

Saturday, December 13

Vigil Mass

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

Monday, December 15

7:00 a.m. +All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, December 16

Wednesday, December 17

6:15 p.m. +Joan Helen Zannetti

Special Intention

Kathleen Cosentino

Fr. Gregory Zannetti

Michael Devlin

Thursday, December 18

7:00 a.m. + Stan Evanowski

Friday, December 19

7:00 a.m. +Neale Hoskins

Saturday, December 20

5:00 p.m. +Thomas J Noto

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 21

8:00 a.m. +Mario Rodrigues

9:30 a.m. People of the Parish

5:00 p.m. +Mastendrea & Maestripieri Family

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

December 7 – \$ 4,619.00
Mail Donations \$ 889.50
On-Line Giving \$ 1,821.79
Immaculate Conception \$ 942.00
Christmas Flowers \$ 1,021.00

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 13- December 19

+Candle for Mary+


Christopher M. Haase

+Sacred Heart+

Grazio & Frank De Monico

Please use this email for church correspondence.

corpuschristichurch5@gmail.com

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ON LINE GIVING Our thanks to the many families that have signed up for Online Giving! If you manage your bills online, we're sure you'll like the convenience of giving to your parish online. It's safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made. You may even view your giving history just by logging in Visit our website: www.corpuschristisouthriver.org – and get started.



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 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

“You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.”

JAMES 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God’s will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.



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.

Retirement Fund for Religious

They gave their lives in service – now they need your help. For decades, women and men religious have cared for others, teaching, praying, and serving those in need. Many now face retirement without sufficient savings. Your support ensures they receive the care they deserve. Let us now offer them the dignity they have so selflessly granted to others. Your generosity today is not just a donation – it’s a way of thanking them for their lifelong service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

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.

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.

Envelopes Christmas Flowers & Christmas Remembrance of Loved Ones may be placed in any collection basket.

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.

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 Rachelle Hanna at rachelle.hanna@gmail.com

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24, 2025
4:00 p.m. Mass &
5:15 p.m. *(Portuguese)*

12:00 a.m. Midnight
Ad Orientem

Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25, 2025
9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. *(Portuguese)*

Friday, December 26, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Saturday, December 27, 2025

5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. *(Portuguese)*

Sunday, December 28, 2025

8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. *(Portuguese)* & 5:00 p.m.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Wednesday, December 31, 2025

5:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 1, 2026

9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. *(Portuguese)*

The Parish Office will be closed Wednesday, December 24th and re-open on Monday December 29th.

On behalf of Fr. Damian, Fr. Eugene and the Parish Staff, we would like to extend a Blessed and a Happy & Healthy New Year to you and your families.



A **Special Thank You** to all from Corpus Christi Parish who supported the 2025 New Jersey Right to Life Car Raffle fundraiser. Your generous support enables New Jersey Right to Life to continue working for life at the local, state and federal levels. The following are the winners of the raffle:

Prize	Name	County
Volvo	Jo Ann Brown	Middlesex
\$1,000 Shop Rite GC	Eileen Curran	Lewes, DE
\$750 Shop Rite GC	Chris Esposito	Middlesex
\$500 Shop Rite GC	Hannah Philpott	Bergen

Congratulations to all the winners! Maybe next year it could be you!!

