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DECEMBER 29, 2024 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR SPIRITUAL MOTHER!

It seems strange that we begin the new year celebrating the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Yet this feast day tells us an important truth about Mary and Jesus and our journey through life.

Jesus' nature as both equally human and divine is something we may take for granted today. But back in the early days of the church, this was hotly debated. In 431 A.D. during the Council of Ephesus, the title of "Mary Mother of God," in Greek "Theotokos," was defended and defined against the heresy of Nestorius. Nestorius, Bishop of Constantinople, refuted the title of "Theotokos" claiming that Christ had two loosely united natures, and therefore, Mary was only the mother of the human part of Jesus.



Catholic theologians rejected this claim, and defined that Christ indeed has two natures, a divine nature and a human nature definitely united in one divine person. Since Christ's two natures form one single person, Mary is the mother of the whole Person of Christ. Therefore, Mary can be properly called "Mother of God," not in the sense that she came before God or is the source of God, but in the sense that the Person that she bore in her womb is indeed true God and true man.

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God falls exactly one week after Christmas, the end of the octave of Christmas. It is fitting to honor Mary as Mother of Jesus, following the birth of Christ. When Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, we are not only honoring Mary, who was chosen among all women throughout history to bear God incarnate, but we are also honoring our Lord, who is both fully God and fully human.

Calling Mary "Mother of God" is the highest honor we can give Mary. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace," the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace." Pope Paul VI, in his apostolic exhortation Marialis Cultus (1974), called the Solemnity of Mary "a fitting occasion for renewing adoration of the newborn Prince of Peace, for listening once more to the glad tidings of the angels (cf.Lk 2:14), and for imploring from God, through the Queen of Peace, the supreme gift of peace." Masses on January 1st are at 7:30AM, 9AM and 7:30 PM.

I ask you to consider inviting Mary, Mother of God, into your life and the life of your family as we begin this New Year! The one who is so close to Jesus can help us in ways that we can only imagine!

Fr. Kevin

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, December 30 (Fr. James)

7:30 am Maureen Alexander

Nicholas Storms

Tuesday, December 31 (Fr. Kevin)

New Years Eve

7:30 am Jean & Frank Polawski

Wednesday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary

7:30 am (Msgr. Mahoney) Maureen Alexander

Nicholas Storms

9:00 am (Fr. Kevin)
11:00 am (Fr. James)
For the Youth of the Parish
For the Sick of the Parish

Thursday, January 2 (Fr. James)

7:30 am For Our Confirmation Candidates

Friday, January 3 (Fr. Kevin)

7:30 am For Our Family Faith Formation Students

12:30 pm For the Seniors in the Parish

Saturday, January 4

5:00 pm For Our Parish Families

Sunday, January 5

7:30 am For Our OCIA Candidates

9:00 am Mary Skurka

11:00 am John "Jack" W. McCue, Jr., DDS

Kent Hoffman

6:00 pm For the Youth of the Parish

PRESIDER'S SCHEDULE

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

JANUARY 4/5

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

Sunday 6:00 pm Fr. Kevin

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, December 30

1:00 pm Adoration and Private Prayer

6:30 pm Confessions

Wednesday, January 1

New Year's Day - Parish Office Closed

Thursday, January 2

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 3

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

Sunday, January 5

8:00 am Family Faith Formation Classes
10:00 am Family Faith Formation Classes
2:30 pm Walking in Faith Side by Side
5:00 pm Confirmation Classes Grades 7 and 8

IN REMEMBRANCE

For the week of December 29, 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
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

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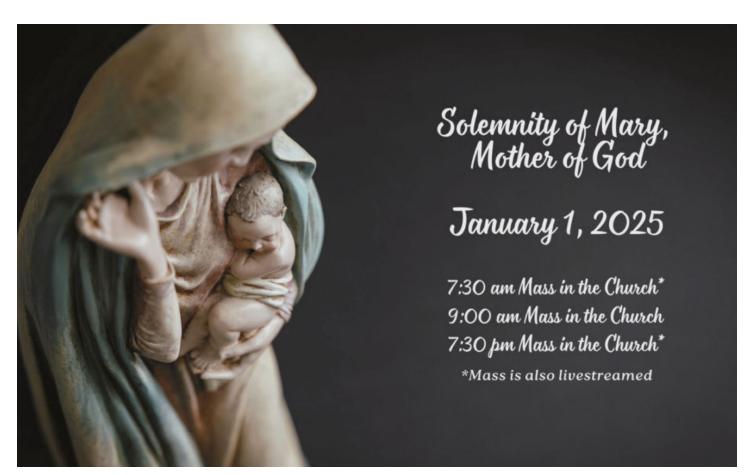
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Pope Francis encourages all Catholics to celebrate and participate in the Jubilee of Hope throughout the year of 2025. Each parish/institution of the Diocese of Paterson will be represented at the opening Mass at the Cathedral on Dec. 29, 2024 with 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.

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

Arthur D. Cashin, Jr., Bob Gill, Clare Carlin, Edward James Francis Healey, Franes St. Bernard and Joseph Malloy.







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

Advent is the perfect time to discover Formed.org!

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ADVENT CALENDAR

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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 CHILDREN	mas with the Annie Moses Band	Catholic All Year CHILDREN	CHILDREN	Christmas in Rome: A Celebration of the Nativity	Glory to the New Born King: Traditional Christ- mas Carols & Hymns by Lindsey Todd	The Holy Innocents
# - WALL 1	CHILDREN		Day 25 The Days of	nauvity	Linusey Iouu	CHILDREN
Day 22 The Days of Advent	Day 23 The Days of Advent	Day 24 The Days of Advent	Advent	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	Day 28 The Days of Advent
Light the Fourth Advent	The Nativity Drawing	The Story of Christmas Benjamin Cello	Christmas Special Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids	Day 26 The Days of Advent	Day 27 The Days of Advent	The 12 Days of
Closer to God			The Story of Christmas:	The King is Born: A	Christmas Dance! Marcam	

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

the First Christmas

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



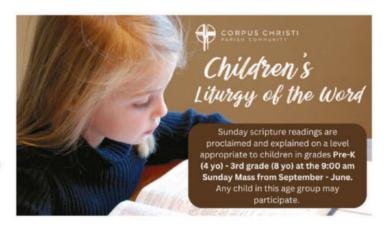
ALTAR SERVERS

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!

Family Faith Formation Grades PreK-6

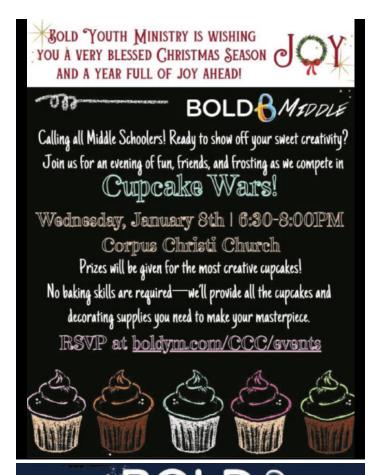


Joy to the World!
Wishing all of our Families a very
Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year!
Classes resume January 5 & 6!





THANK YOU TO KARA FIRTH AND ALL OF THE PARENTS WHO HELPED TO BRING THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT TO LIFE AT CORPUS CHRISTI! IT WAS WONDERFUL TO SEE THE HOST OF ANGELS, SHEPHERDS GUARDING THEIR SHEEP, THREE KINGS BRINGING GIFTS, AND MARY, JOSEPH AND BABY JESUS PORTRAYED BY SO MANY OF THE CHILDREN OF CORPUS CHRISTI!





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CLASS SCHEDULE

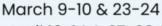
September 8-9 & 22-23

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



April 13-14 & 27-28



CORPUS CHRISTI - ST. PATRICK

RESOLUTION: BEING A CATHOLIC MAN

The New Year: a time to reflect on where we've been and where we want to go. Being a Catholic man, we should know that God has an amazing plan for us: an eternity of communion with Him in paradise. However, sin separates us from that promise.

The good news? God sent His only son to save us from our sin and brokenness. If our life doesn't reflect how God wants us to live, there are tools available to us all: His Word, His church, and His sacraments.

The Knights of Columbus is an organization that also helps us be true men of faith and charitable action. As a Knight, you are surrounded by other men striving to live out their Catholic calling to serve others.

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.



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!





Ministry Highlights

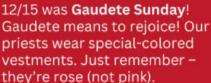
Twenty men of the parish gathered for the inaugural meeting of the Men's Society on 12/10. There was a great desire to encounter Christ in reflection, to grow in community with other men of faith, and to perform outreach and works of charity in the local community. The Men's Society will meet the second Tuesday of every month - please join us!







The Chosen group had an engaging discussion about Season 2, Episode 4, which portrayed the story from Scripture John 5: 1-30, when Jesus heals the paralytic at the Bethesda Pool in Jerusalem. Please join us in 2025 for the next 4 episodes!









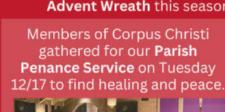




Thank you to the families who lit the Advent Wreath this season!















nank you to our **Teen Handbells** for playing so beautifully!



On Wednesday 12/18, we had our Advent Staff Retreat Day. Thank you to Fr. James for leading the sessions on "Advent with Isaiah." It was also great to celebrate Deacon Frank and Alexandra's birthdays!

The Reason for the Season

On December 14th, 58 children from our Family Faith Formation program presented the story of the birth of Jesus during Corpus Christi's Christmas Pageant. It was a wonderful way to

































Our boxes, and hearts, are overflowing with gifts and gratitude! Thank you to everyone who generously donated to Christmas in a Box! You helped to ensure that our list of families, seniors, and children in need this year receive Christmas gifts. Thank you so much!

Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 14th was our Corpus Christi Christmas Concert, featuring the Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Teen Handbell Choir, and guest musicians. Thank you to our Director of Music Ministry, Paul Carroll, for preparing the ensembles and to all members of our Music Ministry for a beautiful evening to get us into the Christmas spirit!

















Advent Celebration for Women



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Basketball Free Throw Championship



For Girls and Boys Ages 9-14

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

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