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CORPUS CHRISTI, HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Any good teacher or parent will tell you that once a lesson is really learned it doesn't need to be taught again. When we internalize things we have learned, they become a part of who we are and influence how we perceive and interact with our world. The same is true for the law God has written upon our hearts. Once humanity learns this lesson, we will simply know it to be true and act accordingly. Sometimes, it is hard to get people to learn the lessons they need to learn. They are often distracted, disinterested, conflicted, misdirected, or just too stubborn and unable or unwilling to see what is right before their eyes. Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God's own image, seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experience has proven that it is not.

We struggle with faith, especially when that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God's DNA is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God. For many, death is not an opportunity for greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be fully human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons from his example, especially obedience.

When we accept the law God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen more attentively to the Voice behind that law. We naturally flee to our Creator for inspiration, consolation, hope, direction, and comfort as we navigate through this time of darkness. We will not need to run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God's law is love and love never fails. Even in the moments of Jesus' deepest despair, he glorified the name of his Father. What he learned allowed him to put everything in perspective and be obedient to the tender, loving Voice that echoed within. As Lent quickly winds down, may we learn the same! Then, may we gain the fortitude and wisdom to help others see what is right before their eyes.

Parish Stewardship "Treasure Report"

March 14

Envelope Total: \$ 8,979
Electronic Giving: \$ 2,834
Week Total: \$11,813

2020— March 15 Masses suspended-pandemic

Thank you for your continued generosity.

A MESSAGE FROM FR. KAJ....

Our text from Hebrews is about Jesus' preparation for his work as a priest and, in particular, for the offering of sacrifice. That statement would have seemed very strange to Jesus' contemporaries because he simply could not be a priest. The priests who served in the temple in Jerusalem had to be descendants of Aaron from the tribe of Levi; that is what is says in the law of Moses. But, Jesus was from the tribe of Judah. Jesus was sometimes addressed as "rabbi", which simply meant a religious teacher. But, no one expected him to become a priest.

The message of Hebrews is that Jesus, the Son of God who shared our humanity, is the great high priest "after the order of Melchizedek." He is the one who offers the perfect and final sacrifice for all our sins, the sacrifice of his own life, to reconcile us to God.

In talking about Jesus' preparation for priestly work, our text doesn't deal with things like the study of the scriptures and other tools for ministry that we might think of today. Instead, it focuses on the trials and temptations that he faced. "Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered," the Hebrews writer said. That seems puzzling. "Although he was a Son"? We might think that precisely because he was the Son of God (as the very first verse of Hebrews says), he would automatically to be obedient!

Jesus came proclaiming the kingdom of God and calling for repentance. He claimed to speak for God, and he said that we should love God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves. He forgave sins freely, and he healed and fed people.

My friends we are getting closer to our most celebrated event in the Catholic church, Easter Sunday, as we await the Resurrection of our Lord. Let us stay focused on our Lenten journey in prayer, sacrifice and repentance.

We have a wonderful evening coming up this Wednesday with Fr. Jim Worth. It is not too late to register for the Lenten Solace Concert. Spend an hour with us in prayer through music...you will be glad you attended.

Confessions will be heard this Friday, March 26, from 7:30-8pm after Stations of the Cross. Please remember to pre-register for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Masses.

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to our Spring Food Drive to help those in need. Your participation is appreciated.

I look forward to continuing to meet and greet all of you and welcome back to Mass all those who have not been able to join us to due health reasons. Let us continue to pray for one another and to the end of the pandemic.

God Bless,
Fr. Kaj



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday—March 28
5:00pm (Sat), 8am, 10am, 12nn & 6pm
(MUST PRE-REGISTER)

Holy Thursday—April 1
Liturgy of the Lord's Supper, 7:30pm

Good Friday—April 2
Service of the Lord's Passion, 3:00pm

Easter Vigil
Saturday, April 3, 8pm

Easter Sunday Masses
7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 12nn

All Masses will be held in the Chapel.

Pre-registration is now open for Holy Week/Easter Masses. You **must** register in advance. You can call the Parish Center at 201-288-4844 or email mbviviani@optonline.net. Leave your name, contact phone number, number of people attending and Mass time. Please register early. Assigned seating will be done for all the Easter Masses.



Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at 7pm in the Church. All are welcomed and invited to attend.

**CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL'S
TROPICAL TRICKY TRAY**

Wednesday, May 12, 2021
Rain Date: Friday, May 14
3:30-4:30pm Seniors Only Hour
4:30-7:30pm Open to All

*Prizes will be called live on Facebook
at 8pm*

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Adoration has resumed. Please note the following:

- ◆ Adoration will be held in the Church
- ◆ Adoration will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1pm to 11pm.
- ◆ Face coverings **MUST** be worn, and social distancing seating is to be maintained.
- ◆ **Adorers are needed for the following times:
Mondays at 5pm; Tuesdays 4pm, 6pm & 9pm; Thursdays 3pm**

If you would like to become an Adorer and spend an hour in prayer, please contact Diane Calabrese at (201) 288-7732.



Fr. Jim Worth

solace

A Musical Meditation

Corpus Christi Church Chapel
215 Kipp Ave Hasbrouck Heights, NJ
Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 7:00pm
limited in-person seating
A spiritual journey toward Easter in song

Pre-registration is open for the Lenten Solace Concert. Please call the Parish Center or email mbviviani@optonline.net with your name, contact phone number and number of attendees.

2021 ANNUAL APPEAL

Parishioners are encouraged to prayerfully consider a donation to this year's Appeal. Your donation helps so many within the Archdiocese as well as right here in our parish of Corpus Christi. Rebate monies after attaining our goal will help our parish and school with repairs/upgrades or any needs that arise.

Envelopes are still available or you are encouraged to donate online at www.rcan.org/sharing. Designate Corpus Christi as your parish. Your gift may be restricted for any ministry listed. Thanking you in advance for your generous support.

MASS INTENTIONS

ANTICIPATED MASS, MARCH 20

5:00 PM +Paul Aluotto

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

8:00 AM +Frank Jarzabek
 10:00 AM +Miriam Feliciano
 12:00 NN +Rosalie Lipari (25th Anniv)
 6:00 PM +Mildred Butto

MONDAY, MARCH 22

6:30 AM +Concetta Fusco
 8:00 AM +Elaine Adamkiewicz

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

6:30 AM +Concetta Fusco
 8:00 AM +Patricia Healy

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

6:30 AM +Tuccillo & Grigas Families
 8:00 AM +Adela & Jan Dziekonski

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

6:30 AM +David DeFedele
 8:00 AM +Jean Minan Buckley

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

6:30 AM +Theresa Kressaty
 8:00 AM +Frank J. Coccaro, Jr.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

8:00 AM +Mary Minan Reynolds

ANTICIPATED MASS

5:00 PM +Deceased Members of the Urban & Senzon Families

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

8:00 AM +Victor Lagomasino
 10:00 AM +William & Susan McKeever
 12:00 NN +John Tomaszewski
 6:00 PM +Patricia Harns (1st Anniv)

CANDLES FOR THE WEEK

The candles to be burned on our altars this week were donated in loving memory of **Michael Loscalzo** from Deacon Paul & Carroll Carris.



PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Please remember the deceased members of our families, friends and community, especially Joseph Ysrael, Henry "Hank" Williams

2021 MASS BOOK

The 2021 Mass Book is open. There are open weekday Masses in the upcoming months. Stop by the Parish Center during business hours to remember your loved ones.

Morning Prayers

Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary take place prior to weekday Mass beginning at 7:30am. Come join fellow parishioners. All are welcome!



May the Holy Spirit sustain those who are poor and oppressed, the sick, suffering, and sorrowing of all ages, especially, Justin Duffy, Margaret Marchetta, Antonio Salcines, Albert DeBenedictis, Mary Nichols, Cosmelina Cammarata,, Baby Adrian Victor Sanfilippo, Paul Giordano, Debbie Murphy, Gary Ryan, Dee Sullivan, Bonnie Poznar, Danielle Delfino, Patricia Kunzmann, Christine Ryan, Patricia Casey, Noreen Ryan, Joseph Cooney, Mishelle Kittlinger, Raimunda Martins, Joseph Marino, Michael Toscano, Jack Coneys, Josey Munez, Frank Sambucini, Gail Abbate, JoAnne Piccarreto, Dennis Buttacavoli, Natalie Caulfield, Elizabeth Semenez, Nora Lindquist, Catherine Groarke, Barbara D'Amato, Phyllis Mink, Mary Lynne Seitz

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Sharing the Gospel

When you act bossy, selfish or rude, no one will want to spend time with you. Follow the example of Jesus instead. Be strong in your faith. Do what God wants you to do, be honest, be kind, be helpful, forgive and share all you have been given. When you follow Jesus' example, you won't be lonely.

Prayer

God, help me to follow Jesus. I want to show everyone how great you really are.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself sharing your lunch with a friend who has no food.

Mission for the Week

Look for ways to be helpful in your family. Help set the table. Take out the trash. Put away your toys without being asked. When your family notices, tell them you are following Jesus' example..

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

grain	wheat	dies
suffer	glory	voice
give	life	serve

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