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MARCH 17, 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

EMPTYING TO BE FILLED

John Newton was the captain of a slave trade ship. One night in 1748, his ship was caught in a vicious storm. Waves crashed over the bow and the ship was tossed about like a toy. He had been reading the Bible and had a profound conversion experience, where he saw his life clearly and the errors of his ways. Newton saw the hand of God getting him and his crew through the storm. He would later pen the hymn, Amazing Grace. "Amazing grace/ How sweet the sound / That saved a wretch like me / I once was lost, but now I'm found/ Was blind, but now I see."

As a disciple in relationship with Jesus, John Newton was willing to leave behind his lucrative slave trade. His relationship with God eventually led him to devote his life to actively lobbying against slavery.



As we come close to the end of Lent, Jesus speaks tenderly to each of us. Jesus loves us too much to have just a casual relationship with us. Jesus wants a relationship with us built on mutual commitment and sacrifice. Lent is a good time to ask ourselves, "What are we willing to sacrifice for this relationship?"

During Lent, we are called to let go of those things in our hearts that don't belong there. Maybe it is the sin of pride, anger, selfishness, jealousy, materialism, power, position, unforgiveness. We let Jesus help us by taking away our sins in confession. On Monday, March 18, we will have a penance service at 7:30 PM. In addition, there will be confession at our parish and in all the Catholic parishes in Morris County on Monday, March 25th from 7PM to 8:30 PM. Don't be afraid!

Being emptied of these things that take up space in our hearts is only the first step. Lent is then about allowing Jesus to fill our hearts. Our hearts were made for this. In doing so, we remember who we are and to Whom we belong!

Fr. Kevin

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 16

5:00 pm Patrick Reddin, Sr.

Patrick Reddin, Jr.

Sunday, March 17

7:30 am Sr. Mary Magdalen

9:00 am Joseph Scala; Margaret O'Connor; Antoinette Adams

11:00 am Amy Gallitelli; Charles E. Walsh

6:00 pm For the Parish

Monday, March 18

7:30 am Thomas Higgins

Tuesday, March 19

7:30 am James Como

Julia Virginia Luria

Wednesday, March 20

7:30 am Maria P. Suma

Thursday, March 21

7:30 am Maureen Alexander

Nicholas Storms

Friday, March 22

7:30 am For the Parish

Saturday, March 23

5:00 pm Leo Rudnick

Rose Mary Finn

Sunday, March 24

7:30 am For the Youth of the Parish 9:00 am Joseph Lane; Jack Holleran

11:00 am Margaret Dowd; Charles E. Walsh

6:00 pm For the Parish

IN REMEMBRANCE

For the week of March 17, 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

MARCH 16/17

Saturday 5:00 pm Fr. Kevin (*livestream*) Sunday 7:30 am Msgr. Mahoney Sunday 9:00 am Fr. Kamil

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

Sunday 6:00 pm Fr. Kamil

MARCH 23/24

Saturday 5:00 pm Fr. Kamil (livestream)

Sunday 7:30 am Fr. Kevin Sunday 9:00 am Fr. Kami

Sunday 11:00 am Msgr. Mahoney (livestream)

Sunday 6:00 pm Fr. Kevin

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 17

10:00 pm

9:00 am Young Adult St. Patrick's Day Coffee and Conversation

(after 9:00 am mass) Mary's Little Helpers

10:15 am Choir Rehearsal 12:00 pm 2nd Grade Retreat

Monday, March 18

1:00 - 3:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 pm Confessions — *Welcome Home* 7:30 pm Lenten Reconciliation Service

Tuesday, March 19

6:00 pm Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 20

1:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration
4:15 pm Teen Bells Rehearsal
7:00 pm BOLD Discipleship Night

7:00 pm Corpus Christi Women's Book Club

7:00 pm Christian Seder Meal

Thursday, March 21

7:00 pm Tenebrae Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 22

4:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal 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 February was \$115,931

The breakdown is as follows:

	January 2024	January 2023
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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

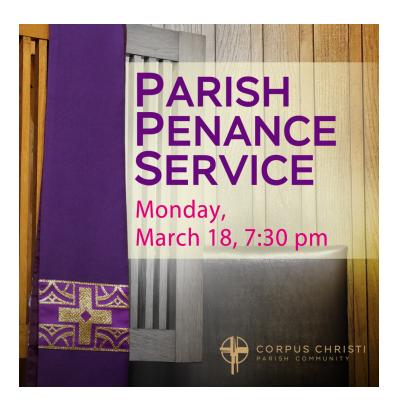
Kevin Franken, Sr. Adriana Martins, Eugene Iannocelli, Everett Farren, Ann Zerga, Cheryl Maiorini, Alfri Rundio, Barbara Marvin, Beth Cintron, Andrew White, Adeline Lombardi, Caitlin Murray, Giovanna Tagliaferri, Nancy Merola Miller, Ann Gilroy, Stephanie Windsor, Rosemarie Moeller, Connie Prince, Anna 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 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, Gina McCarthy, Josephine Dymowski, Eileen O'Boyle, Cathy Hansen, Owen Moran, Jim Haggerty, Jan Kerr, Vince Di Roberto, Kathleen Bekiaris, 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, Cordelia Street.

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



Francis O'Loughlin, father of Stephen O'Loughlin.





MUSIC MINISTRY

Christ became obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
Because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

Philippians 2:8-9

Each year during Lent we hear this text from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians twice during Mass – once on Palm Sunday and again on Good Friday. Over the years, various composers have been inspired to write music based upon it. For Tenebrae – to be held at Corpus Christi on Wednesday, March 27 at 7:30pm – one of the pieces the choir will be singing is Christus factus est (Christ Became Obedient) by Austrian composer Anton Bruckner. In just a few minutes of music, the listener travels from the heaviness of the cross

"Christ became obedient to the point of death..." to energy and hope

"...because of this, God greatly exalted him..."

Please join us for this powerful service of music and meditation as our Lenten journey nears closer and closer to Easter.



Ministry Highlights

On Wednesday, March 6th, our group journeying through *The Chosen* series completed Season One. Throughout the fall and winter, they watched 8 episodes and held a group discussion after each to reflect on the content. This was done in a hybrid model, with some sessions on Zoom and the others in person at Corpus Christi. A special thank you to Kelly Falcone for initiating and leading this new offering! Stay tuned for more information on continuing with Season Two and beyond!







Thank you to the **Teen Hand Bells** for playing so beautifully at the 9 am Mass on Sunday! Our **Children's Liturgy** also had a great time learning and hearing the readings during the 9 am Mass.

Did you know that we have a **Bereavement Group Ministry**? Facilitated by Kelly
Jenner, sessions are offered on the first
Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm in
the Upper Room at Corpus Christi. If you or
someone you know is experiencing loss,
know that you are welcome. The next
session is on April 3rd at 7:00 pm.



Some of our **Faith Formation** families gathered on Sunday for **Meal & A Message**.

They enjoyed Mac N Cheese and some homemade desserts. The best part of the event was Sr. Christina Chong FMA visited and spoke about her life as a Salesian Sister. The children and their parents asked really wonderful questions about religious life.



Thank you to all who attended the **Healing Mass** this past Tuesday! A special thank you also to our visiting presider, Fr. Nick Bozza.





Mid-March





For the first time ever, Corpus Christi held a **Fish and Chips** dinner on Monday, March 11th from 5-7 pm. This event was a fun time for all! Many parishioners and visitors chose to eat in, and a large number also picked up takeout. We are so grateful to every single person who supported this new event at Corpus Christi. Not only did we reach our ideal goal of 200 orders, we exceeded it by over 30! From the comments heard at dinner, we believe this will become an annual tradition. The food was delicious, and we were thrilled to work with Tastefully British who catered. Despite the power being out at the parish for most of the day leading up to the event, God always provides and everything came together. A special thank you to every volunteer for the tremendous amount of work before, during, and after the event, as well as to all who purchased a meal. Thank you!



"Scrumptious! No word is better suited for tonight's brilliantly planned and executed Fish & Chip dinner! Kudos to all involved!"





We are excited to welcome **Krista Daras**, new Administrative Assistant, to Corpus Christi! We hope that you will stop by to meet Krista soon. Welcome to the family, Krista!



On Monday, our staff participated in a beautiful retreat led by Steve Angrisano, followed by lunch together. This was a special time, filled with prayer, music, and group reflection.



On Sunday, March 10th and Monday, March 11th, Corpus Christi had our Lenten Series with Steve Angrisano. Titled *The Mercy Mission*, Steve spoke for two evenings, but he also got to know our parish. He spoke at Masses over the weekend, sang with members of our Music Ministry, held a staff retreat, ate at our Fish and Chips dinner, and joined in the life of the parish. His talks provided humor, inspiration, connectedness, all of which were interwoven into his journey of faith. Many parishioners commented that it brought tears to their eyes, while others enjoyed the interactive elements, such as singing and dancing. Thank you, Steve, for being with us for our Lenten Mission, and for sharing your faith and music with us. We are grateful for your authenticity and sharing your story.



LIFE MINISTRY of St. Vincent de Paul Church and NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking

presents:

HUMAN TRAFFICKING 101

IDENTIFICATION, RECOGNITION AND RESPONDING

Presenter: LA Senior Lynch Survivor speaker: Gina Cavello

Tuesday, March 19th 7:30 PM - 8:45 PM

St. Vincent de Paul Church → 1050 Bebout Ave., Stirling, NJ 07980 → St. John Paul II Center





A written guide about how to go to Confession, as well as an Examination of Conscience, will be provided in each Church.

For more information, visit www.WelcomeHomeToHealing.org
For information in Spanish, visit www.bienvenidoacasaalasanacion.org









MIDSHIPMEN KNIGHTS

Last month, seventeen midshipmen joined the Knights of Columbus council at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Established in 2010, the council has thrived under the mentorship of retired Navy Capt. Joe McInerney. He says, "the knight is this idea that comes out of Christianity — to be ferocious in battle but a servant to others.

Service academy students have a more demanding schedule than most college students, but the council's evening discussion forums, focused on how the Catholic faith applies to contemporary times, offer a welcome reset after the busyness of the day.

McInerney says, "We are the hands and the feet and the muscle of our Lord Jesus Christ. It's time for us to start flexing that muscle so we can help others and start bringing others to faith in him."

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.



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!



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.



FAITH FORMATION 2023-2024

NEXT CLASSES ARE: MARCH 24TH & 25TH



UPCOMING FAMILY EVENTS:

PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE - MARCH 18TH AT 7:30

MARCH 30TH - EASTER EGG HUNT - 12:30

UPCOMING FOR SACRAMENT PREP:

COMMUNION RETREAT MARCH 17TH OR APRIL 7TH

SIGN UP FOR FAMILY EVENTS



MASS. CLASS. FAMILY EVENTS.

BOLD Youth Ministry Christian Seder Meal



All High School Teens are invited to a special TNL with a delicious potluck meal in remembrance of Jesus' last supper.

Wednesday, March 27th 7:00-8:30pm Corpus Christi Gym

Please consider contributing to the meal!

Sign up and RSVP at

boldym.com/ccc/events



High School Volunteers Needed

HS teens, help with the Parish Annual
GG HUNT Easter Egg Hunt!

Saturday, March 30th

11:30-12:30pm |Stuff eggs with us 12:30-1:30pm | Help with the Easter Egg Hunt

RSVP at boldym.com/ccc/events



For all Incoming 6th - 9th Graders (Current 5th - 8th)

July 8th - 12th | 9:00am - 3:00pm Corpus Christi & Local Service Sites

Cost: \$185 per participant (\$125 for additional siblings)

uServe Camp will bring campers to local service sites in the morning, then return to parish property for lunch and a variety of fun and faith-based activities in the afternoon. It is sure to be a great way to spend a week, and a lill help our community,

Register at boldym.com/ccc/uServe

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