



**Saturday, March 21
Vigil Mass**

5:00 p.m. +Anthony Manney

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 22**

8:00 a.m. +Thomas Romond

9:30 a.m. +John Miranda

5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Monday, March 23

7:00 a.m. +Beatriz DeJesus

Tuesday, March 24

Wednesday March 25

6:15 p.m.* Amy Commatucci

Damian B. Breen

Thursday, March 26

7:00 a.m. +Michael Importico

Friday, March 27

7:00 a.m. +Fatima Rodrigues

Saturday, March 28

5:00 p.m. + People of the Parish

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Sunday, March 29

8:00 a.m. +Helena Subtil

9:30 a.m. +Living & Deceased Rosarians

5:00 p.m. +Thomas J. Icker

Pope's Prayer Intention for March

For disarmament and peace.

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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.

**Stations of the Cross every
Friday during Lent 6:30 p.m.
Confessions following Stations**



Stewardship – Time, Talent & Treasure

March 15 – \$ 5,198.00

Mail Donations \$ 674.50

On-Line Giving \$ 1,081.67

Pave the Way \$ 1,085.00

Snow Removal \$2,257.00

Thank you for your support of Corpus Christi Parish

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MEMORIAL AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS

March 21- March 27

+Candle for Mary+

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Please pray for the sick of our parish:

Joann Heinlin, Juliet Hobson, Jean DuFour,

Ernest J. Volkmann, Sr., Stevie Telofski,

Ian Birchak, Fr. Michael J. King, Erik Farah, Patrick Ahern,

Mark Cramer, Geraldine Patton, David Catchpole,

Angel Cortez, Ashley Larson, Theresa Gregor, Grace Floy,

Karen Kleinschmidt, Theresa Marchese, Josephine Arcaro,

Javier Fuentes, Miguel Agudeo, Bonnie Anderson,

Melissa Telofski, Bonnie Saloom, Bernadette Haase,

John Loughlin, Peter Kaufman, Joseph Bubni

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.

Please keep our Confirmandi in your prayers as they continue their Catholic journey



**March 22, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Lent**

“Jesus said to her, Did I not tell you that if you believe you will

see the glory of God?” JOHN 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God's active presence in our daily lives and we become "artakers of the divine nature."

Follow the Bishop Appeal Chart located in the back of the church to watch Corpus Christi reach our Goal!

2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal

ONE IN CHRIST: Called to Love and Serve

\$1.7 million of the money raised by the Bishop's Annual Appeal is earmarked for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen. Last year, Catholic Charities served more than 70,000 individuals through over 100 programs. While the statistics are impressive, it is the love and care that Catholic Charities offers to our neighbors in need that is most meaningful. Catholic Charities insures that individuals who turn to us in a crisis not only receive the immediate help they need but also are connected to longer-term support that aims to stabilize families and lead to self-sufficiency. The work of Catholic Charities is a tangible response to the Gospel call to care for the least among us.

The Consolata Missionaries Pilgrimage that was planned for Eubai, Egypt, Jordan from August 16-August 28th has been cancelled.



We are seeking donors for our New Paschal Candle. If you are interested, in donating to the Paschal Candle, please call the parish office.

The Men's Ministry will meet this Thursday, March 26th at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall. All men of the parish are welcome to attend.



Annual Luncheon of the Portuguese Apostolate to benefit Corpus Christi on Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026 1:00 p.m. Menu includes, Chicken Soup, Pork Loin & Beef with Mushroom & Potatoes, Roasted Chicken Thighs with Rice, Codfish A Gomes Sa, Salad & Vegetables, Various Desserts. Drinks not included. For Tickets or additional information contact the parish office. Price \$45.00 Children 6-12 \$20.00, Ages 1-5 \$5.00



Chrism Mass

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

On Tuesday, March 31st Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski, Bishop Emeritus of

Metuchen, will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At this Mass, all priests will make a Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service to the Bishop and the people of God. The Bishop will also bless and consecrate the Holy Oils, which each parish receives for the rites of anointing.

The Oil of Catechumens is used to anoint infants and adults before their Baptism; the Oil of the Sick is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and Sacred Chrism is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of confirmandi, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches.

All are strongly encouraged to join in-person or via Livestream in the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 4:00 p.m.

Thomas Aquinas College in Northfield Massachusetts

Thomas Aquinas College is a Catholic liberal arts college dedicated to forming students in the intellectual tradition of the Church through the study of the Great Books and seminar method. Rather than lectures and textbooks, students read the great works of Western civilization, from Aristotle and Euclid to St. Thomas Aquinas, and discuss them together in small, rigorous seminars.

Summer Program - A two-week immersion into the life of the College where students experience seminars, lectures, and the vibrant Catholic community on campus. Visit our website <https://www.thomasaquinas.edu> or for more information call (413) 846-1200.

Lunch & Learn: A Pre-Planning Event You Don't Want to Miss!

Join us for a FREE Lunch & Learn on April 22, 2026 from 12:00-1:30 p.m. at Café Amici, 393 Davidson's Mill Road, South Brunswick, hosted by Brunswick Memorial Home and Holy Cross Cemetery. Learn how pre-planning today is economically wise and can provide peace of mind for your loved ones. Attendees can enter into a special raffle and will receive information on exclusive pre-planning incentives for mausoleum crypts and cremation niches, including interest-free payment options. Reserve by April 17 by calling 732-254-9393 or visiting brunswickmemorialhome.com/plan-ahead/lunch-and-learn. Pre-planning is a meaningful gift to your loved ones. For more information about the Diocese of Metuchen Cemeteries or to speak with a memorial counselor, call 800-943-8400.

Lenten Envelope

Lenten Envelopes are available on poster boards at the exits of the church. This Lenten offering will be used to offset the cost of paving our parking lot. This project is expected to begin early spring.



Many thanks for your generosity. We have received \$2,800.00 to date for Pave the Way Project.

Parishioners and parish staff are invited to attend a one-day conference on mental health entitled: "From Isolation to Belonging: Mental Health and the Catholic Church." The Conference will take place on Saturday, May 2, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. at the Saint John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway, NJ. The conference is an opportunity for individuals to learn more about the Mental health crisis and how they can accompany individuals and families affected by mental health challenges in our parish and community. For more information and registration, please visit www.njconf.com

Free Contactless Paper Shredding Event

Do you have old tax records, paperwork, or documents containing sensitive or confidential information? Don't risk them falling into the wrong hands.

Please join Spezzi & Maliszewski Funeral Homes for our 2026 Spring Paper Shredding Event on Saturday, May 2, 2026, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in the Maliszewski Funeral Home parking lot (218 Whitehead Ave., South River, NJ).

Bring a small stack – or even garbage bags – of documents to be securely shredded at no cost. This is a contactless, drive-through event: simply drive in, pop your trunk, and we'll take care of the rest!

For more information, please contact Moira Spezzi at 732-721-1290.



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday- March 29

Palms will be distributed during all masses.
Saturday 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sunday 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m. (Portuguese) & 5:00 p.m.



April 2 - Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper
Bilingual Mass will be celebrated 7:00 p.m.
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



April 3 - Good Friday

12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross
3:00 p.m. Passion of the Lord
5:00 p.m. Passion of the Lord & Stations of the Cross (Portuguese)



April 4 – Holy Saturday

12:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Food
8:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Bilingual Mass



April 5 – Easter Sunday

Masses will be celebrated
8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.
& 11:30 a.m. (Portuguese)
No 5:00 p.m. Mass Easter Sunday

Easter Monday Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m.