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## FEBRUARY 2, 2025 THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

#### **BLESSING OF THE THROATS: ST. BLAISE**

This weekend we receive the blessing of our throats through the intercession of St. Blaise. St. Blaise was born into a noble family in the 3rd century where he received a Christian education and was later consecrated a bishop of Sebaste (now Armenia). He was also known to be a physician who would visit people in their homes at all hours to comfort, cure, and advise them. St. Blaise was ordered to worship the pagan gods but refused. He was later tortured and beheaded.



Blaise's connection with the blessing of throats comes from the tradition that he reportedly revived a boy who was choking on a fishbone. The candles used during the blessing are derived from the candles brought to Blaise in prison by the grateful mother. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat.

The following blessing is said at Mass: "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop, and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

This blessing of our throats reminds us that God cares for our wellbeing. He cares deeply for all that makes life difficult, even those hidden wounds that only God can see. The blessing of throats is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us in all the areas of our lives. Our good God wants nothing less for us than our wholeness!

Fr. Kevin

Parish Council Nomination Form see page 13.

## FEBRUARY 2, 2025 The Presentation of the Lord

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, February 1

5:00 pm Blessing of the Throats during Mass 7:00 pm Broadway Night Concert (Parish Hall)

Sunday, February 2

Blessing of the Throats during all Masses 9:00 am Children's Liturgy

5:00 pm Confirmation Classes Grades 7 and 8

Monday, February 3

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

6:30 - 7:15 pm Confession

Tuesday, February 4

5:00 pm Family Faith Formation Holy Family Prayer Service

6:00 pm Adult Bells Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 5

1:00 - 3:00 pm Adoration and Private Prayer 3:00 pm Walking in Faith Side by Side 4:15 pm Teens Bells Rehearsal 7:00 pm Youth Discipleship Night 7:00 pm Bereavement Group

Thursday, February 6

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 7

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

Saturday, February 8

5:00 pm Anniversary Blessing during Mass 11:00 - 1:00 pm Eva's Village Lunch Service in Paterson

Sunday, February 9

Anniversary Blessing during all Masses

8:00 am Family Faith Formation Classes

9:00 am Hospitality after Mass

10:00 am Family Faith Formation Classes

11:00 am Hospitality after Mass

#### IN REMEMBRANCE

For the week of February 2, the Blessed Sacrament Chapel flowers, the Bread and Wine are in memory of Maureen Alexander.

#### PRESIDER'S SCHEDULE

#### FEBRUARY 1/2

Saturday 5:00 pm Msgr. Mahoney (Livestream)

Sunday 7:30 am Fr. James Sunday 9:00 am Fr. James

Sunday 11:00 am Fr. Kevin (Livestream)

Sunday 6:00 pm Fr. Kevin

#### FEBRUARY 8/9

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

Sunday 9:00 am Fr. Kevin Sunday 11:00 am Fr. James (*Livestream*)

Sunday 6:00 pm Fr. James

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 1

5:00 pm Charles Meuse

Sunday, February 2

7:30 am Patrick Mayfield

9:00 am James Casey Patrick McKee

11:00 am Jolanta L. Londene 6:00 pm For the Souls in Purgatory

Monday, February 3 (Fr. James)

7:30 am Marie & Walter Wos

Adrienne Szigety

Tuesday, February 4 (Fr. Kevin)

7:30 am Maureen Alexander

Nicholas Storms

Wednesday, February 5 (Fr. Kevin)

7:30 am Willard Dolman

Thursday, February 6 (Fr. James)

7:30 am Colette Brennan

Friday, February 7 (Fr. Kevin)

7:30 am Stephan L. Haas

Senior Mass

12:30 pm Jack Glynn

Saturday, February 8

5:00 pm Christopher Leggiero (65<sup>th</sup> Birthday)

Gretchen Dolman

Sunday, February 9

7:30 am For Our Family Faith Formation Families

9:00 am Joyce Keane 11:00 am Chris James Daras Michael Daras

Michael Daras Haden Daras

6:00 pm For the Souls in Purgatory



## MONTHLY OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

The collection for December was \$150,805

The breakdown is as follows:

	December 2024	December 2023
Sunday	\$94,042	\$58,460
Online Giving	\$60,246	\$90,474
Less Fees	-\$3,483	-\$2,130
Net Online Giving	\$56,763	\$88,344
Total	\$150,805	\$141.804

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

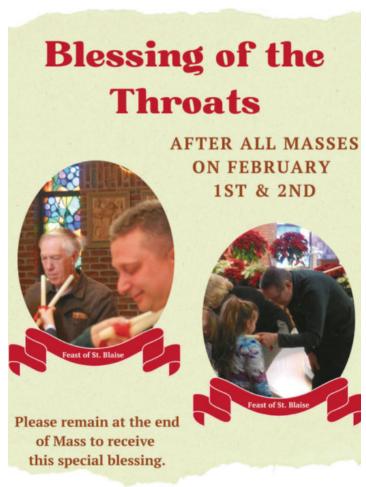
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Nancy McKiernan Nancy Merola Miller Nicole McGuire Owen Moran Pat Fitzpatrick Patricia Bendsen Patti Mahoney Peter Newell Peter Paul Perla Ralph Lonez Robert Bruce Robert Cyboran Ron Henning Ron Leonardis Rosemarie Moeller Sarah Shields Sr. Adriana Martins Sean Brown 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...

Madeleine Ledrappier.









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## BROADWAY NIGHT

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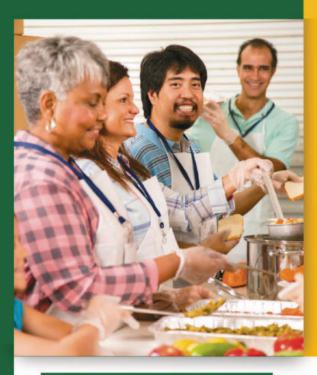
JODY MULLEN
PATRICIA RUGGLES
NOELLE SCHAEFFER
PAUL CARROLL, PIANO

Corpus Christi Concert Series 2024-2025 February 1, 2025 | 7 PM Corpus Christi Hall



Eva's Village

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED





### We Need Help From You

- Open to All Ages 16+
- No Experience Necessary
- Setup/Serve/Cleanup
- Compassionate & Kind
- ✓ Lunch Service 11 am 1 pm
- Transportation Needed to/from Paterson (carpooling encouraged)
- 12-14 volunteers needed for each date

### SIGN UP NOW



Scan the QR code to volunteer on Sign Up Genius for the following dates:

Saturdays 2/8, 3/29, 4/26, 5/31







THIS GROUP IS NOT MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING, BUT TO BE USED AS A SPIRITUAL SUPPORT GROUP IN ADJUNCT TO PROFESSIONAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES YOU MAY USE OUTSIDE OF THIS MINISTRY.



For immediate help call 988 for the Suicide and Crises Lifeline or see below for other contacts.

NJMentalHealthCares 1-866-202-HELP(4357) is New Jersey's mental health information and referral service.

The NJ Connect for Recovery Call Line: 1-855-652-3737 was established to support two distinct groups across the state of New Jersey: those concerned with their own opiate use; and, those who are experiencing distress related to the opiate use of a friend or family member.

1-855-654-6735 NJ Hopeline: New Jersey's 24/7 Peer Support & Suicide Prevention Hotline.

**Crisis Text Line**: provides free, 24/7 support via text message. We are here for everything: anxiety, depression, suicide, school. Text HOME to 741741.

Northern New Jersey Alcoholics Anonymous: 908-687-8566

Al-Anon Montclair, NJ: 973-744-8686

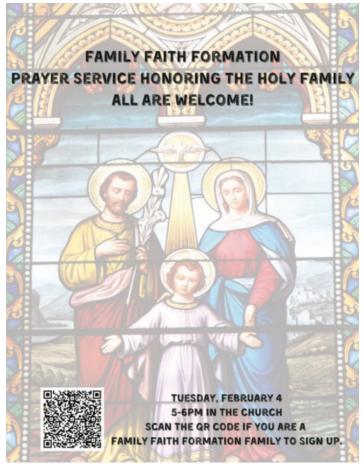


## REMAINING CLASSES FOR 2025

February 9-10 & 23-24 March 9-10 & 23-24 April 13-14 & 27-28









Family Faith Formation

Grades PreK-6

1ST HOLY COMMUNION
The sign-up for your child's sacrament dates/times went
out via Flocknote on
January 27. If you have any questions please contact
Diane at

DVezzuto @ CorpusChristi.org

Family Event

2-4-2025

Prayer Service Honoring
the Holy Family
5PM in Church

REGISTRATION FOR

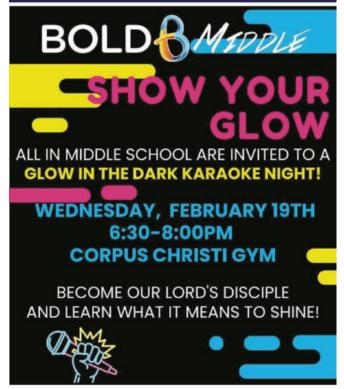
Early Registration for 2025-2026 Family Faith Formation will begin on February 14 and end on April 28

2025-2026



**HOW CAN YOU HELP?** It's easy! Sign up on the Sign-Up Genius to commit to donating a specific food item and bring it with you to TNL! Together, we'll pack 100 bags of food!

#### SIGN UP AT BOLDYM.COM/CCC/EVENTS



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

# ALTAR SERVERS



We are looking for interested, dedicated individuals to be part of our Altar Server Ministry.

Please join us!

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!





## Ministry Highlights

The annual Corpus Christi Pancake Breakfast was a huge success! Thanks to all those who came out to enjoy some delicious breakfast and support our youth ministry! Thank you especially to all those teen and adult volunteers that helped make it happen, from shopping to set up, to cooking to serving to clean up and everything in between, we are so grateful for all of our volunteers! We had a blast and are already looking forward to next year!



























The Jubilee of Hope invites us to renew our faith and trust in God's providence, reminding us that His love and mercy are endless. Through pilgrimages and works of mercy, we can grow closer to God and deepen our commitment to living the Gospel. A Jubilee Year traditionally includes the opening of a Holy Door in major basilicas, symbolizing the pathway to salvation. May this Jubilee of Hope inspire us to embrace the call to holiness, to serve those in need, and to proclaim the joy of the Gospel to all we meet. For more information, please visit the Jubilee Table in the atrium.

#### 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!

#### PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council is a consultative body to the Pastor, comprised of committed parishioners with varied backgrounds, perspectives, skills, and talents. The Council is called to be aware of and help respond to the needs of the people of the Parish. The Council's ministry is to envision, plan, and oversee the implementation of policies and activities (present and future) in line with the Parish Vision/Mission Statement.



Please scan the QR code for more information







#### **SERVING YOUTH**

Last month our council ran a local Free-Throw Championship in the Corpus Christi gym. The Free-Throw program for boys and girls between ages 9-14 encourages the values of sportsmanship and healthy competition. Winners in Chatham can progress up to the NJ State level championship. The K of C has similar programs for soccer and ice hockey.

As part of our Community Programs, Knights of Columbus councils help youths grow in faith and character. Here in the Chathams, Parcells Council has run Catholic Citizenship essay contests, financially supported Youth Ministry programs, and members have gone on Appalachia Help Weeks for decades.

Also, portions of proceeds from our Pancake Breakfasts and evening events, such as the upcoming St. Patrick's Day Party, are donated to Youth Ministry, St. Patrick School, and to college scholarship programs.

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.





#### **Parish Council Nomination Form**

Any parishioner, staff member, and clergy can nominate a fellow parishioner (including teens who are preparing for Confirmation) for a seat on Parish Council. This is a selection process (not an election).

If you nominate someone for the Parish Council, the person will be contacted and provided an opportunity to decide if they wish to proceed with submitting an application. All candidate applications are pooled, and new Council members are randomly selected.

Name(s) of person(s) you are nominating:
Contact information for person(s) you are nominating (if available):
Your name and contact information:
Please briefly describe why you are nominating them:

#### Parish Pastoral Council Candidate Requirements

#### The role of the Corpus Christi Parish Pastoral Council:

- To server as a consultative body to the Pastor, offering guidance and support in alignment with the Parish Vision and Mission statements.
- To be attentive to the needs of the people of the Parish, and work collaboratively with Parish clergy and staff to respond to those needs.

#### Ideal Candidates:

- Embody the Parish Vision (Christ's Joy, Hope, and Healing Received and Shared) and Parish Mission through service to the parish community.
- Have a personal commitment to an active prayer/faith life.
- · Are willing to contribute individual talents/skills and treasure to the best of his/her ability.

#### Requirements to be a candidate for the September 2025 - May 2028 term:

- · Have been a registered member of the Parish for at least 6 months.
- Have received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation\*
- Are willing to serve a 3-year term, and are available to attend Council meetings (held on Saturdays mornings, five (5) sessions per year, September through June)
- · Participate in some aspects of Parish Life.

\*or are a teen preparing for confirmation; teens may choose to serve a 2-year term.

Note: Nominations will be accepted until March 10, 2025.

Please return this form to the Corpus Christi Parish office

#### THE BEACON GOES ONLINE!

#### The stories of our faith community find a new home at Beaconnj.org

The Diocese of Paterson recently announced the conclusion of the print version of The Beacon. This is not the end of the story. The Beacon shines even more brightly in a new form: **Beaconnj.org**, where the important stories of our faith community continue to be passed along. Here, you can find the same great coverage of your faith community and new website features that enrich the storytelling experience.

Visit the website often for the latest news, columns from Bishop Sweeney, event information, and more! The new form of The Beacon is accessible and interactive. Be part of this new chapter in The Beacon story.

For weekly updates, subscribe to our newsletter, The Beacon and Beyond: beaconnj.org/subscribe.

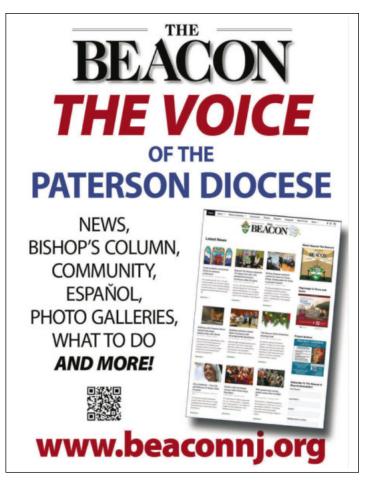
In the Community section, share and experience what is happening in your local parish, school, and religious community with reader-submitted articles and photos: **beaconnj.org/community**.

**Beaconnj.org** also features a new "What To Do!" calendar events page where submissions are welcome! Visit **beaconnj.org/events**.

These website features can also be found by navigating the menus of **beaconnj.org**.

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