

- Saturday, December 6**
Vigil Mass
5:00 p.m. +People of the Parish
Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 7
8:00 a.m. +Tom Lewinski
9:30 a.m. +Marcia V. Gonzalez
5:00 p.m. +William F. Heinlin
Monday, December 8
The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 a.m. +Helen Golumbeski
7:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Tuesday, December 9
Wednesday, December 10
6:15 p.m. +Carol Theresa Rakoncza
 +Deceased & Living Family
 Members & Friends of Amici Santi
 Maureen Mulcahy
 Jaydee Crissarae Racho
Thursday, December 11
7:00 a.m. Nicole Agnes Vila
Friday, December 12
7:00 a.m. +Fatima Rodrigues
Saturday, December 13
6:00 a.m. +DMO O’Cone & +Sicknick Families
5:00 p.m. +Sal & +Rose Trentacosta
Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 14
8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
9:30 a.m. +Armando & +Pina Macchione
5:00 p.m. +Joseph Kwiatkowski

Pope’s Prayer Intention for December

For Christians in areas of conflict
Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war
or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might
be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

Daily Mass – Mon., 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 7:00 pm till 9:00 pm.

Stewardship – Time, Talent & Treasure

November 23 - \$4,593.99
Mail Donations \$360.00
On-Line Giving - \$1,431.70
November 30 – \$4,420.00
Mail Donations \$614.00
On-Line Giving \$1,211.77
Parish Assessment \$2,184.00

Thank you for your support of Corpus Christi Parish
Please remember Corpus Christi Parish
in your will and estate planning.

MEMORIAL AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS


December 6- December 12

+Candle for Mary+
 David Martineau

+Sacred Heart+
 For the Souls in Purgatory

Please use this email for church correspondence.

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Please pray for the sick of our parish:
 Joann Heinlin, Juliet Hobson, Jean DuFour,
 Ernest J. Volkmann, Sr., Stevie Telofski,
 Elizabeth Fehl, Ian Birchak, Fr. Michael J. King,
 Mark Cramer, Geraldine Patton, David Catchpole,
 Kim Madlinger, Angel Cortez, Ashley Larson, Carol Presnal,
 Karen Kleinschmidt, Theresa Marchese, Erik Farah,
 Javier Fuentes, Miguel Agudeo, Theresa Gregor,
 Melissa Telofski, Bonnie Saloom, Patrick Ahern,
 John Loughlin, Peter Kaufman, Bernadette Haase,
 Joseph Bubnis, Bonnie Anderson, Josephine Arcaro

Handicap Accessibility seating is located in the front pews of the church for your convenience. Holy Communion will be brought to these individuals firstly by the priest, deacon or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. Kindly utilize this area if you require such assistance.

December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

*“Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”
MATTHEW 3:10*

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused. Our time, talent, and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?



St. Vincent de Paul Society, with the Portuguese Social Ministry is sponsoring a Christmas Wish Tree this year. All parishioners are invited to participate. Please take an ornament from one of the trees in the church and purchase a gift card. Mark

the amount on the card/cards and place them in the collection basket, or deliver them to the Parish Office. These cards will be delivered to the families who have been assisted this year. Thank you in advance for supporting all those in need.

Thanks to your generosity the St. Vincent de Paul Society Corpus Christi Conference has been able to help over 100 residents with rent, utilities, food and other bills.

Stress in Your Marriage?

- Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
- Have you thought about separation or divorce?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?

RETROUVAILLE consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with four follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is January 30-February 1, 2026. All inquiries are confidential. For further information, please contact Rich Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno 732-672-0748 or email 3024@helpourmarriage.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

February 13-15, 2025

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to enrich your marriage, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held February 13-15. Please reply ASAP as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us at: www.wvmeorg for more information.

Surviving Divorce – For men and women seeking healing from separation or divorce. This 8-week program, while based on the teachings of the Catholic Church, is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after a divorce. Meetings will be held on Wednesdays, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm beginning October 1 – November 19, 2025 at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ. For more information or to register contact Rachele Hanna at rachele.hanna@gmail.com

2026 Choices Matter Conference

The Diocese of Metuchen’s Office of Human Life and Dignity presents “The 2026 Choices Matter Conference – A Critical Life Issues Conference” which will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway on Saturday, March 21, 2026. An Opening Mass will be held at 9:00 a.m. The conference will begin at 10:15 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. This year’s theme is “Safeguarding Human Dignity – Shining a Light on Human Trafficking.”

The topic/expert speakers are:
The Role of the Church in Combating Human Trafficking Maria Celina Marquez’ Human Trafficking Awareness Through the Lens of a Subject Matter Expert: Gina Cavallo

Survivor Informed Human Trafficking Prevention: David M. Ryan

General registration is \$35 and student registration is \$15. The conference features Eucharistic Adoration, exhibits and more. The fee includes lunch and handouts. To register visit:

<https://www.diometuchen.org/choicesmatter>.
Everyone is welcome! For questions or for more information please email magnese@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543. Seating is limited.

Welcome Very Rev. Jonathan S. Toborowsky as Diocesan Administrator – On November 20, the College of Consultors elected Very Rev. Jonathan S. Toborowsky to serve as the Diocesan Administrator during this period of Sede Vacante.

**Mass Schedule for Holy Day
Monday, December 8, 2025
9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.**

Immaculate Conception

Father, you prepared the Virgin Mary to be the worthy mother of your Son. You let her share beforehand in the salvation Christ would bring by his death, and kept her sinless from the first moment of her conception. Help us by her prayers to live in your presence without sin. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.



**Please join us for A Christmas Concert
Sunday, December 14, 2025 3:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m.
St. Mary of Ostrabrama
Children's Choir
Featuring – Ricky Francese, Pianist
Guido Marsella, Director
Free-will donations
for our Music Program**

Retirement Fund for Religious

A lifetime of service deserves care in return.
“Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the very best care to the sisters in our community,” says Sister M. Stephanie Belgeri, 73, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton, Illinois. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide housing medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious. Please consider giving next week.

As you celebrate your special day, remember that God's presence is a continual source of light in your life. His blessings are like rays of sunshine, bringing peace and grace into every new year you face.



Your birthday doesn't just mark another year, but rather another chapter of the incredible plans God has for you. Embrace the hope and future that shine brightly ahead, crafted by God's loving hands.

Handel's Messiah – Choral Concert

On Saturday, December 20 at 7:30 p.m., The Saint Francis Cathedral Choir and Orchestra will give their annual presentation of George Frederik Handel's timeless oratorio, **Messiah**. Under the baton of Christopher M.C. Deibert, conductor, the Advent/Christmas portion of this work will be performed in its entirety, along with excerpts from the second and third parts. Don't miss this delightful candlelit concert, set in beautiful Gothic Revival architectural surroundings. A wine and cheese reception will follow the concert.

Office of Human Life & Dignity

Welcome Maria Agnese, who joined the Diocese on November 3rd, as the Program Coordinator for the Secretariat for Family Pastoral Life. Maria brings with her a wealth of experience in parish ministry, having previously served as a Youth Minister, Catechist, and Young Adult Leader at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Bernardsville. Through these roles, she has developed strong skills in program coordination faith formation and community engagement. Maria is replacing Angela Marshall, who after 21+ years faithfully serving the diocese, is now retiring.

New Jersey Safe Haven Law

Under the New Jersey Safe Haven Infant Protection Act a person may give up an unwanted infant anonymously. The purpose of Safe Haven is to protect unwanted babies from being hurt or killed from unsafe abandonment. A distressed parent who is unable to care for an infant can give up custody of a baby less than 30 days old safely, legally and anonymously. All that is required is that the baby be brought to any hospital emergency room, police station, fire station, ambulance, first aid, and rescue squads in New Jersey that are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. As long as the child shows no signs of intentional abuse, no name or other information is required. The parent can call the Safe Haven Hotline – 1- 877-839-2339 – and get the address and directions for any hospital emergency room, police station, fire station, ambulance, first aid, and rescue squad in the state.

**Saturday, December 13, 2025 6:00 a.m.
A Rorate Mass will be celebrated
at Corpus Christi Church**

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 8th and re-open on Tuesday, December 9th at 9:00 a.m.