

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 8

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

+Fernando Clemente

Sunday, February 9

8:30 a.m. +Ignazio Reitano

10:00 a.m. People of the Parish

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

Monday, February 10

7:30 a.m. *St. Scholastica*

+Edwin C. Kolakowski

Tuesday, February 11

Apparition of Our Lady of Lourdes

7:30 a.m. +Joan Krenznel

Wednesday, February 12

6:15 p.m. * +Kevin O'Grady

Thursday, February 13

7:30 a.m. +Sandra Feiteira

Friday, February 14

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

Saturday, February 15

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

+ Mary T. Hauser

Sunday, February 16

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. + George Eldridge

5:00 p.m. +Apolonio Latar Sr. Gregoria Castro Latar

*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

February 3, 2020 –\$ 5,772.50

Mail Donations \$708 .00

Catholic Spirit \$447.00

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

Week of February 8-14, 2020

MEMORIAL AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS

+Sacred Heart+

Frank & Vickie DeMonico
Tony & Judy Zyskowski

+Candle For Mary+

Thanksgiving to Our Lady

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 _____

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 9, 2020

“Let your light shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” MATTHEW 5:16

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Let your light shine! Be careful to recognize that God is working through you and don't put yourself above the people you have been called to help.

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 12 prizes left to win on the Lucky Calendar. Please help support our yearly fundraiser for the parish.

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



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. Remember to take home a copy of the paper – it has a special role to play in your life as a practicing Catholic.

A Note from Deacon Kevin O'Brien:

To my Corpus Christi brothers and sisters,

Thanks for all your prayers and good wishes for me during these past several months. Following a cardiac event in this past summer, what followed was no less than a dozen different medications to “help” with the recovery process. Needless to say all but one of those meds set me back in many ways; some side effects being worse than others. I hope to see you all soon again and know of my prayers for each and every one of you!

In Christ Jesus, Deacon Kevin



Family Movie Night

Bring a friend and join us for a night of fellowship. FREE Admission and light refreshments!

Friday – Feb 21, 2020- Corpus Christi Church Hall

Movie starts at 7 pm- Movie “Christian Mingle” Romantic Comedy (Rated PG)

A marketing executive (Lacey Chabert) gets in touch with her spiritual side, while trying to find Mr. Right.

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. 23rd



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

MEMORIALIZING PEWS- If you have not yet made arrangements for a pew but are considering it, whether a family name or In Memory of a Loved One, call the parish office to sign up or for more information.

Donation is \$500.00. Please note you may wish to make installment payments





February 14, 2020

Strong Heart

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

Retreat for Women

Friday, March 6 to Sunday/March 8, 2020

Rev. Fr. John A. Perricone, Retreat Master

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
Huntington, Long Island Retreat House - For more information call Dan Marengo (718) 829-8056

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