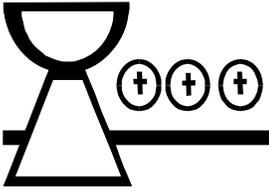




*Corpus Christi Parish ~ Upper Gwynedd, Pennsylvania
January 31, 2016 ~ Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Catholic Schools Week*



**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	Business Manager
Sr. Mary Carroll McCaffrey, SSJ	Parish Minister
Maureen Lafferty	School Principal
Trish Keen	Director, Religious Education for Children
Angela McClellan	Director, Adult Faith Formation
Danielle Gallo	Youth/Young Adult Minister

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SCHOOL	215-368-0582
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900 Sumneytown Pike ~ Lansdale, Pa 19446

ELECTRONIC GIVING LINK:

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

CHECK OUT OUR WEB SITES:

Church: www.corpuschristilansdale.org

School: www.ccslansdale.org

CARING & SHARING

215-855-1311 ext 133

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: Barbara Atkins 215-412-2459
 Finance Com: Rev. Msgr. Thomas Flanigan 215-855-1311

Adult Faith Formation: Angela McClellan 215-855-1311
 ext. 122

Aid for Friends: Judy Jergensen 215-699-9196
 Altar Linens: Lori Neri 215-828-4763
 Altar Servers: Deacon Currie/Trish Keen 215-362-2292
 Bereavement Support Gr: Eileen McCullough
 215-361-0978

Bingo: Laurie Ponticello 610-584-5694
 Boy Scouts: Joe Rakszawski 610-584-0333
 Casserole Project: Kay Smerke 215-855-1783
 Catholic Charities: www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org
 Charismatic Pr. Grp: Kathleen McCarthy 215-740-0349
 Children's Liturgy of the Word: Trish Keen 215-362-2292
 Club 50 of Corpus Christi: Bob Pecharo 215-368-0198
 Cub Scouts: Rinaldo Rossi 610-715-7025
 CYO Program: Mary Bagnell 215-272-2618
 Eucharistic Adoration: Barbara Atkins 215-412-2459
 Evangelization Coordinator: Randy Pagnotta 610-564-0921
 Extraordinary Ministers:
 Schedules Masses - 215-855-1311 ext. 133
 To Visit Home Bound - Deacon Currie
 215-855-1311

Gift Certificate Program (Scrip): Erin Miller 215-362-0104
 Girl Scouts: Cathy Roberts 215-393-7891
 Greeters: Henry Hartman 215-362-1463
 The Guardians - Fathers' Support Group:
 Deacon Frank Langsdorf 215-855-1311 ext. 113
 Home & School Assn.: Cathy Roberts 215-393-7891
 H.O.P.E.: Mary Medoff at 215-412-2263
 Hospitality Ministry: Jean Van 215-855-5834
 Knights of Columbus: Richard Ray 267-446-8533
 Lectors: Deacon Evans 215-855-1311
 Legion of Mary: Helen Walker at 484-681-4868
 M.A.S.S. Drivers: Joanne McDonald at 215-855-5307
 The Mom Café - Mothers' Support Group:
 Angela McClellan 215-855-1311 ext. 122
 Music Ministry: Matthew Klenk 215-855-0670
 Parish Library: Angela McClellan 215-855-1311 ext. 122
 Prayer Garden: Don Janssen 215-361-8558
 Prayer Line: Anna Marie O'Reilly 215-368-4672
 Pre-Cana Program: Jack & Mary Ann McGowan
 610-584-5569
 Pre-Jordan Program: Deacon Langsdorf 215-855-1311
 RCIA Program: Deacons Langsdorf and Currie
 215-855-1311

Respect Life: Ellie Hentschel 215-362-0160
 Louise Mercurio 610-584-4008
 Sanctuary Cleaners: Jeanne Linden-Fox 215-513-0347
 Ushers: Deacon Evans 215-855-1311
 Youth and Young Adult Ministries: Danielle Gallo
 215-855-1311 ext. 118

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

From the first instant of conception, God knows us in love. God fashions each of us in a particular way to be reflections and participants in the divine image and mission. Each one of our calls is a particular one. Those who are selected to be prophets have a particularly hard life in the Lord's love. Prophetic people who stand firm in faithful commitment to God are not popular with the multitudes. The prophet Jeremiah, who received his inaugural call in today's first reading struggled through a lifetime of many trials. He was reluctant to accept the call. His family turned against him. Hananiah, a fellow prophet, humiliated him before all the people. In the last days of his life, and only then, did Jeremiah have an inkling of God's great love for him. After all, Jeremiah disputed at times against God in what are known as his "confessions".

Finally, having been dragged into Egypt against his will and rejected by his own people, does the mystery of faith come to Jeremiah. His ministry was not to be centered in an elite circle of his own people. His community was to embrace the whole world. By letting go of his own will, he could embrace God's will. The spirit of love rushed upon him from that day forward.



The spirit of love is celebrated for us in the second reading, the great Corinthian hymn about true love. True love is a shared experience of our giftedness. So this passage shows how the Lord loves us by giving many gifts to us. Each person has the capability to be a gift to another person. The gift list is quite long, and includes patience, kindness, forbearance, acceptance, gentleness, compassion, longsuffering, joy, trust, hope, and true charity.

The love of God is a universal experience and cannot be confined to isolated occasions. So Jesus came to His native place and is rejected by His own people, as was Jeremiah before Him. Jesus, too, is selected for a particularly hard life in the Lord's love. Love is a decision made in steadfast faith. To choose the love of God over the popularity from the crowds is always a great challenge. Prophets rise to a challenge and offer God all their love.

Prophetic persons belong to no one but the Lord, and the Lord will deliver them and be with them. Pope John Paul II and Mother Teresa in our day are good examples. They set their hearts on the greatest gift, namely, God's love. They do their awesome task with the conviction that they must stand firm in faith, relying on God's love to rush upon them all the days of their lives.

God bless you,



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC SCHOOL
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE
WELCOMES YOU



Corpus Christi Catholic School, a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, is hosting an **Open House today, Sunday, January 31, 2016** from 11:00AM – 12:30PM. There will be representatives from the school and student ambassadors available to show you around and answer any of your questions. Please stop by and see what we are all about.

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. She will be happy to assist you.

We look forward to meeting you.



CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL NEWS

A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC SCHOOL WELCOMES YOU
~ NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION ~

Corpus Christi Catholic School is pleased to announce it's accepting new students. New Student Registration will take place on **Wednesday, February 3, 2016 from 9:00AM to 12:00PM** in the school Science Lab, located next to the School Office. Please enter through Door C. Items needed for registration include:

- ❖ Original Birth Certificate
- ❖ Baptismal Certificate
- ❖ Immunization Records
- ❖ \$50 non-refundable registration fee.

If Wednesday, February 3rd is not convenient for you please call the school office at 215-368-0582 ask for Barbara Casee to arrange a time more suitable for you. We look forward to seeing you!

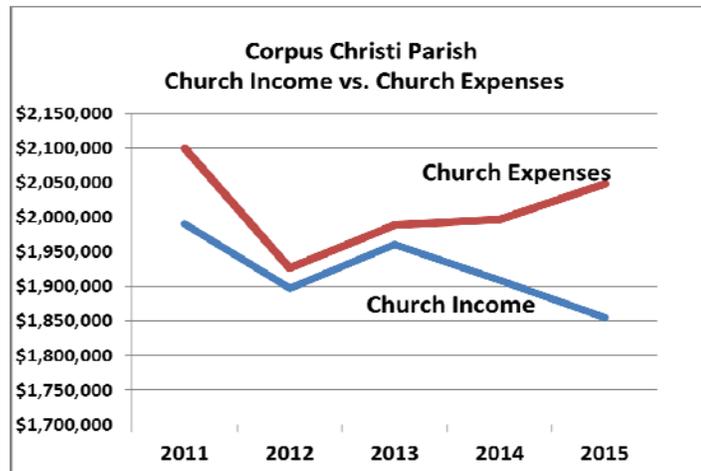
A Report on the Financial Status of Corpus Christi Parish – January 2016

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The Situation

The good news is that our faith community remains strongly active and committed to our mission as demonstrated by the numerous good works performed by the individuals and ministries with which we are blessed. The concerning news is that the parish population and collection income have been declining and without some changes, we will not be able to meet the enthusiasm and associated expenses as we have been privileged in the past. This decrease in collections, along with our continued debt service obligations for the mortgage, small increases in annual salaries for the parish staff, continued support and development for our programs, and significant increases in healthcare premiums intensifies our situation.

While parishioners register with a parish when they move in, they seldom unregister when they move away. This phenomenon makes it very difficult for parishes to predict and budget future income streams. In fact, the only crude barometers a parish has to obtain a sense of active enrollment are mass attendance and the Sunday collection. While we can speculate on issues that have affected our collections, such as which industries have had layoffs or changes in population and/or mass attendance, the illustration below indicates our annual collections' downward trend (blue line) over the last five years.



When income is compared to expenses (red line) in the above illustration, you can see that there has been a gap of 1.4% to 10% with that gap projected to become bigger by 2-3% next year and each succeeding year. This gap has been covered by bank reserves that have not been replenished. A continuation of this annual deficit will negatively impact our ability to maintain our programs and the buildings and grounds of the parish. While the school is accounted for separately from the church, we have and plan to continue to subsidize the grade school and REC program. However, if that subsidy needed to be reduced as a result of lower collections, our school tuition and fees will also be negatively impacted.

The Plan

Over the past few months, we have shared some of the expenses and their rate of growth over the past few years. In a letter distributed in September, we asked all to consider increasing their contribution to the parish. While still early to know for sure, this appeal has resulted in an increase but more needs to be done. To bring closure to the message, we put forth the following:

First

We will continue to carefully evaluate all services, vendors and contracts and limit selection to those which bring the most value to the parish. In addition, while no parish wants to scale down programs or eliminate organizations, all ministries will be asked to identify and eliminate cost elements that provide minimal value and exercise extreme prudence with all future purchases. While cost evaluation and reduction is a critical component, it is anticipated that this will have a minimal effect on the financial situation because the operations have been lean for many years.

Second

We ask everyone to prayerfully reflect on their contributions and think about:

- How long have I been making the same weekly contribution?
- Do I have the ability to increase what I give?
- Can I increase my offering by 13% (the current gap or projected difference in expenses)? Can I contribute a little more to cover the 20% gap projected three years from now?
- Can I contribute a little more that can help with the long term capital building and grounds expenses?
- Can I make a gift to the church? Can we memorialize a loved one?
- Can I help the parish financial situation in another way by donating my time or talent?

Third

We are pleased to announce that two gifts of stock totaling \$32,000 have allowed us to start a Capital Fund to maintain the buildings and grounds. Donations and gifts to this fund will be utilized for major projects that have a long term life. Two projects that have already been identified are:

- FY 2017 structural replacement of Fr. Doyle Hall roof costing \$50,000
- FY 2018-2020 parking lot repaving over 3 years at \$50,000/year totaling \$150,000

As your pastor, along with the members of our Finance Council, we have been truly blessed to be part of a wonderfully faithful and resilient community that surpasses our expectations time and time again. We thank you for your serious personal reflection at this critical time as we try to maintain our parish legacy for the future.

Sincerely,



Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Flanigan, Ed.D. & the Members of the Parish Finance Council

John Smerke
Pat O'Donnell
Steve Gudowski

Trudy Duardo
Stan Jaskiewicz
Donna Belardi

Charlie Lewis
Ann Marie Finley

MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

FOURTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Saturday,	January 30th
4:30 PM	James W. Spurlock~ 30 th Anniversary <i>by The Spurlock Family</i>
Sunday,	January 31st
7:00 AM	Richard Bacak <i>by Dan and Gloria DiEmedio</i>
8:30	Kathleen Dougherty <i>by Joe and Diane Radvansky</i>
10:00	Raymond Walsh <i>by Bill and Carol Colonnello</i>
11:30	Edith Fickenscher <i>by Phyllis and Bill Burke</i>
6:00 PM	Gary Tyson <i>by Angela Tyson</i>
Monday,	February 1st
7:15 AM	Loretta M. Schmid <i>by Ed and Mary Borkowski</i>
Tuesday,	February 2nd
7:15 AM	Pascuzzi Family
Wednesday,	February 3rd
7:15 AM	Robert Tozzi <i>by Jerry Tozzi</i>
Thursday,	February 4th
7:15 AM	Donald Reighn <i>by Pat and Pam Kendig</i>
Friday,	February 5th
7:15 AM	Roger Kirk <i>by The Pinder Family</i>
Saturday,	February 6th
7:15 AM	John J. Kuhar <i>by Stephen McIlhenny</i>
4:30 PM	Frances Masterson <i>by Maureen Branigan</i>
Sunday,	February 7th
7:00 AM	Antoinette J. Malizia <i>by Angelo J. Malizia</i>
8:30	Richard Karp <i>by John and Kathy Murphy</i>
10:00	Charles J. O'Reilly <i>by Anna Marie O'Reilly</i>
11:30	Jerome Vitabile <i>by Cathy Mandracchia</i>
6:00 PM	John and Nellie Koza <i>by Elaine Koza and Family</i>

January 23/24	\$ 6,514
Envelopes mailed	2,440
Envelopes returned	147
Monthly Electronic offering	
January 20 (19 participants)	\$ 3,675

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 God tells Jeremiah that he was chosen to be a prophet to the nations before he had even been born. He also promises him strength and protection, providing Jeremiah does as God asks.

Responsorial Psalm: PS 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 R. I will sing of your salvation.

Second Reading: I Corinthians 12:31—13:13 Paul discusses the importance of love and claims that one who possesses any gift, but lacks love, has nothing. He explains that true love never fails, although knowledge or other talents can fail to endure in the same manner. Paul says that three things last: "faith, hope, and love, the greatest of these being love."

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30 Jesus spoke in the synagogue at Nazareth, at first appealing to all who were present. But He knew that they would be expecting Him to do the things He had already done in other towns. He reminded them of other prophets who had preached and gained acceptance in foreign places instead of their home towns. This angered the people, who expelled Him from town.

Family Connection

Jesus' statement that no prophet is accepted in his home town reminds us that it is often difficult to hear a challenging message from those who know us best, even if it is true. Perhaps we remember and even regret this aspect of our childhood and adolescence. We may have overlooked the wisdom and guidance of our parents, while allowing the voices of others—teachers, friends, and counselors—to carry more weight, even when these people were telling us the same thing. Perhaps this developmental stage is unavoidable. Perhaps as we have matured, we have come to a new appreciation for our parents and others whose perspective and experience we once rejected. Today's Gospel provides an opportunity to talk about and to learn from such experiences.

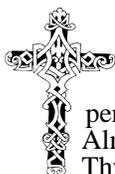
As you gather as a family, consider proverbs or other wise sayings that are familiar to your family ("Blood is thicker than water;" "All that glitters is not gold.>"). Consider what these proverbs mean and whether you believe them to be true. Why or why not? Jesus challenges the people of Nazareth by reminding them of old sayings that seem to have a lot of truth in them. Let's listen to this Gospel and consider what these proverbs mean. Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 4:21-30. Ask: What were the proverbs that Jesus quoted? (Physician, cure yourself; No prophet is accepted in his native place.) Consider the meaning of these proverbs and look for examples from your own family life that show their truth. Consider how your family might accept one another's wisdom and guidance and not reject the prophets in your midst. Conclude by praying together the:

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful. And kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created. And You will renew the face of the earth. Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit you have taught the hearts of Your faithful. In the same Spirit help us to relish what is right and always rejoice in Your consolation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



We pray for the deceased members, relatives and friends of our parish family, especially Adeline Cusimano, mother of John; Roland Castonguay, father of Laurie Harkins.



Prayer For Those Who Have Died

Father of all, we pray to Thee for those we love, but see no longer. Grant them Thy peace, let light perpetually shine on them; and in Thy loving wisdom and Almighty power, work in them the same good purpose of Thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. +Amen

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE of PHILADELPHIA

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 19, 2016, 8:00-11:30AM**. The Pre-HSPT is a 7th grade edition of the actual Scholarship Entrance Exam given to eighth grade applicants. Registration is available online only. You will receive registration confirmation via email. Register at: www.msacad.org/practicetest.



Looking for the perfect Valentine gift for your spouse? Give each other a weekend away to reconnect! Rediscover the romance in your marriage as you improve communication and get to know each other at a deeper level. What you learn on a Marriage Encounter Weekend offers positive and lasting benefits for your family. **The next Weekends in this area are February 12-14 and**

April 22-24 at Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: www.wvme-philly.org. You can also contact Al & Mary Liz Heumann at Applications@wvme-philly.org or call 610-449-1859.



Rediscover the Love in your Marriage!

The Retrouvaille Marriage Program offers help for struggling marriages. *If you are struggling in your marriage, attending a Retrouvaille program could be the best gift you give to your spouse, and family, this Christmas!* Tens of thousands of couples have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the six post sessions that follow it. Retrouvaille is a way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. **The next program begins on the weekend of February 12 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.** For more in formation, or to register for our upcoming weekend, visit our website at www.helpourmarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

Fight Like a Catholic

This mini Lenten Retreat will explore Church teaching on Satan, the many ways that he manifests in our world and what doors he uses to penetrate our individual lives. How do we discern his activity and what weapons does the Church give us to keep ourselves and our families safe from the evil one? The day begins with the 8:30 AM Mass, the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, followed by morning refreshments, and two conferences. Cost is \$20.00. Breakfast refreshments are included.

Saturday, February 13, 2016 ~ Saint Maria Goretti Church
Beginning with the 8:30 AM Mass; Concluding at 12:30 PM
Guest Speaker: Ms. Susan Brinkmann, OCDS

Please register using the form that can be found on our parish website at www.stmariagoretti.net. Please mail form along with payment of \$20.00 to: Saint Maria Goretti Parish Center

c/o Angela McClellan
1601 Derstine Road
Hatfield, PA 19440

Father Larry Richards

St Agnes PARISH MISSION

WHEN: February 15 – 18, 2016, 7-9 PM

WHERE: St. Agnes Church, Sellersville

COST: FREE Will at conclusion of Mission

To learn more about Father Larry and the upcoming Mission, please visit Father Larry at <http://thereasonforourhope.org/>

Please come, there is something for everyone who attends!

Registration is OPEN for our 22nd Annual MOM-Heart of the Home Day of Renewal February 13, 2016 • 9AM - 3:30PM

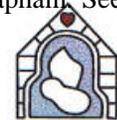
Sts. Simon and Jude ~ Meehan Center, West Chester

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 Renee Eells and Kathi Clapham. See our registration form for all details at

www.mom-heartofthehome.org/events.html

or call Deb MacKenzie (cell) 484-798-7368

(dmackenzie@schubertb2b.com).



Malvern Retreat House

Please visit www.malvernretreat.com to see the available retreat weekends or twilight evening mini-retreats. Register or call 610-644-0400 for more information.

Do you have any friends or family members planning to marry in the Catholic Church in the next 12-18 months? - St. Jude Parish offers a fun, engaging and instructional one day Pre-Cana marriage preparation day for engaged couples. The objective of this day is to assist couples prepare for a strong, successful, lifelong marriage in a joy-filled, welcoming, and non-threatening environment. The sessions are held at St. Jude Catholic Education Center located at 323 West Butler Avenue, Chalfont, PA 18914. The one-day St. Jude Pre-Cana sessions are scheduled for: **Saturday Feb. 20th and April 23rd. For questions and registration contact the St. Jude Rectory at 215-822-0179.**

Corpus Christi's Pre-Cana Program is on the weekend of **March 5th & 6th** please contact Jack and Mary Ann McGowan at 610-584-5569 or johnmcgowan3@gmail.com for details. Also, **St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Phoenixville, PA, Saturday – April 23, 2016**, Program begins at 8:00 AM and ends after the 4:00 PM Mass. It includes lunch, snacks and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This one-day program meets all the requirements of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. A certificate is provided upon completion. Call the Parish Office for an application: 610-933-2526 or visit our website www.stmaryassumption.org - click on Parish Information and then Sacraments/PREP.

SHARED TREASURES Thrift Shop will be open on Wednesdays from 10AM - 3PM and the first and third Saturday of each month from 9AM - 12Noon during the school year. Come browse our large selection of men's, women's & children's clothing, furniture, decorative items, ladies accessories & jewelry. Your tax deductible donations are gratefully accepted during shop hours. The shop is located at Dunleavy Center, 8799 Cheltenham Ave. Wyndmoor, PA (intersects Delphine Rd) Sponsored by the La Salle Mothers' Club Alumnae Committee. All proceeds benefit La Salle students in financial need.

Fabulous Finds, Fantastic Values!

Super Bowl Beef and Beer ~ All are welcome!

Saturday February 6, 2016

Drexel Hall

6:00 PM to 11:00 PM

\$25.00 per Person Great Food, Music and Beer

St. Maria Goretti Parish

1601 Derstine Rd.

Hatfield, PA 19440



For tickets or more information call Geri Salanic
215-721-0199

Proceeds benefit youth opportunities.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION at CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

Mom Café - Tuesday, February 2nd-9:30 to 11AM



Religious Education Room in Church
The Guardians - Tuesday, February 2nd- 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.

The Brother House, a work of the Legion of Mary, the largest lay organization in the Catholic Church, is seeking new *male* members to work with homeless men at 510 Green Street, Norristown, PA. Come and ring our doorbell on any Monday evening between 6:45 and 7:00, or contact Leo Couchara at 484-614-0055 for more information. It is a very rewarding spiritual work.

for I was hungry and you gave me food...(Matthew 25:35)

Be Inspired! Grow in your Faith!

Observance of the **Jubilee Year of Mercy In the Archdiocese of Philadelphia began on December 8, 2015**, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, continuing through November 20, 2016, The Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

The image, created by Jesuit Fr. Marko Rupnik, also shows one of Jesus' eyes merged with the man's to show how "Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ."

Principle Dates for Observance of the Jubilee:



Archdiocesan and Parish Observance of 24 Hours for the Lord- Friday, March 4 - Saturday March 5, 2016 We will join parishes, dioceses and communities worldwide and the Holy Father in prayer and penance. The Vatican is encouraging all churches to be open during this time, with reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration available, ending with Mass on Saturday afternoon. Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3, 2016. Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saturday, April 23, 2016. Learn more about the Jubilee Year of Mercy (Dec 2015-Nov 2016) - Discover what's so "extraordinary" about the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy called by Pope Francis by attending a local Introduction to the Jubilee presentation. The schedule of presentations and other resources for living the Jubilee can be found on the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Year of Mercy website:

www.archphila.org/mercy. Jubilee Calendar of Events: www.archphila.org/mercy/calendar
<http://www.im.va/content/gdm/en.html>

In the **Year of Mercy**, every Christian family can become a privileged place on this pilgrimage for experiencing the joy of forgiveness. Forgiveness is the essence of the love which can understand mistakes and mend them. Pope Francis 12-27-15

Follow on Facebook: Jubilee Year of Mercy
<https://www.facebook.com/IubilaeumMisericordiae.en/?fref=nf>

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 Aptitude** 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.

**Lent arrives in eleven days...
Ash Wednesday is February 10th**

Prayer Life in a Rut?

Is your prayer less than inspiring? Do you find yourself longing for a deeper connection with God? Maybe it's time to turn to a doctor for help ... a Doctor of the Church, that is.

This five week course on the four stages of prayer is based on the teaching of the great mystical Doctor of the Church, Saint Teresa of Avila. Classes include instruction (and practice) in mental prayer, meditation, and contemplation. Tips on how to discern the voice of God, how to handle distractions and dryness in prayer, and how to recognize signs of advancing prayer are also included.

Wednesdays, February 17 and 24; March 2, 9, and 16, 2016

**7:00PM to 8:30PM ~ Corpus Christi Parish Center
Conference Rooms B and C**

Cost \$35.00 ~ Facilitator: Ms. Susan Brinkmann, OCDS

Prayer Course

Name _____
Address _____ City, Zip _____
Phone _____ Parish _____
E-Mail _____

Mail along with registration fee of \$35.

To: Corpus Christi Church %Angela McClellan
900 Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale, Pa. 19446

Help Needed

Our Director of Adult Faith Formation is searching for a woman of our parish who is willing to offer child care during our Mom Café meetings for children of the moms who attend the meetings. Meetings are 90 minutes and are held on the First Tuesday of each month from October through May. Anyone volunteering must possess or be willing to obtain all Safe Environment Credentials. If you think you can help, please contact Angela McClellan at corpuschristiaff@yahoo.com.



Sacred Relics of the Saints DVD



Available at the Parish Center, \$10. The veneration of relics is a communion with the heroes of our Christian Faith and a way for us to ask their powerful intercession. This DVD presentation summarizes the Church's use of relics and is scriptural, catechetical, and devotional in nature. It also includes a virtual exposition of over 160 relics and a complete biography of Saint Maria Goretti. Please stop by the Parish Center during regular office hours to purchase a copy. Proceeds from the sale of this DVD benefit the saint maria Goretti Shrine in Nettuno, Italy and the house of Martyrdom.

Flame of Love Rosary Cenacle: Join us each Friday 7pm - 8pm, in the Corpus Christi Parish Library, Lansdale, PA.
Contact: Diana 215-855-5494 or flameoflovelansdale@gmail.com for more information.

Commemorate the Presentation of Our Lord, the Feast day of the Flame of Love, at the St Charles Borromeo Seminary in Wynnewood. Tuesday, February 2, 2016; 6:00pm: Praise and Worship, Music, Rosary and Testimony. Presentation by Rev. Carl Pieber, CM Exec Dir. Assoc of the Miraculous Medal. 7:30pm Con-celebrated Mass

Please be praying for... Will Weigner, Bill Flear, Daniel MacDonald, Joan Buchler, Joanne McDonald, Maureen McGowan, Sara Welsh Krebs, Katelyn Bonner, James Donnelly, Joe Swaim, Kathy Hayman, Kathy Donia, Bonnie Maday, Annamarie Hutchinson, Samuel Smith, Joe Dwyer, Anthony Famularo, Jim Thompson, Angelo Rosato, Thomas Roy, Rich Kupniewski, Elaine Deimeyer, Dave Clark, Debbie Scott, Peter Schumacher, Rosemary Bauerle, Kathy Popiny, Frank Griffith, Mary Hanisco, Anthony Leone, Sr., Jeffrey Feulner, George Olden, Pat Mozi, Leonard Balk, Luca Paciente, Nancy DelCarlino.

KNIGHTS CORNER #9715



SAVE the DATE! Saturday, February 27, 2016 TRIVIA NIGHT – Start studying, dust off your Thinking Caps and plan to join us for the Knights of Columbus Council #9715 Annual Trivia Night on Saturday, February 27, 2016 at 6 PM in the Father Doyle Social Hall. Put together your best team of eight players; cost is \$15 per person. Individuals are also welcomed and will be matched up with other players at the event. To reserve your table please contact Tom McHenry @ 215-513-0251 or at tpmchenry@verizon.net

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

Hunterdon Hills Playhouse -Wednesday, February 17, 2016 cost- \$94. Round trip motor coach transportation tax and tips included. Full course sit-down luncheon, *Your choice of:* Fried Shrimp Platter, Yankee Pot Roast, Grilled Salmon Filet, Special of the Day, or Chicken Piccata. The matinee performance of "Spreading it Around" follows. Payment due at sign-up, no refunds after the vendor is paid in full. *Contact 215-513-1026, Alex and Betty Korsch, 1307 Brittany Pointe, Lansdale PA 19446.

Villa Roma Resort, Calicoon, NY (Catskills) - Sunday, April 24, 2016 to Thursday April 28, 2016. Round trip motor coach. 4 nights accommodations at the Villa Roma Resort. Meal package includes 4 breakfasts, 3 lite fare lunches, 4 full course dinners. Complete schedule of daily activities. For full details pick up a BROCHURE in the Narthex of Church or at Club 50 meetings. Cost dbl \$509; single \$649; triple \$509 optional insurance pp \$80. Deposit - \$50 balance due by March 10, 2016. Contact: * 215-368-0945 Peggy and John Butler, 1500 Berkley Way, Lansdale, PA 19446.

Southern Caribbean Cruise- Royal Caribbean's Grandeur of the Seas, Monday, February 13, 2017 to Saturday February 25, 2017. Please pick up a brochure in the Narthex. **Important:** Deposit of \$500 due at sign-up with 2nd payment of \$300 due June 10, 2016 and balance November 5, 2016

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

Connect with other parents of children with special needs! Please join us for a monthly meeting, to share ideas, resources, and support. As we begin to meet monthly, we will create topics for each meeting based on your interests and needs. Below are meeting dates and times for the next several months. We will post upcoming meeting times/dates in the church bulletin and Wednesday envelope. We look forward to meeting you! Please call or email Kathi with any questions: 215-260-1783 or kathi0908@verizon.net. **February 15, 7:00-8:30, Room A;** March 15 7:00-8:30 Room A; April 11 7:00-8:30 Room A; May 16 7:00-8:30 Room A.

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 Bruce Limbert at 215-799-2000 ext 3005.

YEAR END TAX STATEMENTS



This year, in a continuing attempt to save on postage costs we have emailed 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.

Please be sure to add our email address to your contacts to insure that our emails don't go into spam! Thank you for your co-operation! Instructions follow for those without email addresses.

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT
RE: YEAR END STATEMENTS**

Remember: year end contribution statements were automatically mailed/emailed to our Parishioners who have made a single contribution of \$250. or more on a single date. If you need a statement for tax purposes, you must request it, **unless you have an email address on record at the parish office.** To receive a mailed contribution statement, simply include the necessary information below and either place it into the collection basket, or drop off or mail it to the Parish Center Office. You may also email your request CorpusChristiLansdale@gmail.com. Please no phone calls! **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.



Corpus Christi is in need of more **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** to bring Holy Communion to those who are unable to attend Mass, including those in their homes and in nursing facilities. If you believe that God is calling you to serve your brothers and sisters, please call the Parish Office, 215-855-1311, and leave a message for Deacon Steve Currie.



**CORPUS CHRISTI BINGO
PRESENTS: BRUNCH & BINGO
SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2016**

DOOR OPENS: 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

Youth News

High School Youth Group

For more information contact Danielle, our youth minister corpus.ym@gmail.com. Check out our Youth Group table in the Narthex or visit us on **Facebook** or the parish web at <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



(7th-8th Grade Youth Group)

7th and 8th graders are invited to join our middle school youth group on Monday nights, from 4:30-5:45PM, or 6:45-8PM (the same session is done twice). Our middle school youth group learns about making the Catholic faith an exciting part of daily life, and it gets them pumped to join our high school group when they reach the age. For more information, contact Danielle Gallo, our youth minister: Corpus Christi (215) 855-1311 ext. 118 or corpus.ym@gmail.com.

Archdiocesan Rally for Teens -- Grades 8-12

Relentless: Love, Mercy, Grace! Join us for the Year of Mercy Generation Faith Rally on **Saturday, February 27 at Cardinal O'Hara High School from 10 AM to 5:30 PM**. Featuring: keynote presenter David Calavitta, the Bosco Boys and musician Teresa Peterson. Plus hands-on service projects, inspiring workshops adoration and Mass! The cost for the day is \$20 per person. Registration materials are available on the web at www.PhillyCatholicYYAM.org or by calling 215-587-3760.

METANOIA ~ YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Metanoia Young Adults is an active community of Catholic young adults in 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 and activities. For more information and events please visit www.metanoiayoungadults.weebly.com. Check out our Twitter link on homepage: <http://metanoiayoungadults.weebly.com/> or email metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com. Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/MetanoiaYoungAdults.

Theology on Tap is held every third Tuesday (January 18th) of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Appalachian Brewing Company in Collegeville, PA. Each month features a different speaker.

SCRIP CORNER

SCRIP OFFICE HOURS: Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9am to 12:30pm (when school is in session)
Monday evenings 5:30pm to 8:00pm (when REC is in session).

SCRIP CHANGES FOR 2016 - It's a new year and there are a few changes in the world of SCRIP. We no longer have Domino's Pizza or Pizza Hut in stock, however you can still purchase these cards through special order. Also, based upon the high volume of sales over the past few months, we will now be carrying *Bertucci's Italian Restaurant* in \$25 denominations at 5% credit to you. If you have any SCRIP questions or want to open a SCRIP account please don't hesitate to call, email or stop by the SCRIP office. Check out the full list of retailers at www.ccslansdale.org, or order forms can also be downloaded from the Corpus Christi Parish homepage: www.corpuschristilansdale.org

Check out www.shopwithscrip.com for a complete list of SCRIP stores available to you.

If you have any questions or would like more information about this major fund raising program, you can reach Erin Miller at 215-362-0104 during office hours, or send an e-mail to cc.scrip@yahoo.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 29th**. There are several new programs offered this season, listed below.

● **Track (K-3rd Grade) ***New*****

New this year is a Sub-Novice program for girls and boys K-3rd grade with events (100, 1/2 lap, full lap, and Long Jump) and 2 meets.

● **Boys Volleyball ***New*****

New this year includes Varsity (7th & 8th Grade) and Junior Varsity (5th & 6th Grade) Divisions for boys.

● **Spring Cheerleading Clinic ***New*****

New this year, open to girls in 4th and 5th grades. Bi-weekly clinic from March to May for girls interested in learning cheerleading basics. Our goal is to generate enough interest to field a JV team (5th & 6th grade) next Fall.

● **High School Volleyball**

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

● **Baseball**

Includes Varsity (7th & 8th Grade) and JV (5th & 6th Grade) Divisions. Varsity is played on a 60/90 field and JV is played on a 46/60 field. Varsity plays in the Region 20 Tournament and can qualify for the Archdiocesan Tournament.

● **Softball**

Includes Varsity (7th & 8th Grade) and JV (5th & 6th Grade) Divisions. Varsity is played on a 40/60 field and JV is played on a 35/60 field. Varsity plays in the Region 20 Tournament and can qualify for the Archdiocesan Tournament.

● **Track**

Girls and boys 3rd – 8th grades (novice, minor and cadet). Events are 100, 200, 400, 800, 1600, 4X100, 4X200, Long Jump, High Jump, Triple Jump and Shot Put. There are 6 regular season meets, a Region meet, and those qualifying can move on to the Area C and Archdiocesan meets. A select team will be sent to the Penn Relays. For additional info see <http://www.region20track.com/>.

● **March Madness**

The March Madness basketball tournament is on March 4th, 5th and 6th. Each player will receive a shirt with a college team name and is guaranteed 2 games. There will be championship games for each division. The teams are coached by high school students from the parish. Includes Varsity (7th & 8th Grade) and Junior Varsity (5th & 6th Grade) Divisions. High School students who want to coach are required to register here also.

CYO Open Positions – Boys Athletic Director, Scheduler, Snack Bar Coordinator, Cheerleading Coach, Publicity Manager

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/>

CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL NEWS

A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

**CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC SCHOOL
WELCOMES YOU**

~ NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION ~



Corpus Christi Catholic School is pleased to announce it's accepting new students. New Student Registration will take place on **Wednesday, February 3, 2016 from 9:00AM to 12:00PM** in the school Science Lab, located next to the School Office. Please enter through Door C. Items needed for registration include: Original Birth Certificate; Baptismal Certificate; Immunization Records and a \$50 non-refundable registration fee. If Wednesday, February 3rd is not convenient for you please call the school office at 215-368-0582 ask for Barbara Casee to arrange a time more suitable for you. We look forward to seeing you.



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

Week of 01/31 Team #5: **Patty Donnelly** at 215-687-3779
 Week of 02/07 Team #6: **Sue Bones** at 215-631-9526

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

BAPTISM INSTRUCTION SESSIONS: Parents and Godparents must attend **Pre-Jordan Sacramental Preparation** before the Baptism takes place. Prior to attendance, **parents are requested to pre-register for 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. February 15th, March 21st.**

REQUIREMENTS FOR GODPARENTS

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

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

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

Baptism is administered at **12:30 PM 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!

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

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, see under Novena). Please **enter the chapel using the entrance walk on the side of the Parish House facing Supplee Rd.** Please consider signing-up to be a weekly Adorer. There is a sign-up list in the Chapel if you would like to make a weekly commitment to a specific time each week. For more information: Anne DeSantis at 610-222-9778 or adesantis_1@comcast.net.

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 March 5 and 6, 2016 please contact johnmcgowan3@gmail.com for more information.

NOVENA DEVOTIONS: Devotions honoring the Immaculate Heart of Mary continue through October 28th at 6:30PM in the Chapel. The Novena is preceded by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:45AM-6:30 PM and Benediction. All are welcome to attend and pray for healing. 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.

PARISH LIBRARY Hours: Sundays 7:45AM to 1PM
Library Volunteers Needed

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

1601 "The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament."~CCC



Marriages Celebrated at Corpus Christi
January ~ 2016

Megan Purtell and Keith Wood

Congratulations and Prayers
from your Parish Family!

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.**