

April 26, 2020

## THIS WEEK AT CORPUS CHRISTI

Streamed LIVE on Facebook

### Mass

Saturdays, 4pm

### Rosary & Benediction

Tuesdays, 7pm

### BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, 10am – 4pm

Wednesday, 4 – 7pm

Corpus Christi Cafetorium

Dear Parishioners,

At a press conference on Monday, April 13, New York City Governor Andrew Cuomo announced with pride and relief that the COVID-19 numbers in New York City have plateaued. "18,000, 18,000, 18,000..." he said, as he described the daily count to the few and socially-distanced reporters sitting in the press room. This is great and welcome news for one of the most populous and hardest-hit cities on earth. This is good news! But what he said about half-way through the conference causes some trouble. Here is the quotation, "The number is down, because we brought the number down. God did not do that. Faith did not do that" (~39 min mark).

The current daily Mass readings in the Easter season come from the Acts of the Apostles. There we read about what people did in the days and months after the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the coming of the Holy Spirit. In Acts 4:32–37, a man named "Joseph", "also known as Barnabas", sells a piece of property and generously gives it to the Church. He was simply living as the Church he joined was living: "No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own."

This reading, juxtaposed with the Governor's recent comments, creates an interesting question. When someone acts in charity, who gets the credit: God or the person?

We believe in a God who can and has created *ex nihilo*, but who also uses His creation in the unfolding of life. In fact, the Christian God invites us to work *with* Him. When we act in charity, when we are generous, when we heal the sick, or when we slow a virus, we work in the name of God who is love itself, infinitely generous, and the One who brings about all healing.

When we find progress toward goodness, we do not claim it was "me" or "us" who caused that goodness. None of us should claim victory without the grace of God. God made us. God sustains us. God works through us.

Saint Teresa of Avila said it well, "Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body."

I presume Governor Cuomo was more interested in affirming the nurses and security personnel and all of the citizens of New York City who have done their part in slowing the spread of COVID-19 in the Big Apple. With that sentiment, I agree. Ordinary people being prudent and healthcare personnel being heroically loving in the past month deserve high praise. But let us also not claim God had "no" part in it. Let us not say that this good news announced last week is "our possession."

So, back to Acts. Who was it that sold the land and gave the money to the Church? Well, the Book of Acts says it was "Joseph" also called "Barnabas" who was "a Levite" but also "a Cypriot". That seems confusing. Why isn't it clearer? Why not just one name?

Perhaps the author of the Book of Acts didn't know who that person was. And perhaps it didn't matter who did it, for "the community of believers was of one heart and mind," that is, one in Christ who does everything through us.

Peace,

Fr Tyler

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## PARISH NEWS

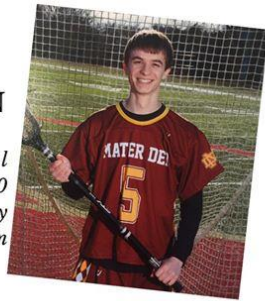
### St. Maria Goretti Youth Distinction Award Corpus Christi Catholic Church

This award is given to recognize young members of all diocesan parishes for their outstanding contribution to the life, mission, and ministry provided to their family, parish, school, and community.



**PATRICK REISING**

*Mater Dei High School  
Class of 2020  
Parents: Paul & Cecilia  
Reising*



**ISAAC KUHN**

*Mater Dei High School  
Class of 2020  
Parents: Rick & Jenny  
Kuhn*

*The distinction is usually celebrated at a Mass with Bishop Siegel in March, so Corpus Christi will honor them at a Mass this summer.  
Please join us in congratulating Patrick and Isaac, and thank them for their example of young discipleship!*

- **School Cafeteria Position** – We are looking for a person to work in the school cafeteria. The position will be approximately 20 hours per week:  
Monday & Friday 7am – 1pm  
Tues, Wed & Thurs 10am – 1pm

If you are interested, please send an email to Mrs. Craig at [mcraig@evdio.org](mailto:mcraig@evdio.org). You will have to complete a non-certified application at the Diocesan website. This position does not include insurance.

- **Spiritual Adoption – Month 1**

Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already, your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. Your baby has developed the foundations of his/her brain, spinal cord, and nervous system. His/her heart began to beat on the 21<sup>st</sup> day and is pumping blood through its own circulatory system. Thy blood type can be different from his/her mother's. Your baby is most vulnerable during the next month of being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of this mother to give the most precious gift of all...Life!

*To receive monthly emails about your spiritually adopted baby, contact the parish office.*

## STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

April 19, 2020

<b>Stewardship</b>	<b>\$ 19,569</b>
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$ 23,273</b>
Catholic Relief	\$ 100
<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>\$ 977,471</b>
<b>YTD Collection</b>	<b>\$ 730,645</b>
Variance	(\$246,826)

Please remember, if you are making a donation to St. Vincent dePaul, checks should be made to St. Vincent, **not to Corpus Christi.**

- **Condolences** – Thoughts and prayers to Jim & Sue Seibert on the loss of their son, **Andrew**. Also to the family and friends of **Harold Orman**, a longtime parishioner of Corpus Christi.



**American  
Red Cross**

### Blood Drive – THIS WEEK

Tuesday, April 28, 10am-4pm  
Wednesday, April 29, 1-7pm  
**Corpus Christi Cafetorium**

To donate, visit

[www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive](http://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive)  
Code: 47712

3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



*Grounds Crew*

**April 26 – May 2:  
#3 – Mark Eickhoff**

