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DECEMBER 8, 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ADVENT: LOOKING FOR PEACE

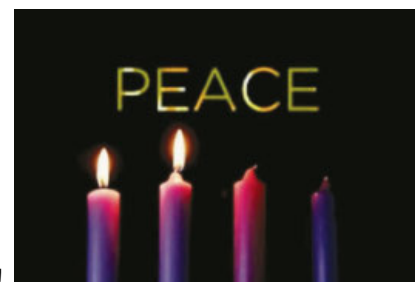
The Prophet Isaiah speaks about the supernatural peace that God is bringing into our world. "Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins." It is easy to struggle with the idea that peace on earth is actually possible. If we listen to the news, in Ukraine and in the Holy Land, peace seems to constantly evade us.

The people of Jesus' time were also looking for peace. Peace from the Roman occupation. Peace from disease and a struggling economy. They wanted a messiah anyone, to distract them from their earthly pain. When they cried to God, he listened!

Yet God wanted more for them than they were asking for. He wanted them to have the deeper peace of being in right relationship with God first. John the Baptist realized that if the people didn't have this deeper peace with God first, solving our day-to-day problems would never satisfy us. This is why John the Baptist spoke about the need for repentance, letting go of what was not compatible in our relationship with God and others, and preparing our hearts to receive fully this guest. Many of those who heard John the Baptist looked beyond their worldly situations to see the great invitation that they were being given by God. This invitation is held before us today!

During this Advent season, we spend extra time praying, doing acts of charity, and receiving the Sacraments more frequently, especially Confession. These are the way that God uses to heal our relationship with Him and others. This is the path to the supernatural peace that the Scriptures speak about. It is a path worth choosing!

Fr. Kevin



LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 7

5:00 pm Tammi Georgi

Sunday, December 8

7:30 am Maureen Alexander
Nicholas Storms
9:00 am Rose Mary Finn
11:00 am Eda Flock
Charles E. Walsh
6:00 pm For the Sick of the Parish

Monday, December 9

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 am (Fr. James) John Hillin
9:00 am (Fr. Kevin) Charles E. Walsh
7:30 pm (Msgr. Mahoney) For the People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 10 (Fr. James)

7:30 am Nicolina Errico
Adelyne Lombardi

Wednesday, December 11 (Fr. Kevin)

7:30 am For Our Faith Formation Students

Thursday, December 12 (Fr. James)

7:30 am For the Youth of the Parish

Friday, December 13

9:00 am (Fr. James) For the People of the Parish
7:30 am (Fr. Kevin) Maureen Alexander
Nicholas Storms

Saturday, December 14

5:00 pm Edward Schuh

Sunday, December 15

7:30 am For Our Confirmation Candidates
9:00 am For the Sick of the Parish
11:00 am Charles E. Walsh
Joseph Malloy
6:00 pm Irani M. Ribeiro

DECEMBER 8, 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 - 12:45 pm Bagels with Santa
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm Ministry Leaders Retreat

Monday, December 9

10:00 am Walking in Faith Side by Side
1:00 - 4:00 pm Adoration and Private Prayer
6:30 pm - 7:15 pm Confessions in the Atrium Conference Room

Tuesday, December 10

5:15 pm Adult Bells Rehearsal
6:30 pm OCIA
7:30 pm Men's Society

Wednesday, December 11

1:00 - 4:00 pm Adoration and Private Prayer
4:15 pm Teen Bells Rehearsal
6:00 pm The Chosen Episode 4 - Via Zoom
7:00 pm BOLD TNL Christmas Party

Friday, December 13

9:00 am - 10:00 am Advent Women's Brunch

Saturday, December 14

2:00 pm Christmas Pageant
4:45 pm Christmas Pageant Fellowship
7:00 pm Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 15

8:00 am Family Faith Formation Classes
10:00 am Family Faith Formation Classes
5:00 pm Penance Service: Confirmation
7:00 pm Penance Service: Confirmation

IN REMEMBRANCE

For the week of December 8, the blessed Sacrament Chapel flowers and the Bread and Wine are in memory of Maureen Alexander.

PRESIDER'S SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 7/8

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

DECEMBER 14/15

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

MONTHLY OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

The collection for November was \$113,814

The breakdown is as follows:

	November 2024	November 2023
Sunday	\$52,108	\$59,656
Online Giving	\$63,346	\$63,631
Less Fees	\$1,640	\$1,961
Net Online Giving	\$61,706	\$61,670
Total	\$113,814	\$121,326

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 Felicit	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 Maorini	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, Bob Gill, Clare Carlin, Drew Forbes (Husband of Laura Grimm), Joan Ott, Joseph Malloy, Nancy Tingley, Patricia Harty and Sybal Jean Thornton.

The "Ministry Minute"

Each first weekend of the month, we will host a "Ministry Minute" at all Masses. There will be a different ministry highlighted each month, and a ministry leader or member will speak about their experience. We hope that this 60 seconds inspires you to learn more about the amazing things going on at Corpus Christi, and encourage you to join a new ministry!

MEN'S SOCIETY

The Corpus Christi Men's Society is being reestablished! This ministry provides a social structure through which all men of the parish can participate in activities supporting the parish outreach in the general community, with special emphasis on support for St. Anthony's parish in Passaic. Activities of the Men's Society include meetings on the second Tuesday of each month from September through June, and projects with service, social, or spiritual focus. **Join us for our first meeting on Tuesday, December 10th at 7:30 pm in the Atrium Conference Room.**

Please scan the QR code for more information



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).



Congratulations Fr. Kevin!

On November 24th, we celebrated Fr. Kevin's 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood at the 11 am Mass, followed by a reception in the parish center. It was a meaningful experience for our entire parish community, with so many parishioners in attendance, as well as Fr. Kevin's friends, family, and brother priests. Thank you to all who attended and those who helped make this such a special event!





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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



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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*.

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.



Prepare the Way of the Lord

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Isaiah 40:3

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It's free to all Corpus Christi families.

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FORMED

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.



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 & 23-24

March 9-10 & 23-24

April 13-14 & 27-28



Parcells Council

CORPUS CHRISTI - ST. PATRICK

RAISING UP PRIESTS

In 1981, the Knights of Columbus initiated their Refund Support for Vocations Program (or RSVP) to encourage councils to support vocations. It offers a council a \$100 refund for every \$500 they donate to a seminarian or religious postulant, who can use the grants for books, transportation or personal needs. Over the years, those donations have added up: As of October, Knights have contributed more than \$100 million to men and women discerning vocations to the priesthood or religious life through the program.

But RSVP involves more than financial support. Spiritual and moral support in different forms — from praying for beneficiaries before council meetings to hosting them for Mass — is an essential part of the program.

Here in the Chathams, Parcells Council has been supporting seminarians with a monthly stipend for years. 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.



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!



WED, DECEMBER 11TH

7:00-8:30PM

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

Service Project:

Catholic Charities' "Backpack Program"

Together, we will pack over 100 bags with a "weekend's worth of food" to donate to El Mundo del Nino Preschool in Paterson NJ. Please sign up to bring a specific donation at

boldym.com/ccc/events

BOLD 8 MIDDLE

is hosting a spectacular

**CHRISTMAS
PARTY**

For all in Middle School

Wed., December 18th

6:30-8:00pm

Corpus Christi Gym

Wear your most festive attire, grab a friend and join us for **Holiday Desserts**, fun **Christmas Games** and a **time of prayer** to focus our hearts on the blessings of this Advent Season!

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

Ministry Highlights

Thank you to the generosity of our parishioners that dropped off frozen turkeys and non perishable food pantry items for our **Thanksgiving Turkey Drive** on November 24th. In addition, thank you to volunteers from the Men's Society and Corpus Christi high schoolers that helped unload food donations from parishioners' cars and load the truck for St. Anthony Padua from Passaic, NJ and van for Catholic Charities Father English Food Pantry from Paterson, NJ. A portion of non-perishable food pantry items were dropped off at the United Methodist Church Food Pantry in the Chatham Borough to locally serve those in need. A special thank you to James Keenan, our ministry leader for the Turkey Drive each year. We are grateful to all!



Our Mass on **Thanksgiving Day** had over 100 people in attendance. It was a wonderful way to begin the holiday and receive blessed homemade bread to be shared with family, friends, and loved ones.



On the Feast of Christ the King, the **Children's Liturgy** learned more about this feast and made crowns!



The **Chargers** had a Friendsgiving themed event in November. Everyone brought a special Thanksgiving food that they enjoy. They also did a craft and had open gym time.

Beginning of Advent

Welcome back to Fr. Michael, who celebrated a **Baptism** here - the child of a couple that he married at Corpus Christi!



During the 11 am Mass on Sunday, December 1st, we had the **Rite of Acceptance for our OCIA program**. We are excited to have 3 Catechumens to be baptized and receive sacraments, and 3 Candidates to complete the Sacraments of Initiation.



Thank you to the families who lit the Advent Wreath for each Mass for the **First Sunday of Advent!**



On Saturday, November 30th, we celebrated the beginning of the Advent Season with our annual **Blessing of Christmas Wafers "Oplatki"** at the 5 pm Mass.

Family Faith Formation



On Saturday, November 24th, 58 families gathered to make beautiful **Advent wreaths** to use throughout the season in preparation for Christmas.



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.

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December 7, 2024
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM



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