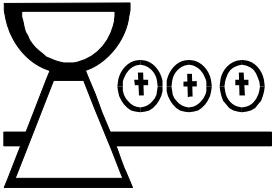


*Solemnity of
Mary, the Holy
Mother of God*

*Corpus Christi Parish ~ Upper Gwynedd, Pennsylvania
January 1, 2017*



**CORPUS
CHRISTI
PARISH**

PASTOR

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Church: www.corpuschristilansdale.org

School: www.ccslansdale.org

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Masses: 7:15AM

Saturday Masses: 7:15 AM.....4:30 PM

(Vigil Mass for Sunday)

Sunday Masses: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 (Children's Liturgy of the Word for Grades K,1,and 2 at 10AM Mass)

11:30 AM, and 6 PM

Holy Day Masses: 7:30 PM (Vigil)

7:15AM, and 12:05PM

Confessions:

Saturday, after 7:15AM Mass, 3:15 to 4 PM, and also upon request at the Parish House.

COMMITTEES & ORGANIZATIONS

Pastoral Council: Steve Finley 267-648-0027

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Today's feast honoring Mary, the mother of God, opens the new year with a foundational Christian faith reality: that God so loved the world that he sent His only begotten Son to be our brother and our rescuer, to paraphrase St. John's Gospel. Mary's part in this divine plan began with the Annunciation of the wonderful birth she would experience in bringing forth Jesus, the Word of God made flesh. Her motherhood of Jesus ended with her at the foot of the cross. Our faith invites us to meditate on Mary, the mother of Jesus and the mother of God.

St. Luke's Gospel shows throughout a focus on Mary. Some speculate that he knew Mary and grew in his faith along with the Mother of God. With unselfish love she devoted herself to loving her son, Jesus, and being his first disciple as she watched and learned the ultimate meaning of His vocation in God's Plan, giving Himself to that plan with heart and soul. She and her husband Joseph were the first to be invited to ponder deeply who this boy and man really was (in God's eyes).



Mary herself is the guide to that meditation/contemplation. Our Gospel today declares, "Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." A lifetime of pondering is initiated with her first encounters with her beloved Son.

Thus, Mary is our model in relating to her Son, the Son of God. And we can follow her in "reflecting with our hearts". We too experience Jesus as Word and Rescuer. Jesus encounters us as persons and as Community of Faith to open our selves to His ultimate purpose and goodness. Let us open ourselves to those meetings with the one we call The Christ and be led to receive and reflect those encounters with our true self and the others that accompany us: friends, family, the poor, those in need, the sick, the imprisoned and the sister/brother that call upon us to share our gifts of faith, hope and love with them. Mary is clearly the original person of faith in her acceptance of God's plan for her and for the world through her. That is our same call also: to encounter Christ and to extend that encounter with others as one of his contemporary disciples. We pray for that encounter and passing it to others as Mary does so magnificently in her being the Mother of Jesus and the Mother of God.

[source:<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/010117.html>]



PARISH CENTER OFFICE CLOSED . . .

The Parish Center Office will be closed Monday January 2nd accordingly! Thank you and a Happy, Holy New Year from your Priests, Deacons and Parish Center Office Staff!



CREATED, LOVED, REDEEMED BY GOD -- PRICELESS MARCH FOR LIFE 2016 – 44th Anniversary

PLEASE READ: This may be the last bus trip to the March for Life from Corpus Christi unless someone comes forward to lead next year! Ellie Hentschel and I (Louise Mercurio) have run this trip for many years and we are now stepping down. If you are interested, please call Louise Mercurio at 610-584-4008.

The 44th Annual March for Life will be held on **Friday, January 27, 2017** in Washington, DC. Corpus Christi Parish will send one (1) bus to Washington to attend this peaceful and prayerful demonstration bearing witness to the dignity of human life from conception to natural death. This trip is sponsored jointly by the Respect Life Group & the Knights of Columbus Council #9715. NEW schedule for the day is as follows:

Come prepared for the day and attend 6:30 am Mass at Corpus Christi Parish, then board the bus at the RE side of Church and we will **leave the CC parking lot at 7:15AM promptly.**

One restroom stop on I95. Continue on to Washington where bus driver will drop us off as close to the beginning of the March as possible (near 7th and Constitution Ave.). March begins about 1PM and we will join in and walk up Constitution (about 1 mile) toward the Capital and continue on to the Supreme Court where we pray for the end of legalized abortion (Roe vs. Wade). We then regroup at the corner and when we have all our people together, we walk to Union Station, where our bus will pick us up (4PM). We leave Washington, and stop on I95 at the Maryland House, which has been newly renovated, has plenty of seating room, and everyone will purchase their dinner from the various food places. (Old Country Buffet has closed.) We will not go to the Shrine and we will not take the Metro train. Cost for adults is \$24 for bus. Cost for students is 0, bus is free for all students BUT an adult must accompany them. Everyone should bring a bag lunch and a drink. Bus returns to Corpus Christi by 9 PM. Sign-ups start now. Sign-up board is in the Narthex of Church and you must pay in full to reserve your seat. All deposits are transferrable, but not refundable. Make check payable to Respect Life and send to Ellie Hentschel, 2045 Pheasant Hill Road, Lansdale, PA 19446, 215-362-0160. Bring your gold scarf from previous year. New signups will get a scarf.

Will you join us this year in our efforts to save our unborn children?

MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Saturday,	December 31st	Vigil Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
4:30 PM	Mary and Tom Hayes	<i>by Ken and Mary Slater</i>
Sunday,	January 1st Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God	
7:00 AM	Peggy Snyder	<i>by The Bader Family</i>
8:30	John V. Gottschall	<i>by Mike and Pat Gavaghan</i>
10:00	Marjorie Peterson	<i>by Dave and Kiersten Hafer</i>
11:30	Joseph Trave, Jr.	<i>by Lois Trave</i>
6:00 PM	Christine Viggiano	<i>by Joanne Wallin Adams</i>
Monday,	January 2nd	
7:15 AM	Pat Loughran	<i>by Pam and Pat Kendig</i>
Tuesday,	January 3rd	
7:15 AM	The Pascuzzi Family	
Wednesday,	January 4th	
7:15 AM	Wayne Richards	<i>by Valerie, Veronica and Bonnie</i>
Thursday,	January 5th	
7:15 AM	Luke Wynne Gallagher	<i>by The Menke Family</i>
Friday,	January 6th	
7:15 AM	Beth Condra	<i>by The Condra Family</i>
Saturday,	January 7th	
7:15 AM	Catherine and Joseph Dougherty	<i>by Joe and Diane Radvansky</i>
4:30 PM	James and Margaret Butler	<i>by John and Peggy Butler</i>
Sunday,	January 8th	
7:00 AM	Amelia Fanto	<i>by Bruce and Bridget Iglesias</i>
8:30	Margaret Guarino	<i>by Dave and Kiersten Hafer</i>
10:00	Deceased Members of the Malak and Donnelly Families	<i>by Jim and Mary Ellen Madden</i>
11:30	Jeanette Jones	<i>by Sherri Elborne</i>
6:00 PM	Barbara Bogotuk	<i>by Dagmar McKnight</i>



We pray for the deceased members, relatives and friends of our parish family especially Susan Flanigan, niece of Msgr. Flanigan.



Prayer For Those Who Have Died

Father, hear our prayer and welcome our loved ones into paradise with You and all of Your saints. Help us as we comfort one another in the faith that one day we will all meet together again in Christ. We ask this through Christ our Lord. +Amen

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Target for Fiscal Year 2016-2017	\$1,560,000
Weekly Target for Fiscal Year 2016-17	\$ 30,000
Collection for December 24/25	not available
Electronic Giving (107 participants) Dec. 20	\$ 14,295
Over (Under) Target Week	not available
Over (Under) Target Yr Fiscal Week 26	not available
Facilities Improvement Year To Date Through December 18th	\$ 32,278
Total Envelopes Mailed	3,909
Total Envelopes Used (December 25)	N/A
Balance Due on Mortgage	\$ 2,733,376

First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27 The Lord told Aaron to bestow his blessings on the Israelites. God wanted them to know that by invoking His name they would be blessed by Him.

Responsorial Psalm: PS 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8:
R. (2a) May God bless us in His mercy.

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7 Paul describes how through Jesus' birth, we have been delivered from the laws that exiled Gentiles from God's community. Through Jesus, the Gentiles became God's adopted sons and would receive the same blessings that the Jewish converts had been promised.

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21 The shepherds went to Bethlehem to see Jesus and immediately understood all that they had been told about Him. They praised God for what they had seen, and Jesus was given the name that the angel had chosen for Him.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly



“The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger; once they saw, they understood what had been told them concerning this child. All who heard of it were astonished at the report... Mary treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart.”

Does it surprise me that the first to come and encounter Christ were lowly shepherds. They were certainly not the persons I would expect to greet a new born baby. Obviously, they accepted the good news and then reported it to others. We who know the Bethlehem story so well, might not have even

bothered to go to the cave where Christ was born. We might like the shepherds, have just returned to the night watch guarding themselves and their flocks. Obviously their story moved others as well.

At the same time Mary both treasured and reflected, sometimes the scriptures say ‘pondered’ or weighed what she knew, saw and heard. How she felt may best be known by the mother of a newborn. It might be fitting to sit quietly like Mary and reflect upon the events. Christmas comes and goes so fast that we might overlook the great outpouring of the Father in giving us a needed Savior, and the role model of Mary treasuring and reflecting. May we treasure the coming of the Lord.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE of PHILADELPHIA

For a list of events occurring around the Archdiocese of Philadelphia please sign up for the **Evangelization Newsletter** at <http://www.phillyevang.org/inform/> There are so many activities geared to all age groups! Don't miss out!

Join Us for a Night of Prayerful Celebration!

Every First Friday - First Saturday of the month a night of prayerful reparation will be made to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary along with St. Joseph. The focus will be to bring our families back as a unit. Come join us if its only for an hour.

Location: St. Titus Church, 3006 Keenwood Rd, East Norriton, PA 1940

8:00pm- Rosary/Confessions

9:00pm - Mass for the Sacred Heart.

12:00am - Mass for the Immaculate Heart

Also included is Adoration, Office readings, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Dawn procession and Fellowship.

Contact: Bella Kampmeyer 215-820-1995 or kampmeyerbella@yahoo.com.

All are welcome to attend the next GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) presentation at Saint Stanislaus: **Helping our Youth and Young Adults to Embrace the Catholic Faith** on *Tuesday, January 10 at 7 pm in the Parish Center*, the building located behind the Church at 51 Lansdale Avenue (corner of Lansdale and Main Streets [Route 63]) in Lansdale. Today's young people are part of a generation in crisis – of identity, of purpose, and of belief. FOCUS is a Catholic collegiate outreach whose mission is to share the hope and joy of the Gospel with students on college campuses. FOCUS missionaries invite young people into a relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church, accompanying them as they pursue lives that strive for virtue and excellence. This work is especially critical in today's culture that is increasingly secularized and de-Christianized, especially to young people who are falling away from the practice of their faith at an alarming rate. Come and see how FOCUS is having success in reaching out to young adults and bringing them back to the practice of the Catholic faith. Our presenter is Tim Gillen, a St. Stanislaus parishioner and FOCUS Missionary. There is no fee to attend, and registration is not required.

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Friday January 6, 2017

Solemn High Mass at the Cathedral-Basilica
of Sts. Peter and Paul

18th Street & the Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Philadelphia, Pa

7:00 pm

Mass will be preceded by the Blessing of Gold, Frankincense, & Myrrh, and Chalk for the Blessing of Homes.

WPVI-TV Channel 6 now offers Watch ABC which is a special new benefit brought to you by 6ABC and participating providers at no additional cost. Just enter your TV provider account information to log in and get the Watch ABC Live Stream of the Mass.

Pilgrimage to Annecy-Lyon, France, and Geneva, Switzerland, with the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales!

Join Fr. Tim McIntire, an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales, and Maggie Riggins, Campus Minister at DeSales University, for a week-long pilgrimage from June 25-July 2 to the home of St. Francis de Sales. The tour price of \$2975 per person is based on sharing a double room and includes air fare, ground transportation, daily breakfast, two lunches (one while cruising beautiful Lake Annecy), two dinners, tours of Salesian sights, and plenty of free time. Fr. Joe Newman, an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales, will provide some additional commentary while we bus from Annecy to Geneva, Lyon and tour the scenic Savoyard countryside. For more information, contact Fr. Tim at Timothy.McIntire@desales.edu or register at:

<http://tinyurl.com/hqk2kxz>

Men & Women of Malvern

Malvern Retreat House offers traditional weekend retreats throughout the year with our Men & Women of Malvern programs. Each retreat has a name based on the history of their formation, but all teens and adults are invited to attend any group weekend that works with their schedule. The retreats include Mass, confession, presentations and much needed time for reflection. Visit www.malvernretreat.com/malvern for a list of traditional retreats.

Joseph's People

Are you unemployed or just getting by because you are under-employed? Want to learn more about networking? How to create an effective resume? Talk to others who are sharing the same experience as you are? At Joseph's People we offer support and guidance to those who are unemployed or underemployed. *Join us on the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm at St. Maria Goretti Hatfield Parish Center Library.*



Founded by the Sisters of the Holy Redeemer, **Holy Redeemer Home Care and Hospice** offers comprehensive, compassionate home health services. Whether you need home care after surgery or an accident, or for a relative who is coping with a chronic or life-limiting illness, you can rely upon Holy Redeemer Home Care and Hospice's expertise. Our highly qualified, staff delivers advanced clinical care in the home, meeting your needs with caring, individually-focused care to help you enjoy the best quality of life possible. We are now servicing the Lansdale area. For more information, please call 1-888-678-8678 or visit www.holyredeemer.com/homecare.



Pilgrimage to Fatima celebrating the 100th Anniversary of our Lady's apparitions and to Santiago de Compostela, Spain. Travel with Fr. Harry McCreedy from June 22-29, 2017. Cost \$3298, for more information call 610-279-6725 or stpaulparish.eastnorriton@gmail.com. Limited number of reservations available.



Upcoming Events **The Guardians - Tuesday, January 3rd- 7PM**
 Religious Education Room in Church. For more information or to register for your first meeting, please contact Deacon Frank Langsdorf at deaconlangsdorf@gmail.com.

Mom Café - Tuesday, Tuesday, January 3rd- 9:30-11AM

The Mom's Cafe is back! If you've been looking for a way to meet other moms in the parish, or have wondered what this group is about, come join us at any or all of our meetings. All are welcome, including the children. Have coffee and talk with a supportive group of women discussing all kinds of topics! Questions may be directed to Jess at jesswoehr@hotmail.com

January calls our attention to **The Holy Name of Jesus**; which we honor because of the command of Christ - that we should pray in His Name, and because it reminds us of the blessings we receive through Him. *This January adore Jesus by dedicating time to and with Him; and please consider showing the commitment on the Adoration Calendar in the Narthex.* It is simple, pray at home or in church any method of prayer - just do it; just Adore Him!



**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT
 RE: YEAR END STATEMENTS**



This year, in a continuing effort to save on postage costs we will be emailing year end tax statements to those who have an email address on their parish records. In order to add, update or be sure your email address is on our records please send a request to corpuschristilansdale@gmail.com with the notation of "Tax Statement" in the subject bar. ***If you have been in touch with the parish during the year by email no need to reconfirm!*** Thank you for your co-operation! If you do not have an email address and wish to receive a contribution statement, simply fill in the necessary information below and either place it into the collection basket, or drop off or mail it to the Parish Center Office attn. Ruth.

If you have any questions please call the Parish Center Office at 215-855-1311 ext. 121. Thank you!

1. Name as it appears on your weekly envelopes:

2. Address if different than what is on your weekly envelopes:

3. Envelope number: _____

You may cut this out and place in the collection basket on the weekends.

CLUB 50 NEWS AND TRAVEL

January General Meeting – The meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 12** in the Social Hall. We will be entertained by the Corpus Christi School strings. The \$2 lunch is back! Thanks to Bill Kausher for stepping up to be our Hospitality Chairman! Also, we will be collecting for the February Retreat. Any questions, contact Janet Stankus, (215-368-1785), or Kathleen Kemp (215-368-4075).

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!

February Annual Retreat – Our retreat will be held on **Thursday, February 9**, in the Social Hall. It will be conducted by Father Pio Mandato, and open to all parishioners. A pre-ordered box lunch will be available. The choices of sandwiches are: Roast Beef, Turkey, or Tuna Salad \$10. Money will be collected at the January meeting, or you can send a check – must be received by 2/1/17. Any questions, contact Janet Stankus, 1670 Wagon Wheel Lane, Lansdale, PA 19446 (215-368-1785), or Kathleen Kemp, 2141 Old Forde Way, Lansdale, PA 19446 (215-368-4075)

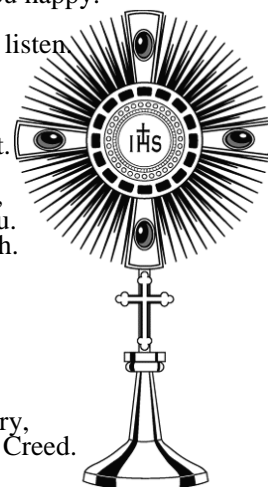
Virginia International Tattoo, Norfolk & Virginia Beach, VA - Friday, April 28, 2017 to Monday, May 1, 2017. Please pick up a brochure in the Narthex of the church. Round trip motor coach transportation, tax and tip for the driver is included, except chambermaids. 3 night's accommodations at an oceanfront property in Virginia Beach. 3 deluxe continental breakfasts at the hotel. 3 dinners in area restaurants. Admission and tram tour of the Norfolk Botanical Gardens. Reserved seating to the International Nato Festival and Azalea Festival Parade. Many more attractions. Departs 7:30AM Friday, April 28th returns approximately 8:00PM Monday, May 1st. Call 610-584-1366 Colette Kearns, 807 McIntosh Way, Lansdale, PA 19446. Cost ranges between \$679.pp double, triple to \$869.pp single, optional insurance \$80pp.



***All checks which are due at sign-up should be made payable to "Club 50 of Corpus Christi."**

25 Ways to Spend An Hour with Jesus

- ❖ Slowly read Scripture until something hits you. Then listen.
- ❖ Pray the Rosary.
- ❖ Let God look at you.
- ❖ Tell Him something that made you happy. Then listen.
- ❖ Tell Him what angers you. Then listen.
- ❖ Speak about your loved ones.
- ❖ Pray for an enemy.
- ❖ Talk to Him about work.
- ❖ Sing a song for Him in your heart.
- ❖ Promise to trust Him.
- ❖ Imagine Mary sitting next to you, praying with you.
- ❖ Renew your loyalty to His Church.
- ❖ Lean on Him.
- ❖ Tell Him you love Him.
- ❖ Thank Him for the Sacraments.
- ❖ Tell Him your failures.
- ❖ Ask for help. Then listen.
- ❖ Slowly recite the Beatitudes.
- ❖ Say one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and the Creed.
- ❖ Pray for vocations.
- ❖ Ask Him to show you the next step.
- ❖ Look at yourself. Count your gifts.
- ❖ Then thank Him.
- ❖ Pray for the world.
- ❖ Enjoy just being in His presence.



Please be praying
for...

Bill Flear, Daniel MacDonald, Joan Buchler, Joanne McDonald, Maureen McGowan, Sara Welsh Krebs, Katelyn Bonner, James Donnelly, Kathy Donia, Bonnie Maday, Annamaria Hutchinson, Samuel Smith, Joe Dwyer, Jim Thompson, Thomas Roy, Peter Schumacher, Frank Griffith, Mary Hanisco, Pat Mozi, Leonard Balk, Luca Paciente, Sean Walsh, James Herron, Sr., Mike McGonigle, Sue Kunze, Patricia Wright, Joseph Bintner, Frederick Scheetz, Susan Miholovich, Robert Shea, Drew Fantozzi, Ken Slater, James Stento, Antonio Jacinto, Michael Rafter.



On January 8, 2017, the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord the Bell Choir will be assisting at the celebration of the Eucharistic Liturgy.



The Knight's Korner - Updates from the Knights of Columbus Council #9715

2016 "Coats for Kids" Collection – The Knights of Columbus thank our parish for the generous support of this year's Coats for Kids campaign.

Because of your help, we were able to deliver dozens of coats, scarfs, sweaters and gloves to the Visitation Parish of the B.V.M. in the Kensington section of Philadelphia.

If you would still like to contribute either clothing or money to this effort, please contact Kevin Conroy at (215) 872-8747 or visit the Fr. John E. Doyle Council website at: <http://www.kofc9715.org>

Advent Calendar Sales Results - The Knights of Columbus thank our parishioners who supported this year's Advent Calendar, Christmas Cards and "Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnet sale.

We raised enough through your contributions to forward a \$1000 donation check to the Visitation Parish of the B.V.M. in the Kensington section of Philadelphia to help them curtail their winter expenses.

Thank you for your support!

ANNUAL "TRIVIA NIGHT" – FEBRUARY 25, 2017! - SAVE THE DATE: The Knights of Columbus will host their annual Trivia Night on February 25, 2017. Teams of up to 8 players may participate. Cost is \$15 per player. Additional details and ticket information is coming soon!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP



All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 in Corpus Christi and St Rose of Lima Parishes are invited to participate in the 2016 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition. The local competition will be held on **Thursday, January 5th 2017 from 7PM to 9PM** in the Corpus Christi School Gym. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. **Entry forms can be accessed on the**

Fr John E. Doyle Council's Web Site (www.kofc9715.org) or by contacting Mike Gavaghan (267-222-8938) for information.

Visit www.CatholicPhilly.com for Catholic news in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia every day. Sign up for a free, weekly email newsletter at: www.catholicphilly.com/newsletter.

The **Prayer Garden Gazebo Project** was completed in early December and we would like to thank *Joey Donatucci* and his Boy Scout Project team for their dedication and hard work. This was a huge project that started on September 17th. The completion of this project should earn him his Eagle Scout Badge. Thanks also goes out to all those organizations and people who provided financial support for the project.

ARE YOU PLANNING TO GIVE a GIFT to the PARISH THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON?



During this season of giving, please don't forget your parish community. A gift to Corpus Christi by **December 31st** could also give you a gift – a Federal Income Tax deduction. Your thoughtfulness and generosity will help meet the needs of the parish and thus be of benefit to all. For more information, call the parish center office 215-855-1311.

SUPPORT OUR PARISH

Moyer Indoor/Outdoor Services has an incentive program. This program makes a contribution to churches based on the amount of fuel oil purchased by parishioners for as long as they remain a customer. So, if you're currently a customer of Moyer Indoor Outdoor Services, now is the time to call and be included in this program. For details, call June Baker at 215-799-2000 ext 3102.

The Brother House, a work of the Legion of Mary, works with homeless men in the Norristown area on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. About 30 men take showers and need clean clothes after their shower. We need your donation of the following items: **T-shirts, white athletic socks, underwear, and work pants.** Clothing does not have to be new, just clean. These items are needed **all year round.** Bring donations to the Church and leave them in the *Church Ministry Room* next to the restrooms.

We pray daily for our benefactors. God bless your generosity!!

CORPORATE MATCHING GIFTS FOR SCHOOL

Many companies have a Matching Gift program that is available for schools. If you've thought about making a donation to Corpus Christi School, and are employed at one of these companies, obtaining a form from the Human Resources Department could add on to your personal gift and would be a great way to support our school. Ask your employer if they have a Matching Gift or similar type program for schools.

Evangelization Newsletter ~ Archdiocese of Philadelphia

To be informed about what presentations are being offered at parishes around the Archdiocese please visit www.phillyevang.org/inform There you can sign up for a monthly email that provides information about many events being sponsored at various parishes and institutions around the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.



Looking for that special gift? If you want something that brings lasting joy, why not consider giving each other a **Marriage Encounter Weekend**? The world we live in seems to get busier each year, to taking the time to focus on each other and to grow in our understanding and love is so important. The next Weekends in this area are February 10-12 at Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown and March 31-April 2 at the Sheraton Great Valley. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: www.wwme-philly.org. You can also contact Al and Mary Liz Heumann at Applications@wwme-philly.org or call 610-449-1859.

Youth News

High School Youth Group

Check out our Youth Group table in the Narthex, visit us on **Facebook** or on the parish website: <http://corpuschristilansdale.org/youth/>

LIFETEEN CALENDAR: For details regarding each week's activities, visit the youth section of **Corpus Christi's website**. www.corpuschristilansdale.org/youth/high-school-youth-ministry
Contact Danielle Gallo, Youth Minister at corpus.ym@gmail.com

METANOIA ~ YOUNG ADULT GROUP

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www.metanoiayoungadults.weebly.com. Check out our Twitter link on homepage: <http://metanoiayoungadults.weebly.com/> or visit our Facebook Page:

(www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults) for more details.

Tuesday, January 3: Metanoia Game Night, Location TBA, 7:30pm

Tuesday, January 10: Bible Study @ Corpus Christi Parish, Lansdale, 7:30pm

Tuesday, January 17: Theology on Tap @ Appalachian Brewing Co., 50 West Third Avenue Collegeville; Doors open at 7:00pm; Talk Starts at 7:30pm; Speakers – Sandy and Denise MacMurtrie

Tuesday, January 24: Holy Hour @ Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales; 7:30pm

CYO News

Open Positions –Registrar, Uniform Manager, and others. If interested contact cc-cyo@verizon.net

Get our Emails – Set up a free account in our online system to receive all of our emails for CYO sponsored events and CYO sports: <https://corpus-christi-cyo.siplay.com/site/>.

Additional information can be found at our website at <http://corpuscyo.wordpress.com/>.

PAPER RETRIEVER ~ RECYCLING

Don't forget to keep bringing your old newspapers, magazines etc. to our paper recycling bins in the back of the school parking lot. **Paper recycling** is a year round event for which the parish again receives income. By continuing to use our bins for recycling, you're not only helping the environment, but you're also supporting your parish!



CATHOLIC CHARITIES

You may contribute to the Catholic Charities Appeal in many ways: • Pledge Gift • Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) • Gifts of Securities • Planned Gifts • One Time Gift • Credit Card Gifts • Matching Gifts. For more information on any of these options please visit our website at www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org, email us at cca@adphila.org or call us at 215-587-5650. Corpus Christi to date has reached \$104,278, **75%** of our \$138,803 goal!



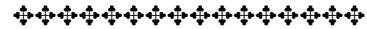
CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL NEWS

*"A House is Built with Boards & Beams,
A Home is Built with Love & Dreams"*

Come Visit Our Home....

Corpus Christi Catholic School, A Blue Ribbons School of Excellence, is hosting an **Open House on Sunday, January 29, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** There will be representatives from the school and student ambassadors available to answer any of your questions. Please stop by and see what we are all about.

We look forward to seeing you there!



PART TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Position available to supervise the students during lunch in the cafeteria and in the school yard. The hours of employment are 11:00AM to 1:15PM each day the students are in school. Corpus Christi School parents are not eligible for this position. If interested, please call 215-368-0582.

SCRIP CORNER

CORPUS CHRISTI SCRIP PROGRAM

The SCRIP office will be closed until School reopens on Tuesday, January 3rd.

e-mail: cc.scrip@yahoo.com; on the web: www.ccsllansdale.org
Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9am to 12:30pm (when school is in session);

Monday evenings 5:30pm to 7pm (when REC is in session)

Erin Miller (215) 362-0104

Happy New Year!!!

Thank you for using SCRIP to support Corpus Christi!



GIRL SCOUTS

Calling all K thru 5th grade girls to join Girl Scouts please visit <http://tinyurl.com/j6w5vdt>

Why join the Boy Scouts?



Scouts learn many useful skills, including first aid, fire-building, knot-tying, canoeing, wilderness survival, pioneering, life-saving, personal management, environmental science, citizenship, cooking and much more. These skills build confidence and can be used for years to come. For more info contact: Joe.Rakszawski 610-584-0333 or joerak@aol.com.

Attention 6th, 7th, and 8th grade boys: Check out the 12 reasons to join Corpus Christi Boy Scout Troop 303: <http://tinyurl.com/CCscouts>

HOPE Our Corpus Christi H.O.P.E. volunteers perform **WORKS OF MERCY** for our parishioners. We appreciate it if you make appointments 2 weeks in advance.

Week of 01/01 Team #5: Patty Donnelly at 215-687-3779
Week of 01/08 Team #6: Sue Bones at 215-631-9526

If you have any questions please call Hope Coordinator, **Mary Medoff at 215-412-2263**. Thank You!

BAPTISM INSTRUCTION SESSIONS: Parents and Godparents must attend **Pre-Jordan Sacramental Preparation** before the Baptism takes place. Prior to attendance, *parents are required to pre-register those attending the session by contacting the Parish Center Office, 215-855-1311*. Although instruction sessions are mandatory for both Parents and Godparents, you are required to attend one time only. If you have attended previously you are not required to come again. Ideally, attendance at the preparation session should occur before the child's birth. Upcoming sessions are scheduled in the RE Room (in the church), **at 7:00 PM on the 3rd Monday of the month: i.e. January 16th, February 20th.**

REQUIREMENTS FOR GODPARENTS

- must be a registered member of a Catholic Parish and receive a Certificate of Eligibility* from that Parish and have attended the Pre-Jordan Baptism class
- must have completed his/her 16th birthday
- must have been Baptized - Confirmed - and has received First Holy Communion - and actively practicing their faith - e.g., attending Mass, receiving Holy Communion - receiving the Sacrament of Penance
- if married - must be living in a valid sacramental marriage
- cannot be the parent of the child to be baptized
- the godparents are to be one male and one female
- one godparent may be a non-Catholic Christian witness with proper proof of his/her baptism — if a non-Catholic is asked to be a Christian witness - the other godparent **MUST** be Catholic
- a person who has left the Catholic Faith for any reason, may not be asked to carry out this responsibility

Please note: **The paperwork for the child's baptism and certificates of eligibility* MUST be completed at least two weeks prior to scheduling a baptism date.** Certificates of eligibility must have a parish seal and cannot be faxed; they must be the original.

***CERTIFICATES OF ELIGIBILITY:** *A certificate of eligibility is asking for a priest to sign and acknowledge that the person is 16 years of age or more, confirmed (and if married, marriage took place in the Catholic Church) and celebrating the sacraments regularly. Ideally, this person should be registered and an active member of the parish for at least six (6) months.*

Baptism is administered at **12:30 PM EVERY SUNDAY.**

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please send your bulletin announcements to the Parish Center Office no later than the Friday 8 days prior to publication. The preferred method is by e-mail to corpuschristibulletin@yahoo.com with the word "bulletin" in the subject line but it can be faxed or dropped off to the Parish Center. Thank you for your cooperation!

Confessions: Saturday after 7:15AM Mass, 3:15PM – 4:00PM, and also upon request at the Parish House

DAILY PRAYER CHAPEL OPEN: Those who wish to make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament during the day may do so in the Church Chapel. The Chapel is open every day until **3:30PM except Wednesday when it is open until 6:30PM.** Please enter the chapel using the entrance walk on the side of the Parish House facing Supplee Road. The main Church is closed after the 7:15 Mass each morning.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WEDNESDAYS
7:45AM TO 6:30PM Eucharistic Adoration is scheduled every **Wednesday, from 7:45 AM til 6:30 PM** in the Church Chapel. Benediction is at 6:30 PM. (Novena devotions immediately following, see below). **Please enter the chapel using**



the entrance walk on the side of the Parish House facing Supplee Rd. (Please consider signing-up to be a weekly Adorer. There is a sign-up list in the Chapel if you would like to make a weekly commitment to a specific time each week. For more information, please call Barbara Atkins 215-412-2459.)

LEGION OF MARY: Wednesday evenings, 7:30 to 9:00 PM, in the Ministry Room of Corpus Christi Church. New members are sincerely welcomed at all meetings.



MARRIAGES: Couples who are planning to be married are required to notify one of the parish priests no less than six months prior to the marriage and attend a Pre-Cana session. To check on the next session at Corpus Christi— Contact ccprecanateam@gmail.com for information.

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NOVENA DEVOTIONS: Devotions honoring the Immaculate Heart of Mary are offered on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, and devotions to honor St. Peregrine, Patron Saint of Cancer Patients, are offered on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, at 6:30PM in the Chapel. For information please call 215-855-1311.

OUR LADY OF HOPE PRAYER LINE: The Prayer Line may be called if you are in need of prayer. Call Anna Marie 215-368-4672.

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS: Weekdays from 9AM to 12:30PM) and 1:30PM to 5PM. Please come in or telephone during these hours concerning documents, registration, Mass cards, baptismal arrangements, etc.

PRAYER GROUP: to which ALL are invited meets on Thursday evenings in the Church Chapel at 8 PM.

PREGNANCY HOTLINE: **800-CARE-002** Twenty-four hours/seven days per week hotline for individuals seeking assistance with a pregnancy. Offers assistance to explore pro-life option, supportive counseling and linkage with needed resources.

REGISTRATION: Our diocese requires that all Catholics should be registered in the parish of their residence. If you have moved into our parish and have not registered with us, it is important that you call the Parish Center Office (215-855-1311) and make arrangements to do so as soon as possible. Certificates of Eligibility to act as a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, **cannot be issued** unless you are already (preferably for 6 months) registered with us. **Please be aware that young adults over 21 (25 if in college) should register separately.**