



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 enter 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
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Deacon Paul A. Carris

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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 Hours

Monday–Friday: 9AM-12NN & 1-4PM

Masses (Summer Schedule-cont' d in Sept.)

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.

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SEPTEMBER 19, 2021***

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CORPUS CHRISTI, HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.

Parish Stewardship "Treasure Report"

September 5:

Envelope Total: \$ 7,169

Electronic Giving: \$ 2,540

Week Total: \$ 9,709

2020- Sept. 6: \$ 9,094

September 12:

Envelope Total: \$ 6,811

Electronic Giving: \$ 2,540

Week Total: \$9,351

2020-Sept. 13: \$ 9,123

Thank you for your continued generosity.

A MESSAGE FROM FR. KAJ....

Our text this week contrasts a false self-seeking "wisdom" with "wisdom from above" that leads to good relationships. The whole letter of James focuses on right behavior, and says little about Jesus by name. But, in light of traditions about wisdom in the Hebrew scriptures that Christians used to speak about Jesus, we can see the letter's encouragement to live with wisdom as another way of speaking about following Jesus.

Throughout the Letter of James, we hear that emphasis on thinking and acting in the right way, especially in relationships with other people. The letter is about Christian ethics, not Christian doctrine. Probably the verse from James that's quoted most often is, "So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead." Jesus is mentioned by name only twice, and nothing is said about his cross and resurrection. These features have led some scholars to argue that this was originally a Jewish text that a Jewish Christian writer then made use of.

At the beginning of the letter, we are issued an invitation: "If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly and it will be given you." In the middle of the letter, we are focusing on wisdom—what it isn't and what it is. The true wisdom is that which "comes down from above." Considering the invitation that was just quoted, that clearly means, "from God."

A passage from Proverbs, "For whoever finds me finds life, and obtains favor from the LORD; but those who miss me injure themselves; all who hate me love death. Early Christians had a strong "wisdom tradition" behind them. In Luke's gospel we are told that as a boy, Jesus was "filled with wisdom" and "increased in wisdom," and there are allusions to that personified figure of Wisdom from Proverbs. It sounds as if Jesus himself is being thought of as wisdom. Paul makes that explicit in First Corinthians when he says that "Christ Jesus...became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption."

The meaning is pretty clear; Jesus Christ reveals in his own person the wisdom that comes down from above. Jesus' supreme act of love for us was his death on the cross and his resurrection to reconcile us to God. It was also, St. Paul says, the supreme display of God's wisdom—"Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God." The one who is the Wisdom from on high invites us to take up the cross and follow him.

Friends, I hope this message finds everyone well and for anyone affected by Ida, that you are recovering and getting the assistance needed. I am sure you welcomed all our visiting priests as you are a parish community full of faith and warmth.

I am praying for our community of faith every day as I hope you will keep me in your prayers. Keep Fr. Gabriel in your prayers that he can return soon. I know I am a week late, but welcome back to our administrators, faculty, staff and students of our school. Blessings for a safe and wonderful year.

God Bless,

Fr. Kaj

25TH 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 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.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH 488 Saddle River Road, Saddle Brook

The Rosary Society is sponsoring a morning of Spiritual Reflection on the role of women in the Church from early biblical times to present.

It will be held on Saturday, September 25 at 11am in the school auditorium. The presenter is Sr. Donna L. Ciango, a Dominican Sister of Caldwell, NJ. She works extensively in the areas of congregational spirituality and development. Sr. Donna currently serves on the board of the North American Forum for Small Christian Communities and is Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Newark. It promises to be a very enlightening presentation. Light refreshments will be served. Any questions, contact Camille at (201) 791-2318.

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:
Mondays at 8pm; 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.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL EXPO

The Office of the Superintendent of Schools invites all interested families to learn about our Catholic high schools by attending an Expo. The event will run from 7:00 to 8:30pm on the following dates:

- Tuesday, 9/21, Visitation Academy, Paramus
222 Farview Avenue**
- Wednesday, 9/22, St. Peter's Prep, Jersey City
144 Grand Street**
- Thursday, 9/23, St. Michael's, Newark
27 Crittenden Street**

Masks are required at all locations

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 18

5:00 PM +Mary DeCongelio

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:00 AM +Irene Drzewiecki

10:00 AM +John Walter

12:00 NN +Alice Sanzo

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:00 AM +John Szott

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:00 AM +Carol Beebe

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:00 AM +Alvin Malpelli

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:00 AM +Ruth McGovern

In Poland +Camille & Quido Trause

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:00 AM +Mary Ann Bachia

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:00 AM +Patricia Hadrava

ANTICIPATED MASS

5:00 PM +The Carney Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:00 AM +Mary Aluotto

10:00 AM +Deceased Members of the Licameli Family

12:00 NN +Pauline Amato

CANDLES FOR THE WEEK

The candles to be burned on our altars this week were donated in loving memory of **Barbara Cosgriff** from The Lindquist Family.

HOSTS & WINE FOR THE WEEK

The hosts and wine to be consecrated at all the Masses were donated in loving memory of **Anthony (Tony) Gulino** from his family.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Please remember the deceased members of our families, friends and community, especially Jennifer Lee Soper, Leon Dussault, Jr.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR WILL BE AT ALL THE MASSES NEXT WEEKEND, SEPTEMBER 25TH & 26TH.

A SPECIAL COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN ON THEIR BEHALF.

**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. Re-bate 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.



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

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Sharing the Gospel

Even though they were friends, sometimes the disciples fought with each other. In today's Gospel reading, they were fighting over who was the most important. All twelve of them wanted to be number one—the best disciple. Then Jesus told them a secret. The best disciples is the one who helps other people.

Prayer

Dear God, when I am tempted fight with my friends, show me ways to help them instead.

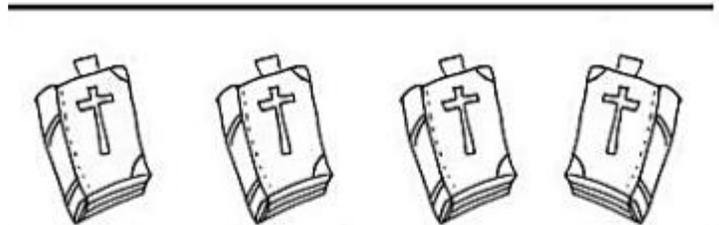
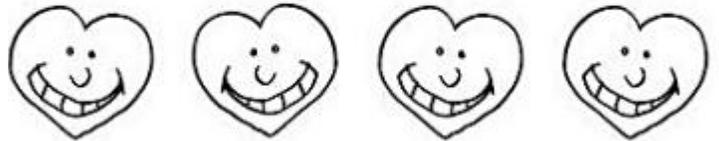
Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself helping someone who is younger than you.

Mission for the Week

Ask you family members how you can help each of them this week. When you help them with a cheerful heart, God smiles.

Circle the pictures that are facing the same way. Then color in all the pictures.



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