

## The Presentation of the Lord

*Immaculate Heart of Mary*

### Saturday, February 1

12:00 Noon\* Iluminada Mendoza

5:00 p.m. **Vigil Mass**

+Fernando Clemente

### Sunday, February 2

8:30 a.m. People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. +Hannah, Owen Hollywood & Family

5:00 p.m. +Mario Calero

### Monday, February 3

*St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr*

7:30 a.m. Memorial Society

### Tuesday, February 4

7:30 a.m. +Richard Holliday

### Wednesday, February 5

*St. Agatha*

6:15 p.m.\* +Joseph Annunziato

### Thursday, February 6

*St. Paul Miki & Companions*

7:30 a.m. +Noel & Kathleen Nyary, Sr & Noel Jr.

### Friday, February 7

7:30 a.m. +Maryann Medvetz

7:00 p.m.\* Low Mass

### Saturday, February 8

5:00 p.m. **Vigil Mass**

+ Fernando Clemente

### Sunday, February 9

#### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. +Ignazio Reitano

10:00 a.m. People of the Parish

5:00 p.m. +Romulo Competente Adela, Cynthia

\*Extraordinary Form



If there is anyone interested in assisting Maria and her volunteers purchasing and arranging flowers for our altar, contact Maria Fernandes at (732) 257-0963.

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February

#### Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

### Stewardship – Time, Talent & Treasure

January 26, 2020 –\$ 4,821.00

Parish Assessment \$1,777.00

Mail Donations \$687.00

*Please remember Corpus Christi Parish in your will and estate planning.*

### Week of February 1-7, 2020

#### MEMORIAL AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS

+Sacred Heart+  
Special Intention

*Please keep us updated on your loved ones.*

Roger Gregor, Janice Gowen,  
Phyllis Mason, Florence Unverzagt,  
Maria C Silva, Jean Obst, Luke Mayell,  
Patricia Ronan, Noel Gowran,  
Isabel Rendon, Judi Zyskowski,  
Samuel Saloom, Jr, Debbie Canuso-Danley,  
Debra Doyle, Kathleen McGreevy, Michael Majewski,  
Bernadette Haase, Suzanne Boyce, Christopher Haase,  
John Gregor, Basilda Barbosa Fernandes, Debra Doyle  
Karen Kleinschmidt, Josephine Dehlinger, Kristin Rein,  
Peggy Reynolds, Helen Kovacs, Carol Ostrowski,  
Gloria Gregor-Hughes, Joyce Hanula, Nancy Rouke,  
Emerson Harper, Joan Petersen, Susan Wiecek Shecter,  
Rebecca Rannazzisi, Louis Kadubic, Renee Giliberti.



**CORONAVIRUS** – In light of growing concerns for public health, we will discontinue the distribution of the Precious Blood at Holy Communion until further notice. Please use your judgement if you are not feeling well and are sick, stay home and get better.

**Sign Of Peace** – Also, please use your discretion with the Sign of Peace.



## CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT 2019

Contribution statements are printed on requests **only**. If you would like a Contribution Statement for 2019, please fill out below and return it to the parish office.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Pick up \_\_\_\_\_ Mail \_\_\_\_\_



## Corpus Christi Welcome Ministry Bake Sale Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

After all morning masses.

Sale Locations – Church exits and church hall downstairs. All proceeds will benefit The Welcome Ministry. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

## First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – February 7, 2020

**3:00-6:45 p.m. followed by Benediction**

An excellent practice recommended by all the saints, especially St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, (1647-1690) is devotion to Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament in which through our prayer in silent adoration we make *reparation* to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the sins which have offended God in this world mocking our Savior and His great goodness and love. If possible, for 9 consecutive months attend Mass on First Friday, receiving Holy Communion. If in need of the Sacrament of Penance receive it as well. It has been the time-honored practice as well to make a holy hour before Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist on First Friday of the month which is observed here at the parish church from 3pm-6:45 pm followed by Benediction. Confession at 6:00-6:30pm, Low Mass 7:00 p.m. All parishioners are invited to offer a minimum of 7 minutes of prayer for the intention of Evangelization, please consider the Lord's merciful invitation to pray and rest in Him, *"I am deeply grieved, even to death, remain here, and stay awake with me (Matt 26:38)."* St. Margaret Mary has said, *"The divine heart of Jesus is an abyss of all blessings, and into it the poor should always submerge their needs. It is an abyss of joy in which all of us can immerse our sorrows. It is an abyss of lowliness to counteract our foolishness, an abyss of mercy for the wretched, an abyss"*



## The Presentation of the Lord February 2, 2020

*"...they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord..." LUKE 2:22*

How seriously do you take being a Catholic? Is "being Catholic"? Is "being Catholic" something I just do when I attend Sunday Mass or attend one of my parish functions? It's easy to be Catholic then, it's harder to be Catholic when I am out in the world. Would someone recognize you as a Catholic by the way you act, dress and talk? How do you present yourself to the Lord and to others?

## Lucky Calendar

Our 2020 Calendars are still being sold. All the same perks will continue. Buy 2 for \$50.00 get one free. Great last minute gifts. There are still 13 prizes left to win on the Lucky Calendar. Please help support our yearly fundraiser for the parish.

## Day of Recollection

Saturday, February 8, 2020

Corpus Christi Church Hall

Fr. James Walling will have a day of recollection for our lay ministry, ministry groups, parishioners, etc. The day will begin with a Continental Breakfast (9:00 a.m) and lunch included. A closing Blessing at 4:30 and dismissal prior to the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Please RSVP to the parish office so we will know how to plan for the day.

## Diocesan Youth Day 2020

Open to youth from grades 7 to 12

February 8, 2020 – 2:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Preview of Day Mass - Cost \$20.00

Celebrant & Homilist Bishop James F. Checchio

St. Joseph High School, 145 Plainfield Ave.

Metuchen, NJ 08840 Questions call 732-243-4575

**KidZdent**  
**Give Kids A Smile Day**  
**Friday, February 7, 2020**

Free Dental Services for children ages 12 and younger.  
Mark Your Calendars!

GIVE KIDS A SMILE is a statewide effort coordinated by the NJ Dental Association and managed by Dr. Cavan Brunsten for the past 18 years. To date, more than 38,000 children have been through this amazing program, which has donated over 6 million dollars in FREE DENTAL SERVICES! Call KidZdent today for more information at 732 679-2323 or visit [www.KidZdent.com](http://www.KidZdent.com)

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### **Catholic Spirit**

The annual drive to support the diocesan newspaper, The Catholic Spirit, is taking place during the month of February, National Catholic Press Month. Please support their good work by using the envelope in the ministry of The Catholic Spirit and will be greatly appreciated. And please remember to take home a copy of the paper – it has a special role to play in your life as a practicing Catholic

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### **Pet Supply Drive**

Grade 5 Faith Formation Class is sponsoring a Pet Supply Drive to benefit local animal shelters as part of a class project. When: Feb 1-Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Drop off location: Corpus Christi Church – boxes in foyer.



For bulky/large items or if you have any questions, please contact Eliana 732-770-8245/corpuschristievm@gmail.com

### **We are collecting**

Dry/Wet Cat Food -Kitchen & Yard size trash bags  
Dry/Wet Dog Food- Toys  
Towels - Cat Treats / Dog Milk bones  
Pet Beds - Scoopable Cat Litter  
Bleach/laundry detergent – Paper towels

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### **I STILL HAVE HOPE THAT CHRIST WILL BRING MY KIDS BACK TO THE FAITH - Maggie Green**

I still have hope that Christ will bring my kids back to the faith. We could feel tremors before the break, the shift in how she spoke, in how she treated others. We could see his heart hardening to God, to the Church, to us. Some would say that's adolescence, but it always felt like more.

Praying, engaging, hugging, creating special time – we did all of that and it kept our relationships alive, like blowing on the embers. We weren't saints about it, we were parents. We'd be too hard, too soft, too talky, too quiet, too prayerful, and yet now witnessing enough. It felt like trying to maintain a sandcastle against the high tide of the world. It felt like the world would win and children would leave. As parents, it felt like the waves crashing over.

There's no small amount of soul searching that goes on when someone you love leaves the faith. You look for that moment when you guessed wrong, and you view each step away a little like proof you failed as a Catholic in your darker moments; easy prey for despair and frustration. It's a human desire to want to win, to present all of your children like talents in the Gospel, to the Master. "See, I had two talents, I made this many more." We tried to stay the course. They went to Catholic school. We took them to weekly mass. We prayed. They knew what we believed. We prayed with, we prayed for and still, somehow, some of them walked away, in little and big ways. Your family is the Body of Christ, and when someone, anyone leaves, it leaves a whole where flesh should be. Saint Monica know this pain; she accompanies us. She persists with us in prayer. She also provides the model for us, the promise that Christ will seek our loved ones out, sit with them by the well, and invite them to follow.

The apostles cried out, "Lord, save us!" and Jesus calmed the storm. When you have children or loved ones far from the faith, you want to know that the storm will be calmed. In the Gospel, Jesus rebuked the wind and the waves and He was amazed at the apostles lack o faith. We need to ride out the storm, to trust in Christ. He wants all of us home more even than we do. Being a friend of Christ doesn't mean you will have a life free from suffering, being a friend of Christ means He is with you in the midst of the storm. He is with you in every scourge, in every ache, in every moment of agony, in all the pains of life. He died for us. He died for them. He is seeking them even now. I know our job is to woo our children, not to win them. We are not their savior, Christ is. I need to revisit the lesson often because I am a fallen creature. The false security of seeing all our progeny lined up in the pew can lead one to thinking that because we raised them, they would keep the faith. God created Eden for His children, they sinned. Anything less than Eden is everything else we experience, and we should not presume that we could somehow bubble wrap our children in the faith to entice them into believing. It is Christ who will win them. Our job is to ride out the storm, reflecting His love, revealing His love, and always Trusting in His Divine Providence.

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If you received your Confirmation this past October, the Certificates are now available for you to pick up in the Sacristy after Mass.

