

The Epiphany of the Lord



*Corpus Christi Parish ~ Upper Gwynedd, Pennsylvania
January 7, 2018 ~ Epiphany of the Lord*



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CHRISTI
PARISH**

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Deacon Steve Currie

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<http://corpuschristilansdale.org/welcome/registration/>

CHECK OUT OUR WEB SITES:

Church: www.corpuschristilansdale.org

School: www.ccsllansdale.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: Bill Kerr 215-609-8110
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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

The word *epiphany* comes from the Greek word *epiphaneia*, meaning divine manifestation. Today's feast is about the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah and Savior of the world. We know the story well. Three kings from afar came bearing gifts for the newborn king.



It is interesting that Jesus' own people, the Jews, did not accept Him as their king. We hear in Scripture that Jesus was sent as king of the Jews, yet it was the Magi of gentile nations who came to pay homage to Him. Today's readings reveal God's eternal plan for salvation in the birth of Jesus. When He was born, Jesus was revealed not only to the shepherds and Magi, but to all nations. Our salvation history unfolded and humanity has been renewed. Jesus came as God's new covenant to His people. All nations belong to the human race; all have a common divine origin and share a common bond with God. All nations share in God's justice and mercy. We all share in God's plan for universal salvation.

We can recognize some parallels of what can be viewed as racism or ethnic cleansing during biblical history. Moses was born when the Pharaoh was killing all first born males of the Israelites. He feared losing power over the people. Moses was saved and ultimately led these same people to freedom in Israel. At the time of the birth of Jesus, Herod feared loss of power because of a new king who was to come. Herod called for the killing of all newborn males and Jesus was taken to Egypt for protection. The faith of the wisemen stands in sharp contrast to the attitude of Herod. The gentile world was ready to recognize Jesus as the Messiah and King, as demonstrated by their coming to pay homage to Him. There was no such recognition or homage by the Jewish people. God's plan for salvation took precedence over any human attempt to be more powerful than God.

Racism is one of the more serious problems we have to combat in our communities. It is the attempt to control and have power over others. Ethnic cleansing did not stop with Adolph Hitler. It continues in our world today. In a society as advanced as ours, where information and technology change so rapidly, why does it remain so difficult to recognize the equality of all? Racism in our neighborhoods or domestic abuse in our homes is not what this feast is about.

There remains a universal tone in today's scriptures, Jesus came to save all people, whether Jew or Gentile, Israelite or Greek. The dignity of all humans is based on their creation in the image and likeness of God. Our equality does not mean uniformity, but calls us to recognize the differences and the value of each of our gifts. Equality creates solidarity because it sees in each person a brother or sister deserving of love and respect. We must have the enthusiasm to discover those common bonds that form us as the Body of Christ. We share a common ancestry and we have a common bond with God.

God bless you,
Meggie Tom Henigan



MARCH FOR LIFE 2018

CREATED, LOVED, REDEEMED BY GOD – PRICELESS

It is forty-five years since the horrible ruling of Roe-V-Wade. Are you ready to join the Corpus Christi Respect Life Committee and the Knights of Columbus Council #9715 on our prayerful pilgrimage to the annual March for Life in Washington, D C? This year the march will be held on **Friday January 19, 2018.**

The schedule is as follows:

Arrive at Corpus Christi Parish prepared for the day and attend a special 6:30am Mass, then board the Perkiomen Tour Bus on the REC side of the church. **The bus will depart the church parking lot at 7:15 AM. Please be prompt.** Dress warmly, and bring a bag lunch, water and snacks. There is a restroom on the bus and we will make one brief restroom stop on I-95. We will be dropped off at Union Station and walk to the start of the March. **There will be approximately 2 to 3 miles of walking in total, where we will follow the CC Respect Life Banner and the K of C Banner.** We hope to arrive in time to hear some of the speeches. The March for Life begins about 1 PM. We will pray at the Supreme Court for an end to legalized abortion. We will board the bus for home at 4 PM. The sooner we leave Washington the better chance we will have of being able to stop to eat at the Maryland House on I-95. It is the first and largest stop for us to get some dinner. The cost for the trip is \$25 per adult. Students go for free, but they must be accompanied by an adult. After dinner we board the bus and hope to return to Corpus Christi by 9 PM.

Sign-ups start now. The sign-up board is in the Narthex of the church. Please pay in full to reserve your seat. Make checks payable to Corpus Christi Respect Life and send to Mary Ellen McCabe, 2136 Old Forde Way, Lansdale, PA 19446. (Home #215-368-1422). Checks may also be dropped off at the Parish Office in an envelope labeled Respect Life Bus Trip.

REMEMBER: Payment for your seat is transferable, but not refundable. A new bright yellow scarf will be given to everyone.

Please join us this year on our prayerful pilgrimage to save our unborn children.



Once again a big thank you to all who contributed gifts, certificates, cash, and their time and energy to our **Giving Tree**. Faithful elves sorted, packed, and delivered over 750 gifts to the children of Visitation Parish. Over \$7500 in certificates and cash were shared with those in need in our parish and the clients of the SSJ Welcome Center in Kensington. The Spirit of Christmas is truly alive in Corpus Christi.

There will be a box in the narthex during January for anyone who would like to recycle their Christmas cards for future use on our trees. Our supply is running low. As of next year, the Knights of Columbus Women's Auxiliary will be taking over this project. My undying gratitude goes out to all who have made this project such a success over the years. God bless you, everyone. Kate Motley

MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

Saturday,	January 6th
4:30 PM	James and Margaret Butler <i>by John and Peg Butler</i>
Sunday,	January 7th
7:00 AM	Kathleen Girgenti <i>by Mary Kathleen Boyle</i>
8:30	Joseph and Frances Montisano <i>by Rose Mullaly</i>
10:00	David Trimbur <i>by The Marino Family</i>
11:30	Glenn P. Fulcher <i>by The Fulcher Family</i>
6:00 PM	Kenneth Morgan, Sr. <i>by Ken and Marianne Morgan</i>
Monday,	January 8th
7:15 AM	Eda Nicolai <i>by Norman and Louise Mercurio</i>
Tuesday,	January 9th
7:15 AM	Ed Heller <i>by Paula Sarday</i>
Wednesday,	January 10th
7:15 AM	John Motley <i>by Kate Motley</i>
Thursday,	January 11th
7:15 AM	Guy Pete Brettle <i>by The McKnight Family</i>
Friday,	January 12th
7:15 AM	Ann Probert <i>by Shirley Walsh and Family</i>
Saturday,	January 13th
7:15 AM	Maxwell Zalesky <i>by Anthony and Cindy Zalesky</i>
4:30 PM	Dorothy and Edward Wilson <i>by Dot Gillespie</i>
Sunday,	January 14th
7:00 AM	Lillian Murray <i>by Ed and Mary Borkowski</i>
8:30	Joseph and Catherine Dougherty <i>by Joe and Diane Radvansky</i>
10:00	James O'Donnell <i>by Bob and Trish Keen</i>
11:30	Malak and Donnelly Families <i>by Jim and Maryellen Madden and Family</i>
6:00 PM	Anthony Vitalli <i>by Jeff and Betty Hassinger</i>



We pray for the deceased members, relatives and friends of our parish family, especially Barbara J. Thompson; Mary Lou Fox, wife of Joseph; Michael Andrejczak, father of Nancy Morrow.



Lord, those who die still live in Your presence, their lives change but do not end. We pray in hope for our families, relatives and friends, and for all the dead known to You alone.

THE EPIPHANY of THE LORD

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Target for Fiscal Year 2017-2018	\$1,716,000
Weekly Target for Fiscal Year 2017-18	\$ 33,000
Collection for December 30/31	not available at printing
Electronic Giving (148 participants) Jan. 20	\$ N/A
Over (Under) Target Week	\$ N/A
Over (Under) Target YTD Fiscal Week 27	\$ N/A
Facilities Improvement Accumulative	\$ 107,168
Total Envelopes Mailed	2,574
Total Envelopes Used	N/A
Balance Due on Mortgage	\$ 2,653,983

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 Isaiah speaks poetically of the coming of the Lord. He describes how "darkness covers the earth" but light and glory appear over God's chosen people.

Responsorial Psalm: PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13.
R. (cf. 11) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Paul tells the Ephesians that the Jews and Gentiles are now co-heirs of the promises God has made. He explains that both groups are now members of one body through Jesus Christ.



Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12 After Jesus' birth, three astrologers from the east came to Jerusalem and inquired about the newborn king of the Jews. King Herod became greatly angered, and asked the astrologers to bring him more information about the child once they had found Him, so that he too could pay homage to the infant. However, Herod's true plan was to kill Jesus. The wise men were warned in a dream not to return to him and they took a different route to return home.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

"You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit,...it was not made known to people in other generations as it now has been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel."

We hear the story of the visitors from the east, the magi, remember the three gifts and the guidance of the star. But St. Paul offers us something more for our consideration. God in His goodness has sent His Son, for the salvation of all people. Paul explained it clearly, as revealed now.

The 'now' in our time tells us the same awesome and meaningful message. We are

- 1) Coheirs, - something special is offered to us.
- 2) Members of the same body - we belong to the Lord and His church, a holy people and
- 3) copartners, called to do our part as Missionary Disciples.

These gifts have been given to us for our benefit, to be treasured and used for the building of His kingdom.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE of PHILADELPHIA



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



As you travel be sure to check the time of Masses at your destination.



Lansdale Catholic Shadow Program - LC's 8th Grade Shadow Program is now open for reservations. Please contact Mrs. Elaine Maginnis at 215-362-6160 x133 to set up a date for your 8th grader.



What Can I do?

The Bible commands us to help "the least of these, my brothers and sisters..." Matthew 25:45. In our culture of death, no doubt the "least of these our brothers and sisters" are the defenseless, innocent children in the womb who are so incredibly vulnerable. So, here are some ideas of what we can do to make a real difference:

- ◆ Join or Support the Respect Life Committee in your Parish
- ◆ Start or Support a Gabriel Project in Your Parish
- ◆ Meet with and write to your Legislators as a Constituent, Communicating the Catholic Church Position on Life Issues
- ◆ Support Local Pregnancy Centers by Donating Your Time, Talents, and Treasure
- ◆ Tell Others about Project Rachel, a Post- Abortion Reconciliation/Counseling
- ◆ Pray for Those Who Have Been Involved in an Abortion
- ◆ Pray for the Life of All, Particularly Giving Witness Outside Our Local Abortion Clinics

"From the first moment of existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person—among which is the inviolable right of every innocent human being to life."

-Catechism of the Catholic Church

"Everyday Mysticism"

All are welcome to attend the next GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) presentation at Saint Stanislaus: *"Everyday Mysticism – Seeing Christ in My Everyday Life"* on **Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 7 pm in the Saint Stanislaus Parish Center, the building located behind the Church at 51 Lansdale Avenue (corner of Lansdale and Main Streets [Route 63]) in Lansdale, PA 19446.** Our presenter is Father Thomas Whittingham, Pastor, St. Katharine Drexel Parish. He will share with us how opening our eyes to see that Jesus' own life is being lived out in the lives of everyone we meet each day can turn our "everyday" existence into a "mystical" experience. The talk is based on the life and writings of Caryll Houselander, using insights from some of her writings. There is no cost to attend, and registration is not required. Saint Stanislaus Parish: 215-855-3133.

Tired Of Worrying?

Are you tired of worrying? After struggling to overcome anxiety for many years, Gary Zimak has learned that Jesus Christ is the ultimate answer to winning the battle. Gary will be speaking on **Tuesday, January 16th at 7:00 pm in the Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Chapel.** All are welcome to attend. This talk, based on his best-selling books "A Worrier's Guide To The Bible" and "From Fear To Faith", Gary will share his step by step approach for moving from anxiety to peace!



Remain in My Love:
Archdiocese of Philadelphia Initiative
for the Renewal of Marriage and Family Life Visit the
Remain in My Love website at:
<http://archphila.org/remain>

Catholicism: Adult Faith Formation Program

Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish would like to invite you to join us in a journey around the world and deep into the Catholic faith. VIEW an award winning film series, JOIN in fellowship and refreshments, LEARN about Catholic teaching and tradition! Come and experience the Catholicism film series! This 10-part series will be split into two sessions. Session 1: Begins January 16th and runs for 4-weeks, and Session 2: Begins April 10th and runs for 6-weeks. Each session will be offered at 9:30 AM and 4:40 pm on Tuesdays, and 7:30 on Wednesday.

To enroll, please indicate which session(s) you plan to attend and send your name, phone number and email address along with a with a \$10 check (per person/per session) made payable to MMR, and mail to: MMR-Catholicism, 1325 Upper State Road, No. Wales, PA 19454. For more information, please contact Gary Zimak at garyzimak@mmredeemer.org or call 215-362-7400 ext 104.

Suburban Community Hospital Winter 2018 Tobacco Treatment Program

This free seven-session program is designed to give you the tools you need to feel successful through the quitting process. Sessions include understanding addiction, behavior change strategies, FDA medication options, coping with urges and stress, healthy lifestyle choices and relapse prevention. Session 1 – Wednesday, January 10; Session 2 – Wednesday, January 17; Session 3 – Wednesday, January 24; Session 4 – Wednesday, January 31; Session 5 – Wednesday, February 7; Session 6 – Wednesday, February 14; Session 7 – Wednesday, February 21. Programs are held from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Cancer Center Conference Room 2701 DeKalb Pike East Norriton, PA 19401. Registration Required. For more information call 610-270-8390.

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!



Is your marriage going down the right road ... or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? *Retrouvaille* can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you to learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and

Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. **The next program begins on the weekend of February 16 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.** Additional weekends will be in April and August. For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

TMIY-That Man Is You!

Saint Maria Goretti Parish, Hatfield www.stmariagoretti.net
TMIY is a morning program for men organized around a central theme each year and presented through the lens of 7 steps that make it simple for men to follow. Each morning session has three components: a social gathering over breakfast refreshments, a 30 minute DVD presentation, and opportunity for discussion. The program honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers, although single men benefit, as well. For more information or to register contact: Bill Wynne at TMIYSMG@gmail.com or 215-721-0199 (ext. 254). Wednesdays: Spring and Fall Semesters 6:00–7:30 AM OR Saturdays: Spring and Fall Semesters 7:00–8:30 AM
Saint Maria Goretti Parish Center: Lower Level

"Life should never be rejected through willful termination because with each conception, we know and believe that a child is given. Mother Teresa of Calcutta said, "See in the face of every child the face of the Bethlehem Child," and so we must."

Mary Dorothy Walsh in the magazine Family, December 1987



Bill Flear, Daniel MacDonald, Joanne McDonald, Maureen McGowan, Sara Welsh Krebs, Katelyn Bonner, James Donnelly, Kathy Donia, Annamarie Hutchinson, Joe Dwyer, Thomas Roy, Frank Griffith, Pat Mozi, Leonard Balk, Luca Paciente, James Herron, Sr., Mike McGonigle, Patricia Wright, Joseph Bintner, Robert Shea, James Stento, Antonio Jacinto, Michael Rafter, David Dawson, Mary Rexer, Lily Anna Rose Pagnotta, baby Benjamin Matthew Schuyler, W. Vincent Krout, Joseph Frett, Bertha Spahn, Brian Aquilante, Samuel Smith, Theresa Struble, Catherine Imms, Bernard Kunz, Jr., Thomas Roy.

**CLUB 50 NEWS AND TRAVEL
NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME**

January General Meeting – This meeting will be held on Thursday, January 11 at 11:30 in the A-B-C meeting rooms.

ALL MEETINGS FROM NOW ON WILL START AT 11:30! Lunch will be served for a nominal donation. Our speaker will be Joel Weintraub who will discuss Sleep, Memory, and Positive Attitude - Any questions, please 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).

Millennium Theater, Lancaster, PA Sight and Sound “Jesus” Tuesday, March 20, 2018 - \$107. Round trip motor coach transportation tax and tip for driver are included. Luncheon smorgasbord at Shady Maple restaurant (11:30AM), admission to Sight & Sound show spectacular “Jesus” at the Millennium theater (3:00PM). Payment due at sign-up, no refunds after the vendor is paid in full. Departs 9:30AM approximate return 7:45PM. *Call 215-368-0945 Peggy Butler, 1500 Berkley Way, Lansdale PA 19446 or 610-584-1366 Colette Kearns.

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

About Malvern Retreat House

Owned and operated by Catholic lay leadership since 1912, Malvern is the oldest and largest Catholic retreat house in the country - hosting 20,000 people annually at 250 retreats on 125 acres in beautiful Chester County, Pennsylvania. We invite you to come to Malvern to reflect, refresh and rejoice in your faith. To find an evening, weekday or weekend spiritual retreat that's right for you, call 610-644-0400 or visit us online at www.malvernretreat.com.

RESPECT LIFE NEWS CORNER

Recently the U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services (HHS) called for the public to submit comments regarding providing exemptions to the contraceptive, abortifacient (abortion inducing drugs such as hormonal birth control e.g. The Pill, IUD) and sterilization mandate for religious and moral objectors. They do not prevent disease or illness and can cause adverse health risks such as breast cancer. Rather, they impair the healthy, normal reproductive condition known as fertility! The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has repeatedly pointed to upholding the religious and moral objectors exemption required under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. This Act has been a longstanding tradition to protect conscience in this country. More information can be obtained at HLA, Human Life Action (info@nchla.org) and the November 21, 2017 letter written by United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB.org).

For more information call Ellie Hentschel 215-362-0160.

Pope Francis’s prayer intentions for January:
Evangelization: *Religious Minorities in Asia* That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

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 Chapel.* It is simple, pray at home or in church any method of prayer - just do it; just Adore Him!



Engaged Couples



Corpus Christi Pre Cana team is planning their next Pre-Cana session at the parish facilities the weekend of **February 24th and 25th 2018.** Engaged couples who are planning on getting married in the next 6 months and interested in our Pre-cana preparation program can contact us at ccprecanateam@gmail.com.



Volunteers needed to clean church some Saturday mornings. As much or as little work as you feel you can contribute. Volunteering takes as little as a half hour. **Please call Jeanne Linden-Fox at 215-513-0347.**

Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School, an independent, all-girls Catholic college preparatory school sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, has an opening for a **short-term substitute position in the history department from April 9 until June 9, 2017.** Courses to be taught are AP US History, Honors Topics in US History, Topics in US History, and Modern World History. Qualified applicants with teaching experience and a degree in history are asked to submit their resumes and PA clearances to Anne Casavecchia at acasavecchia@gmahs.org by January 13, 2018.

There's An App for That!

In the rising use of “apps” in our day to day life, for Catholics “there's an app for that!” Catholic Apptitude may be the one stop resource you have been looking for to find the most comprehensive list of the best Catholic apps in the marketplace in a variety of formats. Check out their website at <http://catholicapptitude.org/>, sign up for their emails and newsletters or check out some of the tabs for articles and resources.

Will you pray for vocations? Our Church desperately needs more priests and religious. Join thousands of Catholics by pledging to pray daily or weekly at www.invisiblemonastery.com

Why Pray?

- Reason #1** We need more priests and religious! The Church’s need for priests is growing. As priests die and retire, not enough men are being ordained to replace them. Meanwhile, the Catholic population is growing. This leads to painful parish closings, mergers, and over-worked priests. Likewise, the number of religious sisters has plummeted by nearly 70% in the past 50 years, which means fewer sisters in schools, hospitals, and other critical Catholic missions.
- Reason #2** We need the Eucharist “Considering that the Eucharist is the greatest gift our Lord gives to his Church, we must ask for priests since the priesthood is a gift for the Church. We must pray insistently for this gift. We must ask for it on our knees.” ~ Pope John Paul II
- Reason #3** Prayer is the “one thing necessary” “I often think that prayer is the one aspect of vocations work which we tend to forget or to undervalue.” – Pope Benedict XVI
- Reason #4** Prayer works! “If we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have obtained the requests made of Him.” ~ 1 John 5:14-15



Upcoming Events

The Guardians - Tuesday, February 6th- 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, January 9th- 9:30-11AM. The Moms' Café is a monthly group for women of all ages and all stages of motherhood. A typical meeting includes morning refreshments, prayer, and a discussion of selected topics and pertinent readings. Children are always welcome to accompany their mothers to the meetings. The Religious Ed Room is located inside Corpus Christi Church. Please use the doors on the far right side of our church to enter the room. This location also provides ramp access for strollers. Questions may be directed to Jess at jesswoehr@hotmail.com



The Bereavement Ministry of Corpus Christi believes in supporting family and friends who are walking through their journey of grief after the loss of a loved one. We will be offering quarterly Prayer Services in the Chapel followed by some light refreshments.

All are welcome!

- MMR offers monthly morning bereavement sessions on the second Thursday of the month from 10:00-11:30 AM in the Parish Conference Room. Please contact Mary Coakley at 215-646-4192
- St. Stanislaus offers monthly evening bereavement session on the second Thursday of the month from 7:00 -8:30 PM in the Parish Center. Please contact Jennifer Breen at 215-699-0803
- St. Rose Bereavement Group is held on third Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Father Murphy room. As always, all those who are mourning the loss of a loved one are welcome. Please contact Larry Hill at 215-540-0650
- St. Alphonsus offers one-day grief workshops just prior to the holidays on Sunday afternoons. For more information or to register, please contact Dolores Urban at 215-646-8556 or check out their website.

<http://www.urbanfuneralhome.com/2017-holiday-grief-works-hops/>
<http://www.urbanfuneralhome.com/staying-healthy-grief-loss/>



Corpus Christi Parish Bingo

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY "45" YEARS

Every Tuesday, 50 weeks a year, now in our 45th year!!! Check website *Organizations* for further details! www.corpuschristilansdale.org

Come play or come volunteer your time and help us in the largest fundraiser which supports our parish church and school! For Complete Information Call Laurie Ponticello – 610-584-5694 or email geraldponticello@comcast.net

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION



The monthly food collection for local food cupboards takes place next weekend, **January 13th and 14th**, after all the Masses. Please leave your donations of non-perishable goods in the room next to the restrooms in the back of church. This room is open after all the masses each weekend. Thank you for your participation!

St. Charles Seminary



We are in the 12th week for the 2017-18 Appeal and Corpus Christi has reached **\$28,145** with **233** donors as of December 21st. If you have not as yet made a contribution you may do so by visiting <http://stcharlesseminaryappeal.org/#>. Thank you for helping to support the formation and education of our future priests, deacons and lay faithful.

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!

YEAR END TAX STATEMENTS



This year, in a continuing attempt 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!**



2017 GIVING HOPE to All: 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. As of December 21st Corpus Christi with **712** contributors is at **\$131,926**, **86%** of our \$152,684 goal for 2017.

AFFINITY PROGRAM If you do your banking at TD Bank, and are a member of Corpus Christi, you can help raise money for your parish. Through the bank's Affinity Program, they will make a donation to our parish based on the number of accounts participating in the program. For further details or to participate in this program, call TD Bank at 215-412-4159 and ask for Barbara, or email her at barbara.peacher@td.com.

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.

CASSEROLE PROJECT

PLEASE BE SURE TO MARK THE CONTENTS AND DATE YOUR CASSEROLE WAS PREPARED ON THE COVER OF THE CASSEROLE.

Casseroles for St John's Hospice will be picked up Thursday, January 11th. Pick-up day is always the second Thursday of the month. Each day St. John's provides between 500 and 700 meals to the homeless. Won't you help with this project by taking a pan and filling it with a recipe of your choice? The recipe should have a meat, poultry, or fish base. Please use only the pans that are provided by St John's and are available on the tables with the burgundy covers in the narthex of the church. They are also available in the gray garage next to the freezers. Do not overfill the pans. **Please bring your solidly frozen casseroles to the three-bay gray garage near the convent by Wednesday, January 10th.** The truck has been arriving very early on the second Thursday. Be sure that the freezers are turned on before leaving your casserole. If you have any questions about this project, please call Kay Smerke, (215) 855-1783.

Youth News

High School Youth Group

Check out our Youth Group table in the Narthex, visit us on Facebook at Corpus Christi Youth Minister **LIFETEEN CALENDAR: For details regarding each week's activities, visit the all new and fresh Corpus Christi youth group website at: <http://corpuschristiyouthgroup.weebly.com/>** check out the Promo Video!!!
Contact Danielle at: corpus.ym@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP

On Saturday March 24, 2018 The Knights of Columbus invite you on a bus trip to see the show **"Jesus - Live On Stage,"** a Broadway-quality musical at the Millennium Sights and Sounds Theater. Tickets are \$135/adult, and \$85/child 12 years and under. Price includes bus transportation from Corpus Christi, dinner at Shady Maple Smorgasbord, and the show ticket. Bus leaves at 2:30pm, return is expected around 11pm. Proceeds benefit Corpus Christi Youth Ministry. Please contact the youth minister at corpus.ym@gmail.com for questions and details.

Sign Ups are happening right now for two of our three summer trips! Contact the youth minister at corpus.ym@gmail.com for details.

Steubenville Youth Conference
June 22-24, 2018
Franciscan University of Steubenville
Total Cost: \$325
Only 7 spots remain

Catholic Heart Work Camp
July 22-27, 2018
North Haledon, NJ
Total Cost: \$360
Beach Retreat Details To Be Announced!

CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL NEWS



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC SCHOOL
~ a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence ~
WELCOMES YOU



Corpus Christi Catholic School (CCS), A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, is dedicated to fostering academics as well as spiritual excellence, as we acknowledge the individuality of each student and strive to prepare them to develop their own unique gifts and talents through worship, study and service.

Come visit us and see what we have to offer your child and family.

If you have questions about the many educational options we offer in our preschool programs and/or grades K through 8th, or are interested in a private tour or a **"Shadow Day" for students in grades K-8th, please call the school office at 215-368-0582 and ask to speak with Mrs. Barb Casee.** We look forward to meeting you.

SCRIP CORNER

Weeeeere Baaaack!

The SCRIP Office (located in the school gym) is open 9AM - 12:30PM every day that school is in session, plus 5:30PM - 7PM every Monday that REC is in session. Phone: 215-362-0104; E-mail: cc.scrip@yahoo.com; Order form: www.ccslansdale.org. Contact: Erin Miller (215) 362-0104

Thank you for using SCRIP to support Corpus Christi!

CYO News:

Beef & Beer – Beef & Beer & Karaoke Feb 3rd– Mark your calendars for **Feb 3rd for our Annual CYO Beef & Beer.** Featuring live music and live Karaoke. You can order tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/corpus-christi-cyo-beef-beer-tickets-40750819799>. If you are interested in helping, contact cc-cyo@verizon.net.

High School Students – High School students can register to be Student Coaches on our grade school CYO basketball teams (K to 8th grade). For those high school students interested, register selecting "Student Coach" at the link below or send an email to cc-cyo@verizon.net. Registration is free and completion of the season will qualify for high school service hours. This program is a great way for high school students to develop leadership skills while serving the community and staying involved with parish life.

Cheerleading Helpers, Assistants and Coaches Needed – We are looking for some more helpers, assistants and coaches as we grow our Cheerleading program. Even if you can only help one night a week, we need you! Please contact Amy Lendzinski (alendzinski@gmail.com) or Christine Roach (tigerss@verizon.net) with any questions.

Volunteers Needed – Coaches, Assistants, Managers – Our CYO program has grown significantly over the last few years and we need more volunteers for all of our sports (Volleyball, Cross Country, Cheerleading, Soccer, Swim Team, Basketball, Softball, Baseball, and Track). If you have experience in any of these sports please contact us at cc-cyo@verizon.net.

Swim Team Registration is Still Open

- Open for Basketball, Swim Team and Cheerleading at <https://corpus-christi-cyo.siplay.com/site/>
- Additional information for each sport is available at <https://corpuscyo.wordpress.com/>.

****New Sport** Field Hockey** – We are looking to start a Field Hockey program at Corpus Christi. We are planning a clinic this Spring and would like to have JV and Varsity teams for Fall 2018. If you would like to help coach and/or organize please email cc-cyo@verizon.net.

CYO Positions Open – Girls/Coed Athletic Director (2018/19), Service Project Coordinator, Sports Banquet Chairmen, Christmas Tournament Chairmen, IM Basketball Manager, Mini Soccer Manager, Cheerleading Coaches – if interested email cc-cyo@verizon.net

METANOIA ~ YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Metanoia is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County, PA. The group supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. Our ministry includes: Theology on Tap, faith based meetings, community service, retreats, and outdoor events. We meet on Tuesdays at 7:30pm unless otherwise noted. Our upcoming events are listed below, contact metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com for more information.

January 2018

Tuesday, January 9: Bible Study @ St. Rose of Lima, North Wales

Tuesday, January 16: Theology on Tap @ Appalachian Brewing Co., Collegeville; Doors open at 7:00pm, Talk Starts at 7:30pm

Tuesday, January 23: Holy Hour @ Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales

For more details, check us out on Facebook (www.facebook.com/groups/MetanoiaYoungAdults) Or visit our website at www.metanoiayoungadults.weebly.com. You can also reach us via email at metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com

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

Week of 01/07 Team #1: Mary Medoff at 215-412-2263
Week of 01/14 Team #2: Jessica Woehr at 215-260-2143
 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 15th, February 19th.**

REQUIREMENTS FOR GODPARENTS

- must be a registered, practicing 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 almost EVERY SUNDAY.**

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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 **3:30 PM 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



7:45 AM TO 6:30PM Eucharistic Adoration is scheduled every **Wednesday from 7:45AM 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.

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. The next pre-cana session is October 28-29, 2016. Please contact johnmcgowan3@gmail.com for more information.

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 267-297-7971.

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.**

The Sacrament of Baptism

We wish to extend a warm welcome to the newest members of our parish community. Our congratulations and best wishes go out to all the families.



December 2017

- Matthew Philip Ballard, son of Lynn and Christopher
- James Leonard McShea, son of Amanda and Christopher
- Cambria Reese Mizdail, daughter of Amanda and James
- Ava Marie Votta, daughter of Leanne
- Brian Francis Augustine, son of Erin and Dennis
- Aubrey Taylor Houston, daughter of Christina and Francis