



Saturday, February 12

Vigil Mass

5:00 p.m. +Mary T. Hauser

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday February 13

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. +Joan Chupka

3:00 p.m.* John & Maryann Schingo

5:00 p.m. +Mariann Farrell

Monday, February 14

7:30 a.m. +Antonia S. Dando

Tuesday, February 15

7:30 a.m. +Antonia Abbadiello

Wednesday, February 16

6:15 p.m. +John Comandini

+Fernando Nogueira

Thursday, February 17

7:30 a.m. +Genevieve Uffer

Friday, February 18

7:30 a.m. +Catherine Cooper

Saturday, February 19

5:00 p.m. +Ronald & +Marilyn Rinfret

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, February 20

8:00 a.m. +Patricia Nielsen

10:00 a.m. People of the Parish

3:00 p.m.* +Karen Lang

5:00 p.m. +Joseph & +Antoinette Rossi

* Traditional Latin Mass

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February

For religious sisters and consecrated women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

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in your will and estate planning.

MEMORIAL AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS

February 12- – February 18

+Sacred Heart+
Special Intention



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Prayer

*How to do nothing
and still think you're helping*

Corpus Christi establishing a new Prayer List for the sick of the parish. Kindly call in to add names to the list. Please keep in mind to notify the parish office when to remove the names. Thank You. Please pray for the sick of our parish:

- Joann Heinlin, Fr. Henry Hemmling,
- Juliet Hobson, Karen Kleinschmidt, Ashley Larson,
- Theresa Marchese, Geraldine Patton, Steven Marcinczyk
- Lisa Ponteiri, Sam Saloom, Jr., Melissa Telofski,
- Jean DuFour, Stevie Telofski, Judi Zyskowski,
- Ian Birchak, Nancy Perkin, David Catchpole,
- Manuel Rocha, Jim Creegan, Vincenzo Blandino,
- Bonnie Anderson, Maryann Volkmann, Patrick Ahern,
- Ernest J. Volkmann, Sr., Ernest J. Volkmann, Jr.

WEEKLY FAITH FORMATION QUESTION

Grade 1-2

Life Question: What makes you happy?

Gospel Question: How do you bring happiness to others?

Grades 2-3

Life Question: What makes you happy?

Gospel Question: – Who does God bless?

Grades 4-6

Life Question: What is a fair share? Who do you know who doesn't have a fair share?

Gospel Question: How does Jesus look at people who are poor?

Grades 7-8

Life Question: How has God blessed you?

Gospel Question: How can you bless people who are poor, hungry, or sad?

Faith Formation Families

For current openings and closings due to inclement weather for the next couple of months, please call the main number 732-254-1800 ext.19 and all updated information will be available.



Synod 2023 – Diocese of Metuchen- Due to ongoing concerns about the Covid-19 pandemic, the next Synod listening session is scheduled for February 22, 2022 6:30-9:00 p.m. St. Thomas The Apostle Church, Old Bridge, NJ - Online Questionnaire – Individuals are invited to share their feedback for the 2021-2023 Synod. To learn more about the Synod process visit www.diometuchen.org/synod2023

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 13, 2022

“Blessed are you when people hate you, ...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man.” (LUKE 6:22)

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

The Catechism Lectures - With Rev. Fr. John A. Perricone
Corpus Christi Roman Catholic Church Hall
Class Schedule 2022

February 7 & 21 March 7 & 21 April 4 & 18
May 2 & 16 June 6 & 20

The 2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Parish Team Leaders are needed to assist the parish to meet our goal of \$33,000. The meetings are held via Zoom. Please consider assisting our parish in implementing a successful campaign.

Continuing to Fan the Flame of Faith into Service

The shelters operated by Catholic Charities remained fully staffed during the Covid-10 pandemic and provided lodging, meals, crisis counseling and case management services to the residents who would otherwise be homeless. This is just one example of the more than 100 programs in 20 sites throughout Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren counties reaching out with Works of Mercy to those struggling with the hardships of life. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to ensure that no one is left homeless, hungry, or without emotional support in these extremely difficult times.

Retrouvaille February 25-27, 2022

Stress in Your Marriage?

- . Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- . Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
- . Have you thought about separation or divorce?
- . Does talking about it only make it worse?

RETROUVAILLE is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen, NJ

RETROUVAILLE consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is February 25-27, 2022. All inquiries are confidential. For further information, please contact Rich Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno 732-672-0748 or email 3024@helpourmarriage.org

Lucky Calendar Drawing Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Congratulations to Jennifer Director, the Lucky Winner for this month's drawing for \$500.00. You too could be a winner! Remember to return your stubs before the next drawing date of Tuesday, March 1st. 12 more drawings left. One of them could be YOU!



Corpus Christi Church
Lenten Day of Recollection
with Rev. Fr. John A. Perricone

Saturday – March 19, 2022 – 11:00 a.m. Conference I
Noon – Holy Mass
12:45 – Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament
1:00 p.m. – Holy Rosary
Confessions, 1:30 p.m. – Conference II
2:00 p.m. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament
2:30 p.m. Convivium



OLDIES NIGHT
March 5, 2022
Church of the
Sacred Heart - 531
Washington Ave.
South Amboy, NJ
Tickets \$50.00
DINNER, SODA,

DESSERT, COFFEE, TEA INCLUDED
BYOB Tables of 10 are reserved.

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Sacred Heart Office 732-721-0040
\$500 DOOR PRIZE!



Corpus Christi
Youth Group
February Project will
 be the Easter Basket
 Drive.

Items to be collected
 are small baskets,
 candy, small trinkets/toys, easter eggs, coloring
 books, basket fillers. Drop off location – Bins by the
 entrance to the church.

Strong Heart
Valentine's Day February 14, 2022



His mother gave him a Latin name that means "strong heart." She knew that her son needed to be strong in a world that was falling apart. Rome was in its death throes, and barbarian Goths were moving south to feed like vultures on its carcass. But Strong Heart grew up to justify the name his mother gave him. As a courageous pastor, this son of wealth brought hope to a terrified Rome. Christians and pagans alike celebrated his outrageous acts of charity. His joy was so contagious that even Rome's rulers turned a blind eye to his preaching.

Then a new emperor rose up to save Rome. Marcus Aurelius Claudius was determined to put an end to the Gothic menace. Every Italian man was conscripted into military service. Single men were forbidden to marry. Married men were prohibited from sleeping with their wives. Claudius wanted every ounce of energy focused on defeating the Goths.

But there were young lovers in Italy. When no one else dared to perform a wedding, lovesick couples found their way to the pastor who was famous for his compassion. Strong Heart defied an emperor and

performed hundreds of illegal weddings. Almost all those nuptials ended with new believers' baptisms. When word of the clandestine ceremonies reached the palace, Strong Heart was dragged before an irate emperor. But his contagious joy softened Claudius's hard heart. Palace observers wrote that the pastor could have walked away a free man had he not pressed Claudius to come to Jesus. Instead, the emperor angrily sentenced him to die.

Death row did nothing to blunt Strong Heart's joy. His jailer was so impressed that he brought his blind daughter to visit the prisoner, hoping that the man's exuberance would pull her out of a lifetime of self-pity. Soon both were laughing, and within days they were in love. On the eve of his execution, the pastor wrote a final love letter to his sweetheart, signing it in a way that is still celebrated today.

At dawn, Strong Heart forgave each of his executioners and implored them to receive Jesus. They repaid his lavish love by beating him so brutally that his great heart exploded. Perhaps that's why a blood-red heart still symbolizes his life.

Scholars long speculated that Strong Heart's story was just another medieval myth. But archaeologists recently uncovered the remains of an ancient church in Rome. Chiseled in its doorway arch are the words of Pope Julius I honoring a man named Strong Heart who died on February 14. You may never have heard of Emperor Claudius, who died of disease around the same time, but today you remember Strong Heart, whose Latin name was Valentinus, and the way he ended that final letter to his sweetheart: "Your Valentine." Giving your heart away is risky. Too many folks try to protect their heart from hurt. If you are tempted to play it safe with love, remember Saint Valentine's story in light of something Mother Teresa once said

If you give until it hurts, there is no more hurt, only love.

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another...By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. JOHN 13:34-35 ESV

St. Padre Pio Prayer of St. Ambrose Parish

Come join us in prayer as we celebrate mass together in honor of St. Padre Pio by Celebrant Fr. Jack C. Grimes. Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, February 19, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. followed by veneration of a first class relic of St. Padre Pio. St. Ambrose Parish, 83 Throckmorton Lane, Old Bridge, NJ 08857 (732) 679-5666.

