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APRIL 2, 2023 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Palm Sunday and the Beginning of Holy Week

This weekend we receive the palms at the beginning of Mass. They are blessed and then the priest enters the church to begin the procession. This reminds us of Jesus, at the end of his ministry, entering Jerusalem and the beginning of his journey towards his Passion, Death and Resurrection.



It is easy for us to lose the impact of what happened 2000 years ago. Yet, if we look closely at the Passion story, it is not to highlight the cruelty of the Romans and the leadership of the Temple. It is rather to recall why Jesus chose to go through this ordeal, not only freely but with a sense of fulfillment. How often there is injustice in our world, and how seldom others risk their own comfort to change things for the better, to right a wrong, to challenge the establishment, to bring peace. Not Jesus! Out of love for each one of us, Jesus walked this path of unimaginable suffering. It is hard to fathom such total self-giving for others!

During this time of uncertainty, we are called to reflect on how committed God has been to us in saving us. If we were the only person who ever existed, Christ would have gone through this ordeal for us alone! We are asked now, during Holy Week, to journey with Jesus in our own lives. To let our toughened hearts be touched again by this great love. We follow Jesus into the uncertainty of our own lives and our world, trusting that Jesus will see us through to the other side, where all will be well!

Please consider journeying with Corpus Christi this week with all the Holy Week events especially on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. This information is found on our website and in our bulletin.

Fr. Kevin



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PALM SUNDAY, April 2

5:00 p.m.* Saturday Vigil Mass

7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.*, 6:00 p.m. Sunday Masses

HOLY WEDNESDAY, April 5

7:00 p.m.* Tenebrae - Music & Meditation

HOLY THURSDAY, April 6

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

7:30 p.m. The Mass of the Lord's Supper*
followed by Adoration until 10:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 7

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

3:00 p.m. The Liturgy of the Passion
and Death of the Lord*

7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, April 8

12:00 a.m. Blessing of Easter Baskets

12:30 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt (front lawn)

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass*

EASTER SUNDAY, April 9

7:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass in Church (silent)

9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass in Church

9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass in Hall

11:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass in Church*

11:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass in Hall

**livestreamed*

JOIN US FOR EASTER

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 1

5:00 pm Karen Cowley; Albert Molesphini

Sunday, April 2

7:30 am Albert Q. Murray

9:00 am Mary Kratzer

11:00 am Margaret Dowd (*livestreamed*)

6:00 pm Charles E. Walsh

Monday, April 3

7:30 am Dr. Raymond Arciszewski

Tuesday, April 4

7:30 am Maureen Alexander; Nicholas Storms

Wednesday, April 5

7:30 am Martin de Jesus Flores

Thursday, April 6

8:30 am Morning Prayer

7:30 pm The Mass of the Lord's Supper (*livestreamed*)
followed by Adoration until 10:00 pm

Good Friday, April 7

8:30 am Morning Prayer

3:00 pm The Liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord
(*livestreamed*)

7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 8

8:00 pm Easter Vigil (*livestreamed*)

Sunday, April 9

7:30 am Maureen Alexander; Nicholas Storms

9:00 am Marie & Leo Rudnick; Marylee Rudnick Ruerup
Modesta Cadmus (*church and hall*)

11:00 am Mary Kratzer; Charles E. Walsh (*church and hall*)

IN REMEMBRANCE

For the week of April 2, Sanctuary Lights burn in memory of Charles E. Walsh. Bread and Wine are offered for Maureen Alexander. Sacrament Chapel flowers are in memory of Maureen Alexander.

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.

APRIL 2, 2023 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today

9:00 am Adult Bell Choir

9:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

Faith Formation Classes:

8 am & 10 am—PreK-6

4:30 pm Confirmation Classes

6:00 pm Family Mass



Monday, April 3

1—3 pm Eucharistic Adoration

5:15 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal

7—8:30 pm Confessions—Welcome Home

Wednesday, April 5

1—3 pm Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 pm Tenebrae—Music & Meditation

7:00 pm Bold TNL Seder Meal

Thursday, April 6 (Holy Thursday)

8:30 am Morning Prayer

7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 7 (Good Friday)

Parish Office Closed

8:30 am Morning Prayer

3:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 8 (Holy Saturday)

12:00 pm Blessing of Easter Baskets

12:30 pm Easter Egg Hunt (front lawn)

8:00 pm Easter Vigil

EASTER SCHEDULE

April 1/2—Palm Sunday

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

April 8/9—Easter Sunday

Saturday 8:00 pm Fr. Kevin (*church*) (*livestreamed*)

Sunday 7:30 am Msgr. Mahoney (*church*)

Sunday 9:00 am Fr. Michael (*church*)

9:00 am Fr. Kevin (*hall*)

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

11:00 am Fr. Michael (*hall*)



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.

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 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, Kris Zingone.

**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 chrisflanagan21@gmail.com or call/text 201-988-8530.



"I needed to do more."

Dr. James O'Bryon, a family doctor in Pennsylvania, has been a Knight for 44 years.

When the war broke out in Ukraine, he thought, "I wish I could do something." He joined a mission trip to Moldavia and Ukraine, where they helped local people in need and Ukrainian refugees. They treated mainly elderly women and mothers with young children, providing the medications that were otherwise unaffordable and unavailable.

One elderly woman who had had a stroke broke down in tears of joy. She couldn't believe they came all the way from America to help them.

Dr. O'Bryon says medical mission work ties directly to the founding mission of the Knights: serving God and serving those in need, helping the sick, the poor, and the helpless.

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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Tenebrae

Music & Meditation

Wednesday,
April 5, 7:00 pm



Tenebrae means darkness or shadows. As we come to the end of Lent, we begin a journey into darkness to a place of deep shadows. As Scripture readings and hymns are shared to tell the story of Holy Week, we accompany Jesus in his last hours and extinguish seven candles until the church is filled with darkness. This gradual darkness symbolizes Jesus' increasing sorrow as the events of Passion Week progress. We invite you to Tenebrae – Music & Meditation, Wednesday, April 5th, at 7:00 pm.

EASTER GIFT FOR CORPUS CHRISTI

We would like to introduce a new initiative to help our community celebrate Easter this year. We are planning to replace our well-used Ciboria set with a brand new one, and we need your help to make it happen. It will help enhance our worship experience and make our Easter celebrations even more meaningful.

We hope that this new Ciboria set will serve our community for years to come.

If you would like to support this initiative, please use the form on our website to make a donation.

<https://www.corpuschristi.org/ciboria-set>.

PLEASE DONATE WINE

We can't wait to celebrate our parish volunteers, so we are hosting an appreciation Mass and Wine & Cheese. If you volunteered in any capacity this year, consider yourself invited. If you didn't get a chance to volunteer this year, consider donating a bottle of wine to this event.

Please drop off bottles of reds, whites, sparkling, etc. to the parish office before May 18th.

***CHEERS! &
THANK YOU!***



Evangelization

Walk With Us This Triduum

Triduum is such a special part of the Church's journey, and there is so much to witness - both in tradition and liturgy. I always look forward to being present at the Easter Vigil Mass. It is a time to see the beauty in our sacraments as we welcome new fully initiated members into the Church. Consider accompanying one another this Triduum and be inspired to go out and share the Good News on Easter Sunday!

-Alexandra



Holy Triduum

Holy Thursday
7:30 pm

Good Friday
3:00 pm

Holy Saturday
Easter Vigil
8:00 pm

**How do you define
Evangelization here at
Corpus Christi?**



Scan the QR code to submit on our website or
send me a message at acarroll@corpuschristi.org

“I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” *John 13:34-35*

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

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Faith Formation at Corpus Christi Parish

GRADES PREK-6

"CHRIST'S JOY, HOPE, & HEALING
RECEIVED AND SHARED"

BRIGETTE VOHDEN

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You're Needed!

Many hands are needed to keep faith formation running, would you like to teach? or be a member of our Family Events Committee for 2023-2024? Contact Brigitte for more info.



Our Next Family Event

April 16th at the 9:00 Mass, join us for Divine Mercy Sunday!

May 14th at the 11:00 Mass, join us for the May crowning! 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. Enroll your child in first grade so they can receive Communion in 2nd grade. Registration opens May 24th.



Upcoming Events!

Join us on Wednesday
for an epic TNL!



Register now at
boldym.com/chwc

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

MEAL & A MESSAGE

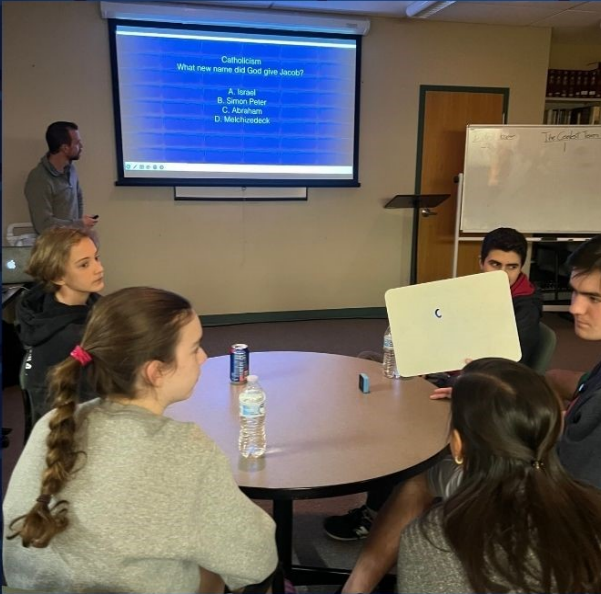
A Faith Formation Event for Grades PreK-6

WE LEARNED ABOUT VOCATIONS

SR. ANNE WEISS, FMA TALKED TO THE GROUP ABOUT HER LIFE AS A SALESIAN SISTER. HER COMMUNITY WORKS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE IN SCHOOLS, CAMPS, AND RETREAT CENTERS. SISTER ANNE ASKED ALL OF US TO PRAY ABOUT GOD'S MISSION FOR OUR LIVES.

WE WERE SO GRATEFUL TO HAVE SUCH A FUN AFTERNOON WITH OUR PARISHIONERS. PARENTS, CHILDREN, AND OTHERS JOINED IN OUR LIGHT MEAL, SOME BROUGHT HOMEMADE SOUPS AND BAKED GOODS TO SHARE! THANK YOU TO THE VOLUNTEERS WHO MADE IT ALL POSSIBLE. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE FAITH FORMATION FAMILY EVENT COMMITTEE FOR 2023-2024, PLEASE CONTACT BRIGETTE.





Victory belongs to the wise!

Questions? Contact Jim Murray at
CorpusChristi@boldym.com



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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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.



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SAVE THE DATE

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

Reflection

by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

I take my cue this most solemn weekend from a little book mostly unknown outside of priestly circles called "The Ordo." As you might guess, the name means order." It means in this case the proper order for the Liturgy of the given day, in both the Liturgy of the Hours and the Mass. For this Palm Sunday, it tells the priest or deacon that "for pastoral reasons, one or both Readings before the Gospel may be omitted."

In one sense, that is sad, owing to the appropriate beauty of today's first two Readings. But the Passion Narrative, this year from Matthew, has such central importance for Holy Week that it commands our focus.

Allow me to add that "pastoral reasons" may be a kind way of describing potential chaos and frayed tempers in the church parking lot as the Masses are longer than usual and the time between celebrations shortens. All things considered, it behooves the celebrant also to be brief with his homily. It may well be that his thoughts could interfere with those of the congregation.

My own handling of the matter is to invite the congregation to be seated (if they had been standing), relax and close their eyes (to be free of external distractions) and for a few minutes to think about what they just heard.

For the sake of brevity, then, I close these thoughts so that you can profit from your own. Have a spiritually profitable Holy Week.

God love you and give you His peace.

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