

- Saturday, December 20**  
**Vigil Mass**  
**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
- Monday, December 22**  
**7:00 a.m.** +Susan Evanowski
- Tuesday, December 23**  
**Wednesday, December 24**  
**Vigil Mass Nativity of the Lord**  
**4:00 p.m.** Christmas Remembrance of Masses  
**12:00 a.m.** Midnight (Ad Orientem)
- Thursday, December 25**  
**The Nativity of the Lord**  
**9:00 a.m.** Christmas Remembrance of Masses
- Friday, December 26**  
**9:00 a.m.** +Richard Holliday
- Saturday, December 27**  
**5:00 p.m.** +Arlynne J. L. Tecson  
**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**
- Sunday, December 28**  
**8:00 a.m.** +Helen Golumbeski  
**9:30 a.m.** +Joseph Schneider  
**5:00 p.m.** People of the Parish

**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 14– \$ 4,244.00**  
**Mail Donations \$ 692.00**  
**On-Line Giving \$1,437.50**  
**Retirement Fund for Religious \$945.00**

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 20- December 26**

**+Candle for Mary+**  
 Ferrullo & Kleinschmidt Families

**+Sacred Heart+**  
 Haase & Lamadrid Families

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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 21, 2025**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

*“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.” MATTHEW 1:24*

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.



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.



**Christmas Schedule**  
**Vigil Mass Nativity of the Lord**  
Wednesday, December 24, 2025  
4:00 p.m. Mass &  
5:15 p.m. (Portuguese)

**The Nativity of the Lord**  
Thursday, December 25, 2025  
12:00 a.m. Midnight  
Ad Orientem  
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 Wed. December 24<sup>th</sup> and re-open on Monday December 29<sup>th</sup>. On Wed, December 31<sup>st</sup> the office will close at 12 Noon and reopen on Friday, January 2, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

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

**Retirement Fund for Religious**

**Heartfelt gratitude for your generosity!** “Thank you very much for your donations, always,” says Sister Olivia Bellegante, 93, a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. Louis, Missouri. Your gift directly impacts thousands of senior religious, providing the support they need in their later years. Learn more at [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org).

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



## 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.wmmeorg](http://www.wmmeorg) 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](mailto:magnese@diometuchen.org) or call 732-562-1543. Seating is limited.

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

### Leave Your Legacy

Are you wondering how you can make a lasting gift to Corpus Christi Parish. By leaving a charitable gift in your will, naming the parish as a benefactor on a life insurance policy, or establishing a Charitable gift Annuity, you can make a meaningful and profound gift to your parish. By learning more about these and your many other giving options, you can ensure the life of your parish tomorrow.

### Stewardship & Marriage

Christian marriage is a dynamic sign of Christian stewardship because it gives public witness to the joy of deep, personal, and spiritual commitment. Guided and strengthened by the exercise of faithful stewardship, marital love thrives in an atmosphere of freedom and trust, where each is allowed and encouraged to grow, to be more creative in their love, and to draw closer to God as a lifelong commitment to the Lord through the role of husband and wife.

### 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.



**Mission Mindset** – The Diocese of Metuchen is offering a workshop with 3 key speakers on how to strengthen a stronger Mission mindset and strategy for the parish. The workshop will be held on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center. If anyone would be interested in attending, please see Fr. Damian or call the parish office.

