

**Saturday, March 9**  
 5:00 p.m. + John Murphy, Sr.  
**Sunday, March 10**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
 9:30 a.m. +Bob Singer  
 5:00 p.m. +Albert & +Victoria Christian  
**Monday, March 11**  
 7:00 a.m. +Eleanor Golojuch  
**Tuesday, March 12**  
 7:00 a.m. +Barbara Jimenez  
**Wednesday, March 13**  
 6:15 p.m.\* Fr. Damian  
 Fr. Sean Winters  
 Fr. John O’Kane  
**Thursday, March 14**  
 7:00 a.m. +Mario Castillo  
**Friday, March 15**  
 7:00 a.m. +Alice Rodrigues  
**Saturday, March 16**  
**Vigil Mass**  
 5:00 p.m. +J.R. Ciak  
**Sunday, March 17**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
 8:00 a.m. +Fran Palazzolo  
 9:30 a.m. People of the Parish  
 5:00 p.m. +Rev. J. Maciej Melaniuk  
*Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention for March*

**For New Martyrs**

Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

**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.



Easter Flower & Novena Envelopes may be dropped in any collection basket.

*Stewardship – Time, Talent & Treasure*

**Collection for March 3-\$ 5,706.00**  
**Mail Donations \$ 1,449.50**  
**On-Line Giving \$ 1,261.77**

**Easter Flowers \$ 835.00**


**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 9 – March 15**

**+Candle for Mary+  
 George Dudas**

Please use [corpuschristichurch5@gmail.com](mailto: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:



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**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, Angel Cortez, David Catchpole, Rosalia Gagliano, Theresa Marchese, Melanie Elvena, Patrick Ahern, Ashley Larson, Steven Marcinczyk, Alicia, Javier Fuentes, Kim Madlinger, Melissa Telofski, Bonnie Anderson, Karen Kleinschmidt, Fr. Michael J. King, William Haase, Jr.

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**Stations of the Cross  
 every Friday  
 during Lent 6:30 p.m.  
 Confessions 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

Dear Parishioners,

**Starting March 10 through March 19**, we will once again make a corporate, solemn Novena to good St. Joseph at all Masses. The Novena prayer card with brief litany will be in all the black hymnals of the church. For our parish intention I ask that we pray for *evangelization of souls and vocations to the priesthood, consecrated life, and sacramental married life*. It may also prove helpful to add a special remembrance of all those who no longer practice the faith or who have not returned since the Covid era. Also, pray for world peace, an end to warfare and political terrorism that seems to only increase with the passage of time. As we head into what may be a fractious time as a nation with the upcoming election, it may be wise to say a prayer for our nation and our leaders who are tasked with so many issues.

St. Joseph wants to help us and he is the go-to saint for many of the saints of the Church who developed a special trust in his intercession as Patron of the Universal Church and Foster Father of Redeemer. Please add your own intention these days of the Novena, using any novena prayer of your choice at home. Perhaps there's someone in your life who needs special spiritual assistance or physical healing. Perhaps there's someone you wish to be reconciled with this Lent. Perhaps you or someone you know is looking for work or another job. Perhaps you are in need of a house or you are trying to sell one – whatever may be your intention: **“Go to St. Joseph!”** I am happy to attest as many have before me, good St. Joseph comes through in surprising, timely, and unexpected ways! For anyone who doubts the power of prayer doubts God.

In the Sacred Hearts of Jesus  
Rev. Damian B. Breen

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**March 10, 2024**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son...”*. – John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

**March 9/10 2024 Bishop’s Annual Appeal**

STAY WITH US, LORD:

**Renew Our Hearts and Send Us on Mission**

“Central to our understanding of Christian stewardship is the concept of accountability. To safeguard the gifts you have entrusted to our care, we recently set up a special foundation, a separate trust, where all the money from this Appeal goes so that it can be used only for those ministries advertised in the Appeal materials and website. You can be assured that your gift is well protected and well used; making a difference in meeting the spiritual, educational and social needs of the people we serve. A gift to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal is a worthy investment.

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**Lenten Envelope Fundraiser**

Our 200 envelope fundraiser has begun! Simply choose an envelope (or multiple envelopes). Each envelope has a number from two to 200, with each number representing that specific dollar amount. For example, 7 represents \$7, 29 represents \$29, 142 represents \$142 and so forth. Envelopes can be found in the church lobby from the first weekend of lent through Easter Week. Filled envelopes may be dropped off at the parish office or dropped in the weekly collection. Thank you for your continued support.



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Please join the Divine Mercy Prayer Group **Sunday, March 10, 2024 from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.** in the church hall. Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany of Trust and other prayers. Light refreshments will be served.



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The St. Vincent de Paul Society Corpus Christi Conference wants to thank the Youth Group for all the work they have been doing. The Youth Group has been active in conjunction with the St. Vincent de Paul Society for over 20 years. Membership is open to any student in grades 6 through 12. Currently the group has 10 boys and girls participating. The members serve the local community such as the South River Food Bank, globally through Operation Christmas Child and the Church Community, providing needed items to the two Ozanam Shelters in New Brunswick, run by Catholic Charities.

## Corpus Christi Men's Ministry

Corpus Christi Men's Ministry will recite the Living Rosary for Sacramental Married Life on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon in the church or weather permitting the Grotto. All are welcome to attend.



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

**Save the Date!** - Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> Corpus Christi Right To Life and Evangelization Ministry will be hosting a "Baby Shower Blessings Campaign" to support Life Choices Resource Center, Metuchen. More details to follow shortly.

## Garden Angels



Corpus Christi Garden Angels are getting their gardening tools ready for the Spring. If you have a green thumb and some interest in lending a helping hand, please call Eileen Swenticky at 732-238-5973.

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

## "ELEMENTS OF THE CATHOLIC MASS"

### Episode 19– The Church Doors

The door of the church is not simply practical or pragmatic; it is not simply for entry and exit. The door of every church is a sacramental sign that reminds us of our future entry into paradise. Every church is dedicated before it is put into service for worship; its prayer of dedication tells us what it signifies. If you would like to access this episode ahead of time, please go to: <https://www.elementsofthecatholicmass.com/episodes>



## Chrism Mass – Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi

On Tuesday, March 26, 2024 4:00 p.m., Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At the Mass, all priests make a Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and His People; the Bishop and all Priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support.

The Bishop will also bless and consecrate the Holy Oils, which each parish receives for the rites of anointing. The Oil of Catechumens is used to anoint infants and adults before their Baptism; the Oil of the Sick is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and Sacred Chrism is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of confirmandi, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches.

## St. Padre Pio Prayer Group of St. Ambrose Parish

### 83 Throckmorton Lane, Old Bridge

Come join us in prayer as we celebrate mass together in honor of St. Padre Pio by Celebrant Fr. Jack C. Grimes, Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. followed by veneration of a first class relic of St. Padre Pio.

## Corpus Christi Easter Egg Hunt

Sponsored by Youth Group

Sunday, March 24, 2024

11:00 a.m.



Corpus Christi Church Lawn

All Parishioners Welcome!

Please join us the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the Church Hall** as we view and discuss a new episode in "**The Chosen video series**. We began on February 20<sup>th</sup> with the first episode and will continue with a new episode each meeting. If you need to catch up or miss a meeting, you can find the series on many streaming services and websites. All are welcome. Please invite a friend, neighbor or family member to join you. Questions or to RSVP contact AnnMarie Karczmit, at [admins@comcast.net](mailto:admins@comcast.net) or text call at 732-801-3569. Light refreshments will be served. Thank you.

The McGeehan Agency with the Knights of Columbus Insurance is looking for a full-time insurance agent. We cover the Trenton Diocese and Middlesex County and have multiple openings. The applicant must be Catholic and be eligible to join the Knights of Columbus, if not already.

We seek a motivated, intelligent professional who would like to help Catholic families plan for their future. We are very interested in men who are bilingual in Spanish as well as recent college graduates. Fraternal Bonus of \$500 for anyone we contract through this advertisement. Or \$250 to any individual who recommends someone we contract as well as \$250 for the council. All inquiries please call 732-569-6045 or email us at [RoberMcGeehan@kofc.org](mailto:RoberMcGeehan@kofc.org).



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](mailto: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.

### Elementos da Missa Católica: Episódio 19:

**As Portas da Igreja-** A porta da igreja não é simplesmente prática ou pragmática; não é simplesmente para entrada e saída. A porta de cada igreja é um sinal sacramental que nos lembra a nossa futura entrada no paraíso. Cada igreja é dedicada antes de ser colocada em serviço para adoração; sua oração de dedicação nos diz o que significa.

## *Almoço Anual do Apostolado Português Igreja Corpus Christi South River, NJ*

**Domingo de Ramos**

**24 de Março 2024**

**1:00 P.M. (Logo Depois da Missa)**

**IGREJA CORPUS CHRISTI**

**100 James Street- South River, NJ**



Ementa:

- Sopa – Canja
- Lombo de Porco com Molho de Cogumelos e Batatas
- Ancas de Frango Assado com Arroz
- Bacalhau à Gomes de Sá
- Salada & Vegetais
- Várias Sobremesas e Café

**MÚSICA AO VIVO**

**BEBIDAS NÃO INCLUIDAS**

Para Bilhetes ou mais informação o favor de contactar:

Teresinha Martins:	732-558-1822	<b>Preços:</b>
Rosali Coelho:	908-720-3853	Adultos \$40.00
Céu Santos:	732-718-3043	Crianças (6-12) \$20.00
Fernando Santos	732-991-1842	Crianças (1-5) \$5.00
Jose Carlos Rodrigues	848-252-8479	
Elizabeth Rodrigues	732-875-2589	
Sao Zarco-Pereira	732-433-1778	
Humbelina O'Brien	732-254-1800 x 15 (Escritório)	
até Domingo, Março 17, 2024		

**Por favor façam as vossas reservas até dia 17 de março, 2024.**

**RETIRO PAROQUIAL (PORTUGUÊS)-** Haverá um retiro em português em preparação para a Páscoa, no sábado dia 16 de Março, 2024 no salão da Igreja da 2:30- 8 PM. Todos estão convidados a participar, e de modo especial, convidamos todos os membros de cada Ministério e grupos do nosso Apostolado de Língua Portuguesa.



Durante a Quaresma haverá a Via Sacra em Português todas as sextas-feiras às 7:30 PM. Também haverá a Via Sacra em Inglês nas sextas-feiras da Quaresma às 6:30 PM e confissões das 5:30-6:30 PM em Inglês.

## INTENÇÕES DAS MISSAS

+Sábado 9 de Março-

**José Ribau e  
familiares**

+Domingo 10 de Março-

**Membros da  
Irmandade de Fátima,  
Ana Cristina Moreira e  
Almas do Purgatório**

+Terça-feira 12 de  
Março - **João Grego**

+Sábado 16 de Março- **José Ribau e  
familiares**

+Domingo 17 de Março- **João Capela e família**



**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.

## Apelo Anual do Bispo 2024

**Fica conosco Senhor: Renova o nosso  
Coração e envia-nos em Missão**

Fundamental para a nossa compreensão da mordomia cristã é o conceito de responsabilidade. Para salvaguardar as ofertas que vocês confiaram aos nossos cuidados, criamos recentemente uma fundação financeira especial, uma reserva separada, para onde vai todo o dinheiro deste Apelo, para que possa ser usado apenas para os ministérios anunciados nos materiais e no site do Apelo. Você pode ter certeza de que a sua oferta está bem protegida e bem utilizada; fazendo a diferença no atendimento às necessidades espirituais, educacionais e sociais das pessoas que servimos. Uma doação para o Apelo Anual do Bispo é um investimento digno.

## Reserve a data!

No domingo, 19 de maio, Corpus Christi RTL (ProVida) e Ministério de Evangelização realizarão uma “Campanha de Bênçãos para Chá de Bebê” para apoiar o Centro de Recursos de Escolhas de Vida- Life Choices, Metuchen. Mais detalhes a seguir.

O padre Damião pede para fazer a novena a São José recitando a ladainha começando neste domingo 10 a 19 de Março, pelas seguintes intenções: evangelização dos povos, e vocações sacerdotais, religiosas e casamentos sacramentais e pela paz no mundo

## Ladainha de São José

Senhor, tende piedade de nós.  
Jesus Cristo, tende piedade de nós.  
Senhor, tende piedade de nós.  
Jesus Cristo, ouvi-nos.  
Jesus Cristo, atendei-nos.  
Pai celeste que sois Deus,  
tende piedade de nós.  
Filho, Redentor do mundo, que sois Deus,  
tende piedade de nós.  
Espírito Santo, que sois Deus,  
tende piedade de nós.  
Santíssima Trindade, que sois um só Deus,  
tende piedade de nós.  
Santa Maria, rogai por nós.  
São José,  
Ilustre filho de David,  
Luz dos Patriarcas,  
Esposo da Mãe de Deus,  
Casto guarda da Virgem,  
Sustentador do Filho de Deus,  
Zeloso defensor de Jesus Cristo,  
Chefe da Sagrada Família,  
José justíssimo,  
José castíssimo,  
José prudentíssimo,  
José fortíssimo,  
José obedientíssimo,  
José fidelíssimo,  
Espelho de paciência,  
Amante da pobreza,  
Modelo dos operários,  
Honra da vida de família,  
Guarda das Virgens,  
Sustentáculo das famílias,  
Alívio dos miseráveis,  
Esperança dos doentes,  
Patrono dos moribundos,  
Terror dos demônios,  
Protetor da Santa Igreja,

## Ofertório de 02 e 03 de Março

Coleta: \$5,706, + pelo correio: \$1,449.50  
+ pela internet: \$1,261.77

**Muito obrigado a todos pela vossa generosidade  
e sacrifício!**



## Episode 19: The Door of the Church

### SUMMARY

The door of the church is not simply a practical or pragmatic thing; it is not simply for entry and exit. The door of every church is a sacramental sign that reminds us of our future entry into paradise. The Church's worship always moves us in the direction of our heavenly homeland.

Every church is dedicated before it is put into service for worship; the prayer of dedication tells us what the church building and its furnishings signify.

From the moment of the opening of the doors, the crossing of the threshold, of the entering in, the doorway becomes significant. This is the place where couples about to be united in Holy Matrimony are greeted by the Church's official representative. This is the place, too, where that same couple will be greeted again as they carry their children for Baptism. Here, again, is the station where mourners pause as they carry their deceased loved one a final time to church for the Mass of Christian burial. Every Catholic, crossing this threshold, pauses to dip fingers into holy water and trace the Sign of the Cross.

### The Roman Pontifical

Because the church is a visible building, this house is a special sign of the pilgrim Church on earth and an image of the Church dwelling in heaven.

*The Order of the Dedication of a Church, n°. 2*

A church, as its nature requires, should be suitable for sacred celebrations, dignified, evincing a noble beauty, not mere costly display, and it should truly be a sign and symbol of heavenly realities.

*The Order of the Dedication of a Church, n°. 3*

The door of the church to be dedicated should be closed.

*The Order of the Dedication of a Church, n°. 29*

When the door is unlocked, the Bishop invites the people to enter the church...

*The Order of the Dedication of a Church, n°. 34*

### Otto Von Simson

"The church is, mystically and liturgically, an image of heaven... The authoritative language of the dedication ritual of a church explicitly relates the vision of the Celestial City, as

described in the Book of Revelation, to the building that is to be erected.”

### IN THE TRADITION

“O gates, lift high your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter the king of glory!  
Who is this king of glory?  
He, the Lord of hosts,  
he is the king of glory.”

Psalm 24:9-10

“Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving,  
His courts with songs of praise.”

Psalm 100:4

“The way lies open from earth to heaven. Let  
the prophet’s trumpet sound again... The King  
of glory will make his way in, to intercede for us  
at the Father’s right hand.”

Saint Augustine  
*Exposition on Psalm 24 (23)*

### THE TEACHING OF THE CHURCH

✠ “The Church is a sheepfold whose one and indispensable door is Christ. It is a flock of which God Himself foretold He would be the shepherd, and whose sheep, although ruled by human shepherds; are nevertheless continuously led and nourished by Christ Himself, the Good Shepherd and the Prince of the shepherds, who gave His life for the sheep.”

*Lumen Gentium*, n°. 6

✠ “In the earthly liturgy we take part in a foretaste of that heavenly liturgy which is celebrated in the holy city of Jerusalem toward which we journey as pilgrims ...”

*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, n°. 8

### IN THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Grant that, with all our brothers and sisters who will celebrate the divine mysteries in this church,  
we may come at last to the heavenly Jerusalem.  
Dedication of a Church

Almighty ever-living God,  
pour out your grace upon this place  
and extend the gift of your help  
to all who call upon you,  
that the power of your word and  
of the Sacraments  
may strengthen here  
the hearts of all the faithful.

Collect for the Dedication of a Church

Here may the Gospel of peace resound  
and the sacred mysteries be celebrated,  
so that your faithful,  
formed by the word of life and by divine grace  
on their pilgrim way through the earthly city,  
may merit to reach the eternal Jerusalem.  
Intercessions, Eucharistic Prayer III for the Dedication of a Church

### QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Many of the Church’s sacramental rites begin at the door of the church. Which ones can you name?
2. The crossing of a threshold represents the progression from one place or from one state to another. What significant crossings in the Sacred Scriptures are symbolized in the sacramental life?

### FOR FURTHER READING

Otto Von Simson, *The Gothic Cathedral: Origins of Gothic Architecture and the Medieval Concept of Order*, (Princeton University Press, 1988).