

**Saturday, April 3  
Easter Vigil Mass**

**8:00 p.m.** Easter Remembrance of Masses

**Easter Sunday April 4**

**8:00 a.m.** Easter Remembrance of Masses

**10:00 a.m.** Easter Remembrance of Masses

**3:00 p.m.\*** Easter Remembrance of Masses

**Monday, April 5**

**9:00 a.m.** +Memorial Society

**Tuesday, April 6**

**7:30 a.m.** +Gloria Vega Clark

**Wednesday, April 7**

**6:15 p.m.\*** Rev. Michael Wallack

+Rocco Pablito Intong

**Thursday, April 8**

**7:30 a.m.** +John Murphy, Sr.

**Friday, April 9**

**7:30 a.m.** +Susan Ann Gahrman

**Saturday, April 10**

**Vigil Mass**

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

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**Sunday, April 11**

**8:00 a.m.** +Billy Alan Medvetz

**10:00 a.m.** +Pat & Rod Poulson

**3:00 p.m.\*** +Stella Evanowski

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

\* Extraordinary Form

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April**

**Fundamental rights**

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

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

**Stewardship – Time, Talent & Treasure**

**All collection amounts will be posted in next weekend's bulletin. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.**

*Easter Remembrance Easter Flower Envelopes may be dropped in any collection basket.*

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

**Sunday, April 4, 2021**

**Easter Sunday**

*"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth."* – **COLOSSIANS 3:2** On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

**MEMORIAL AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

**April 3- April 9**

+Sacred Heart+  
Peter Pasternack

+Candle for Mary+  
Christopher Haase

+Sanctuary Candle+  
Special Intention

**Flocknote** – Keep in touch with us via email and text! All the happenings of Corpus Christi on a daily basis, ministry news & more. Text the word CHI-RHO to 84576 Or sign u online at [Corpuschristichurch2.flocknote.com](http://Corpuschristichurch2.flocknote.com)



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*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, Joann Heinlin, Judi & Tony Zyskowski, Louis Kadubic, Nancy Perkin, Melissa Telofski, Geraldine Patton.

## 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Transformed by Christ Body and Blood –  
Sent on Mission to Light a Fire  
in the Heart of the Church

Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal impacts the lives of so many and supports such vital ministries as the formation of our seminarians and deacons, outreach to our youth and young adults, and programs to assist couples through marriage preparation. Our ongoing efforts in evangelization and catechesis, advocacy for human life and dignity, and effectively ministering to people of varied ethnicities and languages all depend on your generosity. In addition, \$1.7 million has been earmarked for our Catholic Charities which is dedicated to providing basic needs and counseling services for those struggling with the hardships of life.

To learn more about the impact of your gift, view the Bishop's Annual Appeal video by going to <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.

## Divine Mercy Novena

The Evangelization Ministry invites you to **join in praying the nine day Divine Mercy Novena which starts April 2nd, Good Friday, and culminates on Divine Mercy Sunday, the Sunday after Easter, Apr 11th.** We'll meet virtually via Zoom @ 8PM. For those interested, please send an email to [corpuschristievm@gmail.com](mailto:corpuschristievm@gmail.com) or call Eliana @ 732-770-8245.

**Calico Cat Preschool** of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church is hiring Per Diem Classroom Assistants. If anyone is interested in working a few hours, contact Director Ilona Spatola [director@calicocatpreschool.com](mailto:director@calicocatpreschool.com). Paid training is provided.

**Memorial Society** this Monday April 5, 2021 at 9:00 am. Enroll a loved one in the Memorial Society. Members will be remembered the first Monday of every month for one full year. Donation \$50.00.



Congratulation to NASA Astronaut Mark Vande Hei, a 1981 graduate of Corpus Christi School, He has been chosen to go to the International Space Station on April 9, 2021. He is presently in Star City, Russia. Please keep him in your prayers.

## Our Monthly Lucky Calendar

drawing will be held this Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in the parish office. Another Lucky winner will receive \$500.00. Don't get shut out! Make sure your entries reach us before Tuesday. Extra tickets are available after Masses or at the Parish Office.



## CATECHISM LECTURE SERIES

Fr. John Perricone

Corpus Christi Church Hall

**MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021 7-9 pm**

Corpus Christi Ministries would like to extend their thanks for the support in filling up the bins for the South River Food Bank. A special **Thank You** to Ms. Anne and Ms. Pam to helped organize all the items to be delivered to SR Food Pantry, Union Baptists Church Pantry & Corpus Christi Food Pantry all will benefit from these items. Your generosity is most appreciated.

## BEREAVEMENT

### A JOURNEY OF GROWTH AND HEALING

#### Surviving a Loss

Grief is a process that takes time, but ultimately leads us to heal from the pain of the loss of a loved one: a spouse, a parent, a child, a sibling or a friend. That grief is always with us because we never stop loving the one we lost. However, grief does change as we learn to use our inner strengths to heal. Our mission is to allow individuals to become more aware of their inner gifts and strengths. Sr. Kathleen Dullea will incorporate prayer and spirituality into the process. The group offers support to help with the feelings of isolation, sadness, loneliness, and grief in an atmosphere that is safe and reassuring, so each person can remember, reverence and honor their loved ones while learning to live their own lives to the fullest potential possible.

Because of COVID 19, we have been unable to continue with the program in person, but are thinking that it will open up in the near future to a limited group only.(2-4) Please call the parish office leave your name and number if you would be interested.

Grief is God's gift to help us to heal physically, emotionally, and spiritually. If you need immediate attention, please call the parish office, leave your name and phone number and Sr. Kathleen Dullea, will get in touch with you.

## A Letter from Bishop James F. Checchio

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In my recent prayer, I kept coming back to how much we need Easter, the great celebration of Hope! Indeed, given what we have gone through during this last year, in some ways, it seems like Lent continued from 2020 into 2021, creating a yearlong Lent! None of us could ever have imagined what we would be facing as this whole situation began more than a year ago.

Much has changed in our daily lives: family life and celebrations, worship, educational institutions, and work. The list goes on and on. We have strived to protect ourselves and particularly our elderly and those with underlying conditions from getting the virus. We have grieved the loss of loved ones in our diocesan family, and many have been hurt economically or even emotionally through the isolation they have endured this year as we have not been able to interact with family and friends as we normally do. It was a year in which it would have been easy to let despair have the last word in our lives.

So, as we gather to celebrate Easter, we are so grateful to Jesus for accompanying us throughout this past challenging year providing us a strong base in our lives, a reason for hope. As so many of you have said or written to me during the pandemic, "What would we do without faith!" As grateful as we are to Jesus for this great gift of faith, we dare to ask for more this Easter, knowing that Jesus always wants to provide for us. We ask Jesus to renew us and our world.

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the be-all and end-all of the Christian faith. If Jesus was not raised from the dead, Christianity does not offer us ultimate Hope. But if He did rise from the dead, then Christianity is the fullness of God's revelation, and Jesus Christ must be the center of our lives.

Indeed, each one of us some day will die and be restored to eternal life. Our eternal life with Him is Jesus' greatest desire. He came to reconcile us to the Father, to bring all of us back home to the Father. Jesus' suffering and death were the necessary evil He faced, so that we might be free, now and for all eternity.

It is Easter which explains our destiny and gives our lives purpose and meaning, even in the midst of any struggles we face. So many in our world need to know this now. Especially in this time when faith and religious practice are so often being pushed aside by so many in our society for so many varied reasons, when laws are passed which violate our religious freedom or tenets of our faith, or when we

even fall into the unfortunate habit of prioritizing and practicing our faith only when it is convenient in our busy and sometimes complicated lives.

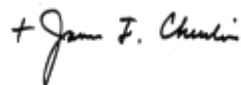
This Easter, we need to ask Jesus to help us make Him the center of our lives, always. It will change our lives and all of those around us, too!

Our celebration of Easter this year once again affirms that Christ is indeed who He said He was: the Savior of the world, the God made man who suffered, died, and rose for us. This is something we certainly need to celebrate this year as Easter comes anew to us. Let us rejoice in His resurrection. Let us be reminded that Mary rejoices in His resurrection too and is always close by. Let us celebrate all the blessings Easter brings us and to always believe in the Good News.

I miss seeing you regularly and pray that we can be with one another soon. Please know of my ongoing love and prayers for you and your families this Easter and I ask you to please remember me in your prayers too.

Happy and Blessed Easter!

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA  
Bishop of Metuchen



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## Solidarity –

We are one human family whatever our national racial, ethnic, economic and ideological differences. We are our brothers and sisters keepers wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world.

At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. Pope Paul VI taught that "if you want peace, work for justice." The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict.

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*May you rejoice in the  
Spirit of the Lord  
As you celebrate  
His promise to us.*

**Happy Easter**

Fr. Damian & the Parish Staff

*The Parish Office will be closed on Easter Monday.*

