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DECEMBER 31, 2017

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY – DEC. 30/31



We honor the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. This is a reminder that we each learned about God first from our families. May we discover the paths of God's love especially through the love within each family.

THE FEAST OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD – NEW YEAR'S DAY

Our Masses for this feast will be on Sunday evening at 6 p.m.; Monday at 9:00 and 11:00.

SACRAMENTS • PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

EUCCHARIST

WEEKEND LITURGIES:

Saturday—5:00 p.m.

Sunday—7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES: 7:30 a.m.—Monday to Friday

EUCCHARIST FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND:

Every first Friday; other times upon request

FIRST EUCHARIST:

Usually celebrated in 2nd grade for children.

Celebrated at the Easter Vigil for adults.

BAPTISM

Baptisms for registered parishioners are celebrated at 1:15 p.m. on Sundays: monthly during the summer, and twice a month during the rest of the year. A required orientation for first-time parents of babies being baptized is held one Sunday each month, 10:15—11:45 a.m. (July & August by appointment.) Please contact the parish office in advance to register for the orientation and to schedule the Baptism. No Baptisms are scheduled until after the baby has been born.

Adults: participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Through this process, the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation are received. For further information, contact the parish office.

CONFIRMATION

Parishioners of high school age are confirmed following a two-year preparation program, usually culminating with Confirmation in the beginning of junior year. Adult parishioners are usually confirmed at the Easter Vigil. For further information, contact the parish office.

PENANCE

For all parishioners: celebrated on Saturday from 4:15-4:45 p.m. in the Atrium Conference Room; outside of these times, upon request.

Communal Penance services are held in Advent and Lent.

First Penance: Usually celebrated in the 2nd grade.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the parish office one year prior to the wedding. Preparation for Marriage includes: Pre-Cana or Marriage Encounter, as well as meetings with the priest who will witness the Marriage. Weddings may be scheduled any day Monday through Saturday. No weddings will be scheduled on Sundays, eves of holidays, holidays, or holiday weekends.

ANointing OF THE SICK

This sacrament may be celebrated with any person who is seriously ill. A communal celebration of this sacrament is held periodically. You may request this sacrament at any time, especially in case of emergency. Any parishioner who is in the hospital and wishes to see a member of the parish staff should notify the parish office.

ST. ANTHONY'S, OUR SISTER PARISH

Our parish is linked with our sister parish, Saint Anthony's in Passaic. Our Men's Society joins with Saint Anthony's in various projects. If you are interested in helping, please contact Fr. Lem Camacho at lcamacho@corpuschristi.org.

CYO BASKETBALL PROGRAM

See Corpus Christi website (www.corpuschristi.org) or call Jim LeMon at 973-701-1602 or email jlemon@lordabbett.com or Drew McKenzie at 973-635-1342 or email drewmckenz@aol.com.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Priscilla Ursino, Coordinator

Meets first Friday of month at 12:30 p.m. ~ Liturgy and Lunch
October – June

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SESSIONS

The parish offers a comprehensive program in religious education for pre-school, elementary school, middle school, and high school. These sessions are held on Sundays or Mondays. We also offer a program for students who are educationally challenged. Adult education programs are scheduled periodically and announced in the bulletin. For further information, contact the parish office, x711.

ALTAR SOCIETY

Coordinators: Kathleen Magill and Dorothy Shanahan

MEN'S SOCIETY

Meets second Tuesday of the month, 8:00 p.m.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

For those in their 20s and 30s, through social, spiritual and service activities, young adults meet at St. Paul Inside the Walls in Madison (www.insidethewalls.org) and volunteer with the youth here at Corpus Christi. Contact Psomi for further information.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Most youth entering high school become involved in Youth Ministry through a 2 year Confirmation Preparation Program which includes, service, education and retreats. In this three pronged approach, youth learn, experience and grow in their love for self, others and God. After Confirmation, young people are invited into deeper involvement or leadership which includes retreat teams, justice and service, teaching, music and more.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus is an international fraternal, family and charitable organization. Locally, the Parcells Council of the Knights of Columbus jointly serves the parishes of Corpus Christi and Saint Patrick. Membership is open to all Catholic men over 18. Visit the Parcells Council on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/parcellscouncil>

For further information contact Dan Otten at 973-335-1435.

AL-ANON MEETING

Al-Anon meets every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. This is open to any persons in the community who are family members or friends of those suffering from any type of chemical dependency, such as alcohol, etc. The meeting is held in the double classroom area. Enter the parish center through the main doors from the rear parking lot. This is not affiliated with the parish, but the facilities are offered as a service to the community. The participants are to maintain strict confidentiality and require anonymity.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

5:00 p.m. Jean Polakowski

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

7:30 a.m. Gina Sebastiano

9:00 a.m. Donald Finnerty

11:00 a.m. Brian Dougherty

12:15 p.m. Dale Cocchiola

6:00 p.m. Dolores Dewling

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

9:00 a.m. Maureen Alexander

11:00 a.m. Mae Wynne

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

7:30 a.m. Jerrold M. Evans; Eleanor Swift

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

7:30 a.m. Stan Feeley

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

7:30 a.m. Mary Skurka

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

7:30 a.m. Dorothea B. Mooney

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

5:00 p.m. Philip Philbin

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

7:30 a.m. Special Intention

9:00 a.m. Aimee Lauen

11:00 a.m. Bill and Jane Rech

12:15 p.m. John Thatcher

IN REMEMBRANCE

For the week of December 31, Sanctuary Lights burn and Bread and Wine is offered for a Special Intention.

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

DECEMBER 30/31

5:00 p.m. Fr. Mahoney 9:00 a.m. Fr. Mahoney

7:30 a.m. Fr. Mahoney 11:00 a.m. Fr. Lem

12:15 p.m. Fr. Lem

PRESIDER'S SCHEDULE

JANUARY 6/7

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

DECEMBER 31, 2017 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

Parish Offices Closed



TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

9:00 a.m. Centering Prayer

3:30 p.m. Joyful Noise

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, JANUARY 3

10:30 a.m. Praying the Rosary

8:00 p.m. Confirmation Team 1

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

4:00 p.m. Angel Chimes

4:30 p.m. Cherubs

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

DECEMBER 17TH COLLECTION

Envelopes	373
Checks	\$20,428.50
Cash	\$ 4,421.00
Total	\$24,849.50

THANK YOU

for responding with generosity to our financial needs. To give is an act of faith. We promise to be wise stewards with the funds that you entrust to us.

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.

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, **Emily Rose Koharski**, daughter of Keith and Christina.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

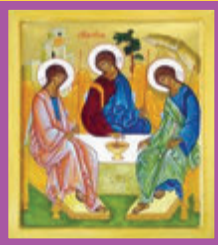
Patty Westerzelt, Jack and LaVerne Washburne, Brian Deasy, Mon Cassius, Pam Koch, Trish Dowling, David Natale, Donald de Castro, Megan O'Neil, Christopher Ciufo, Martin Dubel, James Mulvaney, Melina Hennigan, James Greendonner, Jeffrey Dowling, Donna Conforti, Carolyn Phalon, Wayne Parisi, Debby Conti, 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, Conor Jennings, Barbara Layman, Peter Pietrucha, Craig Wisdo, John Petite, Raymond O'Connell, Joseph Doria, John Fleming, Donna Kugelmann, 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, 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, Richard Delaney, Mary Lou Carrier, Bill Kolb, Lydia Oldroyd, Mary Conforti, Charlie Roussel, Jay Conroy, Richard Pelillo, Christopher Crahan, Ryan Lowe, Dominick Canavaro, Larry Califano, Frank Intagliato, Clifford McGuire, Don Stauber, Marie Meister, Marlenes Teixeira, John Crisp, Don Spagnuolo, Mary Incardona, Maddie Niebach, Anthony Careccia, Martine Errico, Henry Von See, Julie Mercer, Michelle Benaim, Parker Watson, Kevin and Dorothy Franken, Arnold Wainstein, Adriana Martins, Frances Psomas, Michael Liotta, Eugene Iannocelli.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE GONE HOME TO THE LORD...

John Sgroi, husband of Ida and father of Philip and Joseph



SPIRITUALITY—FAITH DEVELOPMENT

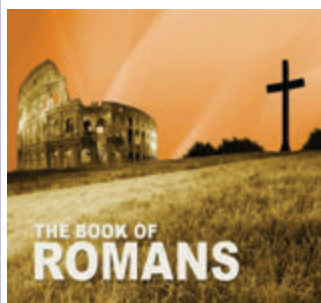


Contact:

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 in the early church and in the present.

Meetings are held 7:30 pm in the Upper Room on the second floor. The meetings are facilitated by Lee Finch. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, January 8th**.

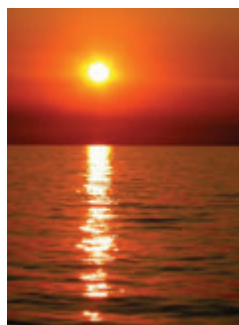
PAUL, "APOSTLE TO THE NATIONS"

The Wednesday morning Bible Study focus is on **Paul, Apostle to the Nations**. The sessions combine contemplation of the Word of God in biblical study and practical application for living as a follower of Christ today. These sessions are a time to explore, listen, and grow as God speaks in the Word through St. Paul.



The study is held in the Atrium Conference Room from **9 am to 10 am**. The next meeting will be on **January 10th**.

CENTERING PRAYER



"Enter God's Presence" by giving time to reflect upon God's Word as we seek to become a person of prayer. The time is spent on listening and applying God's Word to our everyday lives.

The prayer is held **Tuesday Mornings, 9:00—9:30 a.m.** beginning on **January 9th**.

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. The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 4th.

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. 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.

BOOK CLUB

The Silent Wife by Kerry Fisher is a gripping emotional page turner with a twist that will take your breath away.

Join the Book Club to share and discuss the book on Thursday, January 25, 2018, 7:30 TO 8:45 pm, Atrium Conference Room.



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**

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].



PRE-CANA

March 10, 2018

Corpus Christi Parish provides a Pre-Caná Program each year in the Spring and Fall, one of many facets of marriage preparation. Facilitated by our team of married couples, the program helps the engaged to build a strong foundation for a lasting, loving marriage.

Please contact Linda Wass for more information.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Jan 26-28

Princeton, NJ

CONTACT: Ruth & Tom DeFalco 732-904-9636

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

January 21, 2018

10:15—11:45 Conf. Room 1, upstairs

for first-time parents

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



Take Out Magazine

Family Faith on the Go

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



FINDING HOPE in the NEW YEAR

The new issue of **Take Out** Magazine suggests

Four Ways to be Hopeful

Happiness

The Beatitudes (Mt 5:2-13) help us focus on having the right attitude. As a family, focus on one beatitude each week and choose one way to live it out that week. Ex: *Blessed are the peacemakers:* agree to avoid loud arguments by taking the time to talk through disagreements.

Openness

As a family, agree to be open to the Holy Spirit in a special way this year. Talk about how you see the Holy Spirit guiding you. Once a week, have each person share the different ways they saw the Holy Spirit at work in nature, at school, work, church, and in other people. Make a HOPE JAR and write on slips of paper how you saw the Holy Spirit at work. Read these when you need a hope boost!

Prayerfulness

Set aside time as a family at least once a week to share needs you have noticed in family, friends, neighbors, or the world. Make a list of these needs and pray for God to help the people involved. Read the list aloud each week after new additions, then pray in your hearts for trust in God's will.

Enthusiasm

Enthusiasm comes from the Greek 'to be inspired by God.' As a family, agree that this year you will greet new ideas and people with enthusiasm and a willingness to work together. Also agree to greet difficulties that arise with the same spirit — a hopeful trust that God will bring about good.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK



Follow God's example in everything you do.

Give a life filled with love for others, following the example of Christ. — EPHESIANS 5:1-2

A MARRIAGE MOMENT

As we start a new year, step out of time to enter into a conscious NOW with your beloved.

Pause, find your spouse, and look at each other tenderly. Ponder the goodness of being together. Embrace.



A PARENTING POINTER

As you celebrate the end of 2017, gather the family and remember the joys of the year (*birthdays, accomplishments, milestones...*) and sorrows (*deaths, hurts, mistakes*). End with a group hug.



www.SusanVogt.net



Jan 18
9:30-11:00

moms of all ages & stages
are invited to get together once a month to

CONNECT & REFRESH
Moms meet in Resurrection Meeting Room
Babysitting in the atrium conference room ([RSVP](#))

Requested annual donation: \$25
RSVP: lindawass@corpuschristi.org

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

January 7 & 21
at 9:00 Mass



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

Children hear God's Word on their level, connect it to their experience, and respond in dialog, prayer, and song. They return to the main church with the CLW leaders after the Prayer of the Faithful.

CLW Team Planning Meeting

9—10:30 A.M., Thursday, JANUARY 11
Atrium Conference Room
to Plan children's liturgy of the Word for Jan 21 & Feb 4

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

- Use your gifts of faith & understanding of kids
- Feel the joy of helping children come to Jesus
- Team Ministry. Training & materials provided.
- **CONTACT:** lindawass@corpuschristi.org

Caring for
Aging
Parents



January 10
7:30-9 PM
Atrium Conference Room
(hallway near Baptism Font)

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Contact: Kay Hetherington 973-635-0070 x715 (phone); 973-635-5518 (fax) or email: kay@corpuschristi.org for PreK—Grade 5.
Contact: Brian Duemling 973-635-0070 x740 (phone); 973-635-5518 (fax) or email: bduemling@corpuschristi.org for Middle School (6-8)
Contact: Psomi 973-635-0070 x718 (phone); 973-635-5518 (fax) or email: Psomi@corpuschristi.org for Confirmation Prep (9-10)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

December 31/January 1	NO CLASSES
January 7/8	PreK—Grade 10
January 14/15	NO CLASSES
January 21/22	PreK—Grade 10
January 28/29	PreK—Grade 10
February 4/5	PreK—Grade 5
February 11/12	PreK—Grade 10
February 18/19	NO CLASSES
February 25/26	PreK—Grade 10
March 4/5	PreK—Grade 7 Grade 8 Retreat Grades 9/10 Special Session
March 11/12	PreK—Grade 8
March 25/26	PreK—Grade 5 Grades 6—8 Ice Cream Social

PLEASE HELP FEED AND CLOTHE THE HUNGRY

This week, the food donated will be going to the Hope House, Dover, NJ, one of our Catholic Charities agencies. 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, and 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.



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.

MEN'S RETREAT

JANUARY 12, 13, 14, 2018
LOYOLA HOUSE OF RETREATS
161 JAMES ST., MORRISTOWN

All the men in our parish are invited to attend the annual retreat in Morristown.

Our retreat will begin on Friday evening and continue through Sunday morning, with presentations by the Jesuit priests of Loyola and group prayer. There will be opportunities for individual counseling with the Loyola staff.

Fr George Collins, SJ is the new Director of Loyola and he will be directing our retreat. Fr. Collins is the former President of Cheverus High School in Portland, Maine.

The lovely historic home of Loyola offers us a setting that is perfect for quiet reflection and prayer. Please consider joining our group.

Please call any of the men below for more information or call Loyola direct at 973-539-0740.

Tom Browne	973-635-1078
Marc Gironda	862-251-0691
Bill Joyce	201-572-9444
Jim Keenan	973-635-9247
George King	973-635-9102
Jack Magill	973-635-5436



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 7 pm)
There will be no Religious Ed until January 7th

RETREATS The last of the confirmation retreats are coming up in January and February. Without a retreat, one cannot be confirmed. Please contact Psomi if you have not made a retreat yet, or have not planned to make one of these retreats.

Year 1: Jan 19; Year 2: Feb 2

PANCAKE BREAKFAST JAN 28



We need many teens to make the Pancake Breakfast a success. Set up is on January 27, from 10 until 3 pm. The breakfast crew runs from 6 am to Noon, with the breakfast itself running from 8—11 am. All high school teens are welcome. Please

contact Psomi to sign up for either day, or for more information.

EXTREME FAITH



For as much as we need singers, guitars, a bass, and a piano player, our drummer will be graduating. We need a young drummer to come in and learn some of the drumming



that is unique to our songs. We would welcome anyone from high school, as well as a 6th, 7th, or 8th grader.

FOOD BANK JAN 13



The next Food Bank trip will be on Sat., Jan. 13th. Please contact any of the following: Jenna Prasad jennaprasad@gmail.com, Grace Paskalides gradepaskalides@chatham-nj.org, or Psomi.

BABYSITTERS



Every so often people call the Youth Ministry office, asking for a babysitter. If you are a babysitter, or in need of a babysitter, we might be able to make some connections. Please contact Psomi for more info.

SUMMER SERVICE

This summer, from June 24—30, we will be working with the poor and needy of the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in North Carolina. There will be an organization and information meeting on Wednesday, January 10th at 7:00 pm. Please contact Psomi for more info.



SISTERS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING



Trafficking victims live among us. They may grow our food, make our clothes, serve us in a restaurant, do our hair or nails, or build our electronic devices. Trafficking occurs in every state in every nation, and is getting worse: In the United States alone, there was a 35 percent increase in sex trafficking

reported in 2016, according to Polaris, while labor trafficking reports rose by 47 percent.

One effective anti-trafficking group is the U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (USCSAHT). The 15 sisters on the board are from different congregations and from all over the country, and in common, they are engaged in a wide variety of ministries that involve work against human trafficking. These women offer services for survivors of trafficking: rescue, protection, education, rehabilitation, or create newsletters, maintain websites, act as the justice representative for their congregations, or do advocacy in Washington, D.C., in their state capitals, or with local officials. All have created prayer services and educational resources for their congregations or other organizations which can be found on the organization's website: curriculum, teaching modules, faith resources, newsletters, video, information about slave-free goods and services, and suggested actions.

Besides providing a networking tool for members and a source of education for everyone, USCSAHT was founded to be the official U.S. representative of a global network of sisters working against human trafficking. The global umbrella group, Talitha Kum (from Jesus' Aramaic words, "little girl, get up"), works with its director and with national and regional coalitions of sisters around the world that are engaged in anti-trafficking work.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops recently mentioned USCSAHT in its anti-trafficking newsletter, noting, "USCSAHT utilizes social media to showcase positive efforts and victories of women and men working tirelessly to combat trafficking."

BACK PACK PROGRAM

Our 2nd Delivery will go to the pre-school children at
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Sunday, Dec 31, 2017

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Endings and beginnings

The generations need each other. Young people seek heroes to look up to and aspire toward. Older folk need the fresh eye, courage, and idealism of newcomers at the table of decision-making. When we work together across generations, we take our surest steps into a future of hope. Elders like Simeon and Anna still haunt sacred places, waiting on God to fulfill old promises. Young families continue to present themselves, bearing their joys and uncertainties. This happy intersection is both consolation and challenge. Let's find out together what it means to be church!

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 or Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Colossians 3:12-21 or Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Luke 2:22-40 (17). *"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace . . . for my eyes have seen your salvation."*

Monday, Jan 01, 2018

OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Share the true gift of the season

Christianity is not a new philosophy or new morality, says Pope Benedict XVI. It is an encounter with the person of Jesus Christ: "We ourselves must be personally involved in an intimate and profound relationship with Jesus." Mary, the Mother of God, whom we honor today, was instrumental in bringing the person of Jesus to us and showing us how to fully embrace a life in Christ. Resolve to deepen your relationship with Jesus and, like Mary, find ways to bring Christ to others.

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21 (18). *"He was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb."*

Tuesday, Jan 02, 2018

MEMORIAL OF BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZUS, BISHOPS, DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH

Faith begins at home

Several giants of the early church, including today's Saints Basil and Gregory Nazianzus, were inspired by Basil's older sister Macrina (whose brothers also included two other saints, Gregory of Nyssa and Peter of Sebaste). Macrina deeply influenced her family with her asceticism. With the help of her younger brother, Peter, Macrina turned the family estate into a monastery and convent, providing a peaceful shelter for study and meditation. What inspiration can you draw from family members as you resolve to deepen your commitment to Christ in this New Year?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28 (205). *"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'Make straight the way of the Lord.'"*

Wednesday, Jan 03, 2018

MEMORIAL OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Dig a little deeper

As Christians, we believe we are called by name to follow Jesus. Do we accept what that belief implies: that Jesus knows us personally and considers us to be an essential part of his ministry? And as we call on Jesus, just how confident are we that we know who he is and what he wants out of the relationship? John the

Baptist knew who Jesus was, but such knowledge took rigorous prayer and questioning. Perhaps you need to do the same to discover why Jesus counts you among his friends.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 2:29—3:6; John 1:29-34 (206). *"And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."*

Thursday, Jan 04, 2018

MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS

Work with what you have

And you thought you were busy? Consider Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first native-born citizen of the United States to be canonized. Mother Seton founded the first American religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity. She opened the first American parish school, nursed sick and dying family, friends, and neighbors, and established the first American Catholic orphanage—all while raising five children as a widow! Next time your own responsibilities get you down, remember that you don't have to start out a saint to do some good in the world.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42 (207). *"Let no one deceive you. The person who acts in righteousness is righteous."*

Friday, Jan 05, 2018

MEMORIAL OF JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP

Stick it out for the long haul

Ever feel like you don't really belong—not even in the church? John Neumann (1811-60) must have had days like that. Born in Bohemia, his bishop didn't ordain him after seminary because the Hapsburg Empire had too many priests. So he came to America and was ordained within a month but always felt like an outsider. Later, when he was installed as bishop of Philadelphia, not one bishop showed up to support him. Stick around the church long enough, and you will be rewarded for hanging in there.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51 (208). *"Nathanael said to Philip, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip replied, 'Come and see.'"*

Saturday, Jan 06, 2018

MEMORIAL OF ANDRÉ BESSETTE, RELIGIOUS

Do the ordinary with extraordinary faith

When Brother André tried to enter his religious community, his superiors thought him too sickly and undereducated to amount to much. So they made him the community doorman. In addition to answering the door, he directed visitors, delivered packages and mail, awakened the community, ran errands, cut hair, sewed, fixed things, maintained the wine cellar, swept up, and—yes—he also did windows. When he died after decades of counseling and bringing God's healing to hundreds of thousands of people, a million mourners attended his funeral. Quite a switch for a person who didn't show much "promise." We recognize God's presence when we do our everyday tasks with generosity, love, and devotion.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 5:5-13; Mark 1:7-11 or Luke 23-38 (209). *"The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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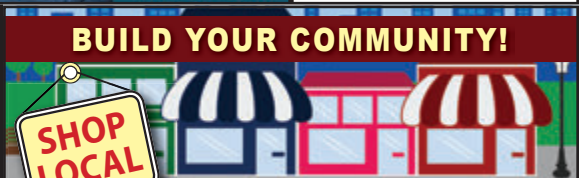
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