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MARCH 12, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

THIRST



In 1992, the Washington Redskins won the Super Bowl with a victory over the Buffalo Bills. Seventy-five thousand people gathered on the mall between the Capitol and the Washington Monument to cheer their team and coach. Several days later, there was a request to see if any player could attend a rally at a prison the next day. None of them were available, so coach Joe Gibbs volunteered to go. After winning the Super Bowl, he could have opened any door, but he chose to go to a penitentiary to speak about his faith. There he said to the over 500 prisoners, "A lot of people in the world would probably look at me and say: Man, if I could just coach in the Super Bowl, I'd be happy and fulfilled... But I'm here to tell you, it takes something else in your life besides money, position, football, power, and fame. The vacuum in each of our lives can only be filled through a personal relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Otherwise, I'm telling you, we'll spend the rest of our lives in a meaningless existence. I've seen it in football players' eyes, and I've seen it in men who are on their deathbed. There's nothing else that will fill the vacuum" (*Chuck Colson 1992*).

Today, Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at a well. She is drawing water by herself at the middle of the day. She is at the well because she is thirsty and empty. Thirsty not just for water, but for love and respect and peace. Empty because of the consequences that her sins had caused in her life. Jesus doesn't just happen to come upon her. He intentionally went to the middle of nowhere to meet this woman where she was. It was only after confronting her sin and changing, that she was able to move on with her life. A thirsty Jesus comes to the well because he thirsted for her love and her wholeness, not to condemn her. There is a sense of joy that returns to her life, as she is forgiven and transformed.

As we celebrate this 3rd Sunday in Lent and continue to journey with Jesus through the desert these 40 days, we are reminded of the love of our God who seeks us out personally. He comes to meet us in those spaces where we are empty and "thirst" for more. Jesus also calls us to do our part in being honest about our sin and how it has affected our life. When we do, we allow Jesus to do the same for us and allow our deepest thirsts to be quenched.

Fr. Kevin

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 11

5:00 pm Carol Ann McGill; Patricia Anne Smyth

Sunday, March 12

7:30 am John D. Alexander, S.J.

9:00 am Ian W. Lerner

11:00 am Carlo Tamburelli; Jean and Joe Carpino

6:00 pm Patricia Smyth

Monday, March 13

7:30 am Maureen Alexander

Tuesday, March 14

7:30 am Marie & Walter Wos and Adrienne Szigety

Wednesday, March 15

7:30 am Mary Rinaldi

Thursday, March 16

7:30 am Eileen Rooney

Friday, March 17

7:30 am Maureen Alexander

Saturday, March 18

5:00 pm Ann Durnin; Betty Vera

Sunday, March 19

7:30 am Richard Pigott

9:00 am Barbara Godin

11:00 am Anela Alerte; Sr. Dorothy Ries

6:00 pm Janet Benitez

IN REMEMBRANCE

For the week of March 12, Sanctuary Lights burn for a Special Intention. Bread and Wine are offered for Maureen Alexander. 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 \$60. The Parish will coordinate the request with our florist, Carl Lemanski.



All are welcome to
PRAY THE ROSARY
Monday thru Friday
after 7:30 am Mass.

MARCH 12, 2023 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today

9:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

9:00 am Hospitality Sunday

Faith Formation Classes:

8 am & 10 am—PreK-6

4:30 pm Confirmation Classes

4:30 pm Lenten Concert

6:00 pm Family Mass



Monday, March 13

1—3 pm Eucharistic Adoration

4:15 pm Formation Classes 1—6

7—8:30 pm Confessions—Welcome Home

Tuesday, March 14

5:30 pm Adult Bells

7:00 pm The SEARCH

Wednesday, March 15 (Staff Retreat Day)

Parish Office Closed

1—3 pm Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 pm Bold Discipleship Night



Thursday, March 16

7:30 pm Choir

Friday, March 17

4:15 pm Teen Bells

6:00 pm Bold Middle School Night

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

PRESIDER'S SCHEDULE

March 11/12

Saturday 5:00 pm Fr. Kevin (livestreamed)

Sunday 7:30 am Msgr. Mahoney

Sunday 9:00 am Fr. Michael

Sunday 11:00 am Fr. Michael (livestreamed)

Sunday 6:00 pm Fr. Kevin

March 18/19

Saturday 5:00 pm Fr. Michael (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. Michael



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LENTEN REFLECTION CONCERT

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023 AT 4:30PM

Featuring:

Paul J. Carroll, *organ and piano*

Kathleen Foster, *viola*

Jody Mullen, *soprano*

Patricia Ruggles, *mezzo-soprano*

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**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](https://corpuschristi.org)

**Meetings held on the Second Floor of the Classroom Wing
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. 711.

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.



SAVE THE DATE

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

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 Felicit, Christine Marinello, John Dory, Margaret DiPopolo, John Savarese, Jade Navarro, Carol Lovelock, Betty Ann and Ron Henning; Nancy McKiernan, Maire O'Donnell, Amy Hefe, Brian Carpenter, Amy Wert, Arlene Winsch, Steve Karasoulis, Terry Stephen, Louis Pannello, 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, Ann Martin White.

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

Kevin O'Boyle, cousin of Cristin McKenna



WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY: ENDOW

You are invited to join other women for an 8-week study of John Paul II's *Letter to Women* by working through an Endow Study! Endow (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women) is a Catholic women's apostolate dedicated to helping women recognize, cultivate and educate their unique feminine genius as articulated by Pope St. John Paul II. We will be reading the actual text of the document (in this case John Paul's Letter), a spiritual and theological commentary, and questions in between and at the end for us to discuss in friendship and fellowship. We will tackle one chapter per meeting and the BEST part is there is **NO homework!** We read everything out loud together during the meeting. Just bring your wonderful self and your study guide. This study is open to all women; you do not need to be a Corpus Christi parishioner to attend.

Meeting times and place are TBD. Please contact Christine Flanagan at chrisflanagan21@gmail.com or call/text 201-988-8530.




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Some of our efforts reach back to our founding in 1882, when Fr. McGivney saw how widows and their children were left penniless upon man's death. The small mutual aid program begun back then has become one of America's best insurance providers, as ranked by A.M. Best and Forbes magazine.

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





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Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sunday scripture readings are proclaimed and explained on a level appropriate to children in grades **pre-K (4 yo) – 3rd grade (8 yo)** at the **9:00 am Sunday Mass** from **September through May**. Any child in this age group may participate. More information on the website.

UPCOMING DATES:

March 19
April 2, 16
May 7, 21
June 4, 18

MASS CARDS

If you would like to get a Mass Card, contact the Parish Office weekdays from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at 973-635-0070 x 711, or complete the form on our website: corpuschristi.org/mass-cards with the information needed for your Mass intention request. We will then confirm your request by phone call or email for the date and Mass time requested. The suggested donation for a Mass intention is \$25.

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MINISTER OF EVANGELIZATION

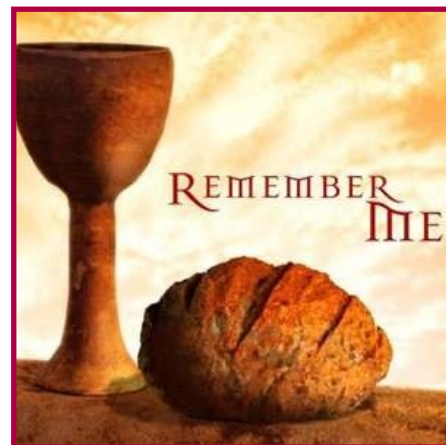
We have filled the new **Minister of Evangelization** position at Corpus Christi Parish. Alexandra Carroll will be joining us beginning Monday, March 13, 2023. Alexandra comes highly recommended. She is also the spouse of Paul, our Minister of Music. This will be a part-time position

Alexandra Carroll

Alexandra (Altonjy) Carroll is very excited to be taking on this new role in the Corpus Christi community! Most recently, Alexandra was the Development Specialist at the Diocese of Paterson. Alexandra is currently pursuing a Master of Science in Church Management at Villanova University through a partnership with the Diocese of Paterson and looks forward to graduating this May. She is an advocate for Catholic education, having taught music PK-8, and is a proud member of the Corpus Christi Choir. Together with her husband, Paul, Alexandra created Musical Collaborations, which provides music educational programs in the form of weekly instruction for children and adults in New Jersey and educational tours around the world. Alexandra holds a Bachelor of Arts degree, in Music and English, from the College of St. Elizabeth (now St. Elizabeth University).



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



Wednesday March 29, 2023
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Corpus Christi Hall



Reservation for Seder Meal

Name _____

Cell Phone _____ email _____

Additional Names _____

Deadline—Sunday, March 26, 2023

Donation: Adults \$25 — Children under 12 - \$10

Scenes from the Diocesan Catechetical Conference

March 4th, at St. Elizabeth's University



On Saturday, March 4th, catechists, parents, and volunteers gathered for a full day of workshops, prayer, community and sharing. The closing Mass was celebrated by Bishop Sweeney as catechists were honored for milestone years of service. Corpus Christi was proud to recognize Lisa Gaschler for 20 years of service, and Maryann McCabe for 15 years of service to the children in the Faith Formation Program at our parish.

BOLD Discipleship Night

Last week's Discipleship Night was a smashing success! Teens Alex and Tessa generously shared with us their culinary expertise by putting together a delicious dinner of fried chicken and mac-n-cheese from a generations-old secret family recipe. After dinner, we played a competitive game of "Fishbowl" before sitting down to some really fruitful discussion on Lent, Prayer and how to better pursue God during this season. Please continue to keep the teens and youth ministry staff in your prayers as we journey together towards Christ!

-Jim Murray, Coordinator of Youth Ministry



Faith Formation

Grades Pre-K to 6

Contact: Brigitte Vohden
email: bvohden@corpuschristi.org

Grades 7—10

Contact: Jim Murray
email: corpuschristi@boldym.com

High School Service Coordinator

Contact: Jim Murray
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Faith Formation at Corpus Christi Parish

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Classes

Our next classes for grades PreK-6 are March 12th & 13th. Remember to attend Mass and Class!



Our Next Family Event

Make sure to join us for the Reconciliation Service on March 20th at 7:00 PM and for Meal and a Message with Sr. Anne Weiss, FMA on March 26th at 12:00 noon. More info online.



Sacramental Prep

Our next group of 2nd graders will participate in their Communion retreat on March 19th, please make sure to sign up if you haven't already. Many volunteers are needed! If you're available on March 19th contact Brigitte to help out with this fun event.



Upcoming Events! Discipleship Night

When: Wednesday March 15th from 7-8:30pm

Where: Corpus Christi

Who: All High Schoolers are Welcome!

Why: To Grow in Faith and Friendship.



BOLD MIDDLE



March 17
6:00-7:30

Corpus Christi Gym

Come learn about the lives of the Saints and celebrate St. Patrick's Day together

Contact Jim Murray to RSVP
or with questions
CorpusChristi@boldym.com

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CorpusChristi@boldym.com or 973-370-2532

Reflection...

by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Like the petals of a springtime tulip or a summer rose, this story that St. John presents opens up from a simple beginning to a wonderful end. In its long form we are given so many details to unpack that analysis of them would not fit the confines of this space. Allow me to cite just two, and offer what I trust will be helpful reflections.

Both details involve the reactions of people to Jesus: first the disciples and then, of course the unnamed woman who comes to the well. The disciples play a minor role in the story, but they provide some matter for meditation. They have just returned to the spot where they left Jesus, because they had gone to buy lunch food. (Note that Jesus in His human nature could get hungry at times just like us.) Meanwhile, He had also gotten thirsty, so He asked the Samaritan woman for a drink from the well.

Meanwhile, the disciples arrive and they are “amazed.” Perhaps shocked. The Master is talking with a woman!! At midday in broad daylight! And with a Samaritan woman no less! All of this strictly forbidden by their laws. We might say “They couldn’t handle it!”

But notice how, despite the obvious disregard for law, none of them dare ask Jesus: “Why are you talking with her?” I propose that somewhere in their time with Jesus, they learned that He didn’t mind ignoring their laws, but always for a good reason, which He would explain. So they had gotten used to it. Their initial shock would dissipate.

Does Jesus sometimes shock you? Upset your complacency with a comfortable Christianity you’ve gotten used to, rather than the actual one? Lent asks you to think about that. The anti-Christian world of 2023 in present day America can seep into our thinking so easily.

Now we come to the unnamed woman and her dialogue interplay with Jesus. She tries to deflect Jesus from further pursuing her situation as a woman with six men posing as husbands at various times with a little flattery: “Sir, I can see that you are a prophet.” From there, Jesus gives her the whole truth about worshipping God as being Spirit unconfined by any locale. And then His “bombshell”: “I am he (the Messiah), the one speaking with you.”

How would you or I react if Jesus were to appear to us in a familiar location and remind us that He is God? More to the point: have we avoided paying attention to the teachings He gave us that are inconvenient? Like those on matters sexual? Or that gossip can be sinful? Or that racism is never justified?

The Samaritan woman is refreshingly honest and excitedly happy about her sudden discovery of who Jesus is. Perhaps we are not told her name because she represents everything we need to change if we are to be missionary disciples. We too can be her partners in reform. As you go about that task this Lent, remember that “inflation has affected everything except the wages of sin.”

God love you and give you his peace.

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