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## MARCH 26, 2023

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

#### ***BECOMING FULLY ALIVE***

In the Gospel, Jesus says, *"I am the resurrection and the life."* What does this mean? St. Irenaeus once said, *"The Glory of God is a human being fully alive."* All of Christianity can be summed up in this phrase. What gives God happiness and glory more than anything is when we are fully alive. In contrast, what saddens the heart of God more than anything? Is when we allow sin/death to reign in us at any level -spiritually, emotionally, or psychologically. When sin dwells in us, God is grieved.

In the first reading from the Prophet Ezekiel, God says, *"I will open your graves and have you rise from them."* Whatever grave that we are in, maybe it is a hatred for someone else, resentment, jealousy, or an inability to forgive. Whatever is limiting our life, the image of a grave is a suitable symbol. It is here that we are constricted and held bound. Lazarus has been placed in a tomb and has been inside for four days. His sister Martha says, when Jesus tells them to move the stone, that there will be "a stench." St. Augustine says that Lazarus in the tomb stands for that spiritual rot that has not only started to express itself in our words and actions but has now established itself as a habitual part of our lives. Now our anger, our resentment, has become such a part of our life that it affects others negatively. It is in these places that we may have begun "to stink." Lazarus symbolizes this worst kind of sin/spiritual rot. How important it is for us during Lent to look at how sin affects us and others. Yet the heart of this story is that Jesus comes to the grave of Lazarus. He brings him back to life, even in this dirtiest, awful type of rot. It is from here that Jesus also invites us back to life.

It is sad to hear people say, "what I have done is so bad that it can't be forgiven." The Gospel today is telling us NO. Nobody is beyond the reach of God. At other times, maybe we have grown comfortable with the rot in our lives.

At the end of the story, Jesus approaches Lazarus' tomb and he groans. He groans because it is God's deepest pain to see us in our woundedness. God hates when we back ourselves in a corner, where we can't flourish. Jesus groans with a deep desire to get us out of this situation. It breaks God's heart when we are not fully alive.

During this season of Lent, we listen within to hear the Lord groaning. Can we see him weeping because he sees us not fully alive? Jesus commands them, 'take away the stone.' Lazarus is in his grave and they have rolled the stone across the front. Maybe we feel stuck, in darkness, unable to change our situation.

Yet even in our worst situations, Jesus has come to bring us life and to bring it to the full. Jesus' power is greater than any sin or situation that we find ourselves. This is the good news. Today, he says, "Lazarus come out." Today Jesus addresses us by name and says, "Come out." Lent is about inviting God into our own situation. We were made to be fully alive. Do you believe this?

*Fr. Kevin*

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### 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; Antonio Molino

### Monday, March 27

7:30 am Richard F. Roth

### Tuesday, March 28

7:30 am William Seiler

### Wednesday, March 29

7:30 am Maureen Alexander; Nicholas Storms

### Thursday, March 30

7:30 am Special Intention

### Friday, March 31

7:30 am For the Parish

### Saturday, April 1

5:00 pm Karen Cowley; Albert Molesphini

### Sunday, April 2

7:30 am Albert G. Murray

9:00 am Mary Kratzer

11:00 am Margaret Dowd

6:00 pm Charles E. Walsh

## IN REMEMBRANCE

For the week of March 26, 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 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

#### April 1/2

Saturday 5:00 pm Msgr. Mahoney (*livestreamed*)

Sunday 7:30 am Fr. Kevin

Sunday 9:00 am Fr. Michael

Sunday 11:00 am Fr. Kevin (*livestreamed*)

Sunday 6:00 pm Fr. Michael

## MARCH 26, 2023 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Today

9:00 am Teen Bell Choir

12:00 pm Meal and a Message

6:00 pm Family Mass

#### Monday, March 27

1—3 pm Eucharistic Adoration

5:15 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal

7—8:30 pm Confessions—Welcome Home

#### Tuesday, March 28

5:30 pm Adult Bells

7:00 pm **The SEARCH**

#### Wednesday, March 29

1—3 pm Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 pm Seder Meal

#### Thursday, March 30

7:30 pm Choir

#### Friday, March 31

4:15 pm Teen Bells

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross



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

### 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 \$116,831 (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.*



**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](http://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.

## **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 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...**

Philip Platek, father of James Platek and Christine Zukowsky



### **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](mailto:chrisflanagan21@gmail.com) or call/text 201-988-8530.

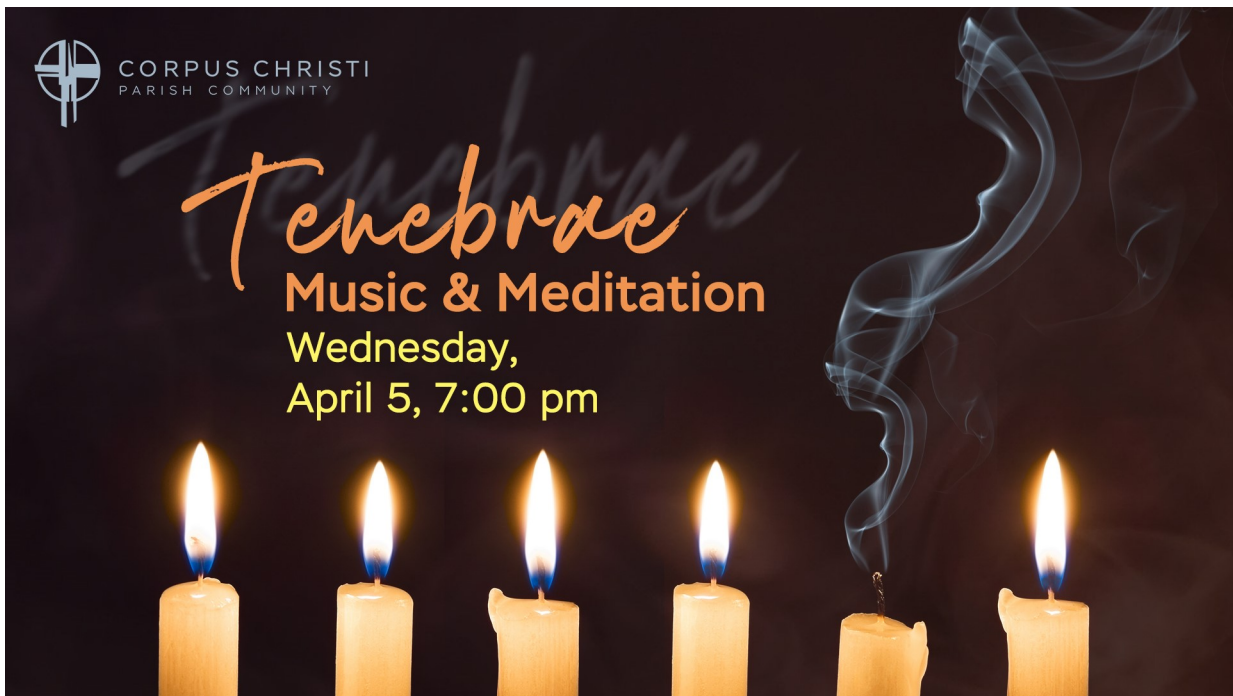


### **New to the Chathams?**

If you moved to Chatham recently, joining the Knights of Columbus is a great way to meet other Chatham men who share your faith. Our local council serves Corpus Christi and St. Patrick parishes.

You also join over two million men worldwide who band together to protect their families and fellow Knights and put their faith into action in their parishes, communities and on a global scale. You become close friends with local men who are ready to help their brother Knights, and you have a bond with other Knights you meet, anywhere you meet them.

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](http://www.kofc.com/joinus).



## Vocation Day of Discernment

The Vocations Office for the Diocese of Paterson sponsors First Saturday Day of Discernment at St. Paul Inside the Walls every first Saturday of the month. The day includes: Mass: 10 a.m., Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Social Time, and Lunch. Contact the Vocations Office if you would like to participate in the First Saturday Day of Discernment for young men discerning the priesthood.

Rev. Edward Rama, Vocation Director, 973-777-8818 x715 or [Vocations@PatersonDiocese.org](mailto:Vocations@PatersonDiocese.org)

### **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.

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**The food bank needs your help!**  
**Please consider a monetary donation.**

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### **SAVE THE DATE**

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

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** *of the BLESSED SACRAMENT*

#### **SIGNUP ONLINE TO SERVE**

Go to our website: [corpuschristi.org](http://corpuschristi.org); then click:

**Worship**  
**Adoration**

**Eucharistic Adoration Volunteer Signup**

Click the **Signup box** for the slot that is good for you  
Click the **Submit and Signup** at the bottom of the page  
and fill out your information

Click the **Signup Now Button** to finish your signup  
**OR** Signup manually in the Atrium



# EVANGELIZATION

Thank you so much to everyone for your extremely warm welcome at Corpus Christi! I am grateful to have had the opportunity to meet with many of you after Masses and look forward to upcoming meetings and events so that I can get to know each of you and your story.

## Getting Started

The USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) defines evangelization as “bringing the Good News of Jesus into every human situation and seeking to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel itself.”

## HOW DO YOU DEFINE EVANGELIZATION HERE AT CORPUS CHRISTI?

**Here are some questions that might help with brainstorming:**

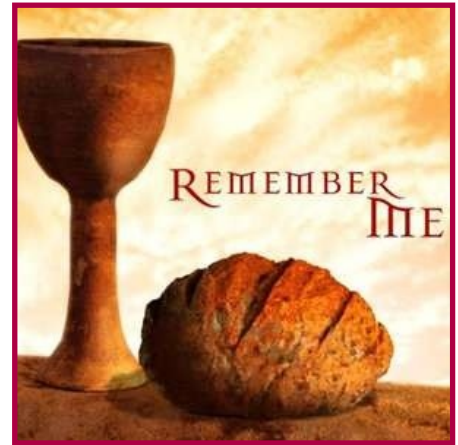
- *How is Corpus Christi part of your faith journey or prayer life?*
  - *Describe Corpus Christi in one word.*
  - *How have you experienced a “God moment” and how has it changed you?*
- *In what ways do you invite others to discipleship?*

Please send me a message (a word, sentence, or list of ideas are great!) at [acarroll@corpuschristi.org](mailto:acarroll@corpuschristi.org) or scan the QR code to submit on our website.

I appreciate your comments and  
look forward to hearing from you!  
Alexandra



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



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



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*Reservation for Seder Meal*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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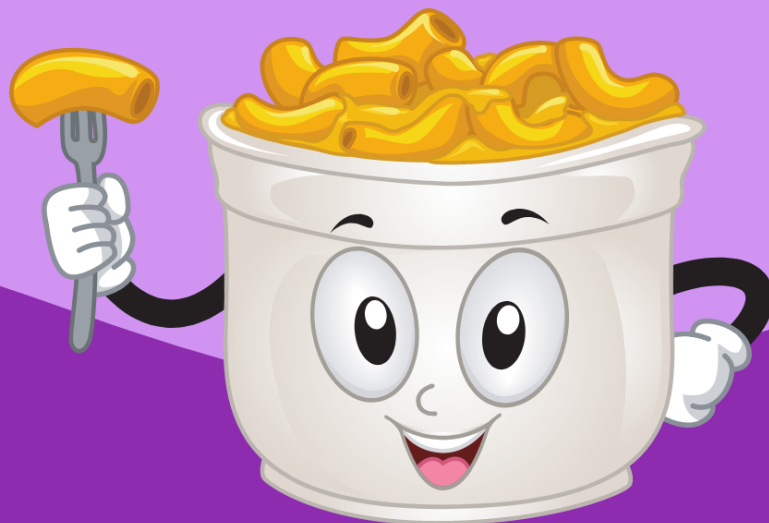
Deadline—Sunday, March 26, 2023

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

# 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 Brigitte if you'd like to bring, soup, bread  
or a meatless meal to share**



## Faith Formation

### Grades Pre-K to 6

**Contact:** Brigitte Vohden  
email: bvohden@corpuschristi.org

### Grades 7—10

**Contact:** Jim Murray  
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### 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 April 2nd and 3rd. Remember to attend Mass and Class!



### Our Next Family Event

Make sure to join us 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 and we're so excited to see your family at each one!



### 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. Registration opens May 24th.



## Upcoming Events!

### Seder Meal!

**When:** Wednesday April 5th from  
7:00-9:00pm

**Where:** Corpus Christi Hall

**Who:** All High Schoolers are Welcome!

**Why:** To Grow in Faith and Friendship.



## BOLD MIDDLE

### 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  
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# First Communion Retreat, March 19th

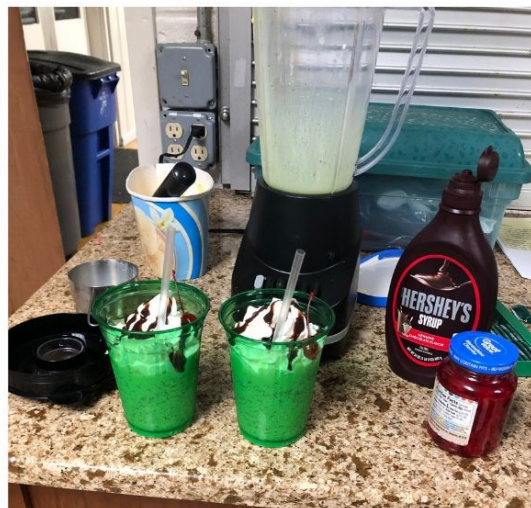
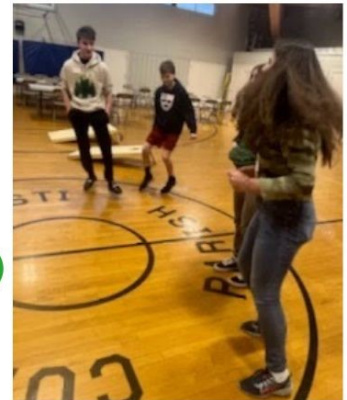
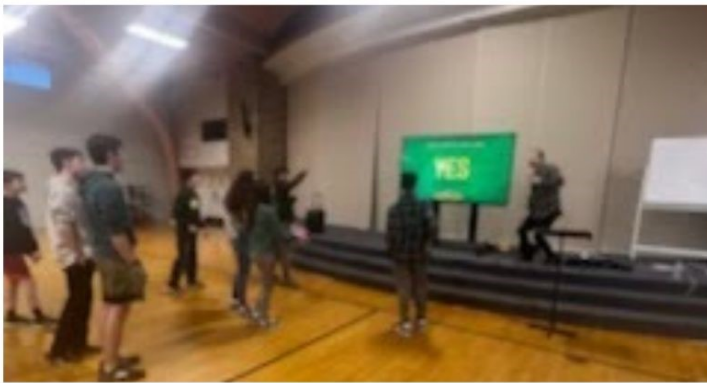


Last Sunday we were blessed to gather with a group of our students preparing for First Communion. They baked bread together, toured the Church and prepared their banners and altar cloth for the First Communion Mass. Thank you to the parent volunteers who made it possible!





The BOLD Middle St. Patrick's Day celebration was a success! We practiced our "Irish Step Dancing", played "What Can a Pot of Gold Buy?", learned about the life and heroic example of St. Patrick, and made some delicious Shamrock Shakes! Special thanks to all the high school students who helped out with the night!



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