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DECEMBER 22, 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WHAT IS FAITH

Faith is a word that is used in many ways. For some, it is a mild trust in something. For others, it means that we believe in the character of someone. For others, faith is a belief that God is real and present in our lives. Yet, although these are part of the definition, faith is much more embracing.

Faith is an essential part of all that happens to us each day. We have faith that the airline pilot will act responsibly steering our plane. We have faith that if we call 911 the police will come We have faith that the food we eat is fresh and beneficial to our health. We have faith that the diagnosis that we receive from our doctor is true.



On this 4th Sunday of Advent, we are told what faith is all about. Mary is told that God is changing her plans 100% and that she is going to conceive by the Holy Spirit. While she is still processing this, she is sent to help her cousin Elizabeth to assist her with her pregnancy. She doesn't have time to process her own situation, and God asked her to assist her cousin. Saying 'Yes' to God was messy and came at a great cost to her. Yet she took a deep breath and responded with a resounding 'Yes' at each moment.

Saying we have faith is easy when things are going well. Yet how hard it is to say 'Yes' to God with faith when our plans are changed, when we are not in control, when we experience stress and anxiety along the way.

Mary made that leap of faith with trust in the One who made the promise to her. Because of this act of faith, the Savior of the world was born into our world, and we have the possibility of entering heaven one day. During this Advent season, we are reminded that the Yesses that we say to God when it is inconvenient can be a source of great grace and peace to us and all those around us. Advent reminds us that God is worthy of our leaps of faith!

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 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

Monday, December 23 (Fr. Kevin)

7:30 am Marie & Walter Wos

Adrienne Szigety

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

3:00 pm (Msgr. Mahoney, Church)
3:00 pm (Fr. James, Hall)
4:30 pm (Msgr. Mahoney, Church)
5:00 pm (Msgr. Mahoney, Church)
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6:00 pm (Msgr. Mahoney, Church)
7:00 pm (Msgr. Mahoney, Church)
7:00

4:30 pm (Fr. Kevin, Hall) 7:00 pm (Fr. James, Church)

Nathan J. Mistretta Chester Karr

Jaime Pinaire

Walter & Genevieve Taverna

9:30 pm (Fr. Kevin, Church)

Sean Austin John Manahan Fernando Nicolas

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day

7:30 am (Fr. James) Maureen Alexander

Nicholas Storms Brian Trainor Marie & Leo Rudnick

9:00 am (Fr. Kevin)

Marylee Rudnick Ruerup

11:00 am (Msgr. Mahoney)

For the People of the Parish

Thursday, December 26 (Fr. James)

7:30 am For the Sick of the Parish

Friday, December 27 (Fr. Kevin)

7:30 am For Our Family Faith Formation Students

Saturday, December 28

5:00 pm Alice Reddin

Sunday, December 29

7:30 am Phillip Errico

9:00 am For Our OCIA Candidates 11:00 am Alexandra Hardej 6:00 pm For the Youth of the Parish

PRESIDER'S SCHEDULE

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 28/29

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

Sunday 9:00 am Fr. James

Sunday 11:00 am Fr. James (Livestream)

Sunday 6:00 pm Fr. Kevin

DECEMBER 22, 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 22

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

5:00 pm Confirmation Classes 7th and 8th Grade

Monday, December 23

1:00 - 3:00 pm Adoration and Private Prayer 4:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal

6:30 pm Confessions

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve - Parish Office Closes at 1pm

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day - Parish Office Closed

IN REMEMBRANCE

For the week of December 22, the Blessed Sacrament Chapel flowers and the Bread and Wine are in memory of Charles E. Walsh and Maureen Alexander. The Blessed Chapel lights are in memory of Charles E. Walsh

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 \$1,961 \$61,670	
Less Fees	\$1,640		
Net Online Giving	\$61,706		
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 Bekjaris **Keith Thomas** Ken McCaffrey Kevin Franken Kris Zingone Louis Panello Maire O'Donnell Margaret DiPopolo Marilyn Murray Mary Houlihan Marylou Meixner Matty Constantino

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...

Max Leyn

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 are 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!







Ministries for Kids & Families

FAMILY MINISTRY

Parents and children together serve our parishioners by organizing family events and activities that build parish community and provide fellowship in the warm and welcoming environment of our church, while also serving others in need.



PLAYGROUP

For children ages 8 months to 4 years with their parents. Monthly on Sundays from 10-10:45 am



ALTAR SERVERS

Altar Servers play a key role during Mass. 3rd graders and older are invited to train.



Children's Choir

All students in grades 3-6 are encouraged to sing!



Visit corpuschristi.org/ministries 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.

Just search Formed.org and sign in by clicking Formed for Parishes.

Use Corpus Christi, Chatham and your email and you can immediately begin watching, listening, reading and praying with the over 4000

Catholic resources available.

FORMED

ADVENT CALENDAR

2024

WEEK 4

SUNDAY December 22	MONDAY December 23	TUESDAY December 24	WEDNESDAY December 25	THURSDAY December 26	FRIDAY December 27	SATURDAY December 28
Rooted Day 22	Rooted Day 23	Rooted Day 24	Rooted Day 25	The Christmas and Easter Story by Truth &	St. John the Apostle Catholic Saints	The Mystery of Christmas by Fr. Larry
Week Four Adore w/	O Holy Night - Christ-	Christmas Eve	Christmas Sacred Art	Life Audio Bible		Richards
Fr. John Burns	mas with the Annie Moses Band	Catholic All Year	CHILDREN	Christmas in Rome: A Celebration of the	Glory to the New Born King: Traditional Christ- mas Carols & Hymns by	The Holy Innocents
CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	Day 25 The Days of	Nativity Nativity	Lindsey Todd	CHILDREN
Day 22 The Days of Advent	Day 23 The Days of	Day 24 The Days of Advent	Advent	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	Day 28 The Days of
	Advent		Christmas Special	Day 26 The Days of	Day 27 The Days of	Advent
Light the Fourth Advent Candle! Marcam	The Nativity Drawing Closer to God	The Story of Christmas Benjamin Cello	Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids	Advent	Advent	The 12 Days of Christmas Dance!
Closer to dod	Ciusei to dod			The Story of Christmas: An Audio Drama About the First Christmas	The King is Born: A Collection of Christmas Praises in Song	Marcam



CORPUS CHRISTI - ST. PATRICK

MORE SUBLIME THAN EVER

The closing Mass of the Synod on Synodality was celebrated Oct. 27 in St. Peter's Basilica under the newly restored Bernini baldacchino, now free of scaffolding and gleaming brightly after a months-long cleaning and preservation project supported by the Knights of Columbus.

The nearly 10-story canopy over the papal altar, constructed in the 17th century directly over the tomb of St. Peter the Apostle, was last refurbished more than 250 years ago.

Pope Francis drew attention to the restored structure in his homily at the closing Mass. "As we admire the majestic Bernini baldacchino, more sublime than ever," the pope said, "we can rediscover that it frames the true focal point of the entire basilica, namely the glory of the Holy Spirit.

The Knights of Columbus have sponsored more than 20 Vatican projects since 1980.

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.





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.





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



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Liturgical Ministries

Adoration
Altar Servers
Altar Society
Baptismal Bibs
Children's Liturgy
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Lectors
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Chargers
CYO Basketball
Knights of Columbus
Prayer Garden Ministry
Seniors' First Friday Mass & Luncheon
Mary's Little Helpers
Walking in Faith Side by Side
Young Adults
Youth Ministry











Music Ministry

Adult Choir Children's Choir Handbell Choirs Concert Series





Christ's Joy. Hope and Healing Received and Shared





Outreach

Christmas in a Box
Eva's Village
Food Pantry
Mother's Day Pajama Drive
Thanksgiving Turkey Drive

Seasonal Events

Advent & Lent Speakers
Advent Celebration for Women
Bagels with Santa
Blessing of the Animals
Carnival
Christian Seder Meal
The Chosen Bible Study
Christmas Pageant
Live Lent
Pancake Breakfasts
Tenebrae
Thanksgiving Bread
Veterans Day Blessing
The Mass of Angels

Welcome Back Weekend













Have you thought about becoming more involved at Corpus Christi? Maybe you're looking for community events and programs. Maybe you're looking to make some new friends in a faith environment. Maybe you're looking for a deeper connection with God in your personal prayer life. Please scan the QR code to learn more about our ministries and join us this Christmas Season and in 2025!



Bagels with Santa

On Sunday, December 8th, Corpus Christi hosted our annual **Bagels** with Santa event. It was a fun, joyfilled time for all the children and their families. A special thank you to the Riley, Salomon, and Enright families for their leadership, and all of our amazing volunteers!

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!

6. CONFIRMATION

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



4. RECONCILIATION & EUCHARIST

7. YOUTH MINISTRY

BOLD Youth

Ministry allows

students to be

leaders of faith

and join in

events.

weekly youth

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



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



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.





Where are you on your journey?

Knights of Columbus

Parcells Council #2086



Basketball Free Throw Championship



For Girls and Boys Ages 9-14

When: Saturday, January 11, 2025 12pm - 4pm

Where: Corpus Christi Parish Gym 234 Southern Blvd., Chatham Twp.

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