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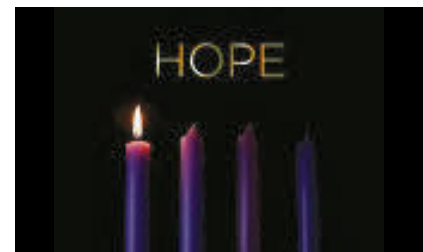
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DECEMBER 1, 2024 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ADVENT: ENTERING INTO THE MYSTERY

As we begin this Advent Season, I hope that you are looking forward to this special time when we look back and count all the blessing that God has given us. It can be a difficult time for some who have recently experienced loss. The days are growing shorter, and the nights seem longer. In this time of darkness, we remember that the light shines through and brings the promise of good things to come. We begin this season of waiting and prayer in joyful hope for the time when Christ will come again. It is also a time of conversion, where we examine the depth and strength of our faith and make room for Christ in our hearts.



"Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears my voice.... I will enter his house and dine with him"
(Rev 3:20). Amid so much "noise" and holiday sales, I encourage you as a family to consider small ways that you can "slow down" and enter into the Advent Season. In our bulletin and online (corpuschristi.org), you will find many opportunities. The Advent Season is also a time when our hearts are more open to the promptings of grace. With this, I ask you to consider inviting a relative/neighbor/friend who may be away from God and the Church to attend with you. We walk this journey through Advent together. Each week as we light another candle on the wreath, we watch and wait as the tiny flames grow into the blazing light of Christmas. Let us allow the greatest of all gifts to come more deeply into our lives and homes – the gift of Jesus Christ!

Blessings to all of you and your families this Advent Season!

Fr. Kevin

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 30

5:00 pm Nicholas Storms
Maureen Alexander
Michael Cline

Sunday, December 1

7:30 am Phillip Errico
9:00 am Christopher Bush
Peter O'Neill
11:00 am Charles E. Walsh
Mary Tierney
6:00 pm Maureen Greenstein

Monday, December 2 (Fr. James)

7:30 am For Our Confirmation Students

Tuesday, December 3 (Fr. Kevin)

7:30 am For the Sick of the Parish

Wednesday, December 4 (Fr. James)

7:30 am Maureen Alexander
Nicholas Storms
William Clinton

Thursday, December 5 (Fr. James)

7:30 am For the Youth of the Parish

Friday, December 6 (Fr. Kevin)

7:30 am Jamie Pinaire
12:30pm For the People of the Parish

Saturday, December 7

5:00 pm Tammi Georgi

Sunday, December 8

7:30 am Maureen Alexander
Nicholas Storms
Rose Mary Finn
11:00 am Eda Flock
Charles E. Walsh
6:00 pm For the Sick of the Parish

DECEMBER 1, 2024 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, November 30

5:00 pm Blessing of the Christmas Wafers - Oplatki

Sunday, December 1

8:00 am Family Faith Formation Classes
10:00 am Family Faith Formation Classes

Monday, December 2

1:00 - 3:00 pm Adoration and Private Prayer
4:15 pm Family Faith Formation Classes
6:30 pm Confessions

Tuesday, December 3

5:30 pm Adult Bells Rehearsal
7:00 pm Father Alphonse Christmas Concert

Wednesday, December 4

1:00 - 3:00 pm Adoration and Private Prayer
4:15 pm Teen Bells Rehearsal
7:00 pm Bereavement Group
Youth Discipleship Night

Thursday, December 5

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 6

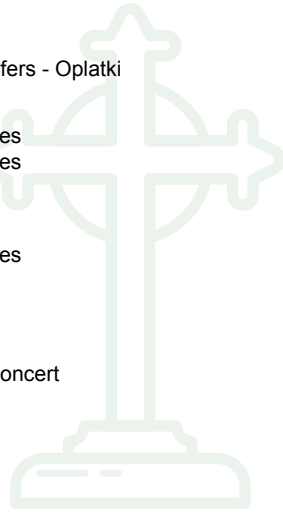
12:30 pm Senior Mass/Lunch
4:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, December 7

9:00 am Young Catholic Professionals Retreat (18-40)

Sunday, December 8

8:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am Children's Liturgy
9:45 am Bagels with Santa
1:00 pm Ministry Leaders Retreat



IN REMEMBRANCE

For the week of December 1, the blessed Sacrament Chapel flowers and the Bread and Wine are in memory of Maureen Alexander.

PRESIDER'S SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 30 / DECEMBER 1

Saturday 5:00 pm Fr. Kevin (livestream)
Sunday 7:30 am Fr. James
Sunday 9:00 am Fr. James
Sunday 11:00 am Fr. Kevin (livestream)
Sunday 6:00 pm Msgr. Mahoney

MONTHLY OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

The collection for October was \$108,881

The breakdown is as follows:

	October 2024	October 2023
Sunday	\$52,643	\$49,804
Online Giving	\$57,762	\$64,345
Less Fees	-\$1,524	-\$1,649
Net Online Giving	\$56,238	\$62,706
Total	\$108,881	\$112,500

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

Alfri Rundio	Dylan Grimmer	Max Leyn
Amy Hefe	Edward James	Nancy McKiernan
Amy Wert	Eileen O'Boyle	Nancy Merola Miller
Andrew White	Elizabeth Yanis	Nicole McGuire
Angie Dincher	Eugene Iannocelli	Owen Moran
Ann Gilroy	Everett Farren	Pat Fitzpatrick
Ann Martin White	George E. Blake	Patricia Bendsen
Anna West	Gina McCarthy	Patti Mahoney
Arlene Winsch	Giovanna Tagliaferri	Peter Newell
Barbara Marvin	Hal Zuber	Peter Paul Perla
Beth Cintron	Heather Nicole McGuire	Ralph Lopez
Betty Ann Henning	Jade Navarro	Robert Bruce
Bill Walsh	Jan Kerr	Robert Cyboran
Bill White	Jeffrey Guerriero	Ron Henning
Bob Nellis	Jim Tsakonos	Ron Leonardis
Brian Carpenter	JoAnne Felicity	Rosemarie Moeller
Caitlin Murray	John Cristofano	Sarah Shields
Carmela Mino	John Dory	Sr. Adriana Martins
Carol Lovelock	John Savarese	Sean O'Shea
Carol Smith	Jonathan Schwanwede	Stephanie Windsor
Cathy Hansen	Josephine Dymowski	Steve Karasoulis
Cheryl Maiorini	Kathleen Bekiaris	Susan Koole
Chris Conlan	Keith Thomas	Suzanne Sersun
Christine Marinello	Ken McCaffrey	Terry Stephen
Colin White	Kevin Franken	Timothy Finnegan
Connie Prince	Kris Zingone	Tricia Finley
Cordelia Street	Louis Panello	Valeria Capurro
Debbie Sisser	Maire O'Donnell	Vicki Woodard
Deborah DeMarzo	Margaret DiPopolo	Victor Rispoli
Deirdre Hatton	Marilyn Murray	Vince Di Roberto
Denis Schreiber	Mary Houlihan	Virginia Lutz
Dennis Phalon	Marylou Meixner	
Diana Nazelli	Matty Constantino	

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

Anne Noser, Bill Clinton, Clare Carlin, Drew Forbes (Husband of Laura Grimm), Joan Ott, Joseph Malloy, Nancy Tingley, Patricia Harty and Sybal Jean Thornton.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT WITH FATHER ALPHONSE

Let us capture the spirit and joy of Christmas! We will feature a Christmas Concert with Father Alphonse Stephenson and the Orchestra of Saint Peter by the Sea on Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Church. Father Alphonse and the orchestra have been profiled in the New York Times and in People magazine.

Tickets are on sale after all masses, online, and in the parish office.
Prices are \$65 for adults; \$60 for seniors; \$30 for children. Every single year, this is a sell-out performance. General seating only. Doors will open at 6:30 pm on December 3rd. Please remember to bring food donations to feed the hungry.



Bagels with Santa

December 8, 2024
Parish Hall, 9:45 am - 12:45 pm

Light breakfast, crafts, fellowship, and **Santa** - a great way to bring a little **Christmas** cheer to your Sunday.

Registration required!
Sign up at corpuschristi.org/bagels by December 1st.



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Advent CELEBRATION FOR WOMEN

**"CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD:
FAMILY TRADITIONS AND CELEBRATIONS"**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13 2024
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
\$10 PER PERSON**

9 AM MASS | BRUNCH TO FOLLOW

Come Celebrate Christmas Around the World – Family Traditions and Celebrations passed down from generation to generation. Enjoy these traditions and foods from around the world, vendor shopping, music, and more! Vendor Shopping available until 1 PM – so if you can't make the brunch come and shop 12-1PM!



Scan QR code
to register
online by
December 6th!

**PLEASE FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WITH
YOUR RESERVATION AND PAYMENT BY DECEMBER 6TH**

NAME: _____
PHONE: _____
EMAIL: _____
WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:
COOKING (RECIPES TO BE PROVIDED): _____
BAKING (YOUR OWN TRADITIONAL ONE OR ONE PROVIDED): _____
SET-UP (WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY 12/11-12): _____
CLEAN-UP (IMMEDIATELY AFTER CELEBRATION): _____
VENDOR OPPORTUNITY: _____

CORPUS CHRISTI
PARISH

Christmas

CONCERT



SATURDAY
DECEMBER 14, 2024
7:00PM



Featuring

Corpus Christi Choir
Handbell Choirs
Children's Choir
and Orchestra



Free will donation. No tickets required.



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Advent Wreath Lighting



Please register on SignUp Genius if your family would like to light the Advent Wreath at a Mass during the Advent Season. The Advent Wreath Lighting will take place at every Mass for all four weekends of Advent.





Corpus Christi

Family Faith Formation

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

December 14, 2024

Doors open at 3:45 PM

**Pageant begins at
4:00 sharp**

Invite your friends and family to share in this divine celebration and embrace the spirit of Christmas with the children of Corpus Christi! Everyone is welcome to attend.

Use the QR code to sign-up .



Or go to our website and sign-up to attend under the Faith Formation tab (Family Events).



Follow a few simple Steps:

1. Take an ornament from a Christmas tree in the Atrium. The ornament is our thank you to you for helping those in need.
2. Find the code for your gift on the list in the Atrium and fill in your contact information, so we can ensure all gifts are accounted for.
3. Purchase listed items.
4. Wrap your gift and place the provided tag (attached to the ornaments) on the gift so that it is distributed to the correct family.
5. Drop your gift off in the Resurrection Room until **Noon, Sunday, December 15th**

Join us and experience a meaningful Christmas season filled with powerful messages of love, care, and hope for the families and individuals that will receive your gifts. Thank you for your generosity!



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If you are unable to shop, you can make a monetary donation through our website, or write a check to support our *Christmas in a Box*.

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Isaiah 40:3

Advent is the perfect time to discover Formed.org!

It's free to all Corpus Christi families.

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begin watching, listening, reading and praying with the over 4000
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ADVENT CALENDAR

WEEK 2

2024

SUNDAY December 8	MONDAY December 9	TUESDAY December 10	WEDNESDAY December 11	THURSDAY December 12	FRIDAY December 13	SATURDAY December 14
Rooted Day 8	Rooted Day 9	Rooted Day 10	Rooted Day 11	Rooted Day 12	Rooted Day 13	Rooted Day 14
Week Two Adore w/ Fr. John Burns	Mary of Nazareth	Week 2 Behold w/ Sr. Miriam James, SOLT	Mary's Labor: What does Catholic Tradition Have to Say?	Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Juan Diego Catholic Saints	The Fourth Wise Man	The Story of the Nativity
CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN
Day 8 The Days of Advent	Day 9 The Days of Advent	Day 10 The Days of Advent	Day 11 The Days of Advent	Day 12 The Days of Advent	Day 13 The Days of Advent	Day 14 The Days of Advent
Light the Second Advent Candle Marcam	Juan Diego: Messenger of Guadalupe	The Annunciation Drawing Closer to God	Christmas Special Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids	Our Lady of Guadalupe & St. Juan Diego Littlest Saints	Our Lady of Guadalupe Brother Francis and Friends	Marcam's Christmas Gratitude List Marcam

**Once logged into Formed.org you can search the titles above.



Pope Francis encourages all Catholics to celebrate and participate in the Jubilee of Hope throughout the year of 2025. Each parish/institution of the Diocese of Paterson will be represented at the opening Mass at the Cathedral on Dec. 29, 2024 with Bishop Kevin Sweeney. A pilgrimage to Rome and a local pilgrimage will be made available for all parishioners. For details about the opening Mass, the pilgrimages, and to learn about the many Jubilee events that will be happening in our diocese, please visit the diocesan homepage.



Parcells Council

CORPUS CHRISTI - ST. PATRICK

COATS FOR KIDS

Last year, the Knights of Columbus celebrated the one millionth coat donated through our Coats for Kids program. The goal is to ensure that no child in North America goes without a coat during the winter season. Since the program launched in 2009, Knights have distributed coats in 49 U.S. states and all 10 Canadian provinces; including on U.S. military bases and Native American and First Nation reservations in the U.S. and Canada.

K of C Councils purchase new winter coats at a discount to be distributed to children in need in their local communities. Your local Parcells Council, serving Corpus Christi and St. Patrick parishes, has purchased cases of coats for boys and girls that get distributed at the Cathedral in Paterson. This year we bought six cases, each containing a dozen coats.

To learn more about the Knights of Columbus in the Chathams, call John Kelly 201-213-6967.

To become a Knight, visit www.kofc.org/joinus.



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Backpack Program Service Project!



Service Night & Christmas Celebration

All in High School! Grab a friend, wear your most festive Christmas outfit and join us for a service project and a white elephant gift exchange!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH | 7:00-8:30P

Please bring a wrapped gift, for a girl or guy, valued under \$20 (more amusing the better!) for the White Elephant Gift Exchange.

boldym.com/ccc/events

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

EMBOLDEN WEEKEND RETREAT

We had a great time on EMBOLDEN! The theme of the retreat was Arise: Finding Joy in the Son and we learned about how to live JOYFULLY even in the midst of life's difficulties!



EMBOLDEN



Family Faith Formation

CLASS SCHEDULE

September 8-9 & 22-23

Parent meeting during class time on 22 & 23 in the
Resurrection Room off the gym

October 6-7 & 20-21

Sacrament parent meeting during class time on
the 20-21 in the Resurrection Room off of the gym

November 3-4 & 17-18

December 1-2 & 15-16

January 5-6 & 26-27

February 9-10 & 23-2

March 9-10 & 23-24

April 13-14 & 27-28



The Roadmap of Faith

11. SENIORS

Attend First Friday Mass & Lunch each month. Nourish your own faith, serve on a ministry, and share the legacy with others.



10. ADULTS GROWING IN FAITH

Participate in liturgical ministries, join the choir, or commit to a new ministry or seasonal event. Consider weekly offerings like Adoration, Confession, and Daily Mass. Find ways to share your gifts with others.



8. YOUNG ADULTS

Get involved with our Young Adult ministry and find meaningful ways to serve, connect, and grow spiritually.

9. VOCATIONS

Whether you are called to married life, the priesthood or religious life, or single life, participate in ministries that engage you in fellowship, faith sharing, and outreach.

RCIA

Are you an adult who would like to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation? Join us for RCIA! Visit corpuschristi.org/becoming-catholic for more info!



7. YOUTH MINISTRY

BOLD Youth Ministry allows students to be leaders of faith and join in weekly youth events.



6. CONFIRMATION

High School students are confirmed after 2 years of preparation including lesson sessions, small groups, retreats and service.



4. RECONCILIATION & EUCHARIST

Preparation for these Sacraments formally begins in Grade 1, with Reconciliation and Communion in Grade 2.



SPECIAL SACRAMENTS

3rd grade through high school students who have not been prepared for, or received First Reconciliation or First Communion. It's never too late!



5. FAMILY EVENTS & BOLD MIDDLE

Grades PreK-6 join Family Events with their parents, to live their faith hands on. This is a great time to join the Children's Choir, Teen Handbell Choir, or become an Altar Server. Grades 5-8 are invited to BOLD middle events to get a taste of youth ministry.

3. FIRST LESSONS

Mass, Class, and Family Events make up the Family Faith Formation program for grades PreK- 6.



2. EARLY FAITH

Children's Liturgy and Mary's Little Helpers plant seeds for our youngest, beginning at 8 months old.



1. BAPTISM

This sacrament marks the beginning of a child's faith journey.



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Where are you on your journey?



Advent Prayer

"HOPE & HEALING"

Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney

invites you

to an afternoon of prayer and fellowship
with one another, family members, friends,
priests and religious

as the Diocese of Paterson continues
to walk with victim-survivors of clergy sex abuse
and all concerned.

Come and also learn about a new chaplaincy resource.

Saturday
December 7, 2024
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM



St. Paul *Inside the Walls*
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*You are cordially invited to
attend the*

Knights of Columbus
***Christmas
Party***



***Saturday, December 7
7:00 pm at the
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New Providence***

***Surprise
Musical Guest!***

***An evening of food, Christmas spirits and friendship.
All parishioners are welcome. Bring a friend (or two)!***

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***For questions or to RSVP, contact Brian McAuliffe
973-634-7384 or 7mcaul@gmail.com***

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