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DECEMBER 15, 2024 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

JOY AMIDST DARKNESS

A man stopped at a garage just at dusk one evening because something about the engine needed attention. A mechanic examined the trouble while a helper stood holding a light under the hood. The helper turned away and turned off the flashlight by accident. The mechanic looked up and exclaimed, "Shine your light. What are you here for?"

In the same way, John the Baptist appears to a people who were surrounded in darkness. They did not see God, but only their difficulties and struggles. John's purpose was to shine God's light to them – the light of hope, in the midst of their darkness. And people responded to this light!



During this time of Advent, we are all called like John the Baptist to shine the light that Christ has given to us generously. Maybe we won't stick out by wearing clothing of camel's hair, but we are called to stick out by going the extra mile. By our kindness, our selflessness, our forgiveness, our charity, our faith, our presence, and our concern, we shine Christ's light into our world.

All that is needed is a minimal amount of light to help those around us see beyond their darkness -that there is hope. As disciples, the more that we chose to stand out in this way, the more we encourage others to radiate this light.

This weekend, we light the rose-colored candle on the Advent wreath – a sign of Joy. This Joy is a byproduct of being witnesses of Christ's light to those around us! Let us shine this light. This is why we are here!

Fr. Kevin



Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

3:00 pm Mass in the Church*

Children's Choir Christmas Prelude music begins at 2:30 pm

3:00 pm Mass in the Hall

4:30 pm Mass in the Church Handbells Christmas Prelude music begins at 4:00 pm

4:30 pm Mass in the Hall

7:00 pm Mass in the Church*

9:30 pm Midnight Mass in the Church*

Corpus Christi Choir Christmas Prelude music begins at 9:00 pm

Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day

7:30 am Quiet Mass in the Church

9:00 am Mass in the Church

11:00 am Mass in the Church*
Corpus Christi Choir

THERE IS NO 6 PM MASS

Wednesday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

7:30 am Mass in the Church*

9:00 am Mass in the Church

7:30 pm Mass in the Church*

*Mass is also livestreamed

Confessions During Advent

Available every Monday in Advent from 6:30-7:15 pm in the Atrium Conference Room and at our Penance Service on Tuesday, December 17 at 7:30 pm.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 14

5:00 pm Edward Schuh

Sunday, December 15

7:30 am Four 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

Monday, December 16 (Fr. James)

7:30 am Suzanne Callow Berryman

Tuesday, December 17 (Fr. Kevin)

7:30 am Robert Rose

Wednesday, December 18 (Fr. Kevin)

7:30 am Burton Mirsky

Thursday, December 19 (Fr. James)

7:30 am Bob Gill

Friday, December 20 (Fr. Kevin)

7:30 am Maureen Alexander Nicholas Storms

Saturday, December 21

5:00 pm John Kratzer

Jean Giuliano

Sunday, December 22

7:30 am Eddie Killea

9:00 am Kathleen & Andrew Flock

11:00 am John Kratzer 6:00 pm Maureen Greenstein

IN REMEMBRANCE

For the week of December 15, the blessed Sacrament Chapel flowers and the Bread and Wine are in memory of Maureen Alexander.

PRESIDER'S SCHEDULE

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

DECEMBER 21/22

Saturday 5:00 pm Fr. Kevin (Livestream)

Sunday 7:30 am Fr. James

Sunday 9:00 am Fr. Kevin

Sunday 11:00 am Msgr. Mahoney (Livestream)

Sunday 6:00 pm Fr. James

DECEMBER 15, 2024 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Monday, December 16

1:00 - 3:00 pm Adoration and Private Prayer

6:30 pm Confessions

Tuesday, December 17

5:15 pm Adult Bells Rehearsal

6:30 pm OCIA

7:30 pm Advent Parish Penance Service (FFF event)

Wednesday, December 18

9:15 am Mass and Staff Retreat Day 1:00 - 3:00 pm Adoration and Private Prayer

6:30 pm BOLD Middle

Thursday, December 19

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 20

4:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm Baptism Prep Class

Sunday, December 22

9:00 am Children's Liturgy 10:00 am Mary's Little Helpers

5:00 pm Confirmation Classes 7 and 8

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 Amy Hefele Amy Wert Andrew White Angie Dincher Ann Gilrov Ann Martin White Anna West Arlene Winsch Barbara Marvin **Beth Cintron** Betty Ann Henning Bill Walsh Bill White Bob Nellis **Brian Carpenter** Caitlin Murray Carmela Mino Carol Lovelock Carol Smith Cathy Hansen Cheryl Maiorini Chris Conlan Christine Marinello Colin White Connie Prince Cordelia Street Debbie Sisser Deborah DeMarzo Deirdre Hatton Denis Schreiber

Dennis Phalon

Diana Nazelli

Dylan Grimmer Eileen O'Boyle Elizabeth Yanis Eugene lannocelli Everett Farren George E. Blake Gina McCarthy Giovanna Tagliaferri Hal Zuber Heather Nicole McGuire Jade Navarro Jan Kerr Jeffrey Guerriero Jim Tsakonos JoAnne Feliciti John Cristofano John Dorv John Savarese Jonathan Schwanwede Josephine Dymowski Kathleen Bekiaris Keith Thomas Ken McCaffrey Kevin Franken Kris Zingone Louis Panello Maire O'Donnell Margaret DiPopolo Marilyn Murray Mary Houlihan Marylou Meixner Matty Constantino Max Leyn

Nancy McKiernan Nancy Merola Miller Nicole McGuire Owen Moran Pat Fitzpatrick Patricia Bendsen Patti Mahoney Peter Newell Peter Paul Perla Ralph Lonez Robert Bruce Robert Cyboran Ron Henning Ron Leonardis Rosemarie Moeller Sarah Shields Sr. Adriana Martins Sean O'Shea Stephanie Windsor Steve Karasoulis Susan Koole Suzanne Sersun Terry Stephen Timothy Finnegan Tricia Finley Valeria Capurro Vicki Woodard Victor Rispoli Vince Di Roberto Virginia Lutz

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

Arthur D. Cashin, Jr., Bob Gill, Clare Carlin, Edward James and Joseph Malloy.

ALTAR SERVERS



We are looking for interested, dedicated individuals to be part of our Altar Server Ministry. Please join us soon and serve during Advent and at Christmas Masses!

Altar Servers play a key role during Mass.

*Open to those who have received First Holy Communion (typically third grade and older)

*Both children and adults welcome

*Humble service at the altar, active participation, and no public speaking required

If interested, please scan the QR code to sign up and we will be in touch with you!





The "Ministry Minute"



Thank you to James K for speaking this past weekend, for our "Ministry Minute" at all Masses!

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.

Please scan the QR code for more information





Prepare the Way of the Lord FORMED.org Isaiah 40:3

Advent is the perfect time to discover Formed.org! It's free to all Corpus Christi families.

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ADVENT CALENDAR

WEFK 3

2024

SUNDAY December 15	MONDAY December 16	TUESDAY December 17	WEDNESDAY December 18	THURSDAY December 19	FRIDAY December 20	SATURDAY December 21
Rooted Day 15	Rooted Day 16	Rooted Day 17	Rooted Day 18	Rooted Day 19	Rooted Day 20	Rooted Day 21
Week Three Adore w/ Fr. John Burns	The True Meaning of Christmas w/ Dr. Michael Barber	Week Three Behold w/ Sr. Miriam James, SOLT	The Chosen Christmas Special Catholic Commentary on	Adventus CHILDREN	Joseph of Nazareth CHILDREN	The Birth of the Messiah w/ Brant Pitre
CHILDREN Day 15 The Days of Advent	CHILDREN Day 16 The Days of	CHILDREN Day 17 The Days of Advent	the Chosen CHILDREN	Day 19 The Days of Advent	Day 20 The Days of Advent	CHILDREN Day 21 The Days of Advent
Light the Third (Rose) Advent Candle!	Advent The Journey to Bethlehem Drawing	The True Meaning of Christmas Lukas Storyteller	Day 18 The Days of Advent The Christmas Pageant	A Heavenly Surprise Zack and Yalla	The Shepherds in the Field Drawing Closer to God	Marcam Follows the Star Marcam

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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.



Ministry Highlights

Thank you to all who help prepare our **tree in the Atrium** each year! It's a beautiful tradition.





The December, Christmasthemed **Senior Mass and Luncheon** was a great way to come together in prayer and celebrate the most wonderful time of the year!



















On December 3rd, Fr. Alphonse and the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea returned to Corpus Christi for the 31st time. They did not disappoint! The music touched our hearts and invited us to slow down during this Advent season – to be watchful and prepared for the coming of the peace and joy of Christmas later this month!





Welcome to our two newest **Eucharistic Ministers**, Peter Guerriero and Arlene Driscoll!



Advent at Corpus Christi





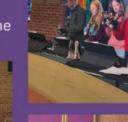


Over 50 young adults made their Advent Retreat on Saturday



Thank you to the
Children's Choir and
Teen Handbells for
singing and playing at
the 9 am Mass on
Sunday, December 8th!
It was also a great
weekend for Children's
Liturgy!

12/8 with Fr. Glenn Sudano, CFR, here at our church. It was a grace filled time of prayer and reflection for all. May St. Joseph intercede for all workers and the Young Catholic Professionals of North Jersey.



are encouraged to participate in our

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

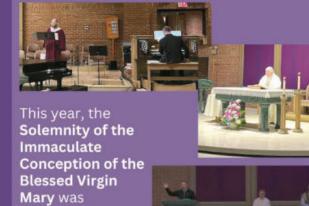


Our Advent Small Groups are a wonderful way to share your faith with others throughout the season, and grow in your own prayer life. The session at Juniper is having a great time!

celebrated on Monday,

December 9th.





Rehearsals during the week for Advent Masses! All singers and instrumentalists



Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love



Bagels with Santa





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







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CORPUS CHRISTI - ST. PATRICK

A VANLOAD OF BLESSINGS

The Knights of Columbus' Chaplain Archbishop William Lori and Cardinal Edwin O'Brien blessed a new van for the Little Sisters of the Poor in Rome recently during a ceremony at the Order's flagship sports center in Rome, Centro Sportivo Pio XI.

The K of C was the principal donor for the van, with support from several benefactors and friends of the Little Sisters, including Cardinal O'Brien, a Knight and former archbishop of Baltimore, who attended the blessing ceremony. Informally called a "begging van," the new 2024 Fiat Scudo will be used to transport food, furnishings and other donations, as well as travel to other Little Sisters communities in Turin, Bologna and Sicily.

Since the order was founded 185 years ago, the Little Sisters of the Poor have expanded to more than 30 countries.

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.







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.



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.



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



3. FIRST LESSONS

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



CORPUS CHRISTI ARISH COMMUNITY

2. EARLY FAITH

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



faith journey.

1. BAPTISM

This sacrament marks

the beginning of a child's



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