



REMEMBER SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

# PATRIOT DAY



20TH  
ANNIVERSARY

## ***Blessing for the Fallen – 9.11.01***

***God of mercy, in your word of Scripture, you instruct us to "Do to others as you would have them do to you." Give us today the courage to assist those around us who need our help. Give us patience when we become impatient. Remind us to pray for all those who perished on UA 93, AA 11, UA 175, AA 77, those in the Twin Towers and the Pentagon. Give us a heart thankful for those who gave their lives as first responders, as did the men and women who ran into danger to be of aid. We ask all this in the name of the One who first responded to our need for a savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.***

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## CORPUS CHRISTI, HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

### 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.



#### Parish Stewardship "Treasure Report"

**Due to an early transmittal of this Bulletin, the collection for September 5 will appear in the September 19 copy.**

***Thank you for your continued generosity.***

### A MESSAGE FROM FR. KAJ....

In our multitasking world, we sometimes have difficulty sorting out the competing demands of family, work, community, friends and church. Our endless activity can leave us feeling scattered and even shattered. With remarkable clarity, Jesus gives us a new path forward. Set your mind on divine things, not human things. We need to be willing to suffer. "The Son of Man must undergo great suffering," says Jesus. And so must those who follow him.

We need to realize that each of us is carving an inscription for our lives through the choices we make every day. So, what will be on your gravestone? What will be the story in your stone? At the end of life, you want the message to say, "She set her mind on divine things, not on human things." Or, "He was willing to suffer for the greater good."

Unfortunately, we live in a society that avoids suffering at almost any cost. We want our military to be successful without any sacrifice from civilians. We want more social services for ourselves without higher taxes. We want to lose weight without cutting our calories or increasing our exercise. We want homelessness to go away, but we don't want to pay for new affordable housing programs. We don't want to suffer.

If we choose to be buried under a cross, we are saying to the world that we have taken up our cross and followed Jesus. We have accepted that life involves both love and suffering, and that it certainly includes elements of self-sacrifice. It means that we have chosen to cook meals for the homeless and swing hammers to build affordable housing or have done other things to help people in need. It makes the statement that we have denied ourselves some material comforts so we can leave behind a more stable and spiritually healthy world for our children and grandchildren.

The good news is that if we set our minds on the things of God, we will receive the riches of everlasting life. The end of a life loving sacrifice is not a plot in a Cemetery, but is an endless life in God's eternal kingdom. The words of Jesus are true, "those who lose their life for my sake and the sake of the gospel, will save it." That is a story that will outlast the message of any headstone in the world.

We should all take a step back to look at how we are living our lives. Are we open and willing to those in need. Do we reach out to our neighbor to check on them, and see if they need anything. Are we willing to make sacrifices for others and give up some comforts to share with others. Are we being the best Christians possible and live as Jesus would want us to? Think about what your headstone will read. Perhaps it will have a cross carrying a message of peace?

I hope and pray all is going well in the Parish. I extend my sincere thanks to my fellow priests who are presiding at our Masses and Funerals. Please extend a warm welcome to them.

God Bless,  
Fr. Kaj

## 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FAITH FORMATION UPDATE! We need YOU!

We wanted to let you know that our program of weekly classes and once a month family session will begin in October. We are still in need of **volunteers** for our program....

**Teachers** for Sunday morning sessions, Grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. **Front Door Assistants** for entrance to school. **Hall Monitors** for family and weekly sessions and **Teacher Aids** for lower grades, 1st and 2nd. All new volunteers will need to complete a Volunteer Application, complete a background check and attend the Protecting God's Children Workshop.

**Please RSVP as soon as possible to help us schedule for the needs of the program. Contact the office at 201-288-4844, ext. 142.**

Thank you, and God Bless,  
Verna Paiotti



**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!

### MINISTRY CORNER—MARTHA'S GROUP



*Martha's Group* resumed this past Saturday. **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.

### RETREAT FOR MEN SUFFERING FROM ABORTION

Are you a man suffering because of an abortion in your past? There is hope and healing!

An "Entering Canaan" Men's day will take place Saturday, October 16, 2021. The day will be hosted by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and includes a testimony, healing video and the opportunity to celebrate the sacraments. For further information and confidential reservations, please call: Lumina/Hope & Healing after abortion: 877-586-4621, or email at Lumina@postabortionhelp.org.

### 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**

### 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. **There is a three-month evaluation period for new parishioners of your participation before determining if a Sponsor Certificate is issued.** 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.



The Rosary Society invites **ALL** parishioners to join them in the recitation of the Rosary on the 13th of every month from June to October as a devotion to our Blessed Mother, Mary. Let us gather as a parish family of faith to pray for our intentions. **All are invited to join them this Monday, September 13, at 7pm by the grotto.**

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

We are following the Summer Mass schedule through the month of September. All Masses are held in the Church. The Mass schedule is:

Monday-Saturday: 8am  
Sunday: 8am, 10am, 12nn, (5pm on Sat)



# MASS INTENTIONS

**ANTICIPATED MASS, SEPTEMBER 11**

5:00 PM +In Thanksgiving

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

8:00 AM +George & Lula Uka

10:00 AM +Rosalia Bracchitta

12:00 NN +Mary Grace Lipari

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

8:00 AM +Fulvo Parrello

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

8:00 AM +Visitation Baquiran

In Poland +Frrok Lekgjonaj

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

8:00 AM +Stella Torti

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

8:00 AM +John Szott

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

8:00 AM +Jeanne Slomkowski

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

8:00 AM +Mirela Malaj

**ANTICIPATED MASS**

5:00 PM +Mary DeCongelio

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

8:00 AM +Irene Drzewiecki

10:00 AM +John Walter

12:00 NN +Alice Sanzo

**CANDLES FOR THE WEEK**

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

**HOSTS & WINE FOR THE WEEK**

The hosts and wine to be consecrated at all the Masses were donated in loving memory of **Deceased Members of the Licameli Family** from Rita Licameli.

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**

Please remember the deceased members of our families, friends and community.

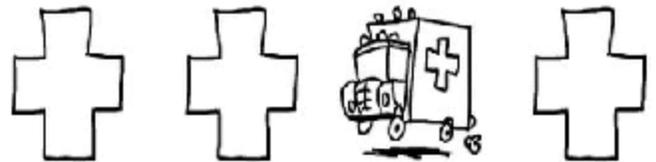
**Prayer for Peace**

*O God of selfless love, we are a blest people to have a god like you. You instill your love for us into the hearts of your human creatures. Even if those human creatures do not acknowledge you, your love for us still shines through. We ask your blessing upon all first responders today and ask you to protect them and their families. Help us love people of all nations, races and creeds, which will bring about the end to wars and terrorism. We ask this in your peace. Amen.*



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 Settecasei, Julio Alvarez, Tom Dalton, Sheila Castellucci, Clarita DeLeon

Circle the picture that is **different**. Then color in all the pictures.



**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](http://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.

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