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APRIL 30, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

An American tourist traveling in the Middle East came upon several shepherds whose flocks had intermingled while drinking water. After a while, one of the shepherds turned toward the sheep and called out, "Manah" which means "follow me" in Arabic. The sheep immediately separated themselves from the rest and followed. Then the next shepherd called out, "Manah" and his sheep followed him. The tourist asked the third shepherd, "I would like to try that." He put on the turban and called out to the sheep, "Manah." The sheep did not respond, not one. The shepherd explained that it is only when sheep are sick that they will follow any voice and not that of their shepherd.



Today Jesus refers to himself as the Good Shepherd who calls us to follow him. What an appropriate image for His relationship to each one of us.

In a world where we can sometimes feel like part of the crowd, Jesus knows each of us by name. He knows us better than we know ourselves. A good shepherd can close his eyes, and with his hands touch the face of each sheep and know that they are part of his flock. Jesus can tell when each of us is healthy, when we are in need and when we are thriving.

In a world where we are promised much, but are led to dry and arid areas, Jesus leads us to places of true pasture, where we can flourish. A shepherd knows that their job is to provide for all the sheep's needs. Each day, Jesus never neglects what is truly good for each of us.

Although we are free to leave the flock, our shepherd leaves the rest to seek us out when we are lost. He doesn't chastise us but puts us on his shoulders and brings us back home.

At night, the sheep are led into a protected area called a "sheepfold." Sometimes there are many flocks that stay together at night. There is only one way in and out. The shepherd then lies in this open space. No sheep can get out and no wolf can get in. In this way, the shepherd is the door that protects the sheep where they can stay, protected from all harm. In a dangerous world, Jesus is not like others who have no concern. He cares so much that he gave his life for each one of us.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He gathers us together in the Church, where we are called by name, united, nourished, healed, and protected from the storms of life. The Good Shepherd is the One in our lives who truly knows and cares more about us than anyone else. We don't have to have all the answers or always be in control. We just need to listen to the Good Shepherd and follow his voice. Jesus, the Good Shepherd tells us, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." There is no better way, no greater truth, no happier life. On Good Shepherd Sunday, this is the reason for our hope!

Fr. Kevin

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 29

5:00 pm Rose and Charles Archul; Mary Ellen Wilber

Sunday, April 30

7:30 am C. Richard Holleran

9:00 am Albert Q. Murray, Jr.

11:00 am Alice Long; Walter Archer; Adam Vazir

6:00 pm Douglas N. Dobak

Monday, May 1

7:30 am Gina and Richard Pelillo

Tuesday, May 2

7:30 am Adam Vazir

Wednesday, May 3

7:30 am Maureen Alexander; Nicholas Storms;
Tom Ryan

Thursday, May 4

7:30 am Genevieve Taverna; Louis Dell Italia

Friday, May 5

7:30 am Maureen Neville

12:30 pm Barbara Gatton

Saturday, May 6

5:00 pm Marylee Rudnick Ruerup (16th Anniversary)

Sunday, May 7

7:30 am Janet P. Del Prado

9:00 am Tom Ryan

11:00 am Barbara Raitt; Charles E. Walsh; Mary Kratzer

6:00 pm For the Parish

IN REMEMBRANCE

For the week of April 30, Sanctuary Lights burn for a Special Intention. Bread and Wine are offered in memory of Maureen Alexander. Blessed Sacrament Chapel flowers are in memory of Maureen Alexander.

MONTHLY OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

The collection for the month of March was
\$106,820

The breakdown is as follows:

Sunday Collections \$45,386

Online Giving \$61,434

Total \$106,820 (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 30, 2023 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today

9:00 am Hospitality Sunday

Monday, May 1

1—3 pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:30—7:15 pm Confessions

Tuesday, May 2

4:15 pm Communion Rehearsal

5:30 pm Adult Bells

Wednesday, May 3

1—3 pm Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, May 4

4:15 pm Communion Rehearsal

7:30 pm Choir

Friday, May 5

4:15 pm Teen Bells

Saturday, May 6

12:00 pm First Communion

2:00 pm First Communion



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

PRESIDER'S SCHEDULE

April 29/30

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

May 6/7

Saturday 5:00 pm Fr. Michael (livestreamed)

Sunday 7:30 am Fr. Kevin

Sunday 9:00 am Fr. Kevin

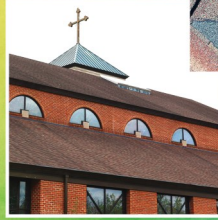
Sunday 11:00 am Msgr. Mahoney (livestreamed)

Sunday 6:00 pm Fr. Michael

Preparing for the future



A Contribution to the
Restricted Building Fund



NEW ROOF
est. cost: \$120k



MULTIPLE HVAC UNITS
est. cost: \$200k



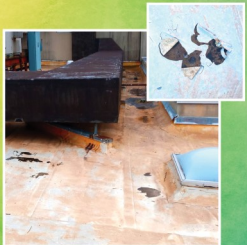
ATRIUM WINDOWS SEALS
est. cost: \$50-100k



Landscaping and signage
est. cost: \$55k



Brick work
est. cost: \$50k



Flat roof
est. cost: \$15k

Dear Parishioners,

As homeowners, you know that there is extraordinary maintenance that must be done to your home over the years. **In the same way, after 33 years our parish church and campus are in need of major capital repairs.**

In the coming months, we plan to remove and replace the Church roof, repair our Atrium windows due to leaks, and repair water damage to the church façade in multiple places. Additionally, there are multiple HVAC units coming to the end of their useful lives that need to be replaced soon. As good stewards, we want to keep you updated on all the upcoming projects needed to ensure that our parish continues to thrive for years to come! After gathering information on each project, the estimated cost is approximately \$500K. This is more than we initially anticipated. Please see our posters in the Atrium and information online with all specific repairs and their estimated costs.

Together with the parish pastoral and finance councils, we decided to use some of the parish savings from a bequest to pay for these capital needs. Our parish savings were meant to secure the future of Corpus Christi for future generations but there is a need to use them now. Because of the financial uncertainty of many, we decided not to have a formal capital campaign with in-pew pledges, but to give all of those who are able the opportunity to help restore our savings which will be significantly reduced by the costs of these projects.

Please know that any funds collected in this initiative will be restricted to our **Restricted Building Fund** and can only be used for capital repairs and expenses associated with them.

*There are special envelopes near the posters in the atrium and by the back entrance. You can give online at corpuschristi.org/preparing-for-the-future. Also, if you would like to give by check, please make it out to Corpus Christi Parish with the note "**Restricted Building Fund**" on the bottom of your check. All funds are restricted and can be used only for capital projects. They are also tax deductible. As your pastor, I will make a sacrificial gift as well.*

I invite you to join me and be a partner in funding our vision to bring Christ's Joy, Hope, and Healing to all those who come through our doors for another 33 years and beyond! We know that this is over and above your normal giving, and so we thank you in advance for all that you sacrifice for the future of our parish home.

Together let us celebrate the past and prepare for the future!

Fr. Kevin Corcoran



THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; THERE IS NOTHING I SHALL WANT.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side.
With your rod and your staff
that give me courage.

You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
for years to come.



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Pajama DRIVE

Sunday, May 14 - Sunday, May 21
after all Masses & during the week

JOIN US FOR OUR MOTHER'S DAY PAJAMA DRIVE FOR MOMS IN NEED FROM MAY 14 TO MAY 21!

We're collecting new pajamas in all sizes, but especially larger sizes. Your donation will bring comfort and joy to moms who need it most. Thank you for your support!

Baptism

We welcome into the church through the sacrament of Baptism, **Jack Ryan Carlin**, son of Ryan and Gabriella; **Penelope Elizabeth O'Hearen**, daughter of Timothy and Emily.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Kevin Franken, Sr. Adriana Martins, Eugene Iannocelli, Everett Farren, 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, Kris Zingone, Bill Walsh.

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

Kathryn J. Fetten, mother of Susan Connors and Mary Dougherty



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations—and teaching young people how to discern God's call—is a serious duty, but also a joyful one. During this week, please encourage the young people in your life—children, grandchildren, students, and friends—to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life.

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**.





**You are cordially
invited to pray
before an official**

Pilgrim Statue of
**Our Lady
of Fatima**

**Coming from the
Sanctuary of Fatima in
Portugal**

*Saint Mary's
Church*

May 10 – May 14, 2023

371 South Main St.

Wharton, NJ

There will be Daily Mass, Rosary and
Special Eucharistic Celebration with
Consecration to the Immaculate Heart

*For a schedule of events please visit our web site
www.stmarysdover.org*

Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima at St. Mary's Church, Dover (Wharton), NJ

You are invited to pray before an official Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima which comes from the Shrine in Portugal. She will be visiting St. Mary's Church (GPS address: 371 South Main St. Wharton, NJ 07885) from May 10-14, 2023. There will be daily Mass, rosary and opportunity for silent prayer and reflection. The highlight will be a Mass to be celebrated by the Most Rev. Kevin Sweeney, D.D. on May 13th at 5:30 pm. Please see www.stmarysdover.org for other details.



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Prayer Garden Ministry

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We are looking for volunteers to continue the great tradition of caring for our parish prayer garden. Please consider joining this ministry to clear, design, plant, and beautify our church prayer garden.

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Interested? Contact Alexandra
acarroll@corpuschristi.org

April 21, 2023
*Memorial of Saint Anselm of Canterbury,
Bishop and Doctor*

Rev. T. Kevin Corcoran
Corpus Christi Parish
234 Southern Boulevard
Chatham, New Jersey 07928

Dear Father Corcoran:

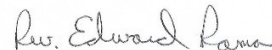
In order to fulfill the norms of cc. 1043 and 1051, 2 of the Code of Canon Law, I request that you arrange for the publication of the banns concerning the ordination to the Sacred Order of the Diaconate of Mr. Joseph S. DeMarzo III of your parish. His Ordination is scheduled for May 20, 2023, at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson.

Christ's faithful are obliged to reveal impediments to sacred orders, if they know of any, to the ordinary or to the pastor before ordination. Moreover, as regards the inquiry concerning the qualities required of the man being ordained, the prescription is to be observed that a public announcement be employed for gaining information. Therefore, I ask that you publish the banns concerning the ordination of Mr. Joseph S. DeMarzo III, to the Sacred Order of the Diaconate by means of a public announcement and a notice in the parish bulletin. This should be made at the Masses on the weekend of April 29-30, May 6-7 and May 13-14.

When the publication has been made, please date, sign and seal this letter below as proof and return the entire letter to me at your earliest convenience.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev. Edward Rama".

Rev. Edward Rama
Vocation Director

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Grades Pre-K to 6

Contact: Brigitte Vohden
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Grades 7—10

Contact: Jim Murray
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Faith Formation at Corpus Christi Parish

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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

May 14th at the 11:00 Mass, join us for the May crowning!

June 11th at the 9:00 Mass, celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi with us! 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!



High School Mission Trip!

Register now at boldym.com/chwc



Middle School Summer Camp!



All incoming 5th-9th graders are invited to join!

July 10-14. 9am-3pm

Register now at
boldym.com/cc/userve

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

Faith Formation Grades PreK-6

The children had their last official class of the 2022-2023 year.
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We're looking forward to 2023-2024 already!
Registration opens May 24th.



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