

**Saturday, February 27  
Vigil Mass**

- 5:00 p.m.** +Laura Baccigalupi  
**Second Sunday in Lent  
Sunday, February 28**
- 8:00 a.m.** +Adriano Tuscano
- 10:00 a.m.** +Joseph Chou
- 3:00 p.m.\*** +Sr. Wilma Jean Hessner
- 5:00 p.m.** People of the Parish  
**Monday, March 1**
- 7:30 a.m.** Memorial Society  
**Tuesday, March 2**
- 7:30 a.m.** +Mabel Tierney  
**Wednesday, March 3**
- 6:15 p.m.\*** +Jean Todoroff  
**Thursday, March 4**
- 7:30 a.m.** +Manuel Fernandez  
**Friday, March 5**
- 7:30 a.m.** +David Schickling
- 7:00 p.m.\*** Kristin Orlovski  
**Saturday, March 6**
- 12:00 Noon\*** +Josephine Bou  
**Vigil Mass**
- 5:00 p.m.** +Mary Certo  
**Third Sunday of Lent  
Sunday, March 7**
- 8:00 a.m.** People of the Parish
- 10:00 a.m.** +James Corrigan
- 3:00 p.m.\*** Rorate Caeli Purgatorial Society
- 5:00 p.m.** +Joseph & +Antoinette Rossi

\* Extraordinary Form

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February**

**Violence Against Women**

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

CONGREGATION MUST WEAR FACE COVERINGS  
UPON ENTRY. NO MASK – NO MASS

**Stewardship – Time, Talent & Treasure**  
Collection for February 21 - \$4,062.00  
Mail Donations \$1,066.00  
On Line Giving - \$ 1,311.73  
Collection for February 14 –\$ 3,230.00  
Mail Donations - \$ 1,044.55  
Snow Removal \$ 900.00 Mail in \$231.00  
On-Line Giving - \$ 979.35

**Thank you for your support of Corpus Christi Parish**  
*Please remember Corpus Christi Parish  
in your will and estate planning.*

**Sunday, February 28, 2021  
Second Sunday in Lent**

“‘Here I am!’ he answered.”– Genesis 22:11 It is easy to say, “Here I am, Lord,” when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say, “Here I am, Lord,” when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it’s not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

**MEMORIAL AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS  
February 27 – March 5**

+Sacred Heart+  
Special Intention

+Candle for Mary+  
Special Intention

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Pope Francis has called for this year to be the **Year of St. Joseph** from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021. In order to celebrate this year, **The Evangelization Ministry is inviting** you to share in the Consecration to St. Joseph. It is our hope that this spiritual exercise can be fruitful for all of us. In particular, we want to strongly urge all men of our parish to participate in this consecration. We especially need you to be witnesses like St. Joseph and to take up your role as Christian fathers with wisdom and fortitude. Specifically, we would like to invite you to read and pray with us the book, *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of our Spiritual Father*, by Donald H. Calloway, MC. This book provides a 33-day retreat with short reflections each day that lead us to the point of being able to consecrate ourselves to St. Joseph. You can purchase the book from these vendors: *Catholic Books Drive, EWTN, Catholic Supply, Amazon*. The consecration to St. Joseph can be taken up on your own, or you may join us as a group. The group sessions will meet weekly on Mondays starting Feb 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. We are planning to complete our consecration on the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker on March 19, 2021. Group Sessions will continue to be held virtually on: March 1, March 8, March 15 & March 19<sup>th</sup>. So what do you need?

1-You will need the book, *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of our Spiritual Father* by Donald H. Calloway, MC.

2-You will need a desire to grow in your relationship with St. Joseph. Joseph wants to lead us to Jesus. We encourage you to pray for the desire to be led to HIM.

3-You will need to let us know if you want to participate in the group sessions so we can send you the zoom line. Click on the button below or send us an email to [corpuschristievm@gmail.com](mailto:corpuschristievm@gmail.com) to register.

**EMERGENCY SECOND COLLECTION FOR SNOW REMOVAL March 6-7, 2021**

Bishop Checchio is aware of the financial challenges that this winter's snow and ice removal costs present to us, especially when many of us are already struggling with the fiscal impact the pandemic has had on our parish. For this reason, the Bishop has authorized a **non-assessable** emergency second collection to assist with the impact of these costs. This emergency second collection for snow removal will be **non assessable** up to the parish's average weekly collections.

We routinely have an envelope in early February, however this year was also an exceptional amount of snow that increased the cost of snow removal. We have paid to date **\$11,312.50** and prayerfully there is no more snow left to come down. We have collected **\$1,374.00** to date and while we are very appreciative to those who have contributed to this collection, we will take up a Second Collection specific for this cause next weekend for those who have not yet contributed, or perhaps you might consider an additional donation towards snow removal that would be greatly appreciated.



*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.**

Sam Saloom, Jr., Karen Kleinschmidt,  
Judi & Tony Zyskowski, Joann Heinlin.

Melissa Telofski, Louis Kadubic, Geraldine Patton.

**Praying the Station of the Cross in the Year of St. Joseph**

**Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology** celebrated the Lenten season with our first ever Lenten video reflection series. We are pleased to announce that the series is returning for its second year. In this year of St. Joseph, we proudly present "Praying the Stations of the Cross in the Year of St. Joseph." The series will guide you through spiritual reflection on the Stations of the Cross with themes relating to St. Joseph. Monsignor Joseph Reilly, S.T.L., Ph.D., Rector/Dean, and Dianne Traflet, J.D., S.T.D., Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration and Assistance Professor of Pastoral Theology, will offer a reflection each weekday, delivered via e-mail. The series will run Monday, March 1, through Friday, March 19, the Feast of St. Joseph.

If you would like to subscribe, please visit our Lenten Series registration page at: [www.shu.edu.lentenseries](http://www.shu.edu.lentenseries).



**Mass will be celebrated Friday, March 19, 2021  
Feast of St. Joseph  
7:00 pm Low Mass  
Confessions 5-6pm**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT 6:30 pm  
Confessions 5 - 6:00 pm  
Lenten Instructions**



**Days of Fast** Ash Wednesday, Good Friday (One full meal, applies to those 18-59 years of age.)

**Days of Abstinence:** Ash Wednesday, and All Fridays in Lent.

**Fridays of Lent:** (No meat, applies to 14+ years of age.) While failure to observe penitential days in itself may not be considered serious, the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or substantial number of them without a good cause would be considered a grave matter. Those unable to abstain on any given Friday of Lent are asked to perform some other penitential act or abstain on another day.

**First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**March 5, 2021 - 3:00-6:30 -Stations of the Cross 6:30**  
**followed by Benediction – 7:00 pm Low Mass**

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-6:30 pm. Stations of the Cross 6:30 followed by Benediction, Confession at 5-6, followed by 7:00pm Low Mass. 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 of love to meet our every need."

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**A Reminder: Procedures for Distribution of Holy Communion since June 2020.**

Communion is distributed at the normal time. The extraordinary minister will go to their assigned station, once arriving, they will place the sacred vessel on corporal, and they will sanitize their hands, then the ushers will indicate each communicant to come forward to receive "*in the hand*" only while observing social distancing as indicated on the floor tape.

The Bishop has said Catholics have the right to receive on the tongue or in the hand.

Those parishioners who wish to receive on the tongue, will come up last to receive.

All who have received Holy Communion in the hand will be asked to return to their pew.

Now, those wishing to receive on the tongue approach the priest celebrant observing the same social distancing in the center isle of the church.

**2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal**

*Transformed by Christ Body and Blood*

*Sent on Mission to Light a Fire in the Heart of the Church*  
Please watch your mailbox for a letter from Bishop Checchio coming to you this week announcing the 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal. You can find the link to Bishop's Annual Appeal Video at <https://diometuchen.org/BAA> or by going to our parish website at [www.corpuschristisouthernriver.org](http://www.corpuschristisouthernriver.org). Our parish can share in a successful Appeal by earning a rebate of 50% of the amount collected over goal. Through your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal you help those in our diocese whose needs are the greatest – the poor, the homeless, and those struggling with illness or grief. Among other needed pastoral ministries, your gift also supports the formation of seminarians and enhances the work of the Vicariate for Evangelization and Communication. The many pastoral, educational and ministries of the Diocese of Metuchen would not be possible without a generous contribution from every household. Please be as generous as your means allow.

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***Prayer to St. Joseph***

*To you, O blessed Joseph (Ad te, beate Ioseph)*  
*To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.*

*Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.*

*O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.*

*As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.*

