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FEBRUARY 18, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

JOURNEYING TOGETHER

On this first Sunday in Lent, after his baptism Jesus is driven out into the desert for 40 days. The desert was a difficult place where one was confronted with the harsh realities of life. Jesus chose to go there because he wanted to confront himself. This desert allowed him to look and ask the deepest questions about his purpose on this earth without being distracted.

It is easy to look at Lent as a time to lose weight or to just give something up for God. While these are good, Lent is about more than this. Lent is a decision to allow ourselves to be changed by God, to change our course. During Lent, we make this same journey with Jesus into the desert -- to look at ourselves and honestly see how we are living, who we are living for, and where God fits into our lives. We are all tempted to keep doing what we do for the rest of the year and avoid these questions.

When we use all that the Church provides for us during this season, we journey with Jesus into the desert to make great progress. Extra prayer, giving to the poor, using Confession, reading the Bible more, trying to reestablish relationships that are broken, and fasting. All these practices help us together to move out of our routines. We allow God to move back to the center of our lives, and to put all other relationships/things in their proper place again. We turn from sin and learn how to love more deeply and authentically like Christ.

Making this journey is not easy. It requires self-denial, patience, and trust, knowing that we are not in control of the process. This is why we make this journey together. We support and challenge one another knowing that God will reward our efforts. For every step that we take towards God and others, God takes two. Jesus invites each of us to personally journey with him and one another for these 40 days! We make this journey in response to such a great love that we have received from God.

Don't miss out on this opportunity. Where it leads us is worth the effort!

Fr. Kevin



LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 17

5:00 pm Marie Rudnick (*37th Anniversary*)

Sunday, February 18

7:30 am John Manahan

9:00 am Maureen McKenna

11:00 am Gregory Leonard

6:00 pm Wayne Hill

Monday, February 19 (*President's Day*)

9:00 am Joseph Scala

Tuesday, February 20

7:30 am Maureen Alexander; Nicholas Storms

Wednesday, February 21

7:30 am Paul Lobo

Thursday, February 22

7:30 am For the Parish

Friday, February 23

7:30 am Blanche Jones

Kathleen Bergman

Saturday, February 24

5:00 pm John Manahan

Sunday, February 25

7:30 am For the Parish

9:00 am Joseph Scala

11:00 am William Sartorius

6:00 pm Bill Kolb

IN REMEMBRANCE

For the week of February 18, 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.

PRESIDER'S SCHEDULE

February 17/18

Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Kevin (<i>livestream</i>)
Sunday	7:30 am	Msgr. Mahoney
Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Kamil
Sunday	11:00 am	Fr. Kevin (<i>livestream</i>)
Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Kamil

February 24/25

Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Kamil (<i>livestream</i>)
Sunday	7:30 am	Fr. Kevin
Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Kamil
Sunday	11:00 am	Msgr. Mahoney (<i>livestream</i>)
Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Kevin

FEBRUARY 18, 2024 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, February 19 (*President's Day*)

Parish Office Closed

No Adoration

7:00—8:30 pm Confessions—**WELCOME HOME**

Tuesday, February 20

4:45 pm Junior Bell Rehearsal

6:00 pm Adult Bell Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 21

1—3 pm Eucharistic Adoration

4:15 pm Teen Bells Rehearsal

6:30 pm *The Chosen* via Zoom

7:00 pm Carnival Committee Meeting



Thursday, February 22

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 23

6:15 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 24

9:30 am Walking in Faith Side by Side



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

MONTHLY OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

The collection for January was \$168,370

The breakdown is as follows:

	<u>January 2024</u>	<u>January 2023</u>
Sunday Offertory	\$92,110	\$80,079
Online Giving	\$78,966	\$75,374
Less Fees	-\$2,706	-\$2,857
Net Online Giving	\$76,260	\$72,517
Total	\$168,370	\$152,596

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.

GUIDELINES DURING LENT



Roman Catholics are asked to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and on all Fridays during Lent. The rule is for Catholics aged 14 and above, unless there are mitigating health concerns. In this case, one can do a good work in place of this.

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, we are also asked to fast (those 18 to 59). Fasting means a person is permitted to eat one full meal during the day. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but they are not to equal that of a full meal. For those with mitigating health issues who are unable to fast and/or abstain, one can do a good work in place of this.

While those are the only two days of full fasting and abstinence required, all of Lent should be a time of spiritual formation and preparation for Easter. Also recommended are spiritual activities, such as spending more times studying the Scriptures, attending Mass more frequently, as well as the traditional Lenten Devotions (Stations of the Cross, Bible studies, Lenten talks, and the Rosary), and other acts of sacrifice such as reaching out to those in need around us. All these activities help us together to refocus our lives towards what is most important. See our website for more information: corpuschristi.org

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, Anna West, Patti Mahoney, Robert Bruce, 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 Pannello, John Cristofano George E. Blake, Peter Newell, Ken McCaffrey, Ruth White, Heather Nicole McGuire, Valeria Capurro, James O'Connell, Gina McCarthy, Josephine Dymowski, Eileen O'Boyle, Cathy Hansen, Owen Moran, Jim Haggerty, Jan Kerr, Vince Di Roberto, Kathleen Bekiaris, Bailey Buell, Nancy Thompson, Suzanne Sersun, Ann Martin White, Kris Zingone, Bill Walsh, Matty Constantino, Susan Koole, Debbie Sisser, Deirdre Hatton, Chris Conlan, Deborah DeMarzo, Pat Fitzpatrick, Edward Schuh, Jeffrey Guerriero, Mary Houlihan, Ralph Lopez, Marilyn Murray, Hal Zuber.

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



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We were so blessed to have Children's Liturgy, Children's Choir, and the Teen Handbell Choir at the 9 am Mass on Sunday 2/11.

Thank you to our Family Ministry for hosting Hospitality Sunday this past weekend after the 9 am and 11 am Masses! We all felt the love as we prepared for Lent and Valentine's Day.

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK

February 7-14



Married couples received a special anniversary blessing at Masses last weekend!



Blessing of the Throats

Feast of St. Blaise
February 3rd



Masses on 2/3 and 2/4 were filled with parishioners who received the Blessing of the Throats.





Lent Series Highlighting Grades PreK-6 with Faith Formation

The children prepared for Lent in class by thinking about how they can be more like Jesus, they discussed Lent with their teachers and made a plan to act and pray.

How can I be more like Jesus this Lent?

"Supporting my mom with chores & being nicer to my sisters" - Iggy, grade 5

"Being patient when it's my turn to talk" -Camila, grade 5

"Share toys" - Lucas, Grade 1

"Listening at Mass" - Max, Grade 1

"Donate food and clothing to the poor" - Emmelyn, Grade 3

"Helping others, praying more, help people, saying thank you, listening to my parents and being KIND" - Ceci, grade 2

"I'll read to my little sister every night" - Aiden, Grade 3



This Lent I will be praying for...

"Friends, family and Bailey, animals, and all the things I have been gifted with."

- Charlotte, Grade 5

"My Neighbors" - Hunter, Grade 1

"For all people to be loving and kind" - Colin, Grade 3

"For Bailey, and her family" - Lucy, Grade 4

"For my family, but especially for my grandpa who is sick" - Chris, Grade 2



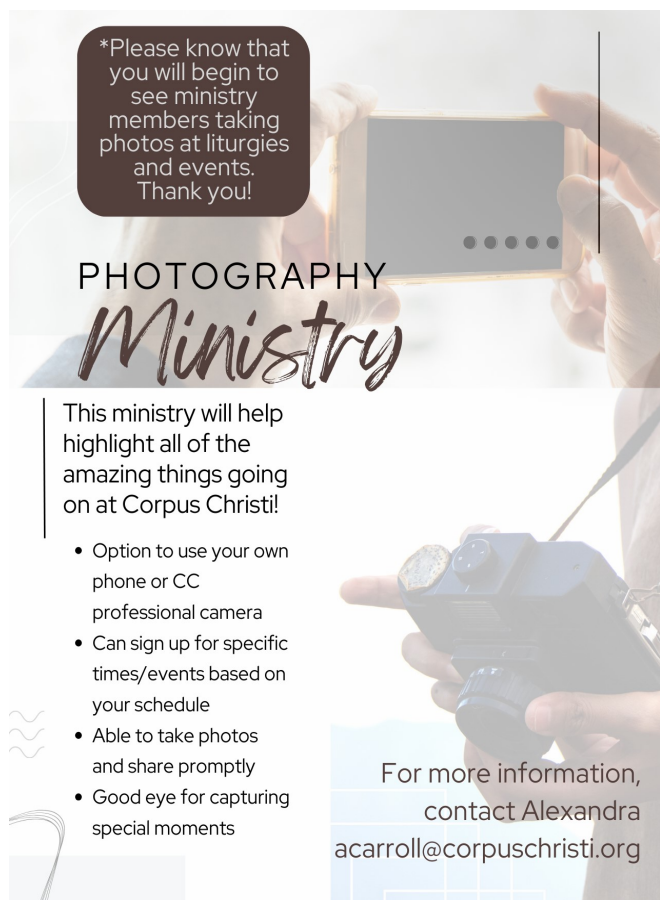


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and events.
Thank you!**

PHOTOGRAPHY *Ministry*

This ministry will help
highlight all of the
amazing things going
on at Corpus Christi!

- Option to use your own phone or CC professional camera
- Can sign up for specific times/events based on your schedule
- Able to take photos and share promptly
- Good eye for capturing special moments

For more information,
contact Alexandra
acarroll@corpuschristi.org



STATIONS of the Cross

Fridays at 7 pm in the Church

February 16th: Ministry Leaders
February 23rd: Music Ministry
March 1st: Youth Ministry
March 8th: Faith Formation
March 15th: Altar Society
March 22nd: Family Ministry

Also known as the Way of the Cross or
Via Crucis, this commemorates Jesus' passion and
death on the cross. There are 14 stations that each
depict a moment on his journey to Calvary.

Newcomers welcome - a great way to
grow in your faith this Lent!



Look for our Lent
2024 logo for more
Corpus Christi
Lenten offerings!

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traditional or Roth, and even inherited
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For more information, please contact the
parish office. Remember Corpus Christi
in your estate planning.

JOIN US FOR DINNER!

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MARCH 10TH &
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7:00 PM



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Grades Pre-K to 6

Contact: Brigette Vohden
email: bvohden@corpuschristi.org

Grades 7—10

Contact: Jim Murray
email: corpuschristi@boldym.org

High School Service Coordinator

Contact: Jim Murray
email: corpuschristi@boldym.org

FAITH FORMATION 2023-2024

NEXT CLASSES ARE:

MARCH 3RD & 4TH



UPCOMING FAMILY EVENTS:

STATIONS FOR CHILDREN AND
FAMILIES MARCH 8TH AT 7:00

MEAL & A MESSAGE
MARCH 10TH AT 12:00

STEVE ANGRISANO
MARCH 10TH & 11TH 7:00

SIGN UP FOR
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SAVE THE
DATE

July
8 - 12th

Corpus Christi
Church

HS TEENS, COLLEGE STUDENTS & PARENTS!

We can't do this without your support! If you are willing and able to volunteer (spend the day with us or drive campers to service sites in the mornings) please let us know!



We are calling all high school teens, young adults and youth leaders to join us and Catholic Heart Workcamp for a week of service, friendship, spiritual growth and memories that will last a lifetime!



**JULY 21-26TH
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For this Mission Trip, we will be staying at Niagara University and have the unique opportunity to work on the Tuscarora Indian reservation and in the city of Niagara Falls, doing projects like building wheelchair ramps, home improvement, cleaning & organizing, yard work, working with children, at soup kitchens and more! Most importantly, we will be the light of Christ to those who may need it most!

SAVE THE DATE
MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON
REGISTRATION OPENING MARCH

Join the interest list and be the FIRST to receive more details! boldym.com/ccs/events

Questions about uServe Camp? Contact Jim Murray at 973-370-2532 CorpusChristi@boldym.com



CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH COMMUNITY

Parish Council Nomination Form

Any parishioner, staff member, and clergy can nominate a fellow parishioner (including teens who are preparing for Confirmation) for a seat on Parish Council. This is a selection process (not an election).

If you nominate someone for the Parish Council, the person will be contacted and provided an opportunity to decide if they wish to proceed with submitting an application. All candidate applications are pooled, and new Council members are randomly selected.

Name(s) of person(s) you are nominating:

Contact information for person(s) you are nominating (if available):

Your name and contact information:

Please briefly describe why you are nominating them:

Parish Pastoral Council Candidate Requirements

The role of the Corpus Christi Parish Pastoral Council:

- To serve as a consultative body to the Pastor, offering guidance and support in alignment with the Parish Vision and Mission statements.
- To be attentive to the needs of the people of the Parish, and work collaboratively with Parish clergy and staff to respond to those needs.

Ideal Candidates

- Embody the Parish Vision (Christ's Joy, Hope, and Healing Received and Shared) and Parish Mission through service to the parish community.
- Have a personal commitment to an active prayer/faith life.
Are willing to contribute individual talents/skills and treasure to the best of his/her ability.

Requirements to be a candidate for the September 2024 - June 2027 term:

- have been a registered member of the Parish for at least 6 months.
- have received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation*
- are willing to serve a 3-year term, and are available to attend Council meetings (held on Saturday mornings, five (5) sessions per year, September through June)
- participate in some aspects of Parish life.

*or are a teen preparing for confirmation; teens may choose to serve a 2-year term

Note: nominations will be accepted until March 1, 2024.

Please return this form to the Corpus Christi Parish office

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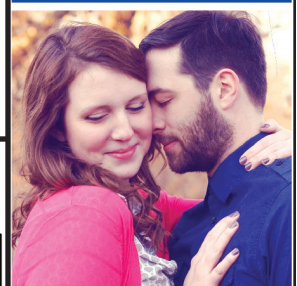
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