

# CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

BORDENTOWN, NJ



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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
*'Lætare Sunday'*

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15 MARCH 2026

# WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH

We extend a welcome to all visitors who are worshipping with us to-day. 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 in English and Latin. The Rood shows our Saviour, robed as a Priest, with the right hand in Blessing. The Chapel forms a quiet, restful place, where, before the Blessed Sacrament, one may kneel in supplication and reverence. We are proud of our worshipful Church and invite you to share in its benefit. Come in, rest, and 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, and 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 the main doors and entering the Parish House by way of the side office door. A **Baby Changing Station** is located in the accessible bathroom in the Parish House. A **restroom for small children** is located in the nursery at the far end of the Parish House.

**Pastoral Emergencies** such as sickness, hospitalization, or the death of a loved one, should be directed to Fr. Tucker – 732.859.5823. Father is happy to respond to your needs even if you are not a parishioner. Please do not hesitate to call. The **AED** is located to the left of the parish office door.

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## The Five Traditional Precepts of the Church

1. Attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
2. Confession of serious sin at least once a year.
3. Reception of the Blessed Sacrament at least once a year.
4. Observance of the days of fasting and abstinence.
5. Providing for the needs of the Church.

## At Christ Church

1. Share the joy and strength in Christ with others.
2. Be present at the Mass unless prevented by travel, illness, or condition.
3. Support the Parish with time, talent and treasure.
4. Find community in the mission and ministry of the Parish.
5. Show Christ in the world by being of service to others.

**VIGIL MASS 5.30 PM**

*The Vigil Mass follows the form found in the Chapel Booklet.*

**LOW MASS 8.00 AM**

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℣. ✠ The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to John.

℟. **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

℣. ...full of grace and truth.

℟. **Thanks be to God.**

# SUNG MASS

10.00 AM

*The page numbers refer to pages in the red 1979 Book of Common Prayer found in your pew.*

*Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1940.*

## ORGAN

## INTROIT

**L**ÆTARE, Jerusalem: et conventum facite, omnes qui diligitis eam: gaudete cum lætitia, qui in tristitia fuistis: ut exultetis, et satiemini ad uberibus concolationis vestræ. *Ps. 121, I.* Lætatus sum in his, quæ dicta sunt mihi: in domum Domini ibimus. Gloria Patri... Lætare...

**R**EJOICE, O Jerusalem, and come together, all ye that love her; rejoice for joy, all ye that have mourned: that ye may be glad, and be satisfied with the breasts of your consolation. *Ps. 122, I.* I was glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the Lord. Glory be to the Father... Rejoice...

**KYRIE** – “Mass for Five Voices”

*William Byrd (c.1543-1623)*

## COLLECT

Let us pray.

**G**RACIOUS Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*§ The Congregation may be seated for the Lessons and Psalm.*

**LESSON** *I Samuel 16, 1-13*

**PSALM 23**



**T**HE Lord is my • shepherd; \* therefore can • I lack nothing.

2. He shall feed me in a green • pasture, \* and lead me forth beside the wa- • ters of comfort

3. He shall convert • my soul, \* and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness • for his Name's sake.

4. Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no • evil; \* for thou art with me; thy rod and • thy staff comfort me.

5. Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them that trou- • ble me; \* thou hast anointed my head with oil and • my cup shall be full.

6. Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of • my life; \* and I will dwell in the house of the • Lord for ever.

§ *The Congregation stands for the Sequence Hymn and Gospel.*

HYMN 325 – “O For a Thousand Tongues”

*Arlington*

THE HOLY GOSPEL *John 9, 1-13 & 28-38*

SERMON

Mr. Greg Geehern

NICENE CREED

*(Priest)* *(Choir & Congregation)*

I be-lieve in one— God \* the Fa-ther Al-migh-ty, Ma-ker of heav-en and earth,  
And of all things vi - si-ble and in-vi - si ble: And in one Lord Je - sus Christ,  
the on - ly - be-got-ten Son of God; Be-got-ten of his Fa-ther be - fore\_ all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, Ver - y God of Ver - y God; Be-got-ten, not made;  
Be - ing of one sub-stance with the Fa - ther; By whom all things were made:  
Who for us men and for our sal - va - tion came down from heav - en,  
And was in-car-nate by the Ho-ly Ghost of the Vir-gin Ma - ry, And was made man:  
And was\_ cru - ci - fi - ed al - so for\_ us un - der Pon-tius Pi - late:  
He suf - fer - ed and was bu - ri - ed: And the third day he rose a - gain

ac - cord - ing to the Scrip - tures: And as - cend - ed in - to heav - en,  
 And sit - teth on the right hand of the Fa - ther: And he shall come a - gain, with glo - ry,  
 to judge both the quick and the dead, Whose king - dom shall have no end.  
 And I be - lieve in the Ho - ly Ghost, the Lord, and Giv - er of Life,  
 Who pro - ceed - eth from the Fa - ther and the Son; Who with the Fa - ther and the Son  
 to - geth - er is wor - ship - ped and glo - ri - fi - ed; Who spake by the pro - phets:  
 And I be - lieve One Ho - ly Cath - o - lic and A pos - tol - ic Church: I ac - know - ledge one Bap - tism  
 for the re - mis - sion of sins: And I look for the Re - sur - rec - tion of the dead:  
 And the Life of the world to come. A - - - - - men.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

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**THE PEACE** *The People may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.*

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**OFFERTORY** – “O Lord, Increase Our Faith”

*Henry Loosemore (d.1670)*

**O** LORD, increase our faith, strengthen us and confirm us in thy true faith; endue us with wisdom, charity, and patience, in all our adversities sweet Jesu, say Amen.

HYMN 345 – “The King of Love”

*Dominus regit me*

SURSUM CORDA *Hymnal 734*

PREFACE OF LENT

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

*Byrd*

*§ The Congregation kneels for the Canon of the Mass.*

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AGNUS DEI

*Byrd*

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COMMUNION

JERUSALEM, quæ ædificatur ut civitas,  
cujus participatio ejus in idipsum: illuc  
enim ascenderunt tribus, tribus Domini, ad  
confitendum nomini tuo, Domine.

JERUSALEM is built as a city, that is at unity  
in itself: for thither the tribes go up, even the  
tribes of the Lord, to give thanks unto thy  
name, O Lord.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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HYMN 597 – “Jerusalem the Golden”

*Ewing*

*§ The Congregation kneels through the Dismissal.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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BLESSING & DISMISSAL

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*§ The Congregation stands for The Last Gospel.*

THE LAST GOSPEL

℣. ✠ The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to John.

℟. **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

℣. ...full of grace and truth.

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HYMN 349 – “O Saviour, Precious Saviour”

*Watermouth*

ORGAN – “Prelude & Fugue in G minor”

*J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

## PRAYERS & DEDICATIONS

*The flowers that decorate the church this week are given in celebration of the birth of  
Katherine Elizabeth & Matthew Frederick Blaicher,  
and in loving memory of Ann Olree.*



*The Fritz-Weitzel Sacramental Candle in the Lady Chapel  
is given in loving memory of Rhea Arthur Preston & Aileen Preston.*

### **Of your charity, please remember in your prayers...**

***the sick:*** Wendy Goldstein, Grayson Porter, Cindy Nahill, Alannah Aldea, Suzette Mansell, Amelia Sciortino, Fran Sutter, Christine Fritz, Bruce Kwietnieski-Casais, Reagon Condron, Russell Childs, Patty MacAllister, Scott O'Brien, John Miosz, Sharon Kedzierski, Daryl Albury, Siles Bonser, and Alexander Ounjian.

***and those who have long term illnesses:*** Richard Hebron, Anna McDuff, James Ferrell, Kevin Nelson, Marlene Barnhart, Vicky Barbos, The Rev. Donald Muller, Mark Goldstein, Ryan Wiese, Theresa Abitz, Robert Abitz, Walt Fell, Lisa Jones, Kathy Buckland, Ellen Murphy, Kimberlee McCafferty, Joseph Carson III, Sava Nedic, Scott Evans, Tess Santos, Beatrix Kwiatkowski, Elaine Morrissey, Dennis Russell, Jeffrey McCafferty, Christiana Carty, Dawn Applegate, Barbara Sury, Paul Sootkoos, James Tucker, Caroline Tucker, Donna Fritz, Mark Casais, Christine Nicosia, Kevin Kintner, Anna Sury, Earl Reading, Zachary Birnbaum, Shelly Eberhart, Gary Rutherford, Alice Ward Carriger, Ryan Murray, Justin McCafferty, Zachary McCafferty, Kelly Bergen, Hannah McNinch, Mackenzie Sutter, Daniel Applegate, Jennifer Vigh, Jonathan Okeson, Mary Dallmann, Bob Bernard, Pat Temple, Danielle Morgan, Jai Autar, Emma Burris, Gloria Jones, Kelley Gilger, Lori Forenson, Michael Chahanovich, Sister Angela, Dee Watkins, Marge Lee, Robert Fritz, Lynn Muller, Irene Fithian, Brianne Nicosia, Kathy Gabel, Kelly Zsenak, and Kenneth Stattel.

***and for those in military service:*** Cara Bradley, USN; Ben Skarzynski, USMC; Chris Neal, USN; Jacob Foerter, USAFR; Rachel George, USA; Nickolas George, USMC; Kevin Preston, USAR.

***those celebrating a birthday this week:*** Joseph Malone IV, Lucia Howard, Seraphina Howard, Elena Maeve Steen, Haily Metzger, and Benjamin Lettiere.

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*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.*

*If you would like to remember a loved one in the Altar Flower or Sacramental Candle dedications, please contact the Church Office. The donation for flowers is \$50; the donation for the Sacramental Candle is \$10.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**2025 Giving Statements:** Are still available by request through the church office. Please contact Timothy Smith via email: [office@cGBTown.com](mailto:office@cGBTown.com) or by calling the office: 609.298.2348.

**Lenten Soup Supper:** A sign-up sheet for Lenten Soup Suppers is available on the bulletin board in the Parish House Lobby. Lenten suppers are every Friday in Lent following Stations of the Cross at 6pm. If you would like to provide food for this important weekly devotion, please sign up to provide a soup, salad, dessert, or all three!

**Maundy Thursday Devotions:** Sign-up sheets for the Maundy (the Washing of Feet) and for the Vigil at the Altar of Repose can be found at the back of the Nave. Please prayerfully consider taking part in these important devotions.

**Soles4Souls:** Our shoe drive continues to bring in a wonderful amount of shoes for those in need. Please keep this in mind when you come across any slightly-used or unwanted shoes. Thank you!

**The Feast of St. Joseph:** Join us on the Feast of St. Joseph, this Thursday, March 19, at 6pm for a brief Mass and Parish Dinner.

**Lenten Prep Day:** Come help beautify the church and grounds for Holy Week on Saturday, March 21, at 9am.

**Easter Memorial Flowers:** By now, many of you should have received your Easter letter from Fr. Tucker along with an Easter Memorial Flower envelope. Please indicate on the envelope the full names of the loved ones you would like included in the Easter Memorial Flower list, along with your donation, and either return it directly to the office or slip it in the offering plate when you are at Mass.

## Upcoming Events:

Mar 19 – 6pm: Sung Mass & Parish Dinner for the Feast of S. Joseph  
Mar 20 – 6pm: Stations of the Cross & Lenten Supper  
Mar 21 – 9am: Altar Guild Prep Day & Outdoor Cleanup  
Mar 27 – 6pm: Stations of the Cross & Lenten Supper  
Mar 29: Palm Sunday  
Mar 30 – 12.10pm: Low Mass  
Mar 31 – 12.10pm: Low Mass  
Apr 1 – 12.10pm: Low Mass  
Apr 1 – 7pm: Sung Stations of the Cross w. Vox Fidelis  
Apr 2 – 10am: Low Mass w. Anointing  
Apr 2 – 7pm: Sung Mass w. the Maundy, Stripping of the Altars, and Vigil  
Apr 3 – 12.10pm: Good Friday Solemnities & Mass of the Presanctified  
Apr 3 – 6.30pm: Stations of the Cross  
Apr 3 – 7pm: Sung Solemnities & Mass of the Presanctified  
Apr 4 – 9am: Altar Service  
Apr 4 – 7pm: The Great Vigil of Easter  
Apr 4 – 8am: Low Mass of Easter  
Apr 4 – 8.50am: Church School Easter Event  
Apr 4 – 10am: Sung Mass of Easter

## Vestry

Ms. Kate Williamson, *Warden* (856.577.1334) ~ Miss Mary Ellen Carty, *Warden* (609.298.4337)  
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## Clergy & Staff

**The Rev. Canon J. Matthew Tucker, *Rector***

The Rev. David Snyder, *Pastoral Associate*

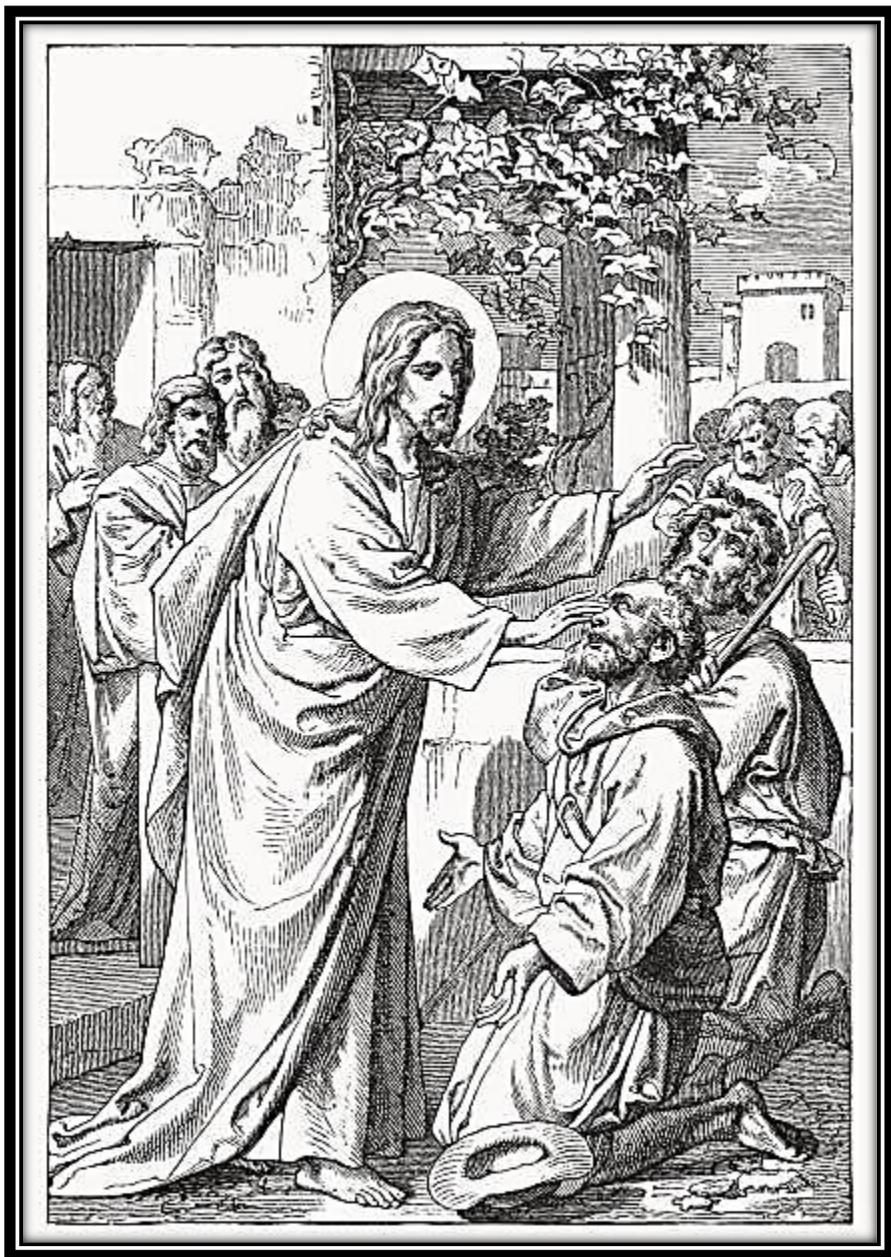
Mr. Greg Geehern, *Seminarian*

Mr. Stephen C. Bearse, *Organist & Choirmaster*

Mr. Timothy Smith, *Parish Administrator*

Mrs. SueAnne Jones, *Treasurer*

Mr. Charles Reeder, *Sexton*



# THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH...

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**Sunday, 15 March** – *The Fourth Sunday in Lent (Lætare Sunday)*

- ✘ Low Mass – 8.00 am
- ✘ HomeFront Meal Prep – 8.45 am
- ✘ Sung Mass – 10.00 am
- ✘ Coffee Hour – 11.00 am
- ✘ A.A. Meeting – 7.00 pm

**Monday, 16 March** – *Lenten Feria*

{*No Mass to-day*}

**Tuesday, 17 March** – *Lenten Feria (Patrick, Bishop & Missionary of Ireland, 461)*

- ✘ Low Mass – 12.10 pm

**Wednesday, 18 March** – *Lenten Feria (Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, 386)*

- ✘ A.A. Meeting – 6.00 pm
- ✘ Rosary & Low Mass – 6.30 pm

**Thursday, 19 March** – *The Feast of S. Joseph*

- ✘ Low Mass w. Anointing – 10.00 am
- ✘ Sung Mass & Parish Dinner – 6.00 pm

**Friday, 20 March** – *Lenten Feria (Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindesfarne, 687)*

- ✘ Low Mass – 12.10 pm
- ✘ Stations of the Cross & Lenten Supper – 6.00 pm

**Saturday, 21 March** – *Lenten Feria (Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath & Wells, 1711)*

- ✘ Vigil Mass – 5.30 pm

**Sunday, 22 March** – *The Fifth Sunday in Lent (Passion Sunday)*

- ✘ Low Mass – 8.00 am
  - ✘ Sung Mass – 10.00 am
  - ✘ Coffee Hour – 11.00 am
  - ✘ A.A. Meeting – 7.00 pm
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