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MARCH 19, 2023 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

THE MAN BORN BLIND

Part of the journey of life for all of us is the realization that we are weak. Our culture tells us that we need to hide this at all costs. Cover your weakness over with accomplishments, looks and possessions. Keep up the appearance of being perfect. Yet eventually life will powerfully point out to us where our weakness is. For some, this weakness may be easy to see. For most of us, it is an internal weakness or flaw that time-to-time rears its ugly head. If we are honest, none of us is exempt.

Today Jesus and his disciples encounter the man born blind. They discuss whether he or his parents' sin caused his blindness. Jesus says neither. He says this weakness was allowed in this man's life to show God's glory. This realization may be in a certain sense helpful in our walk with God and achieving our purpose in this life. What the Lord told to St. Paul, He says to all of us, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness."

Because the man born blind listened and cooperated with Jesus, he was healed. And over time, he was healed of a worse problem, his spiritual blindness. He started by seeing Jesus as a miracle worker, then as a prophet, then as someone coming from God, then he worshipped Jesus. In the end, most of the people that were watching were also healed of their spiritual blindness.

What does this have to do with you and me? We are all the man born blind. Our purpose in life is to become saints. For much time, we are blind to this. Like the Pharisees, we may only care about externals. Yet our weakness can be an invitation to lean fully on Jesus in our lives. Lent helps us to do this more effectively. When we walk humbly, leaning on Jesus' strength daily, we begin to "see" ourselves and our journey as it truly is. We begin to see and treat others as made in God's image. We see our lives in reference to our goal of heaven. This is the path of holiness, of joy and peace. This is the path of "seeing" like God sees!

Fr. Kevin

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, March 20

7:30 am Maureen Alexander; Nicholas Storms

Tuesday, March 21

7:30 am George W. Luther

Wednesday, March 22

7:30 am Marie Corbo Ortiz

Thursday, March 23

7:30 am Rose Mary Finn

Friday, March 24

7:30 am Richard Hopkins

Saturday, March 25

5:00 pm Leo Rudnick

Sunday, March 26

7:30 am John Swift

9:00 am Albert Murray, Jr.

11:00 am Buddy Watson

6:00 pm Virginia Moriarty

IN REMEMBRANCE

For the week of March 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

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

March 25/26

Saturday 5:00 pm Fr. Kevin (livestreamed)

Sunday 7:30 am Fr. Michael

Sunday 9:00 am Msgr. Mahoney

Sunday 11:00 am Fr. Michael (livestreamed)

Sunday 6:00 pm Fr. Kevin

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today

9:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

12—3 pm 2nd Grade Retreat

4:30 pm Confirmation Classes

5:00 pm Bold

6:00 pm Family Mass

Monday, March 20

1—3 pm Eucharistic Adoration 5:15 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm Parish Penance Service

Tuesday, March 21

5:30 pm Adult Bells

7:00 pm The SEARCH

Wednesday, March 22

1—3 pm Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 pm Bold TNL

Thursday, March 23

7:30 pm Choir

Friday, March 24

4:15 pm Teen Bells

6:00 pm Bold Middle School Night

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

MONTHLY OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

The collection for the month of February was \$116,831

The breakdown is as follows:

Sunday Collections \$56.381 Online Giving \$60,450

Total \$\frac{116,831}{2}\$ (monthly)

Budgeted: \$127,083

We thank you for your generosity and support of your parish home here at Corpus Christi. It is through your generosity that we are able to share our parish vision of Christ's Joy, Hope and Healing Received and Shared.

ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION

Total—\$1,324.00

We thank you for your generosity to your Parish home.



HOLD THE DATES

2023 PARISH CARNIVAL

JUNE 1, 2, 3

KEEP CALM & CARNIVAL ON!

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.

<u>Baptism</u>

We welcome into the church through the sacrament of Baptism, Aidan James Weir, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth.

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, 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. Ann Martin White.

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

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 christlanagan21@gmail.com or call/text 201-988-8530.



Strengthened by John Paul II

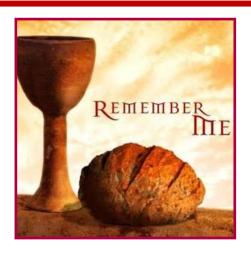
St. John Paul II addressed more than two dozen messages to the Knights of Columbus. He once quipped, "It was a good idea for Columbus to discover America, for this enabled the foundation of the Knights of Columbus."

He said, "As the Church seeks to respond to the needs of married couples and families, she depends to a great extent on organizations such as the Knights of Columbus to meet the urgent problems and pressing needs, to protect and to promote family values."

"For more than a hundred years the Knights of Columbus have distinguished themselves by their love for Christ and loyalty to the Church, by their service to the poor and needy, by their defense of the handicapped and unborn and by their strong support of family life."

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.

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



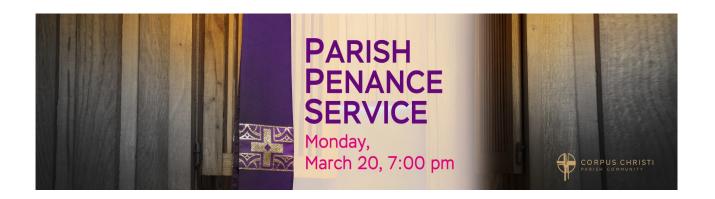
Wednesday March 29, 2023 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm Corpus Christi Hall



Reservation for Seder Meal

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	Deadline—Sunday, March 26, 2023	

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



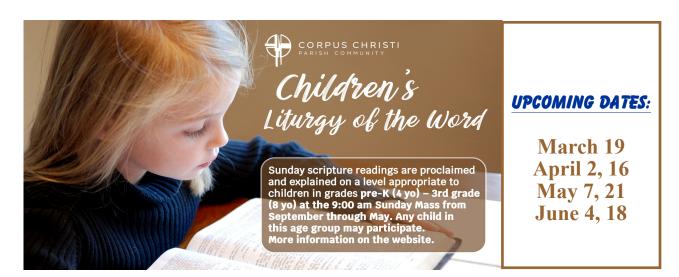


Why are we here? What's life all about? Who am I? What am I searching for? What's our shared story? Why do we need a Church?

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

Meetings held on the Second Floor of the Classroom Wing Tuesday Nights, 7—8:30 pm February 28; March 7, 14, 21, 28



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DR. RAY GUARENDI

LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES 2023



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Thank you for coming to this Lenten Series... It was a great event...Hope you all enjoyed it!

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Last weekend, we had Hospitality Sunday at Corpus Christi! After the 9 am and 11 am Masses, parishioners gathered in the Atrium for fellowship, hot cross buns, and coffee. Thank you to our wonderful Family Ministry for organizing this special event! We hope that you will join us for our next Hospitality Sunday on April 30th after the 9 am and 11 am Masses. If you are interested in joining the Family Ministry, please contact Fr. Michael.













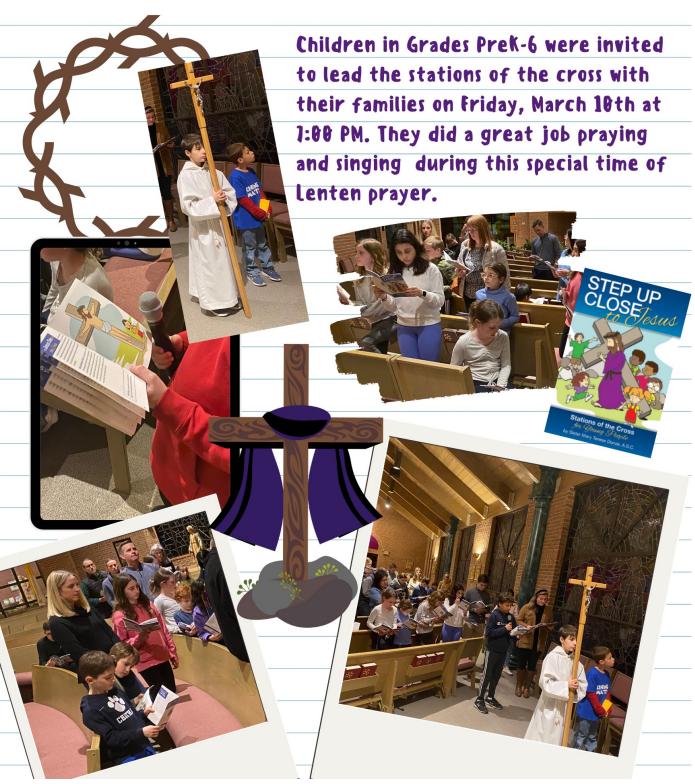
LENTEN REFLECTION CONCERT

Thank you to all who joined us at our Lenten Reflection Concert on Sunday, March 12th! We are grateful to our Director of Music Paul Carroll, vocalists Patricia and Jody, and violist Kathleen for a beautiful performance. The next event in our Concert Series is Tenebrae – Music & Meditation on



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Stations of the Cross led by children and their families



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Join us for Meal and a Message

March 26th after the 11:00 Mass

A simple meal and guest speaker: Sr. Anne Weiss, FMA Food for Body and Soul



A Faith Formation Family Event for grades PreK - 6, but all are welcome!

Mac and Cheese and Soup will be provided,
pot luck is welcome!
Contact Brigette if you'd like to bring, soup, bread
or a meatless meal to share

Faith Formation

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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Faith Formation at Corpus Christi Parish

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Classes

Our next classes for grades PreK-6 are April 2nd and 3rd. 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. Remember - 7 events are required.



••• Sacramental Prep

Our Communion Masses are just around the corner on May 6th and 13th, pray for these children and their families.

Sacramental prep is a two year process. Make sure to enroll your child in first grade so they can receive Communion in 2nd grade.



Upcoming Events!

Teen Night Live!

When: Wednesday March 22th from

7-8:30pm

Where: Corpus Christi

Who: All High Schoolers are Welcome! **Why:** To Grow in Faith and Friendship.





Join us for Stations of the Cross!



All are invited to join. Teen volunteers are needed to lead each station

Friday March 31st @ 7pm

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

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