



Welcome/Parish Membership

We extend a warm welcome and hope you find our Parish Community a place where your faith will be nourished. Parish policy requires registration to participate in Baptism, Marriage and Religion Classes. If you are a new resident, please register at the Parish center during office hours. Also, please notify the Parish Center when a change of address or a move occurs.

Parish Clergy

Rev. Kajetan Klein - Administrator
Rev. Gabriel Perdomo—Parochial Vicar
Rev. Msgr. Lewis V. Papera - Pastor Emeritus
Deacon Vincent DeFedele
Deacon Paul A. Carris

Pastoral Staff

School Principal - Mr. Jason Feliciano
Director of Faith Formation- Mrs. Verna Paiotti
Music Director - Ms. Joanna Kowalska
Youth Ministry Director—Ms. Caitlin Seymour
Local Safe Environment Coord.—Mary Beth Viviani

Pastoral Associates

Adult Faith Formation - Deacon Paul Carris
Baptism & Beyond, Bereavement - Patricia Caulfield

Trustees

Mr. Michael Mascis and Mrs. Carol Viceconte

Parish Offices and Center Summer Hours

Monday–Thursday: 9AM-12NN & 1-4PM
Friday: 9AM-1PM

Masses (Summer Schedule)

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM (Church)
Sundays: 8:00, 10:00, Noon (Church)
Daily: 6:30 AM & 8:00 AM Monday-Friday
8:00 AM only Memorial Day-Labor Day
Saturday: 8:00 AM
Holy Days: Schedule as published

Sacrament of Baptism

Contact the Parish Center for schedule.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45 PM (Church)

Sacrament of Marriage

Engaged, registered parishioners should contact a parish priest, normally one year prior to wedding. No dates are settled without consultation with a parish priest.

***CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH
HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, NJ 07604
AUGUST 22, 2021***

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CORPUS CHRISTI, HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods." We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these "gods" because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with "who is God" and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised "more." But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only "feels" true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It's a choice we all have to make.

Parish Stewardship "Treasure Report"

August 15, 2021

Envelope Total: \$ 9,261
Electronic Giving: \$ 3,112
Week Total: \$12,376

2020—Aug. 16 \$11,843

Thank you for your continued generosity.

TASTE AND SEE
God's goodness.

A MESSAGE FROM FR. KAJ....

After today's Gospel reading we need to focus on engaging our body, mind and spirit with God. We don't need to get into a debate about whether the bread and wine of Communion are the literal body and blood of Christ. Instead, we can simply affirm that in the Eucharist we engage in a right-brain activity, sensing something about God through taste, touch, sight and fragrance rather than a left-brain activity in which we wrestle with questions in a logical, orderly, even dogmatic way. It is like the difference between hearing a live orchestra play a symphony and reading the musical notes on a page.

The eternal God in Christ wants to engage not just our minds but our whole being. So Jesus feeds us himself, the bread of life. He asks, in response, not just some formal affirmation of belief through a creed. Rather, he asks that we commit our whole selves to God.

What does submission to God look like? Well, it has many meanings, including understanding our own theological roots in Judaism. But, primarily it means taking Jesus seriously when he asks us to love one another in the way that he showed us how to love. Love one another, Jesus told his followers, as I have loved you. That means feeding the hungry, housing the homeless, weeping with the bereaved, celebrating with the joyful, sharing the gospel and recognizing that every single human being—regardless of creed or color—is our brother or sister.

"Lord," Peter asked, "to whom can we go?"

It is not a trick question. Rather, it is an invitation to get introduced to Jesus Christ, if you have not already met him. For those of us who already have pledged allegiance to Christ, it is a reminder of our commitment to take seriously Jesus' command that we love one another. Love, of course, means always having the best interests of others at heart, but it also means loving ourselves. To whom can we go? Peter got it right. Jesus has the words of eternal life and is the Holy One of God.

We all went through many months of having to engage God's presence in our lives alone as we could not gather in community during the pandemic. Many, for various reasons, still needed to stay at home once our Masses resumed. During the uncertainty of last year and still today, many of us turned to God in prayer for our own health, our family, the country, the church, etc. For those who have stepped away for awhile, take the time to recommit yourself to His love for you. We all have to believe in His love for each and every one of us. Continue to come to Mass to celebrate as a community. For those that have been away, the doors are always open. Come, join us at the table of the Lord to receive the most precious gift given to us—the Eucharist. All are welcome— all the time!

God Bless,
Fr. Kaj

*How Can
We Pray
FOR
You?*

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Baptism

We welcome into God's family the following children who celebrated Baptism in August

*Anthony James Betances, Ava Michelle Romano,
Joaquin Noah Tolentino Yambao*

May their families be blessed daily and enriched by God's grace.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/ FAITH FORMATION

The Religious Education Office will now formally be called the Faith Formation Office. Religious Education refers to the learning of the doctrine of Faith in our Catholic Church. Faith Formation includes education as well as formation of our faith life...Learning together, Worshipping together, and Serving together, all for the Glory of God.

Registration is now being taken for our Faith Formation sessions for students in grades 1 to 8 to begin in the fall. **Register ASAP.** New registrations to our program should check our website for more details or contact the Faith Formation Office, 201-288-4844, ext. 142. All current families should check their email for details to re-register.

THANK YOU for your generosity

Thank you to all who have generously donated towards the restoration of our liturgical items, the purchase of new items and the new sound system needed for the Chapel. Should you still want to help in any way, please contact the Parish Center.
Fr. Kaj

MINISTRY CORNER—MARTHA'S GROUP

Martha's Group will resume in September. **Volunteers are needed!** This ministry is responsible for cleaning the Church every Saturday after the 8am Mass. If enough people volunteer we can make two groups so you would only have to clean every other week. If you would like to volunteer as part of your Stewardship, please call the Parish Center to leave your name and contact information.

Your dedication to your parish home is greatly appreciated.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT OUR PARISH



Please note the following:

- ♦ Adoration will be held in the Church
- ♦ Adoration will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1pm to 11pm.
- ♦ **Adorers are needed for the following times:
Tuesdays 4pm & 8pm**

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

"Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the Living Heart of each of our parishes." St. Pope Paul VI

RCIA

RCIA—these initials may sound familiar. It is a process of initiation in our Catholic faith.

...Seeking more information about the Catholic Faith, this process is for non-baptized adults, adults baptized in another Christian faith or adults baptized Catholics who wish to have the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Please call the Parish Office, (201) 288-4844, and leave your name and number. Someone will return your call. God Bless!

THE IMPORTANCE OF REGISTERING

Registering is a very important part of being a parishioner of Corpus Christi. Our communication with you is made easier once we have your information in our database. **In order for families to receive a tuition discount at Corpus Christi School, they need to be registered and using their envelopes/electronic giving as proof of their support for our parish.**

The occasion may arise when you are asked to be a sponsor for Baptism and/or Confirmation. The church in which the sacrament is being held may ask you for **proof that you are a registered, practicing Catholic.** We can only provide such documentation if the priests or staff recognize you as a regular Sunday attendee and registered in the parish. Please use your contribution envelopes or electronic giving to indicate your participation.

Formal registration is the best way of communicating with you and showing that you wish to be a part of our parish family.

Bereavement Ministry

The faith community of Corpus Christi offers continued support to parishioners grieving the loss of a loved one. If you are overwhelmed by feelings of sadness and sorrow, please contact Patricia Caulfield at the Parish Center, (201) 288-4844, ext. 138. We will help you find light, warmth and comfort.

MASS INTENTIONS



ANTICIPATED MASS, AUGUST 21

5:00 PM +Jeanne Rygor (1st Anniv)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

8:00 AM +Mary & Louis Fossa
10:00 AM +Ralph Napolitano, Sr.
12:00 NN +Caitlyn Hopkins

MONDAY, AUGUST 23

8:00 AM +Emily Walsh

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

8:00 AM +Camille & Quido Trause

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

8:00 AM +Mary Kalinowski

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

8:00 AM +Eduardo Kiki Diaz

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

8:00 AM +Eulalio Marcelo

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

8:00 AM +Veronica Klauss

ANTICIPATED MASS

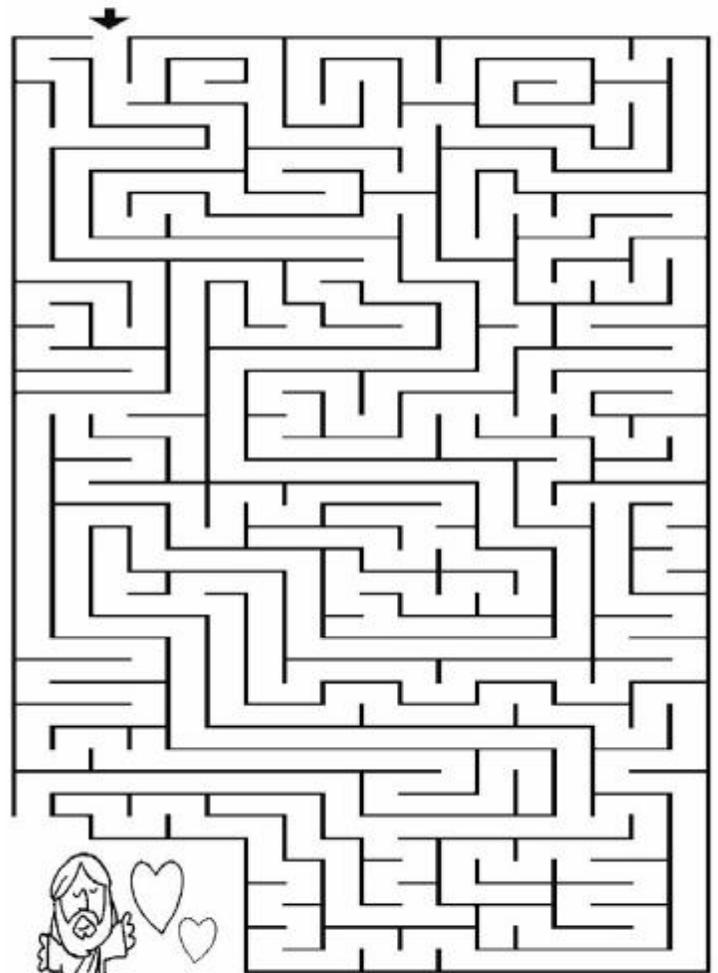
5:00 PM +Louis DeCongelio

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

8:00 AM +Peter Settecasi
10:00 AM +Norah Keaveny
12:00 NN +Virginia Cavanaugh & Virginia Smith

May the Holy Spirit sustain those who are poor and oppressed, the sick, suffering, and sorrowing of all ages, especially, Justin Duffy, Antonio Salcines, Albert DeBenedictis, Mary Nichols, Cosmelina Cammarata,, Adrian Victor Sanfilippo, Paul Giordano, Debbie Murphy, Gary Ryan, Dee Sullivan, Bonnie Poznar, Danielle Delfino, Christine Ryan, Patricia Casey, Noreen Ryan, Joseph Cooney, Mishelle Kittlinger, Raimunda Martins, Joseph Marino, Michael Toscano, Josey Munez, Frank Sambucini, JoAnne Piccarreto, Dennis Buttacavoli, Natalie Caulfield, Nora Lindquist, Catherine Groarke, Barbara D'Amato, Phyllis Mink, Mary Lynne Seitz, Leslie Macaluso, David Miele, MaryAnn Settecasi, Gary Doran, Julio Alvarez, Tom Dalton, Sheila Castellucci, Clarita DeLeon

Find your way through the maze to Jesus.



CANDLES FOR THE WEEK

The candles to be burned on our altars this week were donated in loving memory of **Luna Ruidiaz** from The Lyons Family.



PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Please remember the deceased members of our families, friends and community, especially Eileen Muscarnero, Carmine J. Caruso

2021 ANNUAL APPEAL SHINING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

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.

Mission for the Week

Have you ever learned something about God that was hard to understand? Talk about it with your family, and together pray for each other. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you learn what God wants you to.



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