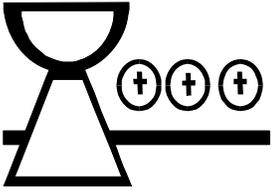


The Epiphany of the Lord



*~ Corpus Christi Parish ~
Upper Gwynedd, Pennsylvania
January 8, 2017*



**CORPUS
CHRISTI
PARISH**

PASTOR

Reverend Monsignor Thomas P. Flanigan, Ed.D.

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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

Dear Parishioners,

The Epiphany we celebrate today is the manifestation of Christ to the wise men as representatives of the Gentiles. We could, however, consider other epiphanies in the life of our Lord, such as His encounter with the shepherds during the holy night, His meeting in the temple with Simeon and Anna the prophetess, the events of His baptism at the river Jordan, the moving scene on Mount Tabor, the apparition of the risen Christ to His apostles in the Upper Room, and the very solemn scene on Mount Olivet at His Ascension.



It is important that we celebrate the encounter of Christ with the Magi and His other self-revelations. We should meditate and reflect upon these great events in the Lord's life and in the history of salvation. They should move us, inspire us, and warm our hearts. But all of this will remain on the level of theory and passing emotion unless we find an application of it to our own spiritual life. One such application could be stated: *Epiphany to us and through us.*

Christ shows Himself to each and every one of us. He approaches us in His word and sacrament. Every time we read the gospel or any other book of the New Testament we stand before the great Teacher and listen to His word. He tells us all about Himself and His particular life-style. He tells us all about his Father and the divine plans of salvation. As we continue reading, meditating, and reflecting on His gospel we come to know Him better and to be inspired by Him more and more.

Christ manifests Himself in the sacraments, especially reconciliation and the Eucharist. When we celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation, we encounter the divine Physician. It is the same great Healer Who made the blind see, the deaf hear, the mute talk, and the lame walk. It is the same One who said to the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven," and to the good thief, "Today you will be with Me in paradise."

The most glorious manifestation of Christ to us takes place at the moment of Communion. He comes into our hearts, and we can rest on His bosom as did the disciple whom Jesus loved.

In all these manifestations of Christ in word and sacrament the important thing is that we have the proper attitude, that we sit at the feet of the great Teacher as Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus did, that we approach the divine Healer of souls as the prodigal son did, that we approach His sacred banquet with humble and pure hearts.

It is not enough to allow Christ to manifest Himself to us. We will also have to become a manifestation of Christ, an epiphany to others. Every Christian must make our Lord known to those who know Him not. Every Christian must help those whose acquaintance with Christ is casual and superficial to deepen their knowledge and understanding of Him. Every Christian must take those by the hand who are distant from Christ and lead them closer to Him. Thus we will become mirrors in which others can see Christ and come to like what they see. Our works thus become an epiphany of Christ.

An epiphany of Christ more effective than our words would be our deeds, our whole life-style. "Let your light shine before men," says the Lord in the Sermon on the Mount. As the star attracted the attention of the wise men of the East and led them to Bethlehem, so could the light of our Christian way of life call the attention of people to Christ and lead them to Him.

This was the intention of Blessed John XXIII when he called the Second Vatican Council. The Church must reform herself and shine as a city built on a mountaintop. All who would see the beauty of this city would be attracted to it. This was the dream of Pope John XXIII. Let it be our dream motivating our spiritual growth and development.

Let our whole life be an epiphany of Christ to us and to others through us.

God bless you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Msgr. Tom Flanigan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

You can find the "Blessing of the Home and Household on Epiphany" on the US Catholic Bishops website at: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/sacramentals-blessings/objects/blessing-of-the-home-and-household-on-epiphany.cfm> or <http://tinyurl.com/zpkx6lb>.



Once again the people of Corpus Christi opened their hearts and made Christmas possible for many in our sister parish Visitation BVM and the SSJ Welcome Center. Seven hundred gifts were delivered to the Visitation School and REC Program. Over seven thousand dollars in gift cards were sent to the Welcome Center. Thank you for your on going generosity. Thank you to Club 50 and the Youth Group for their help in preparing the tags for the trees. A very special thanks to the volunteers who went above and beyond this year to make this project a success. God bless you all.

MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

Saturday,	January 7th
	Vigil The Epiphany of the Lord
4:30 PM	James and Margaret Butler <i>by John and Peggy Butler</i>
Sunday,	January 8th-The Epiphany of the Lord
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 Bogotuik <i>by Dagmar McKnight</i>
Monday,	January 9th
7:15 AM	Intentions of the Gallagher Family <i>by Beth Lentz</i>
Tuesday,	January 10th
7:15 AM	John Donnelly, Sr. <i>by Alicia Brucker</i>
Wednesday,	January 11th
7:15 AM	John Dwyer <i>by George and Jane Hartman</i>
Thursday,	January 12th
7:15 AM	Catherine Gavaghan <i>by Dan and Dee Ungvarsky</i>
Friday,	January 13th
7:15 AM	Maxwell Zalesky <i>by Anthony and Cindy Zalesky</i>
Saturday,	January 14th
7:15 AM	Ellie Gido <i>by Dan and Dee Ungvarsky</i>
4:30 PM	Stephen Condra <i>by The Condra Family</i>
Sunday,	January 15th
7:00 AM	Barbara Bogotuik <i>by Charity McNeill</i>
8:30	Dorothy and Edward Wilson <i>by Dot Gillespie</i>
10:00	Carol DeRose <i>by Dave and Kiersten Hafer</i>
11:30	Ann Pierantozzi <i>by Cathy Mandracchia</i>
6:00 PM	Timothy J. Shannon <i>by The Peterson Family</i>



We pray for the deceased members, relatives and friends of our parish family, especially Patricia Orlowski, sister of Marcie Mancuso; Donald Faber, brother of Kathy O'Brien; Sean Walsh, husband of Beth, father of Mary, Megan, Brigid and Sean Patrick.



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

THE EPIPHANY of the LORD

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Target for Fiscal Year 2016-2017	\$1,560,000
<i>Weekly Target for Fiscal Year 2016-17</i>	\$ 30,000
Collection for December 24/25	\$ 21,307
Christmas December 25	\$ 85,866
Electronic Giving (107 participants) Jan. 20	\$ N/A
Over (Under) Target Week	\$ 77,173
Over (Under) Target Yr Fiscal Week 26	\$ 18,281
Facilities Improvement Year To Date Through December 25th	\$ 37,624
Total Envelopes Mailed	3,909
Total Envelopes Used (December 25)	993
Balance Due on Mortgage	\$ 2,733,376

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 Jerusalem is extolled as a place of glory and splendor because the Lord has come to His own city.

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 his special mission is to make the Gentiles co-heirs with the Jews in Christ — “members of the same body and sharers of the promise.”



Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12 Herod learns that Wise Men from the East are searching for the newly born Christ Child. He instructs them to find the Child and to report His whereabouts to him. The Wise Men follow a star to the place where Mary and Jesus are and offer the Child gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They do not return to Herod but follow another route to their own country.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

“I am sure you have heard of the ministry God in His goodness gave me in your regard. God’s secret plan, as I have briefly described it, was revealed to me, unknown to men in former ages but now revealed by the Spirit to the holy apostles and prophets. It is no less than this: in Christ Jesus the Gentiles are co-heirs with the Jews, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise through the preaching of the gospel.”

While we recall the visit of the Magi, detailing facts of a star, gifts and a hateful king, the real meaning for us is given by St. Paul. We learn three things today, we are: 1) co-heirs, 2) members, 3) sharers.

An heir receives a benefit, members gain the status of belonging and sharers enjoy a common life. This details who and what we are as ‘missionary disciples.’

It was not always so. The visitors from the orient represent all who believe and follow today. Jesus is the Savior of the world, of Christians, Jews, Muslims, all humankind. With reverence they brought gifts, symbolic yet real. We bring the gift of self, offering our gratitude for His coming, our desire to follow Him more closely. Like the Magi, we go to our streets and neighborhood, our barrio and homes, willing to bring our experience of Christ’s presence to others.

**Did you discover the Christ this Christmas?
Be the star to reveal Him to others.**



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?

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE of PHILADELPHIA

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.

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.*

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.

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!



Upcoming Events **The Guardians - Tuesday, February 7th- 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, February 7th- 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

Work of Christmas Begins

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with the flocks,
then the work of Christmas begins:



to find the lost,
to heal those broken in spirit,
to feed the hungry,
to release the oppressed,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among all peoples,
to make a little music with the heart...

And to radiate the Light of Christ, every day,
in every way, in all that we do and in all that we say.
Then the work of Christmas begins.

-- Howard Thurman, adapted

**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)



****Southern Caribbean Cruise-** Royal Caribbean's Grandeur of the Seas, Monday, February 13, 2017 to Saturday February 25, 2017. For any questions please call 215-513-1026, Alex and Betty Korsch, 1307 Brittany Point, Lansdale PA 19446.

****Orientation meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 1:00PM in the Parish Center Office, conference rooms B&C.**

Doolan's Spring Lake, NJ - Thursday, March 16, 2017

St. Patrick's Fest, cost \$92. Round trip motor coach transportation tax and tip included. Sit-down lunch and St. Patrick's Fest- From Ireland to America. This traditional show stars Irish Tenor Mike Byrne and the famous Green Derby Show Band. The menu includes 1. Corned Beef & Cabbage, 2. Half Roast Chicken, 3. Herbal Salmon. Departs 9AM return, approximately 5:30. *Call 610-584-1366 Colette Kearns, 807 McIntosh Way, Lansdale, PA 19446.



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, 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."**



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!

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, Annamarie Hutchinson, Samuel Smith, Joe Dwyer, Jim Thompson, Thomas Roy, Peter Schumacher, Frank Griffith, Mary Hanisco, Pat Mozi, Leonard Balk, Luca Paciente, 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, Susan Kennedy.



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.

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!

CASSEROLE PROJECT

Please Be Sure to Mark the Contents and Date Your Casserole Was Prepared on the Cover of the Casserole and to Sign the Sign-up Sheet on the Door of the Big Freezer.



Casseroles for St John's Hospice will be picked up Thursday, January 12th. 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 11th.** The truck has been arriving very early on the second Thursday. If you have any questions about this project, please call Kay Smerke, (215) 855-1783.



MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

The monthly food collection for local food cupboards takes place this weekend, January 7/8, 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.

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.wmme-philly.org. You can also contact Al and Mary Liz Heumann at Applications@wmme-philly.org or call 610-449-1859.

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!



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.

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

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 and events please visit

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 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://corpusecyo.wordpress.com/>.

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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 \$121,242, **87%** 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!

From Mrs. Jeyasingh in the Computer Lab: Earlier in December was Computer Science Education Week. Corpus Christi School participated in an Hour of Code which is a global movement reaching tens of millions of students in 180+ countries. All students who had computer lab learned the basics of computer science through age appropriate tutorials provided in Mrs. Jeyasingh's website. Students learned to write a list of steps to solve a problem and debug their code if there is a bug in their program. All classes who missed an hour of code were given an opportunity to participate by the end of December. As Susan Wojcicki, the CEO of YouTube said in part "If you can create technology, you can change the world."



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

e-mail: cc.scrip@yahoo.com; on the web: www.cclsansdale.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

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>

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 1/08 Team #6: Sue Bones at 215-631-9526
Week of 1/15 Team #7: Mary Medoff at 215-412-2263

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, 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. (For more information, please call 215-855-1311).

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 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.**

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 2016

Ellie Anna O'Leary, daughter of Casey and John
 Connor James Schilling, son of Alanna and Patrick
 Logan Patrick Schilling, son of Alanna and Patrick