

Happy 4th of July!

JULY 5, 2020

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Two years ago, I decided to change the lithium battery on my iPhone by myself. How hard could it be? I have an electronics background and thought, "I have done much more complicated repairs." After receiving the kit in the mail, I began. I soon realized that the screws were so small that even wearing glasses and using a magnifying lens, I could barely match the screws with the screwdriver. The directions said to pull a piece of elastic underneath the battery which would separate the battery from the case. When I pulled it, the elastic broke. I eventually gave up and brought it to a cell phone repair shop in the Willowbrook Mall, so they could fix the damage I caused. This experience reminded me of a truth. Sometimes things that look easy are really very difficult. Thank God for the trained repair person with better eyes than me!

George Washington understood this when he penned a letter to his wife on July 3, 1776. He wrote, "In a few days, you will see a Declaration setting forth the causes which have impelled us to this mighty revolution and the reasons which will justify it in the sight of God. I am fully aware of the toil and blood and treasure that it will cost to maintain this Declaration and support and defend these states..." He understood the long-term commitment that this simple endeavor would cost in terms of blood, sweat and tears. One hundred years later, another president spoke of the ongoing task to maintain our freedoms and asked, "whether that nation, or any nation, so conceived and so dedicated, could long endure." Lincoln knew clearly that our simple freedoms required an ongoing commitment towards one another and the common good. There is no other way!

Today we are at a crossroad in terms of the many challenges that threaten to tear at the fabric of our nation. Maybe we all need to recommit to seeing each other as brothers and sisters, fellow travelers headed towards the same destination, recommitting ourselves to respectful dialogue, and trying to understand one another, as we work towards the common good. Sounds easy, but like previous generations, we are finding how hard it really is! Yet, the more that we turn to God in prayer, the more we realize that we are not alone in this endeavor. As we enjoy this day with family and friends, let us give thanks to God for all the blessings and freedoms that we enjoy!

Fr. Kevin

### PUBLIC WEEKEND MASS TIMES (Parish Hall)

### Saturday 5:00 pm; Sunday 7:30 & 9:00 am

### Reservations Required Online at www.corpuschrisiti.org

### Live Stream Masses will continue streaming for those unable to attend or prefer to be at home Saturday 5 pm, Sunday at 9 & 11 am

### A FEW THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

Mass will be in the Parish Hall, limited to 50 people and reservations are required.

- Face Coverings are required for those over 2 years old, wear upon arrival, during Mass and until you return to your vehicle.
- Parishioners are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer.
- The Parish Hall will be cleaned and sanitized after every Mass.
- Parking will be in the rear parking lot only.
- Handicapped parking is available in the rear parking lot.

Seating will begin 20 minutes before the start of Mass. Please arrive early.

### ENTRANCE AND SEATING

Please wear a face covering at all times.

- A greeter will meet you at the Parish Hall entrance and check you in by reservation.
- Please observe proper social distancing while waiting to enter.
- Sanitize your hands as you enter the Parish Hall.
- An usher will guide you to your seat with seating from the front to the back.
- Seating will comply with social distancing guidelines.

Family members of the same household can be seated together.

### COMMUNION

Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass at the back of the Parish Hall. If you prefer not to receive Communion, please follow the Communion procession, and receive a blessing by crossing your arms.

- Communion will not be offered on the tongue only received in the hand.
- No gloves should be worn while receiving Communion.
- Use of personal hand sanitizer before communion is strongly encouraged.
- Upon reaching the Communion Station, with the mask still in place, the communicant should receive the Eucharist in their hand and step to the side to consume.

Immediately exit after receiving Communion and proceed directly to your vehicle.

### **SPECIAL NOTES:**

There will be no bulletins or missals.

A Giving Basket is available in the Parish Hall for your convenience. No baskets will be passed. We thank you for your generosity and ask that you consider modifying your giving and <u>give online</u> on our website. Giving electronically is easy and safe, and at this time it helps us administratively.

- At the Bishop's request, singing by the congregation is discouraged.
- There will be no Sign of Peace.
- No food or drink will be permitted in church.
- The restrooms are available for **emergency use** only.
- No public gatherings or greetings are allowed before or after Mass. Please proceed directly to your vehicle following Mass.

Thank you for joining us at Mass. Let us know if you have any questions or need anything.

# LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

**Mass Intentions are livestreamed** on our parish website: www.corpuschristi.org/parish-livestream

### Sunday, July 5

7:30, 9 & 11 am Ruth Paulus; Patricia Vaillancourt; Kevin F. Wassong; Frances Psomas; Paul Trotta; Rita Genualdi; Robert Marrone Monday, July 6 7:30 a.m. John Buttner **Tuesday**, July 7 7:30 a.m. Maureen Alexander Wednesday, July 8 7:30 a.m. Patricia Bullen Thursday, July 9 7:30 a.m. Franciszek Jarosz Friday, July 10 7:30 a.m. **Special Intention** Saturday, July 11 5:00 p.m. Humberto Savino; Bernie Conlan Sunday, July 12 7:30, 9 & 11 am Bernard Conlan; Robert Garrity; Rita Elizabeth Genualdi; Annetta Murphy; Jimmy Murabito

### IN REMEMBRANCE

For the week of July 5 Sanctuary Lights burn in memory of the Jarosz and Medeiros Families.. 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.



### **NON-PERISHABLE FOOD COLLECTION** WEEKDAYS AND WEEKENDS 10 AM - 4 PM

Drop off food at the front entrance of the church. Please respect social distancing if there are others dropping off at the same time. The food bank needs your help! Please consider a monetary donation. We will record your donation. https://pushpay.com/g/corpuschristifoodpantry

# JULY 5, 2020 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TODAY 9:40—10:55 am Adoration (Live Stream)

MONDAY, JULY 6 1—3 p.m. Adoration (Live Stream)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8 1—3 p.m. Adoration (Live Stream)

FRIDAY, JULY 10 1—3 p.m. Adoration (Live Stream)





### Mass Schedule

### July 4/5

# In-Person Masses in Parish Hall: (Reservation Needed)

Sunday, 7:30 am Sunday, 9:00 am

Saturday, 5:00 pm Msgr. Mahoney Fr. Andrew Fr. Kevin

### Livestream:

Saturday, 5:00 pm Fr. Kevin Sunday, 9:00 am Fr. Andrew Sunday, 11:00 am Msgr. Mahoney

### July 11/12

#### In-Person Masses in Parish Hall: (Reservation Needed) Saturday, 5:00 pm Fr. Kevin

Sunday, 7:30 am Msgr. Mahoney Sunday, 9:00 am Fr. Andrew

### Livestream:

Saturday, 5:00 pm Fr. Andrew Sunday, 9:00 am Msgr. Mahoney Sunday, 11:00 am Fr. Kevin

# Office Hours

Summer office hours from June 22 until September 4 are Monday—Thursday 9 to 4 and Friday 9 to 1 by phone or email.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Patty Westerzelt, Brian Deasy, Mon Cassius, Trish Dowling, David Natale, Megan O'Neil, Christopher Ciufo, James Greendonner, Jeffrey Dowling, Donna Conforti, 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, 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, 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, Abigail Brady, Frances Smith, Claudia Fernandez, Tom Warren, Marty Erickson, Mary Beth Bonkowski, Carey Jenkins, Aurora Tremaroli, Aubrey Baumbach, Christopher Green Cunningham, 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, Thomas Singer, Gregory Malzberg, Kristine Ryan, Luis Gallardo, Susan McGeough, Joseph Cirella, Donna Gocking, Marti Sullivan, Lauren Gardner, Edward Cameron, Marie Viteri, Steven Hensle, William Cody, John Keelin, Richard Delaney, Mary Conforti, Charlie Roussel, Jay Conroy, Richard Pelillo, Christopher Crahan, Ryan Lowe, Dominick Canavaro, Larry Califano, Frank Intagliato, Don Stauber, Marie Meister, Marlenes Teixeira, John Crisp, Don Spagnuolo, Maddie Niebanch, Anthony Careccia, Henry Von See, Michelle Benaim, Kevin and Dorothy Franken, Adriana Martins, Eugene Iannocelli, Everett Farren, Connie McNamara, Ann Zerga, Cheryl Maiorini, Alfri Rundio, Barbara Marvin, Beth Cintron, Andrew White, Adeline Lombardi, Caitlin Murray, Giovanna Tagliaferri, Nancy Merola Miller, Ann Gilroy, Stephanie Windsor, Rosemarie Moeller, Patricia Marceterre, Connie Prince, Bud Jeannette, Georgina Weiland, Anna West, Maddi Kinney, Michele Carney, Patti Mahoney, Robert Bruce, Richard Terranova, Diana Nazelli, Donald de Castro, Elizabeth Yanis, Peter Paul Perla, Kevin Snow, Greg Romais, Timothy Finnegan, Mary Mulhall, Jim Tsakonos, Denis Schreiber, Carmela Mino, Nicholas Storms, Ron Leonardis, Jonathan Schwanwede, Tom Kerr



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

JAMES DUNN, UNCLE OF ELLEN PURTELL

### SPIRITUALITY-FAITH DEVELOPMENT



### Contact:

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

### **PASTORAL CARE**

If you or someone you know needs the sacrament of the sick please call Sister Margaret. During this time the funeral homes call directly to Father Kevin to arrange for a burial.



### LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND SERVERS

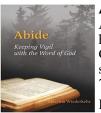
We are in need of additional Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Servers. If you are interested, please e-mail Sister Margaret and you will be contacted.

### **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**

If you are interested in Spiritual Direction which helps a person deepen in his/her relationship with God, self, others and creation, contact Sister Margaret



by phone or e-mail for more information.



### ABIDE

Abide is a monthly program to help one breathe in the Word of God. A meeting is held on the second Tuesday each month at 7:00 pm.

If anyone would be interested in joining a group meeting on Zoom

or co-leading a group with Sister Margaret, please email: marga@corpuschristi.org.

### RCIA

During these months, Faith has been our support. RCIA gives us the opportunity to grow in our Faith, receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist or any one of the Sacraments if we have not done



so. If you would like to know more about the RCIA and/or prepare to receive the sacraments you have not as yet received, call Sister Margaret.

# **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Contact: Brigette Hanley** email: bhanley@corpuschristi.org for PreK—Grade 5

**Contact: Brian Duemling** email: bduemling@corpuschristi.org for Middle School (Grades 6-8)

**Contact: Haley Heiberger** email: Haley@corpuschristi.org for Confirmation Prep (Gr. 9-10)



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GRADES PREK-5

Please check out the following resources to bring faith into your home for your children:

www.catholiciong.com www.catholiciong.com www.dynamiccatholic.com www.looktohimandberadiant.com

### Registration for next year is OPEN! Register HERE

### Follow us on Instagram

@ CorpusChristiParish

### Find us on Vimeo

Corpus Christi Chatham





Email Brigette Hanley for more information BHanley@corpuschristi.org.

### Middle School Religious Education Registration (Grades 6-8)

**Registration** is now **OPEN** for 2020/2021 on the Corpus Christi website at <u>https://corpuschristi.org/</u>reregistration. Classes next year will be offered on Sundays at 8:00 am, 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm for all Middle School grades.

Classes will be filled as registrations are received. Children should be registered in the grade they are attending in school. Baptism Certificates are needed for those registering for first grade and for children new to the program.

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# MIDDLE SCHOOL CATECHISTS NEEDED!

I know this is a very disruptive time in the lives of every parish family; however we look forward to religious education classes beginning in the new school year and welcome any adult 18+ to serve as a Catechist for our young adults.

**Interested?** Please contact Brian Duemling at <u>bduemling@corpuschristi.org</u>. If you are worried about having the right knowledge and skills, be at peace. The Holy Spirit does a great job covering areas of concern!

# SPIRITUALITY FOR MEN

Contact: Robert Long email: rlong@corpuschristi.org

# Join Bob Long to Read...

From Wild Man to Wise Man: Reflections on Male Spirituality

> Tuesdays @ 7:00 p.m. July-August via ZOOM.

Contact Bob Long for more information.



Contact Haley Heiberger 973-507-8718 (desk); 973-635-5518 (fax) email: haley@corpuschristi.org; www.corpuschristi.org www.facebook/chathamyouthministry

### **CONFIRMATION INFOMATION** THOSE BEING CONFIRMED

We are collecting information for those being Confirmed in the fall. Please follow this link to fill out all the necessary information and dates for Confirmation if you have not already done so. https://



www.corpuschristi.org/confirmation-sacrament-sign-up

### **BLUE SHEETS**

Those needing to hand in Blue Sheets should scan (or take photo) and send them to Haley. Any service you have done so far will be accepted as completed.

Please send your information to: haley@corpuschristi.org. or text to 605-553-8031.

### **CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION FOR** 9TH & 10TH GRADERS

Confirmation registration is now open to those in 9th & 10th grade. Please follow the link to be put on the mailing list and to register. All teens-public, private and Catholic schoolsshould register, although Catholic school teens' registration is at no cost.

#### **NEEDED FULL-TIME DEVELOPMENT AND ADMISSIONS ASSOCIATE** (for the 2020 - 2021 school year)

Morris Catholic High School is a coeducational, college preparatory school, in Denville, founded in 1957 as a regional high school of the Diocese of Paterson. The school enrolls approximately 430 students, grades 9 through 12. The student body is comprised of Catholic and non-Catholic students from 45 nearby communities of northwest New Jersey.

The Development & Admissions Associate is expected to provide outstanding customer service to prospective and current school families, trustees, alumni, and other school community members, in-person, on the telephone, and via electronic communications. He/she is expected to also have the basic information necessary to answer frequently asked questions to better serve school community members with various inquiries. Occasional off-hour attendance at and assistance with Development and/or Admissions events will be necessary.

Application Instructions: Please submit your resume (or CV) with a cover letter describing your interest, relevant qualifications and a list of three professional references to: hr@morriscatholic.org

# **Reflection** ...

### by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

In what seems now to be a lifetime ago, I had a minor role in a high school production of the Broadway play "1776." The unique aspect here was the fact that the cast was made up of both teachers and students. One did such things like that not only for the fun (which it was) but also to cement healthy relations with the students while building school community. Years later, one of the student cast members, indeed the one who played Thomas Jefferson, wound up being the next door neighbor of my sister. When he and I met again, our memories brought us back to our brief acting careers. We could even recite some of the lines from the script that we had to memorize way back when!

I thought of all this as our Independence Day weekend 2020 is upon us. Naturally, the events of the real 1776 come to the fore. We recall the bravery of our Founding Fathers in declaring independence from a tyrannical King George, whose decisions and actions had forced the issue. We also remember that July 4<sup>th</sup> was only the beginning. What followed was a bitter war, the first of many our country has fought since. That was the price in hardship and blood that our freedom cost in those tenuous days. Our young country paid it in full.

As Catholic Christians, we are keenly aware of another kind of war, a spiritual one, not limited to a calendar year. It pits us against the lesser parts of ourselves that we know can block our efforts to be independent of sin. We long for the peace of our promised heaven. Fortunately, we follow the greatest "Revolutionary" of them all: Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Bible tells us how He fought for and won our freedom from sin and death. So the war is won, even though our individual battles go on.

On this weekend of parades, barbecues and dazzling fireworks that we use to mark the Fourth, it might seem out of place to reflect on this inner spiritual war. But our Scriptures today call us to do so, and they are beyond any fixed time. After all, they speak to us of real life, and its battles will be with us long after the parades are over and the fireworks fade away.

St. Paul once wrote about such a battle in his letter to the Romans, in Chapter 7, verse 19. Hear it again: "For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do-this I keep on doing." Sound familiar? This tyranny is far worse than that of King George. So, what a relief it is to hear Jesus say today these most comforting words in all of the New Testament: "Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.

While we honor the heroics of our noble Founding Fathers, and our first army of colonials, we can, in this Holy Eucharist also honor God our heavenly Father. Gladly do we take His Son's yoke upon us, for it is truly easy and a light burden.

I close with something we all need to remember: the freedom we celebrate this weekend, and all freedom, including the spiritual, is never "the right to do as we please, but the liberty to do as we ought.' Enjoy your holiday!

### Sunday, Jul 12, 2020

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Tell me what you see

Most stories aren't very mysterious. Even so-called mysteries have predictable plots that we anticipate before they unfold. We know, for example, that the fellow wandering into the cemetery at dusk is going to meet a bad end, and the storyteller knows that we know. It's all part of the fun. When reading Bible parables, the meaning is rarely mysterious. Seeds fall on different soil, reap different results. No surprise there. A parable's mystery isn't in not knowing, but in not seeing. What kind of soil are we? What seed has been planted in us, awaiting its harvest?

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23 (103). "The disciples approached him and said, 'Why do you speak to them in parables?' "

### Monday, Jul 13, 2020 Looking for prophets in our midst

Many of us lately have learned what it's like to be held back by illness, as the coronavirus brought about grinding halts to life as we knew it. Blessed Charlie Rodríguez Santiago, a candidate to be the first Puerto Rican saint, was prevented from getting an education because of severe chronic illness. He died on this day in 1963 at the age of 44—and left behind a legacy of liturgical renewal in the church. He advocated for use of vernacular languages and increased lay participation—which came to be shortly after his death with Vatican II reforms. How can you too be a prophet for hope and change in our own disease-challenged days?

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 1:10-17; Matthew 10:34-11:1 (389). "Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward."

### Tuesday, Jul 14, 2020

MEMORIAL OF KATERI TEKAKWITHA, VIRGIN Indigenous help to heal the world

Kateri Tekakwitha—born Mohawk and Algonquin in 1656, canonized in 2012—is a fitting intercessor for coronavirus, though she is actually patron saint of ecology. Losing her family to the same smallpox epidemic that left her disfigured and half blind, Kateri knew firsthand the suffering wrought by disease. Perhaps her empathy helps account for so many miraculous healings attributed to her to this day. But Kateri's love of the earth may also inspire our continued care of the environment, which has seen healing of its own during human quarantine. Kateri, pray for us on all fronts!

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 11:20-24 (390). "Will you be exalted to heaven?"

### Wednesday, Jul 15, 2020

MEMORIAL OF BONAVENTURE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH Love finds the common ground

Saint Bonaventure (1221-74) was born Giovanni di Fidanza to a noble Italian family and joined the Franciscan order at the age of 22. By then, Francis had been dead for 17 years, and conflict had arisen among his followers as they tried to imitate the poverty Francis embraced. Bonaventure, who brought gifts of intellect and organization, emerged as a leader and teacher who helped the order resolve differences and renew its purpose. He encouraged a Franciscan detachment from wealth and practiced it himself, but not at the expense of generous love. Bring a spirit of love to the conflicts you face today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16; Matthew 11:25-27 (391). "What you have hidden from the learned and clever, you have revealed to the merest children."

### Thursday, Jul 16, 2020

### Easy does it

Today's readings promise both a smooth path (the first reading) and a light yoke (the gospel). But Christianity does not promise comfort and ease. Rather, our faith is founded on the idea that Christ conquered death *through* suffering. One of our primary symbols is the crucifix, an ongoing reminder that Christ offers victory over suffering and death but first experienced them. Ultimately, our rough paths and burdens do find rest in Christ. If you are tempted today to give in to ridicule, anger, despair, or a sin that weighs you down, try to "put on the yoke of Christ," and see if your mood lightens.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Matthew 11:28-30 (392). "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

### Friday, Jul 17, 2020

### Kyrie eleison, down the road that I must travel

The Greek words *Kyrie eleison* are some of the most ancient and powerful—words of the Christian liturgy: "Lord, have mercy." Typically we find these words in the penitential rite where the church asks God's mercy and forgiveness. But these words are not just for penance; they are words of life and encouragement to the weary soul. It's as if we are saying, "Look kindly upon me." This call for mercy is not just directed toward God; it is also part of the fabric of our relationships with ourselves and the world. We can look kindly upon ourselves, instead of berating ourselves for what we didn't get done. We can look kindly upon the fragile earth and God's good creation. How is mercy calling you?

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Matthew 12:1-8 (393). "If you knew what this meant, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned these innocent men."

### Saturday, Jul 18, 2020

### A tireless voice for justice

During the era of European conquest of the Americas, Native American people were typically regarded as savages who must be "conquered" and coerced into conversion or pushed aside. Bartolomé de Las Casas is remembered today as one of the few voices opposing the dominant ideology of religious and secular leaders alike. Appalled by colonial cruelties in the Caribbean in the 1500s, he doggedly advocated for the rights of indigenous people for some 50 years, urging an end to the cruelties and coerced conversions. Remember de Las Casas and make justice a central part of your own witness.

TODAY'S READINGS: Micah 2:1-5; Matthew 12:14-21 (394). "They oppress householder and house, people and their inheritance."



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

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