

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

BORDENTOWN, NJ



THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

8 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.

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.

LOW MASS – 8.00 AM

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The Lesson from the Epistle of Blessed Paul the Apostle to the Romans.

BRETHREN, therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given unto us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man – though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. Not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received our reconciliation.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *John 4, 5-26 & 39-42*

AT THAT TIME: Jesus came to a city of Samar'ia, called Sy'char, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samar'ia to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said unto him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samar'ia?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Every one who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying 'I have no husband'; for you have five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said

to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things.” Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.” Many Samaritans from the city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed in him because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Saviour of the world.”

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The Rt. Rev. Sally French

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THE LAST GOSPEL

∇. ✕ The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to John.

℞. **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

∇. ...full of grace and truth.

℞. **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYERS & DEDICATIONS

The flowers that decorate the church this week are given in loving memory of Marion Manthey, Rhea Arthur Preston, Aileen Preston, and in celebration of those being confirmed and received.



The Fritz-Weitzel Sacramental Candle in the Lady Chapel is given in loving memory of Christine M. Young and Jeane Weitzel.

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: Lindsay Tennent, Keith Trout, Jennifer Zalescik, Patricia Varga, Deborah Brown, and Jaylee Rodriguez.

those celebrating an anniversary this week: Alexander & Nicola Vigh.

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

Monthly Vestry Meeting: Our next meeting of the Vestry is this Tuesday, March 10, at 7.30pm.

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.

Sung Stations of the Cross: Join us on Spy Wednesday, April 1, at 7pm for Sung Stations of the Cross with Vox Fidelis.

HomeFront Sunday: Our next HomeFront Sunday is next Sunday, March 15th. The preparation and packing of the meals will begin at 8:45am in the Parish Kitchen. Feel free to help, and remember to pray for our crew and for those who will receive those meals.

2025 Giving Statements: Are available by request through the church office. Please contact Timothy Smith via email: office@ccbtown.com or by calling the office: 609.298.2348.

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, 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 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. You may return it directly to the office or drop it in the offering plate at Mass.

Upcoming Events:

Mar 10 – 7.30pm: Monthly Vestry Meeting

Mar 13 – 6pm: Stations of the Cross &
Lenten Supper

Mar 15 – 8.45am: HomeFront Meal Prep

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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Ms. Colleen Suozzo (609.947.1304)

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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...

Sunday, 8 March – *The Third Sunday in Lent*

- ✠ Low Mass – 8.00 am
- ✠ Sung Mass w. Confirmation & Reception – 10.00 am
- ✠ Luncheon Reception of the Bishop – 11.15 am (Parish Hall)
- ✠ A.A. Meeting – 7.00 pm

Monday, 9 March – *Lenten Feria (Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, c.394)*

{No Mass to-day}

Tuesday, 10 March – *Lenten Feria (Forty Martyrs of Sebaste, 4th c.)*

- ✠ Low Mass – 12.10 pm
- ✠ Vestry Meeting – 7.30 pm

Wednesday, 11 March – *Lenten Feria*

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

Thursday, 12 March – *Lenten Feria (Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, 604)*

- ✠ Low Mass w. Anointing – 10.00 am

Friday, 13 March – *Lenten Feria*

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

Saturday, 14 March – *Lenten Feria*

- ✠ Vigil Mass – 5.30 pm

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

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