS INN** Sign up at our March meeting to serve Fridays, March 10, 17, 24, 31. Leave C.C. 10:30 AM, return approx. 2:00 PM.

IN THE CONVENT

CROCHET OR KNIT Thursday, March 30th, 12:45-2:15 PM. Help us make Afghans for the St. Francis Inn.

ST. PATRICK'S PARTY

Sunday, March 5, 2017, 2:00-5:00 PM, Bogdan Hall

\$10/Members; \$15/Non-Members. Hot 'n' Cold Buffet, Beverages, Desserts, Entertainment. Tickets sold at March meeting or call Sister Robert at the Convent at 609.871.4226. Volunteers needed for Set-Up on Friday, March 3, 3:30 PM and also for clean-up after the party on Sunday. Desserts gratefully accepted. Kindly slice cakes in advance. Thank you.

SAN ALFONSO RETREAT HOUSE

Weekend of March 17th-19th, 2017

This year's retreat theme is "Walking in the Dark - Living in the Light." For questions and retreat details, please call Pat McCarthy at 609.871.4895.



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