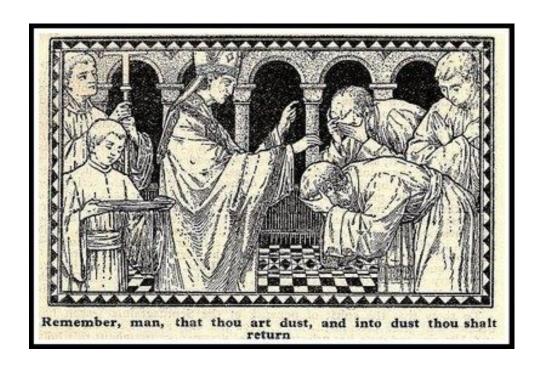
CHRIST CHURCH PARISH BORDENTOWN, NJ



ASH WEDNESDAY

17 FEBRUARY 2021

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH

We extend a welcome to all visitors who are worshipping with us today. Christ Church is truly a beautiful edifice, erected and appointed to the Greater Glory of Almighty God. Herein you find all things in their proper place; everything focused toward the Altar, the center of our worship. The windows in the Nave depict some of the fathers of the early Church, both English and Latin. The Rood shows our Savior, robed as a Priest, with the right hand in Blessing. The Chapel forms a quiet restful spot where, before the Blessed Sacrament, one may kneel in supplication and reverence. We are proud of our worshipful Church and invite you to share its benefit. Come in, rest, pray apart from the world. Surely God is in His Holy Temple.

All who confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, have been baptized in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, are repentant of their sins and believe the Blessed Sacrament to be the true Body and Blood of Christ are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Altar. We hope that you will enter fully into worship by joining in the prayers, responses and hymns. Because our worship may be unfamiliar to those not raised in the Episcopal Church, feel free to ask the assistance of those around you in following and participating in the liturgy. If you are in search of a church home, we invite you to join us in worship, fellowship and service. Please sign the guest register at the church entrance so we may have a record of your visit.

Restrooms are located in the Parish House, and are accessible through the double doors by the pulpit or by exiting through main doors and accessing the House by way of the side door.

Pastoral Emergencies such as sickness, hospitalization, or the death of a loved one should be directed to Fr. Matt at 732.859.5823. Father is happy to respond to your needs even if you are not a parishioner, so please do not hesitate to call.

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CONCERNING THE SERVICE

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent, a time of spiritual warfare, of fasting, penitence, and preparation for the Easter feast. Beginning in the tenth century ashes were imposed on this day upon penitent sinners in preparation for their restoration to full communion with the Church. Since the eleventh century, ashes have been imposed on all the faithful as a reminder that the wages of sin is death. As God said to Adam, "dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return." (Genesis 3:19b) But as we are marked with ashes in the same manner that we were signed with the Cross in our Baptisms, we are also reminded that we only have life in Christ, the second Adam.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Low Mass w. the Imposition of Ashes

INTROIT - Misereris omnium

hou hast mercy upon all, O Lord, and hatest nothing that thou hast created: and winkest at the sins of men, because they should amend, and sparest them: for thou art the Lord our God. Psalm 57. Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee.

= Glory be... Thou hast...

COLLECT OF THE DAY

A lmighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and kin in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sin and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

EPISTLE II Corinthians 5:20-6:10

THE GRADUAL

Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee. He shall send from heaven: and save me from the reproof of him that would eat me up.

THE HOLY GOSPEL St. Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

LENTEN INVITATION AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the Faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful, were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith. I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer. (All kneel. Silence is kept)

Almighty God, thou hast created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be unto us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by thy gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The people may come forward to the rail for the imposition of ashes

Remember, O man, that thou art dust, and unto dust thou shalt return.

LITANY OF PENANCE

Most holy and merciful Father: We confess to thee and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved thee with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

Lord have mercy upon us.

We have not heard thy call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved thy Holy Spirit.

Lord have mercy upon us.

We confess to thee, O Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives, **We confess to thee, O Lord.**

Our lust, gluttony, and our abuse of others,

We confess to thee, O Lord.

Our anger, hatred, malice, and envy,

We confess to thee, O Lord.

Our laziness, intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work, **We confess to thee, O Lord.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

We confess to thee, O Lord.

Accept our repentance, O Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

Accept our repentance, O Lord.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

Accept our repentance, O Lord.

For our poor stewardship and misuse of thy creation, and our lack of concern for the generations to come, **Accept our repentance**, **O Lord**.

Restore us, good Lord, and let thy anger depart from us;

Favorably hear us, for thy mercy is great.

Accomplish in us the work of thy salvation,

That we may show forth thy glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of thy Son our Lord,

Bring us with all thy saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, hath given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He *pardoneth and absolveth all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts do believe his holy Gospel. Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE INTENTIONS OF THE MASS THE OFFERTORY

I will magnify thee, O Lord, for thou hast set me up, and not made my foes to triumph over me: O Lord, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

THE MASS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

Congregation And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

Congregation We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Congregation It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again. Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Congregation kneels for the Canon of the Mass; the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again:

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, THIS IS MY BODY, which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the Cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for THIS IS MY BLOOD of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy Divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, *Be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant We do not presume

Congregation to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of Thy Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to Thee. And since I can not now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate Thee from me. May I live and die in Thy love. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

Congregation And with thy spirit.

Celebrant The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

The Congregation rises for the Last Gospel

THE LAST GOSPEL

Celebrant. The Beginning of the Holy Gospel according to John.

Congregation Glory be to thee, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US; and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS & DEDICATIONS

The flowers that decorate the church this week are given in loving memory of Mary Kelly Rice.

The Fritz-Weitzel Sacramental Candle in the Lady Chapel is given in celebration of the birthday of Brianne Nicosia.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

the sick: Joseph Carson III, Genevieve Trout, Darrell Vigh, Karen Kwietnieski-Casais, Earl Reading, Fran Sutter, Reagon Condron, Jim Baker, Russell Childs, Jennifer Millar, Lisa Jones, Patty MacAllister, Evelyn Montalvo, Edward Lavelle, Dawn Matthews, Korey Walton, Gene McHugh, Maureen Rees, Stephen Turgyan, Lucy Janicelli, Anthony Petresilli, Scott O'Brien, Zachary Birnbaum, Shelly Eberhart, John Miosz, Robert Geneski, Kathy Pietsch, Karen Clifford, Mary Koch, Sava Nedic, Bunny Colby, and Dana Mirabelli, Aimee Kurtis, Walter Easley, Frank Corbo, Josephine Corbo, Kathy Gabel, Susan O'Malia, Louise Kafer, Alanna Bellflower, John Haney, Lorraine Sickles, Sharon Kedzierski, Marcus Behrsin, Sean Higgins, Mark Burckley, Howard Dreskin, Kathy Buckland, Darrell Albury, and Val Jackson.

and those who have long term illnesses: Patrick Moscatiello, Anthony Apicelli, Stephen Vigh, Mark Casais, Dixon Leavers Kevin Kintner, Robin Kintner, Gary Rutherford, Jane Humble, Charles Martin, Alice Ward Carriger, Carla Douglas, Ryan Murray, William Sweeney, Justin McCafferty, Zachary McCafferty, Kelly Bergen, Hannah McNinch, the Rev. Ted Anderson, R. Loraine Burke, Mackenzie Sutter, Daniel Applegate, Roberta Cash, Jennifer Vigh, Jim Tranter, Jonathan Okeson, Mary Dallmann, Patricia Dixon, Jeanette Poole, Bob Bernard, Pat Temple, Danielle Morgan, Jai Autar, Emma Burris, Gloria Jones, Kelley Gilger, Emma Carver, Maria Stout, Lori Forenson, Michael Chahanovich, Rita Haney, Sue Kelly, Sister Angela, Sister Gussie, Dee Watkins, Marge Lee, Michael Slaper, Robert Fritz, the Rev. Son Xuan Nguyen, Lynn Muller, Holly Jones, Irene Fithian, Cheryl Kranz Bach, Brian Nguyen, Rob Mendez, Brianne Nicosia, Karen Schweppenheiser Lospinoso, Sister Pat, Carl Hasson, Susan Sizetz, Frank Clebock, Ron Clebock, Helen Marie Burns, Thomas Zoccali, and Kelly Zsenak.

those in military service: Ben Skarzynski, USMC; Chris Neal, USN; Jacob Foerter; USAFR; Samuel Manion, USA.

celebrating a birthday this week: Lorraine Sickles, Robert Nosari, Richard Jones, Gayle Carson, Hope Sopko, Penelope McCutcheon, and Heather Graver.

Celebrating an anniversary of their nuptials: Kevin & Robin Kintner

Anyone may contact the office with names of those who are ill and/or hospitalized for inclusion in our prayers. Names will remain on the list for a maximum of four weeks unless we are notified that they should remain for a longer period.

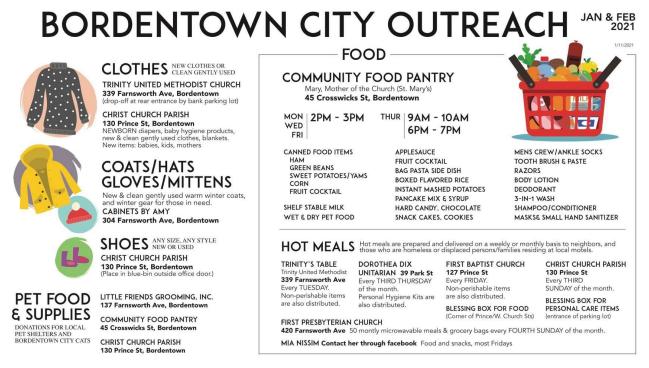
ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID-19 protocols for the parish have been published and are available at the parish and on our website and social media pages. For the health and safety of our parishioners, guests, and staff, please follow these protocols when present at the parish.

BLESSING BOX: Donations of travel-sized items such as toothpaste, deodorant, baby powder, razors and shaving cream, soap, hand sanitizer, and the like are always needed and can be placed in the back of the church. Please contact Donna Kirk at the Parish office 298-2348 or email office@ccbtown.com with any questions.

GIVING STATEMENTS 2020: Giving statements are ready and available upon request. Please contact the church office through email, office@ccbtown.com or by phone 609-298-2348 and we will be happy to send a copy to you.

PLEDGES AND GIVING: Please remember your pledges and weekly giving, even in this time of crisis. Envelopes can be mailed to the church or slipped through the Rectory mail slot. Also consider online giving, which is convenient and socially distant. You can find the page for online giving under the donation link on our website. Thank you for remembering your church!



OUTREACH EVENTS FEB. 5

VALENTINE TREATS OF OUR TROOPS & NEIGHBORS

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A Parish of the Episcopal Church

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Schedule for the Week of 14 February

Sunday, 14 February Quinquagesima Sunday

9:00 a.m. Low Mass (Facebook)

Monday, 15 February Thomas Bray, Priest and Missionary, 1730

Tuesday, 16 February *Feria*

Wednesday, 17 February Ash Wednesday

7:30 a.m. Solemnities w. the Imposition

of Ashes (Churchyard)

12:00 p.m. Solemnities w. the Imposition

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12:30 p.m. Low Mass w. the Imposition

of Ashes (Facebook)

Solemnities w. the Imposition 6:00 p.m.

of Ashes (Churchyard)

Thursday, 18 February Lenten Feria

10:00 a.m. Low Mass (Facebook)

Friday, 19 February Lenten Feria

Saturday, 20 February Lenten Feria

Sunday, 21 February The First Sunday in Lent

9:00 a.m. Low Mass (Facebook)