



Saturday, December 9
 5:00 p.m. +Christopher Haase
Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 10
 8:00 a.m. +Manual & +Maria Cacador
 9:30 a.m. +Betty & +Edwin Kolakowski
 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Monday, December 11
 7:00 a.m. +Adriano Esteves
Tuesday, December 12
 7:00 a.m. +George & +Dorothy Gassert
Wednesday, December 13
 6:15 p.m.* +Joseph M. Alabanza
 +Carlos Lopez
 +Prudencio Encarnacion
 Nicole Agnes Vila
 Jean Fennessy
Thursday, December 14
 7:00 a.m. +Grazio & +Frank De Monaco
Friday, December 15
 7:00 a.m. +All Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, December 16
Vigil Mass
 5:00 p.m. +Matthew Cronce
Sunday, December 17
Second Sunday of Advent
 8:00 a.m. +Thomas J Noto
 9:30 a.m. People of the Parish
 5:00 p.m. +Thomas McDarby

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December

For persons with disabilities
 We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

Daily Mass – Mon., Tues., 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

Stewardship – Time, Talent & Treasure

Collection for December 3 - \$ 5,476.00
Mail Donations \$ 820.00
On-Line Giving \$ 996.58
Christmas Flowers \$1,019.00


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

MEMORIAL AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS

December 9 – December 15

+Candle for Mary+
 Christopher Haase

Please use corpuschristichurch5@gmail.com for emails only to the church.

 Parish Giving is the premier online giving and payment system for *Corpus Christi* and church communities throughout the nation. **Please note at any time, you may begin ON LINE GIVING** by logging on to our website:



ON LINE GIVING Our thanks to the many families that have signed up for Online Giving! If you manage your bills online, we're sure you'll like the convenience of giving to your parish online. It's safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made. You may even view your giving history just by logging in Visit our website: www.corpuschristisouthernriver.org – and get started.

Please pray for the sick of our parish:

Joann Heinlin, Juliet Hobson, Jean DuFour,
 Ernest J. Volkmann, Sr., Stevie Telofski,
 Mark Cramer, Geraldine Patton, Ian Birchak,
 Nancy Perkin, Angel Cortez, David Catchpole,
 Theresa Marchese, Melanie Elvena, Patrick Ahern,
 Ashley Larson, Steven Marcinczyk, Alicia,
 Melissa Telofski, Bonnie Anderson,
 Karen Kleinschmidt, Kim Madlinger.



Handicap Accessibility seating is located in the front of the church for your convenience.

December 10, 2023
Second Sunday of Advent

“Prepare the way of the Lord....” MARK 1:3

We are called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?

The Feast of St. Andrew is November 30th. Beginning that day, the following prayer is recited each day until Christmas.



Hail and blessed be the hour and the moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer

and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen

Learn, Love, and Live Jesus Christ
in the Holy Mass

**“ELEMENTS OF THE
CATHOLIC MASS”**



Episode 13 – Music Part II

The 1967 Instruction, *Musica Sacram*, is the most definitive statement on music in the Mass since the Second Vatican Council. This Instruction both clarifies and articulates the Church’s understanding of sacred music. *Musica Sacram* describes three degrees or categories of texts of the Mass to be sung. If you would like to access this episode ahead of time, please go to: <https://www.elementsofthecatholicmass.com/episodes>

Raise the Roof Donations
\$111,955.11

2024 Corpus Christi Mass Intention Book is now open. Candles, Memorial Mass are also available.



Share the Warmth
“Winter Sock Drive”



December 1-31, 2023 – Donations of new men, women and children socks greatly appreciated! Drop off bin will be located at the entrance of the church. Sponsored by Corpus Christi Youth Group.

The Youth group have been busy bees this past month completing three more blankets and 30 bowls were decorated for the January Drive. They also created their own pumpkins to take home. Youth Group will meet on Sunday, December 17th at 6:00 p.m. All youth grades grade 5 and up are welcome to attend.

2023 Lucky Calendar - The final drawing for 2023 will be Tuesday, December 19th at 1pm in the parish office. Lucky Calendars for 2024 will be mailed out shortly.



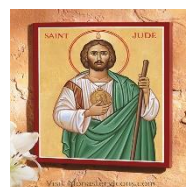
Corpus Christi Church
Christmas Cookie Walk & More!
Saturday, December 16th 10:00 a.m.



If you have a passion for baking
WE (DESPERATELY) NEED YOU!!!
For questions or to volunteer, please email corpuschristievm@gmail.com or call Cecilia @732-390-0243

Divine Mercy Prayer Group
Sunday, December 17, 2023
Church Hall – 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany of Trust and other prayers
Fire of Mercy Meditation and group discussion:
The second meditation on this series will give us a chance to prayerfully reflect on Heaven and Hell.
Light refreshments will be served.



Tuesday, December 12 from 2:30-10:00 pm, the Relic of St. Jude Thaddeus will be on display for public veneration at St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

Known as the Apostle of the Impossible. St. Jude is revered for his unwavering dedication and steadfast faith. Millions have experienced his intercession in times of adversity and need.

Advent – Yesterday and Today
Advent was originally celebrated as a kind of “lent” during the forty days before the feast of Christmas.



Gradually, Advent developed its own distinctive character, retaining a slight penitential dimension but emphasizing our joy-filled hope in the coming of the Lord.

Today, these two aspects continue side by side. During the first part of Advent, the prophecies of Isaiah and John the Baptist remind us that we are waiting for God’s coming and need to prepare. During the latter part of the season the focus shifts more directly on the events leading up to Jesus’ birth. These twin perspectives give richness to our observance of Advent, leading us to introspection and renewal, and to the exuberant joy and celebration of Christmas.

*O Jesus,
the very thought of you
brings light into our hearts.
As we wait the celebration
of your holy birth,
we are reminded of the brilliance
of your love that dispels all darkness
and fills our lives with hope.
You are the true light shining
In the midst of our uncertainties.
Guide our steps, dear Lord,
and lead us on the path of righteousness.
illuminate our minds with your wisdom,
and let your radiant presence
be a beacon of peace in our troubled world.
May we joyfully proclaim your light to all
and share the gift of your love. Amen.*



St. Vincent de Paul Society, with the Portuguese Social Ministry is sponsoring a Christmas Wish Tree. All parishioners are invited to participate. Please take an ornament from one of the trees and purchase a gift card. Mark the amount on the card/cards and place them in the collection basket, or deliver them to the Parish Office. These cards will be delivered to the families who have been assisted this year. Thank you in advance for supporting all those in need.

Retrouvaille February 2-4, 2024 Stress in Your Marriage?

- Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
- Have you thought about separation or divorce?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?

RETROUVAILLE is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen, NJ
RETROUVAILLE consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with four follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is February 2-4, 2024. All inquiries are confidential. For further information, please contact Rich Colasuonno 732-672-0748 or email 3024@helpourmarriage.org

Retirement Fund for the Religious Support a lifetime of service.

Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need – usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously.



Lectors are needed at all masses. If you think you might be interested in becoming a Lector, see Fr. Damian or call the parish office during regular hours.

Para atendimento em Português, por favor ligue para o escritório da nossa paróquia: 732- 254-1800 # ext. 15 em Português.

O escritório paroquial está aberto das segundas-feiras às quintas-feiras das 9:00AM-4:00PM e sextas-feiras das 9AM-2PM. **Atendimento em Português: todas as segundas-feiras, quartas-feiras das 9AM-3PM e sextas-feiras das 9AM-2PM.**

Email:

port.apostolatecorpuschristi@yahoo.com

Padre Eugénio Fasuga: 732-826-1395 ext. #24

Missas em Português: Sábado às 7:00 PM,

Domingo às 11:30 AM, terça-feira- 7:00 PM, primeira sexta-feira do mês às 7:30 PM.

Confissões em Português: Terças-feiras e Sábados das 6:00 PM- 6:45 PM

Por favor avise o padre Eugénio ou um Ministro de Eucaristia se souber de alguém que não pode vir à Missa, mas precisa de receber a Sagrada Comunhão e ou Confissão.



O SIGNIFICADO DA COROA DO ADVENTO

A forma circular da Coroa do Advento lembra-nos do amor eterno de Deus (Jo3.16). Como o círculo, não tem começo nem fim. Os ramos verdes, que tradicionalmente cobrem esta coroa simbolizam a vida eterna. As cinco velas são o sinal do poder de Cristo, a Luz do Mundo. As quatro velas do Advento são colocadas por entre os verdes, sendo preferencialmente de cor roxa, (e uma rosada) que é a cor da Quadra Litúrgica do Advento, e indica “preparação”. A Quinta vela, maior que as outras, é branca – a cor da Quadra Litúrgica do Natal – e se coloca no centro. É a Vela de Cristo, que vem para estar no centro de nossas vidas.

Em cada Domingo do Advento é acesa uma vela, e quando as quatro velas são acesas, precedendo a leitura do Santo Evangelho, há o indicativo de que o Natal está bem próximo. A Festa da Vida. Daquele que veio. Vem e virá para que tenhamos vida, e vida em abundância (Jô 10.10).

Hoje o Advento acontece marcado por uma grande agitação, onde o Papai Noel parece ser o personagem central: luzes, propagandas, ofertas especiais, ceias, presentes e muitas cores. Em meio a tanta luz as comunidades cristãs são chamadas pela Palavra de Deus a reavivar as esperanças, a partir de um menino pobre, da periferia, que não tinha onde ficar, que surge em nosso meio como Emanuel, - “Deus Conosco”.

Não se trata de celebrarmos as mesmas coisas que temos celebrado em anos anteriores, pois em cada Ano Cristão o ciclo litúrgico se apresenta como uma espiral, aberta, e que a cada círculo se abre mais. Celebramos, é claro, o mesmo mistério, mas acrescido de novas alegrias e desapontamentos, desacertos e acertos; celebramos, sobretudo, a renovação da Esperança.

Que este pequeno rito litúrgico possa ser usado em nossas casas, - preferencialmente em cada uma das quatro semanas que precedem o Dia do Nascimento de Jesus Cristo (o Natal), e nas Celebrações da comunidade em cada Domingo do Advento - e seja um sinal e instrumento de união fraterna entre todos nós.

Elementos da Missa Católica: Episódio 13:

A Instrução de 1967, Musicam Sacram, é a declaração mais definitiva sobre a música na Missa desde o Concílio Vaticano II. Esta Instrução esclarece e articula a compreensão da Igreja sobre a música sacra. Musicam Sacram descreve três graus ou categorias de textos da Missa a serem cantados.

Campanha Levante o Telhado e Faça um Som em Cristo 2022

Até agora, temos recebido \$111,955.11 em doações/promissórios.

INTENÇÕES DAS MISSAS

+Sábado 09 de Dezembro-
**Joaquina de Jesus,
esposo e filho e por
Manuel Catarino e
esposa**

+Domingo 10 de
Dezembro- **Membros da
Irmandade de Fátima e
por Francisco Correia e
esposa**

+Terça-feira 12 de Dezembro- **João Martins
Capela e família**

+Sábado 16 de Dezembro- **Duarte Rocha**

+Domingo 17 de Dezembro- **João Sarabando
e esposa Rosa Nogueira Pimentel**



Fundo de Aposentadoria/reforma para Religiosos

Mulheres e homens religiosos passaram a vida servindo os outros através da oração, no ministério, na educação e no cuidado dos necessitados - geralmente por pouco ou nenhum pagamento. Hoje, as suas comunidades religiosas não têm poupanças suficientes para a reforma/aposentadoria. À medida que envelhecem, necessitam de cuidados e medicamentos essenciais. Por favor, quem puder, ajudai-os com doações ao Fundo de Aposentadoria para Religiosos. Sua doação faz a diferença ao ajudar quase 25,000 religiosos e religiosas de maior idade. Por favor, sejamos generosos.

INTENÇÕES DE MISSAS

O livro de intenções para o ano 2024 está disponível para fazer a marcação de intenções de Missas. Por favor faça a sua marcação através do escritório paroquial.

Serviços de Imigração

A Catholic Charities- Instituição de Caridade Católica, tem um programa de serviços de Imigração na Diocese de Metuchen e está oferecendo uma avaliação presencial gratuita por 15 minutos às quartas-feiras, das 10h00 às 15h00

**Local: Centro Comunitário Unity Square
81 Remsen Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ
08901**

732- 324-8200

<https://ccdom.org/immigration-services>

INTENÇÃO DO PAPA FRANCISCO PARA O MÊS DE DEZEMBRO

Rezemos para que as pessoas portadoras de deficiências estejam no centro de atenção das sociedades, e as instituições promovam programas de inclusão que valorizem a sua participação ativa.

Cookie Walk- Venda De Biscoitos E Mais Atividades Para Celebrar O Natal

No sábado, 16 de dezembro, a partir das 10h AM no salão da nossa Igreja, haverá a venda dos biscoitos de Natal e outros doces. Precisamos de voluntários para preparar biscoitos e doar para vender. Estaremos recolhendo os biscoitos e bolos no salão da Igreja na sexta-feira dia 15 de Dezembro das 5-7 PM e no sábado dia 16 a partir das 7:00AM.

Também haverá atividades do Natal para as crianças. Mais informações sobre o evento se encontram no folheto á entrada da Igreja. Todos estão convidados.

Para perguntas ou servir de voluntário, envie um e-mail para: corpuschristievm@gmail.com ou ligue para Cecília @ 732-390-0243

Nossa Despesa de Tempo, Talento, & Tesouro

Ofertório de 02 e 03 de Dezembro

Coleta: \$5,476.00 + pelo correio: \$820.00

+ pela internet: \$996.58

Flores do Natal : \$1,019.00

Muito obrigado a todos pela vossa generosidade e sacrifício!

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23, 2023 5:00 p.m.

Sunday December 24, 2023

9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. (Portuguese)

Sunday, December 24, 2023

Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m.



12:00 Midnight (Latin-Ad Orientem)

The Nativity of the Lord

Monday, December 25, 2023

9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. (Portuguese)

Tuesday, December 26, 2023 9:00 a.m.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Saturday, December 30, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 31, 2023

8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. (Portuguese)

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

December 31, 2023 5:00 p.m.

Monday, January 1, 2024

9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. (Portuguese)