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OCTOBER 15, 2017 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Bishop's Annual Appeal An Invitation to do so much good within our diocese

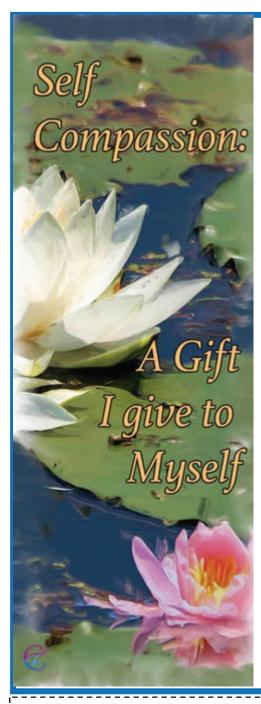
During the Masses this weekend, you were invited to make a pledge for this Appeal. A number of you have already replied to this invitation to the mail. You can continue to do so over the next few weeks.

Helping Catholic Charities in our diocese:

The services provided by our Catholic Charities agencies are too long to list in our bulletin — but here are just a few: emergency housing for people in extreme poverty, out-patient and residential substance abuse treatment, group homes for disabled adults, outreach to veterans who are homeless, family counseling, etc. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps bring this important work to life. In fact, Catholic Charities receives the largest percentage of Appeal funding. Your help is needed to continue providing this urgent care. Please be as generous as you are able to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2017appeal.org.

Helping educate future priests in our diocese:

Did you know that this year our Diocese had the largest number of men ordained to the priesthood in the country? There are currently over 50 men now enrolled in seminaries to prepare for priestly life in the Paterson Diocese. That is a tremendous blessing, but one that comes with a significant cost for room, board, tuition and other related expenses. Your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps meet the annual expenses for seminarian education. It is a gift that will enhance the faith life of our Diocese for years to come. Please make a pledge today! For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2017appeal.org. Thank you!



Women's Renewal

Saturday, November 4, 2017 4:00 pm to 9:30 pm

"Self Compassion A Gift I Give to Myself"

Presenter: Sister Karen Doyle, SSJ

"It has been said that you could search the whole world over and not find anyone more deserving of your love and compassion than yourself."

Schedule

4:00 pm	Gathering
5:00 pm	Presentation
6:30 pm	Dinner
7:30 pm	Presentation
9:00 pm	Mass

Registration for Women's Renewal

Name	
Address	
Phone	_ E-Mail

Cost \$30.00 (Check payable to Corpus Christi) Deadline: October 30, 2017

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

5:00 p.m. Thomas and Anne Higgins

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

7:30 a.m. Adelaide Vezzosi

9:00 a.m. Helen Alice Spies Blanchard

11:00 a.m. Elaine Claire Tino 12:15 p.m. Karen Joyce

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

7:30 a.m. Maureen Alexander; Carole deCastro;

Jerry Donaghue

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

7:30 a.m. Anthony Gargiulo; Elaine Claire Tino;

Madeline Saulino

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

7:30 a.m. Richard Nolan

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

7:30 a.m. Luise Fischetti

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:30 a.m. Joseph Hoar

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

5:00 p.m. Mary Sacina

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

7:30 a.m. Samuel Vezzosi 9:00 a.m. Jim Gilbert

11:00 a.m. Mary Christina Carty

12:15 p.m. Rosalie Fonck

IN REMEMBRANCE

For the week of October 15, Sanctuary Lights burn for a Special Intention. The Bread and Wine is offered in memory of Maureen Alexander. Blessed Sacrament Chapel flowers are in memory of Maureen Alexander and Michael, Teresa and Clifford Gaschler.

FLOWER MEMORIALS

Remember a loved one or offer a Special Intention by having a flower arrangement placed in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. The cost will be \$50 or more plus a \$10 offering. The Parish Office will coordinate the request with our florist, Carl Lemanski.

PRESIDER'S SCHEDULE **OCTOBER 14/15**

5:00 p.m. Fr. Lem 9:00 a.m. Fr. Lem 7:30 a.m. Fr. Lem 11:00 a.m. Fr. Mahoney 12:15 p.m. Fr. Mahoney

PRESIDER'S SCHEDULE **OCTOBER 21/22**

5:00 p.m. Fr. Mahoney 9:00 a.m. Fr. Mahoney 11:00 a.m. Fr. Lem 7:30 a.m. Fr. Mahoney 12:15 p.m. Fr. Lem

OCTOBER 15, 2017 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TODAY

Religious Ed Grades 1—8 10:30 a.m. Extreme Faith

5:00 p.m. Religious Ed Grades 6—8 7:00 p.m. Religious Ed Grades 6—10 7:00 p.m. Community Night Year 1

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

4:00 p.m. Religious Ed Grades 1—5 7:00 p.m. Corpus Christi Bell Choir

7:30 p.m. Bible Study

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

9:00 a.m. Centering Prayer

10:00 a.m. New Day Bereavement

3:30 p.m. Joyful Noise

4:00 a.m. Penance Makeup

4:15 p.m. Junior Bell Choir

5:00 p.m. Orchestra 6:00 p.m. Extreme Faith

8:00 p.m. Confirmation Team 1

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Praying the Rosary

8:00 p.m. Confirmation Team 1

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

4:00 p.m. Angel Chime Choir

4:30 p.m. Cherub Choir

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

8:00 p.m. Confirmation Team 2

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

4:00 p.m. Confirmation Retreat 1

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Envelopes—261

Checks \$14,670.50 2,791.00 Loose Total \$17,461.50

ONLINE GIVING is available for one-time and recurring donations conveniently and securely from our parish website at www.corpuschristi.org. You can make your secure donation via electronic check or debit/credit card by clicking on ONLINE GIVING at the top of the home page. You will need your family ID envelope number to complete the registration. If you don't know your family ID envelope number, please call the Parish Office.

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL cordially invites everyone to their information session to be held in the parish center, 45 Oliver Street, Chatham, on *Wednesday, October 25th from 6-8pm.* Children are welcome to attend with their parents.

St. Patrick School is a faith filled nurturing environment for grades Pre(K) to 8. Our exceptional academic standards provide a strong foundation for high school and beyond while class sizes allow for differentiated learning. Early childhood program options include full day and transitional kindergarten. STEM, fine arts, athletics, and enrichment programs abound. Enhancing the learning experience is our 1:1 technology initiative, which is integrated throughout the curriculum. We encourage you to come see the possibilities of building a future together.

WELCOME!

New parishioners are asked to register for the parish by going to our website at **www.corpuschristi.org**. Click on the **Parish Registration** tab at the top of the home page next to **Online Giving**. For more info, please call the Parish Office.

BAPTISMS!

We welcome into the Church through the sacrament of Baptism, **Kamryn Rose Amalfitano**, daughter of Gerard and Kasie; **Jack Joseph Ciaruffoli**, son of Robert and Anne; and **Hunter Deacon Kelly**, son of Kevin and Heather.

FLU SHOT DRIVE!

Flu shot available in parish gym on Sunday, November 5th from 10-1 pm. Please bring insurance card if you want this service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Patty Westerzelt, Jack and LaVerne Washburne, Brian Deasy, Mon Cassius, Pam Koch, Trish Dowling, David Natale, Donald de Castro, Megan O'Neil, Christopher Ciufo, Martin Dubel, James Mulvaney, Melina Hennigan, James Greendonner, Jeffrey Dowling, Donna Conforti, Carolyn Phalon, Wayne Parisi, Debby Conti, James J. Price, Pat Pierson, Florence and John Hefele, Hank Campbell, Amy Fitzgerald, Mary McHale, Father John O'Brien, Frances Primack, Dorothy M. Torick, Howard Daly, Katherine Brown, Maribeth Washburne, Conor Jennings, Barbara Layman, Peter Pietrucha, Craig Wisdo, John Petite, Raymond O'Connell, Joseph Doria, John Fleming, Donna Kugelman, Jeffrey Hodgeson, Kiran Kenney, Helen Dwyer, Margaret Pittaluga, Tina Errico, Nick McGann, John (Jack) Kaplan, Marie Orgo, Fr. Tony Duffy, Lucy Ryan, Joann Uibelhoer, Beth Abella, Hazel Townsend, Nicholas DeNunzio, Nicholas Ciufo, Peter Elder, Lori Abrams, Brandon Glynnyoung, David Carey, Marylou Perrini, Alan Fischer, John Fitzpatrick, Sarah Addison, Carol Murphy, Michelle Johnson, Adam Goodkind, Loree Goodkind, Likeu Lee, Susan Kosinski, Camille Moran, Michael Turinchak, Dorothy Norton, Sr. Barbara Takacs, Diane Allen, Al Carrier, Nora and Callum Lemanski, Lucas Reiling, Dominic Ursino, Andrew Jenkins, Debbie Dwyer, Bridget Noe, John Cunningham, Mary Beth Driscoll, Denise Phalon Cascio, Abigail Brady, Frances Smith, Claudia Fernandez, Tom Warren, Marty Erickson, Mary Beth Bonkowski, Carey Jenkins, Aurora Tremaroli, Aubrey Baumbach, Christopher Green Cunningham, John VanDam, Ethel Gasda, Patrick Ford, David Kelly, Patrick Murphy, Jr., Helen Huk, Cathy Caputo, Rui Boos, Joseph Todisco, Marie Skurka, Arianna Khelil, Sister Theresina Flannery, RSM, Dorothy Craig, Stephanie Quiroga, Sal Guidone, Judy Broyhill, Tony Rios, Lois McGuire, Gina Pagnotta, Helen Huddleston, Mary Ann Allen, Mary Ellen Wagner, Ed Lord, Gina Pelillo, Thomas Singer, Gregory Malzberg, Kristine Ryan, Luis Gallardo, Maria Caicedo, Susan McGeough, Marianne Conod, Mary McNiff, Joseph Cirella, Jeannette Robey, Gloria Comerford, Donna Gocking, Marti Sullivan, Lauren Gardner, Helen Marie Kravitz, Edward Cameron, Vivian Riley, Marie Viteri, Steven Hensle, Bob Whelan, William Cody, John Keelin, Eileen Ryan, Richard Delaney, Mary Lou Carrier, Bill Kolb, Lydia Oldroyd, Mary Conforti, Charlie Roussel, Jay Conroy, Richard Pelillo, Christopher Crahan, Ryan Lowe, Ellen Bruce, Dominick Canavaro, Larry Califano, Frank Intagliato, Clifford McGuire, Don Stauber, Marie Meister, Marlenes Teixeira, John Crisp, Don Spagnuolo, Mary Incardona, Maddie Niebanch, Anthony Careccia, Martine Errico, Henry Von See, Harvey James Jeffries, Julie Mercer, Michelle Benaim, Parker Watson.

SPIRITUALITY—FAITH DEVELOPMENT



Contact:

Sister Margaret Dincher SCC 973-635-0070 x 714 (phone) 973-635 -5518 (fax) Email: marga@corpuschristi.org

BIBLE STUDIES

Paul's Letter to the Romans



Come join others to explore what God has to tell us in Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans. The letter explores the topics such as faith and its transformative power in the lives of believers

Meetings are held 7:30 pm in the Upper Room on the second floor. The meetings are facilitated by Lee Finch. The first meeting will be held on **Monday, October 16.**

PAUL..."APOSTLE TO THE NATIONS"

The Wednesday morning Bible Study will focus on **Paul, Apostle to the Nations.** The sessions will combine contemplation of the Word of God in biblical study and practical application for living as a follower of Christ today. **The study is held in the Atrium Conference Room from 9 am to 10 am. The next meeting will be on October 18th.**

Facilitator: Sister Margaret

Books are available in the Parish Office.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



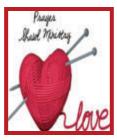
If you wish to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist or are baptized and wish to receive the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation, contact Sister Margaret for further information.

Women's Renewal

The Women's Renewal will be held on November 4th from 4 pm to 9:30 pm. The presenter is Sister Karen Doyle SSJ, a Spiritual Director, Retreat Director and Co-Director of the Spiritual Direction Program for clergy in the diocese of Bridgeport at Fairfield University.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Come join the Shawl Ministry! Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 10 am in the Atrium Conference Room. All are welcome to join the Ministry either to learn how to make the Shawls or help others to learn. The Prayer Shawls are given to persons who are seriously ill.

VISITING THE SICK

If you or someone you know is in the hospital or is homebound and wishes to receive a visit from a person on staff contact Sister Margaret. or the Parish Office. Because of the privacy laws we depend on family members to inform us when a parishioner is hospitalized or homebound.



SPIRITUAL DIRECTION



Spiritual Direction is help given to another which enables the person to pay attention to God's communication to him or her, to respond to God, and to grow in love with God and others.

For information contact Sister Margaret.

WEEKLY ROSARY

The weekly rosary is prayed each Wednesday at 10:30 am in Church. It is a time to remember in prayer.

The first Wednesday of each month the rosary is prayed with the residents at Juniper at 2:00 pm.



ABIDE-KEEPING VIGIL WITH GOD'S WORD



Breathe in the Word of God...
Wait before the Word...
Walk as a pilgrim
through the Scriptures...

ABIDE WITH GOD.

Monthly Meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month Oct. 10; Nov.14, Dec. 12; Jan. 9; Feb. 13; Mar. 13; Apr. 10; May 8

Meeting in Upper Room—Second Floor—7 to 8:15 pm

Presenters: Diane Radwill & Sister Margaret Dincher

FAMILY/MARRIAGE MINISTRY



Contact: Linda Wass 973-635-0070 x720 (phone) 973-635-5518 (fax)

email: lindawass@corpuschristi.org



MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Congratulations!

As soon as you have your date set on the parish calendar, please contact Linda Wass to schedule an appointment to begin your preparation for the sacrament of Marriage [8-12 months before your wedding].

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

January 26-28

Princeton, NJ

CONTACT: Ruth & Tom DeFalco 732-904-9636

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On a MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

weekend, married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus only on each other to deepen, enrich, and grow in their relationship. www.wwme.org

Retrouvaille Weekend: A Marriage Lifeline

RETROUVAILLE is a weekend program with follow-up sessions to help couples with marriage problems to heal and renew their relationship. **For locations, dates, and information, visit www.retrouvaille.org**



BAPTISM PREPARATION Sunday, October 22

10:15—11:45 Conference Room 1, upstairs

for first-time parents

To register, please contact the parish office at 973-635-0070 x 710



Family Faith on the Go Magazine

Get your **OCTOBER issue** at the Family Ministry Table in the Atrium.



Milestone Anniversary Mass

October 28 5 p.m.

for couples with a Milestone Wedding Anniversary in 2017



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Oct 26

9:30-11:00

moms of all ages & stages

are invited to

Join with other moms once a month to

CONNECT & REFRESH

BABYSITTING PROVIDED (RSVP)

Next meeting October 26

Resurrection Meeting Room

Discussion Topic:

25 Mantras for Moms

Requested annual donation: \$25

RSVP: lindawass@corpuschristi.org

Caring for Aging Parents



November 8

7:30-9 PM

Emmaus Meeting Room (room in back of the altar)

Are you caring for your aging parent?

CAP meets monthly (usually 2nd Wednesday), September to May, for encouragement & support, information & resources, friendship & faith.

RSVP: lindawass@corpuschristi.org

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK



The Cord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

-PROVERBS 2:6

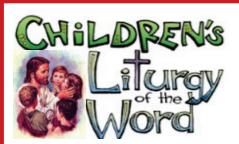
A MARRIAGE MOMENT

"Have no anxiety at all, but...make your requests known to God." (Philippians 4:6) We all have anxieties - money, health, our kids, safety, etc. My spouse can't solve all my problems, but sharing our needs in prayer together can lessen the anxiety.

A PARENTING POINTER

Respect Life Month. Respecting life means speaking respectfully and valuing all human life, especially the weak, vulnerable, unborn, poor, and those we disagree with. Let your children hear you speak respectfully to all.





OCT 15 & Nov 5

> at 9:00

Mass

For children 5 to 10 years old. Under 5 with a parent, please.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

- Connect your faith and understanding of kids as a CLW volunteer
- Experience the joy of being a channel of God's love for kids!
- Team Ministry. Training & materials provided.
- **CONTACT:** lindawass@corpuschristi.org

Bereavement Group



...a 9-week healing journey through grief.

9 Tuesdays, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., Oct 17—Dec 12 Conference Room One (Upstairs) \$10 for the book

Session One this Tuesday for those who have registered. lindawass@corpuschristi.org 973-635-0070 ext 720

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Contact: Kay Hetherington, 973-635-0070 x715 (phone); 973-635-5518 (fax); email: kay@corpuschristi.org for PreK—Grade 5.
Contact: Brian Duemling, 973-635-0070 x740 (phone); 973-635-5518 (fax); email: bduemling@corpuschristi.org for Middle School (6-8)

Contact: Psomi, 973-635-0070 x718 (phone); 973-635-5518 (fax); email: Psomi@corpuschristi.org for Confirmation Prep (9-10)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN...

October 22/23 PreK—Grade 10

October 29/30 PreK—Grade 10

(6th Grade Retreat)

LIVING ROSARY

The entire month of October is dedicated to Mary as Our Lady of the Rosary.



On October 22/23,

grades 3-5 will pray the Living Rosary at the beginning of class which will take place in the gym. The Rosary is prayed with each child representing a bead.

We are encouraged to pray the Rosary often.

PENANCE RENEWAL

Penance Renewal for children preparing for the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation will be held on

Friday evening, **November 3 (A-J)** at 7:00 pm and on

Saturday morning, November 4 (K-Z) at 9:00 am.

Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience - Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality of St. Joseph Church in Mendham will present a 2 hour prayerful Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience at St. Joseph Parish on Tuesday, October 24th, at 7 pm. During this guided experience, you will immerse yourself in the Gospel Message of Lourdes as given by Our Lady to St. Bernadette. You will have the opportunity to touch the Grotto Rock and to experience the healing grace of Lourdes Water. A Plenary Indulgence, under the usual conditions, is granted to all the faithful who attend a Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience. Come and experience the healing grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ through His Immaculate Mother. Our Lady extends her invitation to all! The next best thing to visiting Lourdes itself is a Pilgrimage journey without the travel! For more information call Fr. Stephen Prisk at St. Joseph Parish Office at 973-543-5950.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Contact: Robert Long, 973-635-0070 x716 (phone); 973-635-5518 (fax); email: rlong@corpuschristi.org

CORPUS CHRISTI CHOIRS SINGERS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS ARE WELCOME!

ADULT CHOIRS

Corpus Christi Adult Choir rehearsals are on Thursdays, at 7:30 p.m. in the Emmaus Room.

Corpus Christi Handbell Choir rehearses on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Emmaus Room.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Angel Chime Choir (Grades 1+2) - Thurs., 4:00 - 4:25 p.m.

Cherub Choir (Grades K-2) - Thurs., 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.

Joyful Noise Choir (Grades 3-8+) - Tues., 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.

Junior Bell Choir (Grades 3+) - Tues., 4:15 - 5:00 p.m.

Orchestra (Grades 3+) - some Tuesdays 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.

PLEASE HELP FEED AND CLOTHE THE HUNGRY

This week, the food donated will be going to the Partnership for Social Services Family Center in Franklin, New Jersey. Here are the items most needed by the Food Banks: Cold Cereal, Oatmeal/Hot Cereal, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Brown/White Rice, Pasta and Pasta Products (side dishes), Macaroni & Cheese, Soups (canned, mixes, ramen noodle), Cookies and Crackers, Canned Meats, Fish and Fruit, Peanut Butter, Parmalat. Please consider purchasing low-sodium and low-sugar items.

Please help support our local programs by donating Clothing, Shoes, and Household Items in our donation bin located in our back parking lot.



Contact M. A. "Psomi" Psomas-Jackloski; 973-507-8718(desk); 201-572-1608 (cell) 973-635-5518 (fax); email: psomi@corpuschristi.org; www.corpuschristi.org www.facebook/chathamyouthministry

CONFIRMATION **PREPARATION**

Registration for Confirmation Preparation is ongoing. Current 9th & 10th graders may register, online,



through the Corpus Christi website: www.corpuschristi.org. Click on Ministries, and then Confirmation Prep & Registration.

UPCOMING HS RELIGIOUS ED (Sundays 7PM)

Oct 16 How About the Holy Spirit? Year 2 Community Night Year 1 Oct 22 Year 1 & 2 Sac the Sacrament

RETREATS

The first two Confirmation Retreats will occur on: Fri., Oct 20 for Year 1, and Fri., Oct. 27 for Year 2.

SISTERS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

A team of university researchers has devised the first automated techniques to identify ads potentially tied to human trafficking rings and link them to public information from Bitcoin - the primary payment method for online sex ads.

This is the first step toward developing a suite of freely available tools to help police and nonprofit institutions identify victims of sexual exploitation.

Human trafficking is a widespread social problem, with an estimated 4.5 million people forced into sexual exploitation, according to the International Labor Organization. In 2016, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children estimated that 1 in 6 endangered runaways reported to the group were probably sextrafficking victims.

The Internet has enabled and emboldened human traffickers to advertise sexual services. Law enforcement efforts to trace and disband human trafficking rings are often confounded by the pseudonymous nature of adult ads and the tendency of ring leaders to employ multiple phone numbers and email addresses to avoid detection. Adding to the difficulty: Determining which online ads reflect willing participants in the sex trade and which reflect victims forced into prostitution.

To read the full story on Tech Xplore, go to: <a href="https://techxplore.com/news/2017-08-bitcoin-victims-human-news/2017-08-bitcoin-victims-news/2017-08-bitcointrafficking.html



FOOD BANK

We will be volunteering at the Food Bank on Saturday, October 28th, from 9—11 am. We meet at the church at 8:15, and return by way of Panera Bread. Please be sure to bring money for lunch. For more info, and to attend, please contact Ian Higgins (ianhiggins747@yahoo.com) or Psomi.

BRIDGES RUN

11/3



We will be going into the NYC on the evening of November 3 to feed the hungry on the streets of NY. If BRIDGES interested, please contact Will OUTREACH Hayward (whayward 18@newarka.edu) or Psomi.

SOLIDARITY SLEEP OUT THANK YOU!

Great thanks to Emily Lamb and Grace Lambrianakos who spear-headed the first Solidarity Sleepout. In attendance were over 50 teenagers from Corpus Christi and neighboring parish. The awareness



of homelessness among teens in our area, as well as those trafficked was mind blowing! Now it is time for everyone to add their efforts to the eradication of homelessness and trafficking among teens, children, and adults. Kudos to all who attended!

EXTREME FAITH



Extreme Faith is the music band/ choir that sings the 12:15 mass every Sunday during the school year. We need singers and instruments (piano, electric bass, guitar.) If interested please contact Psomi.

SENIOR DINNER THANK YOU

Many thanks to everyone who came out to enjoy the evening, and to all the teens who worked to make it a success. A special thanks goes out to those in charge: Teresa Garavente, Julia Gallop, and Jennifer Blackwood for all the behind-the-scenes work and coordination in making this event a night to remember.



NJ COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS

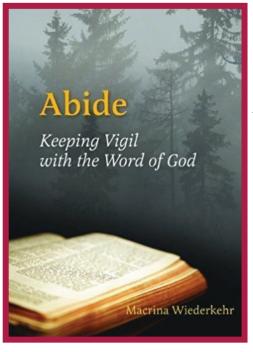
Because there are so many articles, readers are invited to go online for the latest articles.

http://www.njceh.org/



"Abide in me, as I abide in You"

Meeting in the Upper Room - Second Floor 7:00 to 8:15 pm



Breathe in the Word of God...

Wait before the Word...

Walk as a pilgrim through

the Scriptures...

Abide with God.

Meeting on the Second Tuesday of the month

Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, Feb. 13, Mar. 13, Apr. 10, May 8

Presenters: Diane Radwill and S. Margaret Dincher, SCC

Book - Abide - Macrina Wiederkehr - \$10.00 to Corpus Christi



WHAT IS "CHRISTMAS IN A BOX"?

It is a special Advent Project through which the parishioners and Religious Education students of Corpus Christi Parish have acted as anonymous Santas to struggling families and individuals since 1985.

WHERE DO THESE PEOPLE LIVE AND HOW DO WE GET THEIR NAMES?

Over the years, we have played Santa to people in Morris County (some right here in our community), Jersey City, Passaic, Paterson, Newark, South Orange and the Bronx. The names are supplied by priests and other religious, social workers, educators and program directors in the areas involved.

WHY DO WE CALL IT "CHRISTMAS IN A BOX"?

We try to include in each family's box all of the things that we ourselves would want to make our Christmas celebration complete – toys, filled stockings, food and decorations. But the most important things that go into the boxes are the things you cannot see –the powerful messages of *love, hope and care* for the families who receive them.

WHAT IF I'M NOT ABLE TO FILL A BOX BY MYSELF?

You can do what many already do – join with friends, coworkers, neighbors, & relatives to play Santa for a struggling family. This is particularly helpful with many of the larger families who need our help. We also have a list of individual senior citizens as well as individual children in need of gifts. If one gift is something you can manage, this is the perfect way to help.

CAN YOU GIVE ME THE DETAILS OF HOW THE PROJECT WORKS?

Each year on a Fall weekend (this year October 28 & 29), we have names of families and individuals available at church in between masses. This year we are requesting that, if possible, you make your request online at pabrocc@verizon.net by letting us know via email the number of individuals you would like to "adopt" or the number of family members you would like in a family. The families typically range in size from 2 to 10 people. We will then provide all of the instructions and information via email.

On Sunday morning, **December 3**, you will bring the filled boxes and gifts to the parish gym **before 11:30 am**. We will check the boxes in, load them into trucks' and deliver them to the participating organizations that same day. We make every attempt to keep the identities of the "Santas" as well as the participating parishes secret since it is our belief that this helps preserve the dignity of the recipients. For everyone involved, the anonymity works to enhance those special feelings of magic and mystery that Christmas alone can bring.

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