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February 19, 2023
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ash Wednesday and Our Lenten Journey

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten season. Lent can be one of the most grace-filled times in the Church calendar if we choose. It is a time to reflect on God's care for us. God loves us so much that he is 100% committed to our well-being. Lent is about us reflecting on our own personal commitment level in response to such a great love.

Over the year, our hearts and minds lose focus. We allow God to move out of the primary place in our hearts and lives, and let other lesser goods become our focus. We all sin and do things that hurt our relationship with God and others. It is easy to feel comfortable and justify wherever we are in our spiritual journey. Lent helps us together to refocus our hearts, our actions, and our lives, to be totally honest before God, ourselves, and others.

On Ash Wednesday, when we receive ashes on our foreheads, we are told to "turn from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." To do this, we focus more on prayer, penance, and almsgiving. As adults, we abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent (see the Guidelines for Fasting and Abstinence during Lent on page 5). We are also invited to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) during Lent to heal us from the effects of our sins. Our parish will offer Confessions on Monday evenings in Lent in the Church from 7 PM to 8:30 PM. We also pray more and open our hands to those who are poor to remind us that we are indeed our brothers' and sisters' keepers. During Lent, it is appropriate to think of something that we can give up or something good that we can do for others.

In doing so, together we support one another as we journey with Jesus towards Easter and we allow ourselves to be transformed. As we make this journey, we remember that all these intentional practices have one purpose in mind -- to empty our hearts and lives to make room for God's great love, to experience this joy, hope and healing and to share it with others!

Fr. Kevin

Liturgies for the Week

Saturday, February 18
5:00 pm Marie Rudnick *(36th Anniversary)*
Sunday, February 19
7:30 am George Minton
9:00 am Carol McGill
11:00 am Charles E. Walsh; John J. Giblin, III; Barbara Jean Terry
6:00 pm Patricia Smyth
Monday, February 20 *(Presidents' Day)*
9:00 am Maureen Alexander; Nicholas Storms
Tuesday, February 21
7:30 am A Special Intention
Wednesday, February 22 *(Ash Wednesday)*
7:30 am Paige Curcio
7:30 pm For Our Parish
Thursday, February 23
7:30 am Kathleen Bergman
Friday, February 24
7:30 am Maureen Alexander; Nicholas Storms; Gerard Malanga
Saturday, February 25
5:00 pm John Lloyd
Sunday, February 26
7:30 am Cecilia Regan
9:00 am James V. Tino
11:00 am Charles E. Walsh; William Ward; Joan Tolkin; Elsi Green
6:00 pm Iona Panico

In Remembrance

For the week of February 19, Sanctuary Lights burn for a Special Intention. Bread and Wine are offered for Maureen Alexander. Sacrament Chapel flowers are in memory of Maureen Alexander.

Presider's Schedule

February 18/19

Saturday 5:00 pm Msgr. Mahoney *(livestreamed)*
Sunday 7:30 am Fr. Kevin
Sunday 9:00 am Fr. Kevin
Sunday 11:00 am Msgr. Mahoney *(livestreamed)*
Sunday 6:00 pm Fr. Kevin

February 25/26

Saturday 5:00 pm Fr. Kevin *(livestreamed)*
Sunday 7:30 am Fr. Kevin
Sunday 9:00 am Msgr. Mahoney
Sunday 11:00 am Msgr. Mahoney *(livestreamed)*
Sunday 6:00 pm Fr. Kevin

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Calendar of Events

Today, Parish Office Closed Today

Monday, February 20 *(Presidents' Day)*
Parish Office Closed
No Adoration or Confessions

Tuesday, February 21
5:30 pm Adult Bells

Wednesday, February 22 *(Ash Wednesday)*
7:30 am Mass–*Distribution of Ashes (livestreamed)*
1—3 pm Eucharistic Adoration
4:00 pm Service–*Distribution of Ashes*
7:30 pm Mass

Thursday, February 23
7:30 pm Choir

Friday, February 24
4:15 pm Teen Bells

Ash Wednesday
Distribution of Ashes:
7:30 am—Mass *(livestreamed)*
4:00 pm—Service in Church
7:30 pm—Mass

Pastor's Offertory Collections Update

We would like to thank you for your generosity and supporting Corpus Christi Parish. Your support gives the ability to live our Parish mission which is: "Fed by Word and the Eucharist, we are the body of Christ called to Welcome, Worship and Grow in relationship with Christ, who leads us to Serve and Invite others to Discipleship."

Collections have been increasing over the past 6 months and we have seen a 16.6% increase in the offertory from the 1st quarter of 2022 (July-September) to the 2nd quarter (October-December). The upward trend is encouraging!

The offertory for the month of January 2023 was $152,596.21. This brings us to 90.61% of our budgeted offertory collections year to date. It should be noted that our January collection included contributions from several parishioners (for the entire year) and is not indicative of a normal monthly collection.

Christmas Collections through January 31, 2023, amount to $139,257.00. This represents 81% of our budgeted amount and exceeds last year's (year ended June 30, 2022) total Christmas collections.

Please know that we appreciate your efforts and sacrifice and are grateful for your continued support!

Peace,
Fr Kevin

LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES 2023
DR. RAY GUARENDI
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Dr. Ray Guarendi is a Catholic father of ten adopted children, a clinical psychologist, author, professional speaker, and national radio and television host. His radio show, "The Dr. Is In" can be heard on over 440 stations and Sirius XM channel 130. His TV show, "Living Right With Dr. Ray" can be seen on EWTN Global Catholic Network and is aired in 140 countries. **https://www.drray.com/** Please register online at our website, corpuschristi.org.

STANDING STRONG AS A PARENT AND GRANDPARENT
March 5th, 2023, 7:00 PM in the Church
Parents, teachers, and anyone who works with children today are having their confidence, peace of mind, and authority undercut by several widespread myths that have been pushed upon them by the experts, the media and almost everybody else. This presentation will foster self-confidence, peace of mind, and will put authority into your hands where it belongs.

THE LOGIC OF BEING CATHOLIC
March 6th, 2023, 7:00 PM in the Church
Is the Catholic faith reasonable? Is it logical? How do you know it's true, when compared to all the other options out there? This presentation will show the evidence and reasons that brought him back to the Catholic faith after having left it for a decade. You will hear evidence you may have not heard before.

Why are we here? What's life all about? Who am I? What am I searching for? What's our shared story? Why do we need a Church?

Join our Lenten Program to find answers to these questions. We all need to get back to the basics to make sure the foundation is strong. Find meaning and purpose again with THE SEARCH, a beautiful new video-based program that explores life's big questions.

Register online at corpuschristi.org
Tuesday Nights, 7—8:30 pm,
February 28; March 7, 14, 21, 28

Watch the trailer: https://youtu.be/QOwZFL5Wpj8

Welcome!

New parishioners are asked to register for the parish by going to our **website at corpuschristi.org. Click on the CONNECT tab at the top of the home page.**
For more information, please call the Parish Office at 973-635-0070 ext. 710.

Baptism

We welcome into the church through the sacrament of Baptism, **Camilla Rose Biggiani**, daughter of Jeffery and Lauren.

Please Pray for the Sick

Kevin Franken, Sr. 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, Connie Prince, Bud Jeannette, Anna West, Patti Mahoney, Robert Bruce, Richard Terranova, Diana Nazelli, Elizabeth Yanis, Peter Paul Perla, Timothy Finnegan, Mary Mulhall, Jim Tsakonos, Denis Schreiber, Carmela Mino, Ron Leonardis, Jonathan Schwanwede, Angie Dincher, Virginia Lutz, Keith Thomas, Max Leyn, Victor Rispoli, JoAnne Feliciti, Christine Marinello, John Dory, Margaret DiPopolo, John Savarese, Edna Torsiglieri, Jade Navarro, Carol Lovelock, Betty Ann and Ron Henning; Nancy McKiernan, Maire O'Donnell, Amy Hefele, Brian Carpenter, Amy Wert, Arlene Winsch, Steve Karasoulis, Terry Stephen, Louis Panello, John Cristofano George E. Blake, Peter Newell, Ken McCaffrey, Ruth White, Heather Nicole McGuire, Valeria Capurro, James O'Connell, Ann Ross, Gina McCarthy, Josephine Dymowski, Eileen O'Boyle, Cathy Hansen, Owen Moran, Jim Haggerty, Jan Kerr, Vince Di Roberto, Kathleen Bekiaris, Bailey Buell, Nancy Thompson, Greg Klimek, Suzanne Sersun.

Pray For Those Who Have Gone Home to the Lord...

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Corpus Christi is looking for responsible, reliable altar servers in grades 3 to 10 who are willing to learn all altar server roles, including assisting at masses and other special parish events.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming an altar server, please contact us at **frkevin@corpuschristi.org**.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

I am excited to announce that Bernadette Sherry will be joining our staff as an administrative assistant on Tuesday, February 21. She has many years of administrative assistant experience working at Ernst & Young in New York City where she interacted with both clients and leadership personnel.

She is a resident of Madison, NJ and lives with her son Colin. Bernadette enjoys travelling to see her family in Ireland, taking long walks and reading.

Please join me in welcoming Bernadette to the Corpus Christi family!

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CORPUS CHRISTI - ST. PATRICK

Lent and the Knights

Charity, Unity and Fraternity, the basic principles of the Knights of Columbus, fit perfectly with Lenten self-denial and spiritual growth.

Charity is our guiding principle. The Lenten practice of **almsgiving** refers to all forms of charitable outreach to those in need—precisely the aid we engage in as Knights.

Unity empowers Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their community. For Knights, lent is a time to unite with God, which is attained through a habit of daily **prayer**.

Fraternity is how Knights value the brotherhood and solidarity we and our families share. We know that sometimes that requires patience, abstaining from a hasty word or angry remark. In a word, we practice **fasting** from that which undermines our fraternity.

To learn more about the Knights of Columbus in the Chathams, call John Kelly 201-213-6967.To become a Knight, visit www.kofc.com/joinus.

Guidelines for Fasting and Abstinence during Lent

Roman Catholics are asked to 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 18-59). 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 activities, such as spending more time studying the Scripture, attending Mass more frequently, as well as traditional Lenten Devotions (Stations of the Cross, Bible studies, Lenten talks and the Rosary), and other acts of sacrifice such as reaching out to those in need around us.

New Legacy Books

Guidelines for acceptable and unacceptable books.

We **accept books** in good, readable condition that have an ISBN barcode label on the book cover. Hardcover, paper back and textbooks are all welcome!

We **CANNOT accept books** that do not have an ISBN barcode on the cover. We also **CANNOT accept** encyclopedias, library reference, magazines or water damaged books.

If you have any questions, please contact us at www.NewLegacyBooks.com

The **"Book Bin"** is a collaborative effort by the Parish and The Gingham Giraffe Preschool. Funds acquired will be used for building improvements. Please donate only books with ISBN barcode!

Thank you!

Save the Date

Msgr. Mahoney's 50th Anniversary as a Priest
Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 11:00 am Mass
Light reception to follow

Food Collection

Catholic Charities Food Pantry
(Non-Perishable Food Only)

Drop off food in the bins in the atrium of the church.

Items most needed: Non-perishable items such as Coffee, Tea, Parmalat, Baby Food, Formula, Canned Meats and Fish, Canned Fruit, Cereal, Oatmeal, Pancake and Waffle Mix, Syrup, Soup, Brown/White Rice, Pasta Products, Macaroni & Cheese, Cookies, Crackers, Protein Bars, Peanut Butter, Jelly, and Condiments.

Please consider purchasing low-sodium/low-sugar items.

Before COVID the Food Bank was feeding 7,000 people each month. Now the number is up to 21,000

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Grades Pre-K to 6
Contact: Brigette Vohden
email: bvohden@corpuschristi.org

Grades 7—10
Contact: Jim Murray
email: corpuschristi@boldym.com

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Contact: Jim Murray
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Classes

Our next classeses for grades PreK-6 are March 5th & 6th. Remember to attend Mass and Class!

Our Next Family Event

Parents Night Out! 6PM Mass on Feb 26th and then parents head out on the town as kids stay to do fun activities at church. Email Brigette if you're a HS student and can help from 5-9.

Sacramental Prep

Our 2nd graders participate in their Communion Retreat soon. Options are Feb 26th or March 19th, from 12 - 3. Please note that Communion prep takes 2 years, typically grades 1 and 2, to prepare for both Reconciliaiton and Communion.

BOLD youth ministry by fiat ventures

Upcoming Events!

Discipleship Night

When: Wednesday March 1st from 7-8:30pm
Where: Corpus Christi
Who: All High Schoolers are Welcome!
Why: To Grow in Faith and Friendship.

BOLD MIDDLE

Sushi Making!

Next BOLD Middle: March 17th

Questions? Contact Jim Murray at CorpusChristi@boldym.com or 973-370-2532

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