

Corpus Christi Parish

UPPER GWYNEDD, PENNSYLVANIA

- www.corpuschristilansdale.org -

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 15, 2017**



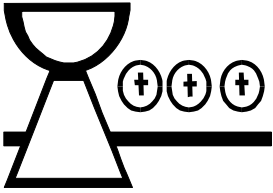
Mission Statement for the Parish of Corpus Christi

We, the people of Corpus Christi, are blessed to be called the "Body of Christ". May we always strive to fulfill His teaching in how we live our lives. We envision our Parish Mission as promoting and improving the community of God by proclaiming the Good News through:

- ✘ *Participating actively in the liturgy and sacraments;*
- ✘ *Living the Gospel message and practicing conversion in our daily lives;*
- ✘ *Welcoming and nourishing new and inactive members, as well as educating all groups;*
- ✘ *Practicing respect for all life: the unborn, youth, aged, sick, disabled, poor and needy;*
- ✘ *Evangelizing and promoting social justice and harmony among all peoples.*



MAY GOD BLESS US AND BE WITH US AS WE GO FORTH TO FULFILL OUR PARISH MISSION.



**CORPUS
CHRISTI
PARISH**

PASTOR

Reverend Monsignor Thomas P. Flanigan, Ed.D.

PAROCHIAL VICARS

Reverend Albert J. Santorsola

Reverend Shaji Silva

PERMANENT DEACONS

Deacon Francis E. Langsdorf

Deacon William W. Evans

Deacon Steve Currie

PARISH STAFF

Edd Murphy

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McCaffrey, SSJ

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Trish Keen

Danielle Gallo

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Minister

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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: Steve Finley 267-648-0027

Finance Com: Rev. Msgr. Thomas Flanigan 215-855-1311

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

In every American courtroom, from traffic court to the Supreme Court, the role of a witness is of primary importance. Investigation and scrutiny of each witness' words and gestures can add to the drama of the courtroom. The innocence or guilt of the person on trial can hang in the balance of what a witness says. They are asked to swear to the truth by placing their hand on a Bible and invoking God's name to bear witness to the truth.

In St. John's time, the word "witness" signified one who gave testimony to the truth, often at the expense of one's life. To give witness to someone or something was a very serious matter. The laws from Deuteronomy required that at an execution, the witnesses were to be the first to raise their hands against the criminal. Anyone who gave false witness was condemned to suffer the same fate as the accused would have suffered.



In today's gospel, we hear John's testimony. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, he proclaims with conviction that Jesus is the Lamb of God and God's Chosen one. This is not the first time John has acknowledged Jesus as Lord. In the gospel of Luke John leapt in his mother's womb at Elizabeth's greeting of Mary. It was then that Elizabeth, too, was filled with the Holy Spirit and knew Mary to be the mother of the Lord. It was through the workings of the Holy Spirit that they were able to know and acknowledge the divine nature of Jesus.

John the Baptist ultimately fulfilled the definition of "witness" when he spoke against Herod, who was living with his own brother's wife. When John spoke the truth to Herod, he was imprisoned and beheaded, thus silencing his witness against Herod forever. Most of the apostles were led to the ultimate destiny of those who witness to the truth when the truth does not want to be heard by those in power. Traditionally, we believe that all the apostles except the Apostle John were martyred because of the testimony they gave to Jesus' resurrection, ascension, and anticipated return.

Of course, we must ask ourselves the question: How well are we doing as Christ's "witnesses"? Do we seek the truth in order to understand and speak it? Do we pray to have knowledge of God's way and the courage to live it out day-to-day? Do we invoke the Holy Spirit to give us wisdom when we have the opportunity to witness to the power of God in our lives?

We can each be a living witness today, tomorrow, next week. It is the same Spirit who enlightened John who now enlightens us. It is the same Spirit he received who comes to us in Baptism and Confirmation. It is the same Spirit who enabled John to face death and who will enable us to face whatever resistance may come our way. With the Baptist, we, too, declare that Jesus is Lord.

God bless you,



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

SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

- Saturday, January 14th**
Stephen Condra
by *The Condra Family*
- Sunday, January 15th**
7:00 AM Barbara Bogotuiik
by *Charity McNeill*
8:30 Dorothy and Edward Wilson
by *Dot Gillespie*
10:00 Carol DeRose
by *Dave and Kiersten Hafer*
11:30 Ann Pierantozzi
by *Cathy Mandracchia*
6:00 PM Timothy J. Shannon
by *The Peterson Family*
- Monday, January 16th**
7:15 AM Margaret Pagnotta
by *George and Donna Frisch*
- Tuesday, January 17th**
7:15 AM Monica Casciano
by *Ellen Derr*
- Wednesday, January 18th**
7:15 AM Matthew Stinger
by *Anthony Rosato*
- Thursday, January 19th**
7:15 AM Nancy Del Carlino
by *The Roberts Family*
- Friday, January 20th**
7:15 AM Katherine Gansz
by *Steve and Joanne McDonald*
- Saturday, January 21st**
7:15 AM Daniel Rizzo
by *Carmen and Susan Rizzo*
4:30 PM John V. Gottschall
by *Maryann Ferraro and Family*
- Sunday, January 22nd**
7:00 AM Robert Gennaro
by *Joe and Janet DePolo*
8:30 Eda Nicolas
by *Norm and Louise Mercurio*
10:00 Margaret Hodges
by *Rose Blaney*
11:30 Rita Ferris
by *Elaine Koza*
6:00 PM Jeff Feulner
by *The Richards Family*



We pray for the deceased members, relatives and friends of our parish family, especially Jackie Gallo, grandmother of Danielle



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 January 7/8	\$ 26,467
Electronic Giving (109 participants) Jan. 20	\$ N/A
*Over (Under) Target Week	\$ (3,533)
Over (Under) Target YTD Fiscal Week 28	\$ 16,422
Facilities Improvement Year To Date Through January 8th	\$ 38,187
Total Envelopes Mailed	2,525
Total Envelopes Used (January 8)	769
Balance Due on Mortgage	\$ 2,723,327

*Please note that the Target Week last week was incorrect. The totals shown above have been adjusted to reflect the correct amounts.

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 This reading is a short passage from the second song of the Servant of the Lord. The Lord will show His glory through His servant whose mission is to restore Israel and bring salvation "to the ends of the earth."

Responsorial Psalm: PS 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

R. (8a and 9a) Here am I, Lord; I come to do Your will.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 Paul sends greetings to the people of Corinth, who have been called to be holy and consecrated in Christ.



Gospel: John 1:29-34 When Jesus visits John, John recognizes Jesus as the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." John further indicates that Jesus is truly the Messiah and "God's chosen One."

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

"But as I say, I did not recognize Him. The One who sent me to baptize with water told me: 'When you see the Spirit descend and rest on someone, it is He who is to baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen for myself, and have testified, 'This is God's chosen One.'

A logo or trademark makes it easy to recognize a product. The sari of St. Teresa of Calcutta or the gentle smile of Pope Francis leave no doubt of whom we speak. A familiar melody or words from the scripture often bring joy to our ears. They stay with us. When the Baptist said he did not at first recognize the Christ until another sign was offered, he kept on looking. I ask myself, where can I recognize Christ today? How can I discover Him? The saint of Calcutta found Him in the poor and abandoned. The Holy Father tells us He is out on the streets, in the poor, homeless and needy. Where do I look?

Many young people give of themselves as Jesuit Volunteers, builders for Habitat for Humanity, Big Brothers and Sisters for our youth. These serve a dual role – they discover Christ and bring Him as well. It is kind of like a smile – something I give away and hold on to at the same time.

May others recognize the Christ in me.


AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE of PHILADELPHIA



MOM –
Heart of the Home
For, By, and About Mothers

Registration is OPEN for our 23rd Annual **MOM-Heart of the Home Day of Renewal** March 18, 2017 • 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Sts. Simon and Jude Meehan Center, West Chester. Calling moms of all ages and types: new moms, seasoned moms, grandmothers, step-mothers. Even if you're not a mom, you are still welcome! Start your Lenten season by replenishing your spirit. Come listen to two amazing, inspirational morning and afternoon speakers Lisa Mladinich and Eleanor Farzetta. See our registration form for all details at www.mom-heartofthehome.org/events.html or call Deb MacKenzie (484-798-7368 dmackenzie@schubert2b.com).

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.*

Mount Saint Joseph Academy

The Mount, a Catholic College Preparatory School for girls, invites all interested 7th grade girls to register for The Pre-HSPT to be given on Saturday, March 25, 2017 from 8:00AM– 11:30AM. The Pre-HSPT is a 7th grade edition of the actual Scholarship/Entrance Exam given to eighth grade applicants. Registration is available online only. Register at: www.msacad.org/practicetest. You will receive registration confirmation via email.

Discernment Retreat **January 20 to January 22** **Friday (6PM) to Sunday (1PM)** **Villa Maria House of Studies**

Young women (18-35) are invited to join us for this retreat which focuses on the IHM Charism and the importance of listening to God's call and discovering the many ways that God speaks to us. Time will be included for personal and communal prayer as well as the opportunity to interact with the sisters in Formation. (Contact: ihmvoc@aol.com or 610-889-1553)

Great News! **Plenary Indulgence for the Fatima Centennial Year.** In addition, we are thrilled to share with you that Pope Francis has granted a Plenary Indulgence opportunity for the Centennial Year of Our Lady of Fatima. To read more about how the indulgence may be obtained and to see how else to celebrate the Fatima anniversary, visit our Archdiocesan Fatima Centennial webpage: www.archphila.org/fatima.

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!

The Bible and the Virgin Mary **Wednesday, January 18, 2017**

Launch of the free faith formation series: Join Catholics throughout the Archdiocese in a journey closer to Mary, the Mother of Jesus, by participating in the free weekly study series that you can stream to your mobile device for personal or group study. Videos are released weekly beginning January 18. Location: Your mobile device, computer, a friend's house or a parish group! Visit <http://www.bibleandthevirginmary.com/philadelphia> for sign up and more info! Find the schedule of videos here: <http://tinyurl.com/hzw97b9>

MOTHER BONIFACE SPIRITUALITY CENTER, 3501 Solly Avenue in Northeast Philadelphia is offering the following program:

WOMEN'S RETREAT on February 17-19, 2017. Anne Trufant, wife, mother, recording artist and dynamic, faith-filled retreat presenter will lead this weekend retreat. Hearts on Fire! What happens when heaven invades earth? Are you looking for more? Have you ever read Scriptures or heard testimonies that talk about knowing Jesus in a way that you have longed for? Many think the signs and wonders of the early church no longer exist. Come join us as we unpack that first Pentecost morning, and journey with the apostles, as we encounter that same power and presence of the risen Jesus who is still changing lives today. "The Kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power!" (1 Cor. 4:20); Fee: \$170 (includes a \$40 non-refundable deposit) Please call 267-350-1830 for more information or to register by February 7, 2017.



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

Save the Date



CORPUS CHRISTI BINGO PRESENTS: BRUNCH & BINGO

Saturday, April 1, 2017

Doors Open: 8:30a.m. Bingo Starts: Noon
 Admission \$20.00 - Includes Brunch & Bingo
 Cash Prizes

For Advanced Sales and Table Reservations Call:
 LAURIE PONTICELLO
 1-610-584-5694
 email: geraldponticello@comcast.net

Join Us for a Fun Filled Afternoon and Most of All

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING
 CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH AND SCHOOL**

**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!



- Name as it appears on your weekly envelopes:

- Address if different than what is on your weekly envelopes:

- Envelope number: _____

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

**CLUB 50 NEWS AND TRAVEL
 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."**



The month of January is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. After the Blessed Virgin Mary conceived her Child by the Holy Spirit, the angel Gabriel appeared to St. Joseph and instructed him that the Child's name should be called Jesus, meaning "God Saves". According to Jewish law, on the 8th day after his birth, a male child was circumcised, received his name, and became a full member of God's covenant people. According to the old Roman liturgical calendar, the Feast of the Circumcision of Jesus was celebrated on January 1st, eight days after Christmas, the same day that he was given his sacred name. Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Mother of God on January 1st and honor the Holy Name of Jesus on January 3rd. For Catholics, Jesus' sacred name is the object of a special devotion symbolized by the monogram "IHS", (sometimes called a Christogram), which is the first three letters of the Greek spelling of Jesus' name.

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>

Chance of a Lifetime (COAL) - The Knights of Columbus thank our parishioners who supported this year's Sweepstakes. Free breakfast winners from supporters who bought full booklets of tickets: Beth Lentz, Barbara Gilmartin, Maureen Bucci, Gerrie Horan, Brian Matylewicz. The COAL state winner sheets are available at the K of C display in the Narthex.

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!

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 \$126,497, **91%** of our \$138,803 goal!



Corpus Christi Bingo is celebrating 43 years of operation in our Parish! We are blessed to have a dedicated team of volunteers, headed by Laurie Ponticello, who run the Bingo each and every Tuesday night in the smoke-free gym.

DOORS OPEN AT 4:00PM ~ BINGO STARTS AT 6:30 PM.

The benefit to our parish, school and religious education program is enormous by way of financial support. Please consider coming together with family or friends to enjoy a night of fun and play. Who knows? You may walk away a winner!! Definitely our Parish will be a winner, but it takes YOU to be there!!

For questions: 610-584-5694 Laurie Ponticello or
EMAIL: geraldponticello@comcast.net

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 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

Saturday, February 4: *Metanoia's 5th Birthday Party* and Mass @ Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales; Vigil Mass at 5:15pm, Party Starts at 6:30pm

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

Tuesday, February 21: Theology on Tap @ Appalachian Brewing Co., Collegeville; Doors open at 7:00pm, Talk Starts at 7:30pm; Speaker – Fr. Tom Whittingham

Tuesday, February 28: Holy Hour @ Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales; 7:30pm

SCRIP CORNER

CORPUS CHRISTI SCRIP PROGRAM

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

Girl Scout Cookies will be for sale after all masses the weekends of 1/21-22 and 1/29-30. Still \$4 a box. Donations welcome in any dollar amount to send cookies to our military serving overseas. Need cookies and missed us at mass, contact Jessica Herr at jessicaherr@comcast.net.



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.

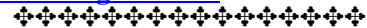
Come visit us and see what we have to offer your child and family. **CCS is hosting an Open House on Sunday, January 29, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** There will be representatives from the school and student ambassadors available to show you around and answer your questions. Please mark your calendar.

If you are unable to visit us on this date, and 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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF 2017 FIRST COMMUNICANTS

The First Communion meeting scheduled for Monday, January 23, 2017 is cancelled. Important information packets will be sent home with your child on Monday, January 23rd either during the school day or during your child's REC session. Please review the packet, select your mass time, complete the forms and promptly return the paperwork to either the school office or REC office. If you have any questions pertaining to this or any other REC questions, please contact us at the new REC email address which is CorpusChristiREC@gmail.com.



CYO News Spring Sports and March Madness registration is open now at <https://corpus-christi-cyo.siplay.com/site/> and will close on Feb 28th.

Boys Volleyball Includes Varsity (7th & 8th Grade) and Junior Varsity (5th & 6th Grade) Divisions for boys.

High School Volleyball Co-ed Volleyball program for 9th through 12th grades.

Baseball Includes Varsity (7th & 8th Grade) and JV (5th & 6th Grade) Divisions.

Softball Includes Varsity (7th & 8th Grade) and JV (5th & 6th Grade) Divisions.

Track Sub-Novice program girls and boys K-3rd grade and older kids track for girls and boys 3rd (born in 2007) – 8th grades (novice, minor and cadet).

Spring Cheerleading Clinic Open to girls in 4th through 8th grades.

Create an Account in our system so you will receive our emails for other youth events throughout the year. Set-up your account at <https://corpus-christi-cyo.sportssignup.com/site>
Additional Information can be found at our website at <http://corpuscyo.wordpress.com/>

March Madness The March Madness basketball tournament is on March 3rd, 4th and 5th.

Welcome

We would like to extend a sincere welcome to the people who have recently joined our Corpus Christi Parish Family:

Kevin Barry
James and Mary Jane Barry
Michael and Kelly Wise and Family
Marc and Julie Schoettle and Family
Michael and Maria Skubisz
James and Cheryl Flannery
Harry and Maggie Solimeo and Family

Thomas and Carly Ley
Gregory and Sebrina Nardi and Family
Sean and Alicia Farrell and Family
David and Lori Lorditch and Family
Daniel and Robin Mallozzi and Family
Matthew MacNeal and Bernadette Parker and Family

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 01/15 Team #7: Mary Medoff at 215-412-2263

**Week of 01/22 Team #8: Bob Tercheck at 215-393-5696 h
Cell 267-644-6022**

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 at **7:00 PM RE Room (in the church) 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 - 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.

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

DAILY PRAYER CHAPEL OPEN: Visits to the Blessed Sacrament during the day may be made in the Church Chapel. The Chapel is open every day from 7:45AM to 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WEDNESDAYS



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). Please enter the chapel using the entrance walk on the side of the Parish House facing Supplee Rd. (For 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. Contact ccprecanateam@gmail.com for 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 8PM.

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.**