



**Saturday, March 1**

**Vigil Mass**

**5:00 p.m.** People of the Parish

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, March 2**

**8:00 a.m.** +Edward Schickling

**9:30 a.m.** +Celia Pico

**5:00 p.m.** +Maria Carolina Silva

**Monday, March 3**

**7:00 a.m.** +Memorial Society

**Tuesday, March 4**

**Wednesday, March 5**

**7:00 a.m.** +Helena Subtil

**6:15 p.m. \*** +DMO O'Conne & Sicknick Families

**7:00 a.m.** **Thursday, March 6**

+Joseph & +Antoinette Rossi

**Friday, March 7**

**7:00 a.m.** +Red Endres

**7:00 p.m.** +Walter Bruce Sicknick

**Saturday, March 8**

**5:00 p.m.** +Mary Certo

**First Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday, March 9**

**8:00 a.m.** People of the Parish

**9:30 a.m.** +Miriam C. Vega

**5:00 p.m.** +Albert & +Victoria Christian

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March**

**For Families in crisis:**

*Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.*

**Daily Mass – Mon., Thurs. & Fri. - 7:00 a.m.**

**Every Wednesday Confessions**

**5:00-5:45 p.m.-Church**

**\*Mass 6:15 (TLM)** will be celebrated at

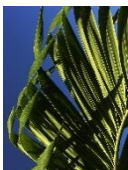
St. Mark's Christian Academy School

Conference Room (former Convent of CC)

corner of David & Kamm Ave.

followed by Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament in church 7:30 pm till 9:00 pm.



Old palm branches may be placed in the baskets near the exits of the church.

**Stewardship – Time, Talent & Treasure**

**February 23 - \$ 4,319.00**

**Mail Donations \$ 845.00**

**On-Line Giving \$ 1,491.86**

**Parish Assessment \$ 1,852.00**

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


**MEMORIAL AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

**March 1 – March 7**

**+Candle for Mary +**  
Joan Gawrylowicz

**+Sacred Heart+**  
George Dudas

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Please pray for the sick of our parish:

Joann Heinlin, Juliet Hobson, Jean DuFour,

Ernest J. Volkmann, Sr., Stevie Telofski,

Elizabeth Fehl, Ian Birchak, Fr. Michael J. King, Barbara Medvetz, Mark Cramer, Geraldine Patton, Kim Madlinger, Angel Cortez, David Catchpole, Rose Rein, Karen Kleinschmidt, Theresa Marchese, Patrick Ahern, Bonnie Anderson, Ashley Larson, Javier Fuentes, Erik Farah, Melissa Telofski, Joseph Kwiatkowski, Miguel Agudeo, John Loughlin, Justin Dyrwal, OSB, Bill Dyrwal, Bonnie Saloom, Joseph Bubnis, Peter Kaufman.

Handicap Accessibility seating is located in the front pews of the church for your convenience. Holy Communion will be brought to these individuals firstly by the priest, deacon or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. Kindly utilize this area if you require such assistance.

**March 2, 2025**  
**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." LUKE 6:43*

Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

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**2025 Annual Bishop's Appeal**

Pilgrims of Hope: Journeying Together in Faith, Hope & Charity  
By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here in Corpus Christi Parish. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. In the coming days, you will be receiving a letter from our pastor, Fr. Damian Breen, encouraging your participation. If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully consider doing so today by either returning your pledge card in the mail or going to the secure website: <https://diometuchen.org>

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**2025 Choices Matter Conference**

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Human Life and Dignity presents "The 2025 Choices Matter Conference – A Critical Life Issues Conference" which will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway on Saturday, March 29, 2025. An Opening Mass will be celebrated by Bishop James Checchio at 9:00 am and the conference will begin at 10:15 am and end at 3:30 pm. this year's theme is "Choose Hope – A Path to Mental Wellness." The topics/expert speakers are:

The Pain is Real but so is Hope: Deacon Ed Shoener  
Mental Health as a Pro-Life Issue: Erin McCole Cupp

The Light in Our Darkness – Lisa Kratz Thomas

The Road to Hope – Responding to the Crisis of Addiction: Keaton Douglas

General registration is \$35 and student registration is \$15. The conference features Eucharistic Adoration, exhibits and more. The fee includes lunch and handouts.

To register visit:  
<https://www.diometuchen.org/choicesmatter>.

Everyone is welcome! For questions or for more information please email [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org) or call 732-562-1543. Seating is limited.

**First Friday Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament**  
**March 7, 2025 - 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. 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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**Silver & Gold & 5 Year Wedding Anniversary Celebration**

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 50+, or 5<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, October 19, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. The Silver and Gold Anniversary Prayer Service will again include couples celebrating 5 years of marriage. Registration is required. Please register online at: <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>. If you are unable to access, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org). Registration will close on October 10, 2025. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion.



## Ash Wednesday

March 5, 2025

7:00 am Mass

12:00 & 5:00 pm

Service of the Word,

& 6:15 pm TLM

Stations of the Cross every  
Friday during Lent TBA



### 2025 Lenten Obligations

1. The days of both fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday (March 5) and Good Friday (April 18).
2. The other Fridays of Lent (Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4, and 11) are days of abstinence (no meat).
3. Fasting in the Roman Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal with two smaller meals which together do not equal the size of your full meal. The obligation of fasting applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.
4. Abstinence in the Roman Catholic tradition, means to abstain from eating meat (beef, chicken, pork, turkey, etc.) The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14.

### New Jersey Safe Haven Law

Under the New Jersey Safe Haven Infant Protection Act a person may give up an unwanted infant anonymously. The purpose of Safe Haven is to protect unwanted babies from being hurt or killed from unsafe abandonment. A distressed parent who is unable to care for an infant can give us custody of a baby less than 30 days old safely, legally and anonymously. All that is required is that the baby be brought to any hospital emergency room, police station, fire station, ambulance, first aid, and rescue quads in New Jersey that are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. As long as the child shows no signs of intentional abuse, no name or other information is required. The parent can call the Safe Haven Hotline 1-877-839-2339 – and get the address and directions for any hospital emergency room, police station, fire station, ambulance, first aid, and rescue squad in the state.



"Shrove Tuesday  
Pancake Supper Fundraiser"  
To benefit Calico Cat Preschool on  
Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30pm.  
Holy Trinity Parish Hall  
Suggested donation at door  
(cash or check):

Kids Ages 6-12 \$5 (Kids 5 and under free) 13+  
Adults: \$10.00

Pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon and fun!

Holy Trinity Parish Hall

Suggested donation at door (cash or check)

90 Leonardine Ave., South River, NJ

info@calicocatpreschool.com 732-254-2276



*Dedicated to the Corpus Christi parishioners who are  
celebrating their birthday during this month.*

As you celebrate your special day, remember that God's presence is a continual source of light in your life. His blessings are like rays of sunshine, bringing peace and grace into every new year you face.

Your birthday doesn't just mark another year, but rather another chapter of the incredible plans God has for you. Embrace the hope and future that shine brightly ahead, crafted by God's loving hands.

### SAVE THE DATE

June 14, 2025

St. Vincent de Paul

Society Flea Market

More info will follow in  
future bulletins.



### Daylight Savings Time

March 9, 2025



