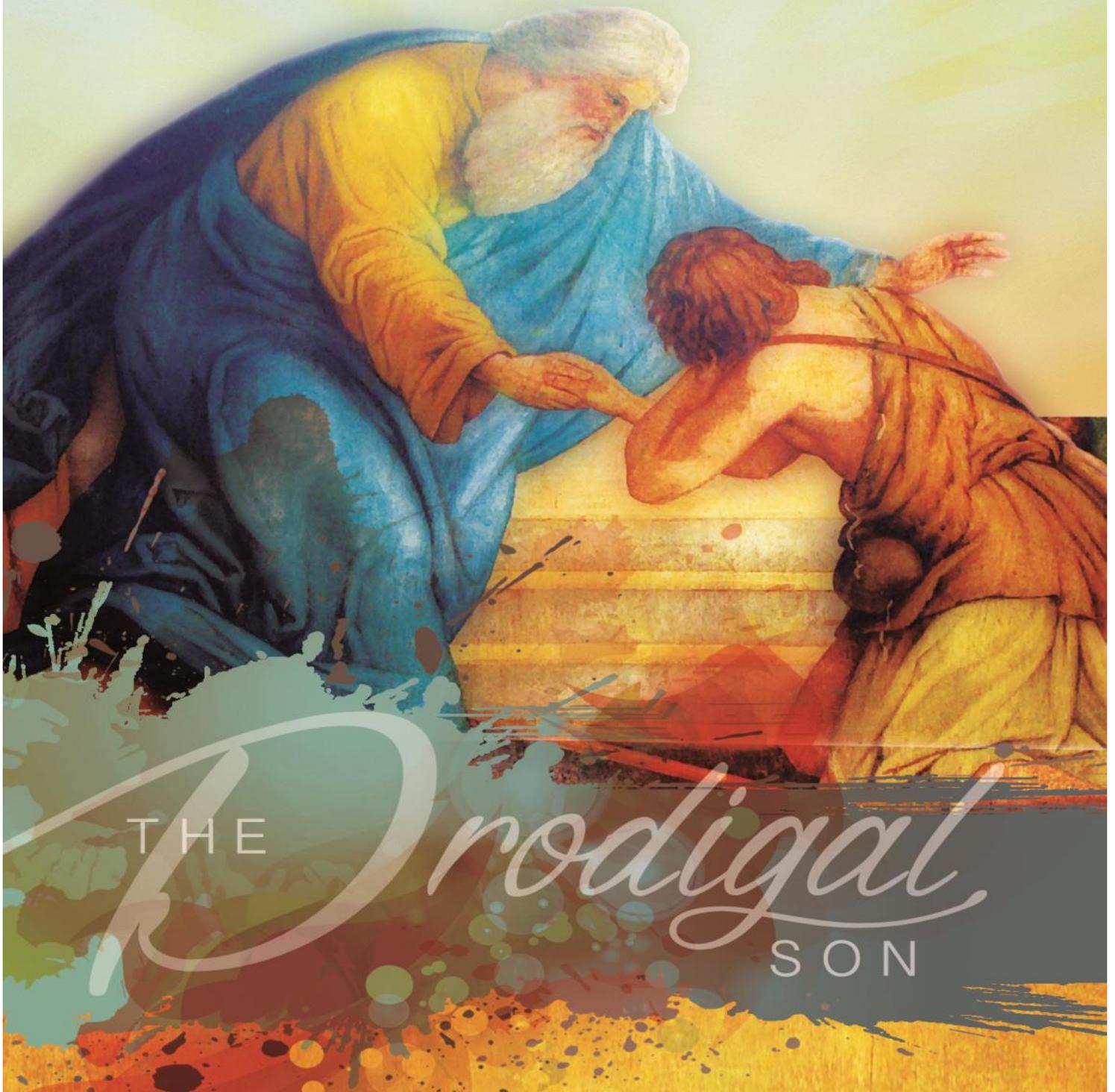


FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



THE *Prodigal*
SON

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Repentance. Envy. Joy. Hope. Have you felt these human emotions? Today's Gospel offers a rich story, one we can all find our place in. As we reflect on our own spiritual lives this Lenten season, it can be helpful to imagine ourselves in the story of the Prodigal Son.

"I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers." The younger son has sinned greatly, betraying his father's trust and squandering his money in sin. Yet the parable turns on his deep repentance and humble return to his father. Is there any area of your life you have been wandering from God or you've squandered good gifts? This Lent, return to the sacrament of Confession! God, a merciful Father, waits for you there.

While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him." The father in the parable sees his son's selfishness, perhaps even suspects what he might do, but gives him the inheritance anyway. After his son's departure, the father waits with hope for his son's eventual return. Has someone you love left the Church, made poor decisions, or abused your trust? This Lent is a time to let go of bitterness and to live in hope. Prepare your heart to be merciful!

Not all in the parable invite the mercy of God into their hearts. The self-righteous older brother dishonors his father with his pettiness. "My son, you are here with me always, everything I have is yours." Do you covet what others have? Do you feel as if you've been taken advantage of or that your work goes unseen? This Lent is a time to grow in gratitude. Take a close look at the blessings in our life that you might be missing.

We are all called to repentance. Open your heart to God's personal invitation to growth!



Parish Stewardship "Treasure Report"
March 24:
Envelope Total: \$ 9,587.77
Electronic Giving: \$ 2,239
Week Total: \$11,826.77
2018—Mar 25: \$15,313 (Palm Sunday)
Thank you for your continued generosity.

ADORERS NEEDED
Adorers are needed. If you can devote an hour with the Blessed Sacrament, please call Rita at (201) 288-5210.

A MESSAGE FROM FR. PAT....

Today's Gospel tells of how an angry brother confronted his father about welcoming the prodigal son back home with a lavish feast. The forgiving father replied, "My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But, now we must celebrate and rejoice because your brother was dead and has come back to life again. He has lost and has been found."

In this story can we see ourselves in all the characters? How many times have we been the prodigal son or the angry, jealous older brother/sister? How many times have we been the forgiving father? Consider how many times have we been grateful to our heavenly Father for his unending forgiveness of our transgressions?

Today's readings focus on reconciliation, forgiveness and moving forward; but, reconciliation requires two people in the act of coming together. God offers us both forgiveness and reconciliation and does not hold our sins against us once we have asked for forgiveness.

Are we able to do the same with one another?

The second part of Paul's letter focuses on the theme of reconciliation. First, reconciliation is God-given. Second, reconciliation includes forgiveness. It is to be shared. Third, reconciliation is not a private affair. It is to be shared. Fourth, reconciliation costs. Finally, reconciliation is something to be received.

The Gospel invites us to a new relationship with God.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on April 8th at our Communal Penance Service in the Chapel beginning at 7:30pm. It will also be available on April 13th from 1-2pm as well as every Saturday from 4-4:45pm. Please take advantage of the Sacrament, especially as we head towards Holy Week and the celebration of Easter.

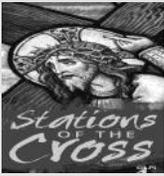
I have noticed an increase in the Sunday collections. I thank all who have increased their giving and those who are making use of envelopes and electronic giving. Please spread the word to others.

God Bless,
Fr. Pat

LENTEN RECONCILIATION
Saturdays: 4-45pm (Chapel)
Monday, April 8th:
Communal Penance Service
7:30pm (Chapel)
Saturday, April 13th:
1-2pm (Chapel)

 Welcome to Facebook Corpus Christi Parish! Please see our new parish Facebook page and click "Like". Feel free to share the page with friends so they can find out about Corpus Christi.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BE HELD EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT AT 7PM IN THE CHURCH. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Archdiocese of Newark will be honoring married couples who will be celebrating their 50th, 25th and 5th anniversaries this year. The Mass schedule is as follows for all counties:

**April 28, 2019 for 50 years
June 2, 2019 for 5 years & 25 years**

If you are celebrating one of these special anniversaries and would like to attend the respective Mass, please contact Mary Beth at the Parish Center, (201) 288-4844, ext. 132 to register. The deadline for the 50th Anniversary Mass is April 19th and for the 25th and 5th Anniversary Mass it is May 24th.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land, the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years, but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

MASS INTENTIONS

There are open Mass intentions for the **6:30am Mass during the months of April & May.** If you would like to remember a loved one at Mass, please stop by the Parish Center to schedule a Mass. Candles, Hosts & Wine are still available for this year. Another wonderful way to honor a loved one.

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS....

The next General Meeting of the Rosary Society is Thursday, April 11, in the school cafeteria following the recitation of the Rosary and Mass at 7:15pm in the Chapel. This is our annual Baby Shower for the benefit of Birthright. The donations are to be new and unwrapped (no toys). Birthright is in particular need of the following items: spring and summer clothes (size 18 mos, 24 mos, 2T & 3T), onesies (all sizes), infant-size items, diapers (all sizes, especially 4-5), wipes, baby wash and shampoo, diaper cream, corn starch powder, pacifiers and formula (Enfamil). Gift cards for Target and Shop Rite are always appreciated. Members of the parish are welcome to contribute shower gifts. For information please contact Karen McDowell at (201) 288-5738. The women of the parish are invited to the Baby Shower, and we encourage you join our members in devotion to the Blessed Mother and service to the parish and community.

BULLETIN SPONSORS....HELP NEEDED!

Steve Campo from LPi, our Bulletin publisher, will be with us this week securing advertisers for our Bulletin. We would like to thank all the advertisers who have generously committed to the Bulletin for this year! We still have space available, and humbly ask that you consider advertising your business or remembering a loved one in our weekly Bulletin. Our parish Bulletin is our main communication tool to our parish members. It provides inspirational words from Fr. Pat, Mass intentions, news, events, etc. This crucial communication is provided at no cost to the parish due to the support of our advertisers. Our sponsors help us connect with our parish family, so, in turn, we need to support our advertisers. If you would like to advertise or know someone, please contact Steve Campo at (908) 485-5156 or email him at scampo@4lpi.com. Thank you! He will be in our area April 1-3.

A NIGHT OF WORLD-CLASS OPERA

Featuring...

Sara Louise Petrocelli
Mezzo Soprano

&

Nelson Ebo
Tenor

Saturday, May 4th, 7:30pm
Corpus Christi Chapel



Tickets—\$30/pp & available for purchase at the Parish Center shortly

Visit our website: www.corpuschristihh.org for a complete bio on each of these accomplished performers. **A fundraising concert for Corpus Christi Church—This is a night you do not want to miss!** Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria following the performance.



ANTICIPATED MASS, MARCH 30

5:00 PM Carmen Calabrese (2nd Anniv)

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

8:00 AM Giuseppe Cafiero
 10:00 AM Robert T. Murphy
 12:00 NN Murray Mascis
 6:00 PM People of the Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 1

6:30 AM Camille & Quido Trause
 8:00 AM Nicholas Ciocia

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

6:30 AM Linda & William Lambert
 8:00 AM Jerry Breen

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

6:30 AM Maryann & Richard Culotta
 8:00 AM Elaine Moran

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

6:30 AM Art Piccarreto
 8:00 AM Elaine Moran

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

6:30 AM Donald Vigliotti
 8:00 AM Theodore Kalinowski

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

8:00 AM Germano Giusti

ANTICIPATED MASS

5:00 PM Murray Mascis

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

8:00 AM Mario Giaquinto
 10:00 AM Robert T. Murphy
 12:00 NN Frank Robbins
 6:00 PM Eneida Navarro

May the Holy Spirit sustain those who are poor and oppressed, the sick, suffering, and sorrowing of all ages, especially, Justin Duffy, Margaret Marchetta, Antonio Salcines, Albert DeBenedictis, Mary Nichols, Cosmelina Cammarata, Fred Baxter, Baby Adrian Victor Sanfilippo, Paul Giordano, Debbie Murphy, Gary Ryan, Christine Ryan, Dee Sullivan, Bing Savkov, Bonnie Poznar, Danielle Delfino, Patricia Kunzmann, Christine Ryan (daughter), Michael Heitmann, Christina Belej, Patricia Casey, Noreen Ryan, Joseph Cooney, Frank Coccaro, Elaine Adamkiewicz, Mishelle Kittlinger, Raimunda Martins, Teresa Ontra

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS...

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

First Communion Retreat—2:30 PM/Chapel
 ACctm—7 PM/ECLC

MONDAY, APRIL 1

Adoration—11 AM to 11 PM/Adoration Chapel
 Tricky Tray Wrapping—1 PM/Caf

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

Adoration—11 AM to 11 PM/Adoration Chapel
 Volleyball Clinic —5 PM/Gym
 AA—8 PM/ECLC

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

Adoration—11 AM to 11 PM/Adoration Chapel
 Cub Scouts—6:30 PM/ECLC
 Women's Cursillo—7:30 PM/PCKit
 KofC Mtg—8 PM/ECLC

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

Adoration—11 AM to 11 PM/Adoration Chapel
 Volleyball Clinic—5 PM/Gym
 Women's Cursillo—6 PM/PC2ndFLLG
 Men's Cursillo—7 PM/PC2ndFLSM
 Boy Scouts—7:30 PM/ECLC
 Men's Bball—9 PM/Gym

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

Adoration—11 AM to 11 PM/Adoration Chapel
 Pre-K—7 PM/ECLC
 Stations of the Cross—7 PM/Church

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

ACctm Cake Wrapping—9 AM/Caf
 Summer Plus Program—9 AM/School
 ACctm Crumb Cake Sale after 5pm Mass

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

ACctm Crumb Cake Sale after Masses
 LTWC—10:15 AM/UpCaf
 ACctm—7 PM/ECLC

CANDLES FOR THE WEEK

The candles to be burned on our altars this week were donated in loving memory of **George K.** from the Bo Nielsen.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Please remember the deceased members of our families, friends and community, especially George Capiello, Robert J. Baker, Sr.

ACctm

We will meet this Sunday (3/31) at Corpus Christi from 7-9pm. All high school teens are invited to join us!

Our Crumb Cake Sale will take place after all Masses next weekend, April 6/7—it is **Fr. Pat's Famous Crumb Cake—don't miss out!** Proceeds benefit ACctm's Year-End Retreat.

MEALS WITH A MISSION

If you would like to volunteer your time to feed the hungry and less fortunate, then Meals with a Mission is for you! Please call **(201) 986-6325** or email carol-walsh@mealswithamissionnj.org.



ELECTRONIC GIVING

Your annual pledge helps us forecast, with confidence, the level of financial support our congregation will offer in the year ahead. It is through the contributions of our members that we are able to carry on our work here at Corpus Christi.

As you consider your weekly contribution, we remind you that we offer Electronic Giving as a way to automate your offerings. It is convenient for you and provides much-needed consistency for the church. Collection basket offerings can fluctuate significantly from week to week, but, when contributions are automated, the church receives funds on a steady, uninterrupted basis.

Visit our website, www.corpuschristihh.org, click on Electronic Giving, and enroll today. If you switch to e-giving and are receiving envelopes, please call the Parish Center to stop the mailings. Thank you for your continued support of Corpus Christi Church.