



# CORPUS CHRISTI

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## MARCH 24, 2019

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

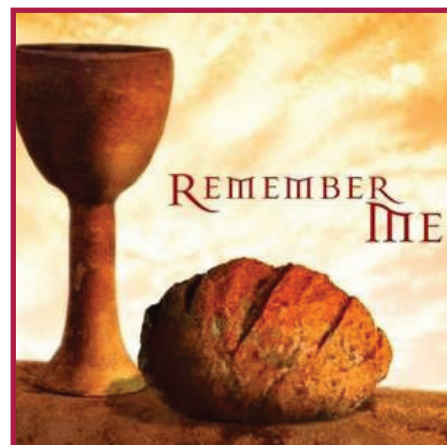
### *THANK YOU!*

I would like to thank everyone involved in the planning and implementing of my Installation Mass and reception this past Sunday morning. It was moving for me to experience the outpouring of support of so many over the weekend. I want to thank especially the staff of Corpus Christi Parish for all their hard work behind the scenes to make everything flow smoothly. Thanks also to all who attended that day and for your kind words, cards, gifts and well-wishes. I look forward to getting to know you better in the months and years ahead!



Fr. Kevin

*You're invited...*  
**To celebrate a  
Christian Seder**



Wednesday April 10, 2019

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Corpus Christi Hall



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*Reservation for Seder Meal*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Names \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline—Sunday, April 7, 2019

Donation: Adults \$20 — Children under 12 - \$10

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, March 23

5:00 p.m. Leo Rudnick

### Sunday, March 24

7:30 a.m. Rose Mary Finn

9:00 a.m. Eric Riso

11:00 a.m. Bobby Casazza

12:15 p.m. Sheila Downey

### Monday, March 25

7:30 a.m. Maureen Alexander

7:00 p.m. Florence Wardlow

### Tuesday, March 26

7:30 a.m. William L. Ilaria

7:00 p.m. Special Intention

### Wednesday, March 27

7:30 a.m. Frank Finnerty

7:00 p.m. Emilia Caspillo Rabang

### Thursday, March 28

7:30 a.m. Margaret Murray

7:00 p.m. Josephine Grant

### Friday, March 29

7:30 a.m. Philip & Nicolina Errico

7:00 p.m. Eliseo Solano

7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 30

5:00 p.m. Pat Reeves

### Sunday, March 31

7:30 a.m. Edward Mahon Family

9:00 a.m. Mary Clare Incardona

11:00 a.m. Eric Riso

12:15 p.m. Thomas DeQuinzio

## IN REMEMBRANCE

For the week of March 24, Sanctuary Lights burn for a Special Intention. Bread and Wine is offered in memory of Maureen Alexander. Blessed Sacrament Chapel flowers are in memory of Maureen Alexander.

### 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 MARCH 23/24

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

### PRESIDER'S SCHEDULE MARCH 30/31

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

## MARCH 24, 2019 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### TODAY

Religious Ed Grades PK—5

9:40 a.m. R.C.I.A.

6:00 p.m. Middle School Ice Cream Social

#### MONDAY, MARCH 25

7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Mass

4:00 p.m. Religious Ed Grades 1—5

7:00 p.m. Confessions

8:00 p.m. Bible Study

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 26

7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Mass

9:30 a.m. Lenten Renewal

3:30 p.m. Joyful Noise

4:15 p.m. Junior Bell Choir

6:00 p.m. Extreme Faith

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Mass

10:30 a.m. Praying the Rosary

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 28

7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Mass

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

7:30 p.m. Lenten Renewal

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 29

7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Mass

7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 30

9:00 a.m. Pre-Cana

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION — \$16,370

### Weekday Masses during Lent

In order to allow more opportunities to attend Mass during Lent, we will offer daily Mass at two times each day during the week at 7:30 AM and 7 PM.

This will continue until the beginning of Holy Week.

**CONFESSION TIMES** Saturday from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m. in the Atrium Conference Room; (and by appointment with one of our priests).

### "Welcome Home"

This Lenten season, each Catholic parish in the Diocese of Paterson will have Confession available every Monday evening March 11th to April 8th from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. If you have been reluctant to come to the Sacrament, have been away for some time or just found it difficult to get to a Saturday afternoon Confession time, this is a wonderful opportunity to re-connect with Christ and His Church. Don't be afraid! Information will be provided. Ask the priest to help you.

## WELCOME!

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

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Patty Westerzelt, LaVerne Washburne, Brian Deasy, Mon Cassius, Pam Koch, Trish Dowling, David Natale, Megan O'Neil, Christopher Ciufo, Martin Dubel, Melina Hennigan, James Greendonner, Jeffrey Dowling, Donna Conforti, Carolyn Phalon, Wayne Parisi, Debby Conti, James J. Price, Pat Pierson, Florence and John Hefe, 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 Kugelman, Jeffrey Hodgeson, Kiran Kenney, Helen Dwyer, Margaret Pittaluga, Tina Errico, Nick McGann, John (Jack) Kaplan, Marie Orgo, Lucy Ryan, Joann Uibelhoer, Beth Abella, Hazel Townsend, Nicholas Ciufo, Peter Elder, Lori Abrams, Brandon Glynnyoung, David Carey, Marylou Perrini, Alan Fischer, Sarah Addison, Carol Murphy, Likeu Lee, Susan Kosinski, Camille Moran, Michael Turinchak, Dorothy Norton, Sr. Barbara Takacs, Diane Allen, 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, 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, Susan McGeough, Marianne Conod, Mary McNiff, Joseph Cirella, 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, 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, Maddie Niebach, Anthony Careccia, Martine Errico, Henry Von See, Michelle Benaim, Parker Watson, Kevin and Dorothy Franken, Adriana Martins, Frances Psomas, Eugene Iannocelli, Peggy Cox, Eileen Matt, Everett Farren, Connie McNamara, Ann Zerga, Peter Sussman, Cheryl Maiorini, Alfri Rundio, Barbara Marvin, Beth Cintron, Anna McGeough, Andrew White, Peter Perla, Adeline Lombardi, Caitlin Murray, Donald Hanson, Giovanna Tagliaferri, Nancy Merola Miller, Diane Rudolph, Bud Goehring, Louis Purul, Mary Schwartz Carey, Ann Gilroy, Diane Kolster.

**Sr. Margaret** is recovering very well. Please keep her in your daily prayers.



## Bishop Serratelli's Lenten Pastoral Letter The Pharisee and the Publican: Sins Forgiven

<https://bishopserratelli.rcdop.org/pastoral-letters>

### GUIDELINES FOR FASTING AND ABSTINENCE DURING LENT

Roman Catholics are asked abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and on all Fridays during Lent. The rule of abstinence from meat is for Catholics aged 14 and onwards, unless there are mitigating health concerns. In this case, one is able to do a good work in place of this.

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, we are also asked to fast (for those 18 to 59). Fasting means a person is permitted to eat one full meal during the day. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but they are not to equal that of a full meal. For those with mitigating health issues who are unable to fast and/or abstain, one is able to do a good work in place of these.

While those are the only two days of full fasting and abstinence required, all of Lent should be a time of spiritual formation and preparation for Easter.

Also recommended are spiritual studies, beginning with the Scriptures, as well as the traditional Lenten Devotions (sermons, Stations of the Cross, and the rosary), and other acts of sacrifice.



### KEEP CONNECTED UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO

Changed your Email or Postal address; Cell phone number or no longer have a Landline?

Let us know – Call the Parish Office 973-635-0070 x 710 or visit our website [www.corpuschristi.org/contact](http://www.corpuschristi.org/contact) to update your information. We want to stay connected!

### COMING SOON A NEW FEATURE FOR ON-LINE GIVING DONORS



#### 'Donor Self Management'

Already an On-Line Donor, an email was sent to you.

Want to become an On-Line Donor, go to our website at [www.corpuschristi.org/contributions](http://www.corpuschristi.org/contributions) or call the Parish office 973-635-0070 x 710. Make your secure recurring or one-time donations via electronic check, debit or credit card, change the frequency of your gift, pause/reactivate and update your personal information and print out your tax statement.

It is easy and secure and it is managed directly by you! Thank you for your generous support to our parish community at Corpus Christi. We appreciate you!



## SPIRITUALITY-FAITH DEVELOPMENT



### Contact:

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

### *Christian Initiation of Adults*

If you or someone you know wishes to prepare to receive Confirmation or Eucharist, please contact Sr. Margaret. During Lent, sessions will be held to prepare for the celebration of these sacraments at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 20, 2019.



### SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST



All Eucharistic Ministers are asked to sign up for Sunday liturgies by email. If you are having difficulty with the process please email Richard at richardg653@gmail.com and check the bulletin board for the positions that need to be filled.

Additional ministers are needed for this ministry.

### PASTORAL CARE

If you or someone you know is in the hospital or is homebound and wishes to receive Communion or the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact Sr. Margaret.

For those who wish to receive the Sacrament of the sick, our priests are available to celebrate the Sacrament with them.



## ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Altar Servers are needed at Mass. At least one server is needed to process with the cross at the entrance to Mass, to lead those who bring the gifts to the altar and to lead the priest to exit at the end of the Mass.

## BIBLE STUDY

### Letter to the Hebrews

On Monday evenings from 8:00 to 9:00 pm Bible Study will be on Paul's letter to the Hebrews. It is one of the most beautiful and most challenging books of the Bible according to some authors. The study is led by Lee Finch.



## Abide Keeping Vigil with the Word



The session is held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 9th.

*Facilitators:*  
Diane Radwill & Sister Margaret

## Lenten Prayer "Boundless Compassion"

**Tuesday mornings March 19, 26, Apr. 2, 9**  
**or**

**Thursday evenings March 21, 28, Apr. 4, 11**

Joyce Rupp presents us with a practical invitation and challenge to change ourselves and our world by becoming and living out compassion.



## FAMILY/MARRIAGE MINISTRY



Contact: Deacon Sal Bonfiglio  
973-635-0070 x720  
sbonfiglio@corpuschristi.org

### BAPTISM

### PREPARATION

*is required for first-time parents*



Contact the Family Ministry office for an appointment.

### Marriage Preparation

Contact the Marriage & Family Ministry office 12 months before you plan to be married to begin your preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage.



### Take Out Magazine

*Family Faith on the Go*

***The March issue is here!***

The new issue has lots of great ideas to help your family grow closer to one another and God during Lent. Previous month's issues are also available.

Pick up a copy at the Family Ministry Table in the Atrium

### LENT IS A TIME TO FOCUS ON:

- \* PRAYER
- \* FASTING
- \* ALMSGIVING

**HOW WILL YOU SPEND THIS LENTEN SEASON?**

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



On a **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** weekend, married couples get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones to focus only on each other -- to deepen, enrich, and grow in their relationship.

Sessions are held in various locations throughout the year. Go to [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) for more information and to sign up.

*Do something good for your marriage.*

Check out the **Family Ministry Table** at the back of the Atrium

You'll find various family and marriage--related booklets and pamphlets that are yours to take. New items every month.

### Help for Troubled Marriages



#### 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](http://www.retrouvaille.org)

Children's Liturgy  
of the Word

**NEXT**  
**April 7th**  
**9:00 Mass**

For children ages 5 to 10,  
or under 5 with a parent

*Parents are always  
welcome to sit in*

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

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Contact: Brigitte Hanley** 973-635-0070 x715 (phone); 973-635-5518 (fax) or email: bhanley@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 (Grades 6-8)

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

### Religious Education Grades PreK - 5

CLASS - March 24/25

CLASS - March 31/1

CLASS - April 7/8

CLASS - April 14/15

NO CLASS - April 21/22

LAST CLASS - April 28/29

#### Kids Corner: LENTEN PROJECT FOR THE HOMELESS

Please bring NEW socks of all  
sizes into CCD classes  
throughout Lent, they will  
benefit Bridges Outreach



## 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!

#### CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Elementary and Middle School Instrumentalists:  
Christmas Youth Orchestra  
Children—Grades 3 through Middle School  
Children—K-2: Cherubs & Chimes

#### ADULT CHOIRS

Corpus Christi Adult Choir rehearses on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Emmaus Room.  
Corpus Christi Handbell Choir rehearses on Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Emmaus Room

**For the youngest members of our church family who would like to participate in the music for Easter Sunday, Cherub Choir has a new Sunday morning time, 8:30 am before the 9 am mass. This is for children in grades kindergarten through 2nd grade and is a commitment for Sunday morning going forward until Easter. Registration can be completed online at the parish website. For more info, see Mr. Long or Miss Elizabeth, or check the flyer that went home at CCD two weeks ago.**

#### DRIVERS FOR EVA'S KITCHEN

Volunteer drivers take the meals provided by our volunteer cooks to Paterson. You would be picking up the meals at the church at 10 am. Helpers at Eva's Village will help unload the car and you would be home by noon. **We are in need of drivers for the Third Sunday of each month. Please Help!**

**Call** Terri at the Parish Office, 973-635-0070 x710 if you are able to help with the driving or cooking.

#### PLEASE HELP FEED AND CLOTHE THE HUNGRY

This week, the food donated will be going to the Partnership for Social Services Family Center, Franklin, 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.





Contact M. A. "Psomi" Psomas-Jackloski;  
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www.facebook/chathamyoungministry

## CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

**Registration** Year 1 (9th grade) and Year 2 (10th grade)...on the parish website online.

www.corpuschristi.org—  
Ministries—

Youth Ministry and Confirmation—



## IN IT FOR LIFE!

There is a new committee being started and it is all about life.

It's about respect for one another in school and at other places, and is also about affirming the good choices that young people can make in relationships and at parties. It's about treating yourself and others lovingly. This is brand new here at Corpus Christi. We need a good name and logo. Come be part of something good. We need both teens and parents. Please contact either Mary Loneragan, maryloneragan22@gmail.com or Psomi.



## ONE GOOD DEED

**APRIL 28**

We will be going around the neighborhood on Sunday April 28 to help people with small household chores.

Anyone who would like to help in this great experience should contact Psomi.



## EXTREME FAITH

Anyone who wishes to join Extreme Faith is always welcome. We are a fun group of high school and college age voices and instruments who sing

at the 12:15 mass every Sunday during the school year. Contact Psomi for more info.

## PASTA NIGHT

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23**

Thanks so much to all who attended and supported the Pasta Night for the Youth Summer Service Trip. Special hurrahs go to Katherine Witte and Emily Middletown who lead this great event, and to Hugo Barth who cooked and donated much of the pasta and sauce. Great job everyone!



## MISSION '19

We will be spending a week in West Virginia from June 23—29, 2019. Anyone who still wants to come on the trip should contact Psomi.



## PASSION PLAY

**APRIL 13 & 14**

This year the Passion Play takes place on the weekend of April 13th & 14th. We rehearse the week before.

Any child or youth from 5th grade and up is welcome to be part of this memorable experience. Rehearsals are from 8—9 PM during the week of April 8th. For more info please contact Psomi.



## Slavery on the Lake

*By Sisters Against Human Trafficking*

(CNN)About 4.8 million people worldwide -- roughly the population of Ireland -- became victims of sex trafficking in 2016, according to the International Labor Organization.



Sex trafficking is commercial sex induced by force, fraud or coercion or performed by a minor. Though US figures can be hard to pin down, 7,255 sex trafficking victims were identified in 2017 by the National Human Trafficking Hotline.

Countless victims simply can't reach out. But you can help. Learn to recognize the signs of trafficking. If you suspect someone is a victim, call 1-888-373-7888 or text "help" to BeFree, 233733. This call center is operated by the nonprofit Polaris and provides immediate support and local and national resources, 24 hours a day. You can submit anonymous tips online here.

When victims can escape a trafficker, they don't have many options. Some only have their clothes and limited job skills. They often lack social or family support and have nowhere to go. Compounding that, experience in the commercial sex industry leaves some victims with alcohol and drug addictions and some with criminal records.

To read the full story by Christopher Dawson on CNN:

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/02/19/us/iyw-help-stop-sex-trafficking/index.html>

## HOTEL SOAP RUN

We will be going out to hotels again in about a month to drop off soaps and other information about human trafficking at hotels in the Morristown area. Even though it is small, it helps. Kids have been found. If you are interested in coming on a Saturday morning or a Sunday afternoon, please contact Psomi. We are sure to be safe.





## Sunday, Mar 24, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### When to be a quitter

In playground rhetoric, a quitter is among the worst things to be. Even in adulthood, none of us wishes to cultivate a reputation for not following through on projects and promises. But sometimes it's good to quit, as any nicotine addict, alcoholic, or gambler will attest. How do we judge "when to hold 'em, and when to fold 'em"? Jesus promotes fruitfulness as the most reliable measure of an effort's viability. Holding on to a fruitless situation that does not respond to herculean efforts toward cultivation is a waste of life's soil. Contemplate what to preserve and what to prune.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9 (30). *"So cut [this fig tree] down. Why should it exhaust the soil?"*

## Monday, Mar 25, 2019

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

### Do not be afraid

Artist Henry Ossawa Tanner's painting of the Annunciation allows us to imagine the awesome exchange between Mary and the angel Gabriel in a new way. The light in the painting depicts the Divine messenger, but it is the look on Mary's face that reminds us of her humanity and makes us ponder our own. When the unexpected or the confusing complexity of life stops us in our tracks, when we do not understand, and when we feel afraid, it is God's promise to be with us and Mary's model of acceptance and trust that can console and lead and guide us. If there is a doubt, or a struggle to understand, or a fear of the unknown for you today, surrender your worries to Mary and ask for her help.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38 (545). *"May it be done to me according to your word."*

## Tuesday, Mar 26, 2019

LENTEN WEEKDAY

### Lighten your load

Forgiveness is one of those things that's easier said than done. Even after we've reluctantly uttered the words, "OK, you're forgiven," who among us hasn't secretly carried a grudge against our offender? Judging by the number of lawsuits filed each year, we aren't so good at forgiving our debtors or trespassers. But does "forgiving from the heart," as we are called to do, mean we have to become everyone's favorite doormat? Hardly. It simply means that we accept the fact that others are as human and prone to folly as are we. Lent is the perfect season to practice forgiving from the heart. Give it a try—you'll feel lighter when you no longer have to carry that grudge around.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35 (238). *"Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?"*

## Wednesday, Mar 27, 2019

LENTEN WEEKDAY

### School is in session

In his sixth-century *Rule*, Saint Benedict, one of the founders of monasticism, described a monastery to be a "school of the Lord's service." School may not be everyone's favorite place, but in the best sense of the term, a school is a good place to learn, and the Catholic tradition offers a number of them. The liturgy, for example, is a school for prayer—think of all the different kinds of

prayer in the Mass—and also for life: You learn to make yourself a living sacrifice in communion with Jesus. Scripture, the saints, and the church's moral teachings also offer "learning opportunities" to explore. It's time to get some schooling!

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19 (239).

*"Hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe."*

## Thursday, Mar 28, 2019

LENTEN WEEKDAY

### How to be more prophet-able

Many think of biblical prophets as people whom God gave the mysterious power to see into the future. Prophets, however, were not crystal-ball gazers who predicted what was to come. Most of the time they talked about the present—their present—and sometimes about the past as well. They focused on what the People of God were doing—or not doing—in their relationship with God. In bringing God's word to a situation, they called people back to God and showed them that God was still a guiding force in their lives. God summoned a long line of prophets to serve the Israelites, and there have been Christian prophets, too. A few prophets might even be around today. Hear any?

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23 (240). *"I have sent you untiringly all my servants the prophets."*

## Friday, Mar 29, 2019

LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

### When will we forgive?

Nobody likes a traitor. From Brutus to John Wilkes Booth to Judas, those who betray ultimate loyalties like patriotism or friendship seem beyond redemption. A deep bond also exists within families that can be trespassed or broken. In times of infidelity, mistreatment, severed trust, or divorce, it can seem that the idea of family itself has been lost. While people often don't feel the capacity to pardon violations, emotion plays only a part in the task of forgiveness. Forgiving is also an act of will, not only of feelings. God models the decision of forgiveness for us, allowing the healing to begin. Abstain from meat today—and from withholding the healing power of forgiveness.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34 (241). *"I will love them freely; for my wrath is turned away from them."*

## Saturday, Mar 30, 2019

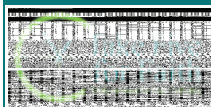
LENTEN WEEKDAY

### Go ahead and ask

While most of us do not commit obviously grievous sins, we still "miss the mark" regularly in subtle ways, for example, by being angry or self-righteous. Although it is not easy or comfortable to admit that we are not perfect, our spiritual well-being depends upon it. May our prayer today be that we are made aware of the times and ways we have sinned so that we can ask for God's mercy. For although God doesn't wait to be asked before forgiving us, we cannot receive that forgiveness if we haven't acknowledged our need for it.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14 (242). *"The tax collector prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.'"*

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



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# 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 DURING LENT**

Monday through Friday—7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

## **EUCCHARIST FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND:**

Every First Friday; other times upon request

## **FIRST EUCCHARIST:**

Usually celebrated in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade for children.

Celebrated at the Easter Vigil for adults.

## **BAPTISM**

Infant baptism: for registered parishioners are celebrated two Sundays a month. A 1-hour baptism preparation class is required for all first-time parents. After the child is born, contact the parish office to schedule the baptism. Baptism prep classes are scheduled as needed.

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.

## **CONFESSION TIMES**

**Saturday from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m. in the Atrium Conference Room; (and by appointment with one of our priests)**

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 Engaged Encounter, as well as meetings with the Pastoral Associate for Marriage and Family, the Music Minister, and 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.

## **CYO BASKETBALL PROGRAM**

See Corpus Christi website ([www.corpuschristi.org](http://www.corpuschristi.org)) or call Jim LeMon at 917-576-1619 or email [jlemon1023@gmail.com](mailto:jlemon1023@gmail.com)

## **SENIOR CITIZENS**

Priscilla Ursino, Coordinator

Meets first Friday of month at 12:30 p.m.

Liturgy and Lunch October – June

## **ALTAR SOCIETY**

Coordinators: Kathleen Magill and Dorothy Shanahan

**MEN'S SOCIETY** Meets second Tuesday of the month during the school year at 7:30 p.m.

## **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, x 715.

## **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](http://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.



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