First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 29, 2020

Corpus Christi Parish

Willingboro, New Jersey

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PARISH LIFE

MASSES
Daily (M - F): 8:00 AM
Weekend: Saturday 4:00 PM;
Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM
Holy Days: Please refer to bulletin

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)
Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 PM,
or by Appointment

TUESDAY DEVOTIONS to THE BLESSED MOTHER
Immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass

WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONS TO SAINT JOSEPH
Immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Located on the First Floor of School
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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)
Please call the Rectory Office at 609.877.5322

BAPTISMS
2nd Sunday of the Month at 12:00 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.

THE CHOIRS OF CORPUS CHRISTI
Corpus Christi, Funeral, Youth, and Bell. Please contact the Music Director at 609.410.6866.

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT de PAUL
For Assistance, please contact 609.835.7757

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Week of November 29: Bud Riceman
His Wife, Barbara

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, November 30, Saint Andrew, Apostle
8:00 AM Anna Tyrrell
r/b Sue Hood
TUESDAY, December 1
8:00 AM Anne Joseph
r/b Family
WEDNESDAY, December 2
8:00 AM Evelyn Liotto
r/b Judy & Tony Rizzo
THURSDAY, December 3, Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
8:00 AM Berenice Bojanowski
Husband

(Masses Continued)

FRIDAY, December 4, Saint John Damascene, Priest
8:00 AM Clemente Epifania
r/b Grandchildren
SATURDAY, December 5
4:00 PM Leo Coceano
r/b Domenic Coceano
SUNDAY, December 6
9:00 AM **PRO POPULO**
r/b For The People
Craig Sharpe
r/b Rodie Boyle
11:00 AM **Joseph Ngo Vinh Truong**
r/b Kim sa Hite

From the Pastor:

My dear friends in Christ,

Advent is a time of waiting, longing, and begging. It is a time to pray, "Come, Lord Jesus." We look forward to celebrating the first coming of Jesus at Christmas. We look forward with hope to the second coming of Jesus in His glory. We seek out Jesus here and now in the Mass, when He comes to us in the Eucharist. We seek out Jesus in the people and events of our lives, when He comes to us in ordinary ways. We seek out Jesus now more than ever in this time of Pandemic. The uncertainty of the Coronavirus and its impact on our families has weighed heavily on our minds. Even with the precautions, we do not know if we are exposed because the virus is in the air. That is why we must be diligent in washing our hands, wearing a mask, and social distancing. I wonder how Jesus would react some 2000 years ago when He came into this world as a baby to live and die for us. In times of trial, Jesus comes into our lives and we know that He will come back again to judge the living and the dead. As we wait and prepare for our Lord, know that this year will be quite different. There will be no planned celebratory events or celebrations. We will have the lighting of the Christmas Tree next Saturday following the 4:00 PM Mass but will not be able to serve refreshments. We must pray for one another as we wait for the coming of our Lord, the infant Jesus, at Christmas!

May God bless you all, Father John

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dispensation from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass due to COVID-19 has been extended until further notice.

2021 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN

Due to current Pandemic restrictions, please call your reservations in to 609.877.5322 or drop your list through the mail slot in the front door of the Rectory along with your stipend. We will do our best to meet your requests. Thank you for your understanding. Sanctuary Lamp reservations may also be made at this time.
Mass Stipend: $10.00 Sanctuary Lamp Stipend: $20.00.

Collections

Collection Nov. 22, 2020 (Coronavirus)	$ T.B.A.
Collection Nov. 22, 2020 (On-Line)	$ T.B.A.
Same Weekend Last Year	$ 9,311.00

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.

Welcome Back to Corpus Christi

"In-Church" Masses have resumed with restrictions. As of now, Masses are being celebrated at 4:00 PM on Saturday and 9:00 AM and 11:00 am on Sunday. Weekday Masses are at 8:00 AM Monday through Friday. The Church will remain open until 12:00 Noon for private prayer Monday through Friday.

- Be sure to wear a mask in Church
- Please sit in the designated areas and practice social distancing.

Also, for the convenience of those who are still not comfortable physically coming to Church due to age or underlying medical conditions, we are most happy to say we are now LIVE-STREAMING our 9:00 AM Sunday Morning Mass. Please go to our website at ccnj.church, follow the directions, tune in and feel at home.

Stay Safe. Be Well God bless.

FOLLOW ME—MEETING JESUS IN JOHN'S GOSPEL

Sunday, November 1 thru Sunday, December 20

Following Christ takes more than simply believing in Him or doing what He asks of us. Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer—He wants you to be His disciple and friend. **Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John** , an 8-session Bible Study featuring Dr. Edward Sri, is a guide to a personal encounter with Christ. **Follow Me** invites you to experience the joy of a renewed friendship with Christ. You will learn what it takes to follow Him. You will experience the joy of divine friendship, and you will see how God—and only god—can satisfy the deepest desires of your heart.

Follow Me study begins Sun., Nov. 1, 2020 at 2:00 PM in Bogdan Hall and will end the Sunday before Christmas (8 Sundays), December 20, 2020. For more info, contact Ann Connolly, 609.871.0527. We hope you can join us! You are welcome to join any or all sessions. As with all Parish activities, we will comply with Parish / Diocesan COVID-19 guidelines, so please be sure to wear a mask.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil: 4:00 PM; Sunday: 9:00 and 11:00 AM

BLESSING OF THE MANGER AND PARISH CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Saturday, December 5, 2020

The Blessing of the Manger and Lighting of the Tree will take place immediately after the 4:00 PM Mass. This event is a parish favorite. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are not able to share hot chocolate or cookies this year. Maybe next year!!! We hope you can join us as we gather together on this occasion to prepare for His coming.

CORPUS CHRISTI SENIORS

Christmas Pollyanna for The Saint Francis Inn

This year, the poor who visit the St. Francis Inn need our help more than ever! As in years past, your donations of new underwear and socks for all ages, as well as canned goods, would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to donate these much-needed items, please drop them off at the Convent at 71 Sylvan Lane by Tuesday, December 15th. Your kindness will mean so much to our less fortunate neighbors. Thank you for bringing your holiday cheer to so many! God bless you always and in all ways.

ADVENT 2020

"Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of The Lord double for all her sins.

A voice cries out in the desert: Prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley.

Then the glory of The Lord shall be revealed, and people shall see it together; for the mouth of The Lord has spoken." *— Isaiah 40:1-5*

Be Watchful! Be Alert!

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