

COME BACK TO ME WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART.

*Corpus Christi Parish ~ Upper Gwynedd, Pennsylvania
February 28, 2016 ~ Third Sunday of Lent*





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CHRISTI
PARISH**

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Deacon Steve Currie**

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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.

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Pastoral Council: Barbara Atkins 215-412-2459

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215-855-1311

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The Mom Café - Mothers' Support Group:

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Pre-Cana Program: Jack & Mary Ann McGowan

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

At first glance, it would appear that today's readings about the Burning Bush and the Fig Tree are merely "botanical" coincidences. But let's take a closer look at the messages which might be found there.



*Moses,
you're standing
on holy ground.*

Moses had recently slain an Egyptian who was striking an Israelite, fled from Pharaoh, and married a girl in Midian. While tending a flock, he came to Mount Horeb and came upon a bush, which while on fire was not being consumed by it. God calls him from the bush, asks him to remove his sandals, and introduces Himself as the God of his father, Abraham, and Jacob. God makes it clear to Moses that He had heard His people's cry for change and that He was going to change things. God makes it clear that He will give Moses the strength to accomplish mighty things. God will help Moses lead the people from Egypt to the promised Land.

Thousands of years later, Paul reminds the Corinthians of the behavior of the Israelites on their exodus journey. Despite the constant presence of God and the leadership of Moses and others, some were struck down because of their idolatry, lewd conduct, and lack of faith.

Luke's gospel account recalls for us Jesus' clear message that sinners in Galilee and Siloam met terrible ends and tells of His mandates for reform. He tells the gentle parable of the man looking for fruit on a fig tree; finding none for three years he asks his vinedresser to cut it down. But the vinedresser begs for another chance to nurture it, prune it, and help it to bear fruit. Then, if that failed, he would cut it down.



In all of these cases, separated by generations and millennia, God is sadly faced with unholy people and their wicked ways. Yet, at all times He is present. He never abandons the sinners in the desert, the unbelievers in Corinth, or the evildoers in Galilee. He blesses them with Moses, with signs and wonders, with prophets, with apostles and, best of all, with His Son, Jesus.

During these Lenten weeks, we are called to take a good hard look at our lives. We are called to "turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel." We are asked to abandon our habit of rationalizing our behavior and admit our sinfulness. The scripture we read during this holy season, does not mince words. It clearly reminds us of the triumphs and the failures throughout salvation history. It asks us not to repeat them.

But we take heart that we never have to do this alone. God is always with us. Like Moses, He expects us to accomplish impossible things and gives us the power to do them. Like the kindly vinedresser, He "cultivates" our efforts to reform and to bear fruit. He gives us the words of Jesus to guide us and the grace to follow them. As Moses learned and as generations of Christians surely know, "nothing is impossible with God."

God bless you,

The 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign is a nationwide event which runs through March 20, 2016.



This campaign consists of prayer, fasting and peaceful prayer vigils outside Planned Parenthood locations in an effort to protect the lives of unborn children and extend a hand of mercy to the men and women harmed by abortion. This is a great opportunity to respond to the Holy Father's invitation to live the spiritual and corporal works of mercy during this Holy Year. There is even a Plenary Indulgence attached to performing the works of mercy during the Holy Year. We invite you to stand and peacefully pray for 1 hour at the Planned Parenthood in Norristown on Corpus Christi's scheduled day - **Saturday, 3/5/16, 8:00AM to 8:00PM**. Sign up sheet and directions are in the Narthex. We are hoping to have at least 2 people per hour praying and car pooling is encouraged! If you have any questions, please contact Helen Walker at 484-681-4868. Thank you for helping to build a culture of life!

Sign-up for daily devotionals at www.40daysforlife.com/norristown.



Novena of Prayer to St. Peregrine for Healing

Corpus Christi Parish's Annual Nine Week Novena of Prayer for Healing to St. Peregrine, Patron Saint of Cancer Patients, begins every Wednesday evening, starting from **March 2nd through April 27th at 6:30PM in the chapel**. The Novena will immediately follow Benediction which begins at 6:30PM. On Wednesday, April 27th, the closing night of the Novena, there will be a Mass of Anointing of the Sick following the Novena; the Novena will be at 6:30PM with Mass at 7:30PM in the Church. The Main Celebrant will be Father Pio Mandato. For more info call 215-855-1311.

THE EASTER BASKET PROJECT~Families United in Faith~CORPUS CHRISTI & VISITATION BVM



Several years ago our parish began a donation program called the Easter Basket. Through your generosity, many families in Visitation Parish, Kensington, are given food vouchers; help with rent, heating bills and tuition. These are the working poor; the ones who do not make enough money to live on, but too much to qualify for public assistance. Fr. John Olenick C.Ss.R. will be speaking at the masses on the weekend of March 12/13. The Easter Baskets will be in the Narthex and RE room that **weekend, March 12/13**. The labels in the baskets contain various needs to which you may designate your donation. Please take a label and place it on the envelope of an Easter card with your donation enclosed. Return the cards the weekend of March 19th/20th. If you enclose a check please make it payable to "Visitation BVM Church".

Congratulations

It is with great joy that we congratulate our new SSJ Associates. After a year of preparation Rita Beinke, Wanda Marshall, and Janet Stankus, as well as Carol Hughes from MMR will make their promises and receive their pins as SSJ Associates on March 6th at the Motherhouse in Chestnut Hill. We are extremely happy for them and our Parish.

MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

Saturday,	February 27th
4:30 PM	Enrique Gonzalez <i>by Cathy and Rich Robbins</i>
Sunday,	February 28th
7:00 AM	Richard Bacak <i>by Mike and Pat Gavaghan</i>
8:30	Intentions of the Lara Family <i>by The Sirianni Family</i>
10:00	Edna Maslowski <i>by Kathie and Mark Cline</i>
11:30	Gerald F. Connell <i>by Susan Pisut</i>
6:00 PM	Mary Fitzgerald <i>by Bob and Eileen Dowling</i>
Monday,	February 29th
7:15 AM	Rocco Crescenzo, Sr. <i>by Linda and Art Haffelfinger</i>
12:05 PM	Wayne Richards <i>by Dottie Zeppin and Michelle Baciocco</i>
Tuesday,	March 1st
7:15 AM	Enrique Gonzalez <i>by Ron and Maria Almendrales</i>
12:05 PM	Ronnie Benton <i>by Joan Fiorino</i>
Wednesday,	March 2nd
7:15 AM	The Pascuzzi Family
12:05 PM	John Hines <i>by Bob and Ellie Hentschel</i>
Thursday,	March 3rd
7:15 AM	Harry Wallace and Cheryl Doan <i>by The Holody Family</i>
12:05 PM	L. Bernard Ferguson <i>by Jack and Jo Ferguson</i>
Friday,	March 4th
7:15 AM	Jeff Fuelner <i>by Pat and Mike Gavaghan</i>
12:05 PM	Jeffrey Boehmke <i>by Bernard and Mary Heffernan</i>
Saturday,	March 5th
7:15 AM	Intentions of the Jupina Family <i>by Ted and Josie Jupina</i>
4:30 PM	Rita DiLiberto <i>by Earl and Nancy Samsel</i>
Sunday,	March 6th
7:00 AM	Kathy Dougherty <i>by Louisa Fanslau</i>
8:30	Rita Rafferty <i>by Eileen Swartz</i>
10:00	Eleanor and Robert Fritzsche <i>by Lorraine Oliver</i>
11:30	Renee Mizdail <i>by Al and Eileen Spicer</i>
6:00 PM	Bobby Taggart <i>by John Deery</i>

We pray for the deceased members, relatives and friends of our parish family especially Angela Giovonizzi, wife of Frank.



Prayer For Those Who Have Died
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

THIRD SUNDAY of LENT

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

February 20/21	\$ 27,712
Envelopes mailed	2,445
Envelopes returned	811
Monthly Electronic offering	
February 20 (23 participants)	\$ 4,300

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 Moses came upon a burning bush, when God called out to him. God told Moses that He had seen the suffering of His people in Egypt, and intended to lead them from their captors to a land of milk and honey. Moses asked what he should say if the Israelites should ask what God wished to be called. God replied, "I am who am."

Responsorial Psalm: PS 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 R. (8a) The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading: I Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 Paul describes how the people were led into the desert by Moses, yet many of them were struck down by God. He warns that this should serve as an example not to give in to wicked desires or we may suffer the same downfall.



Gospel: Luke 13:1-9 Jesus says that an individual's misfortune does not mean that their sins were greater than someone else's. He warns that without repenting, all sinners will meet the same end. He tells of a barren fig tree whose owner planned to cut it down. But a servant offered to give it special care for one year, and destroy it should it remain barren. This symbolizes God's patience toward us.

Third Sunday of Lent

"There an angel of the Lord appeared to him in fire flaming out of a bush. As he looked on, he was surprised to see that the bush, though on fire, was not consumed. So Moses decided, 'I must go over to look at this remarkable sight, and see why the bush is not burned.' When the Lord saw him coming over to look at it more closely God called out to him from the bush... 'come no nearer! Remove your sandals from your feet for the place where you stand is holy ground.'

The encounter of Moses with God at Horeb is one of the profound meetings of one with God. The scene is easy to imagine. The curiosity quite natural. The conversation so direct and reassuring. The end result, Moses is given a mission and God reveals His name 'tell them that I AM sent me to you.' Our God is described as a God of surprises. How often the unexpected occurs. He reveals Himself not in earthquakes but in a gentle breeze. He touches people's lives feeding them with oil and flour. Jesus heals the sick, restores sight to the blind, feeds the multitude, calms the sea and wind. What Pope Francis described in 'Laudatio si' (Praise to you) calls our attention to the environment, which is God's creation, entrusted to our care. Lent, our time in the desert, brings us to the mountain of Transfiguration, to Mount Horeb and eventually to the mount of Calvary. May we discover the Lord as we make this journey in the gift of nature, in the people who journey with us. Our God of surprises wishes to reveal His saving presence and mercy to us all.

(HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly)

Monday	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
First Friday	Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
First Saturday	Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

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.msjad.org/practicetest.

Lansdale Catholic 8th Grade Shadow Program – Interested eighth graders who attend public, private or parochial grade schools are encouraged to make a Shadow Day at LC. Parent/Guardian should contact Elaine Maginnis at 215-362-6160 x133 to arrange a date to shadow a current LC 9th grader for the day.

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

SAVE THE DATE . . . **COACH** Bingo!!

WHEN: Friday, April 15th
WHERE: St. Agnes Parish Social Hall
445 N. Main Street, Sellersville
TIME: 7:00pm – 10:00pm (doors open at 6pm)
TICKETS: \$35
Contact Michelle to order your tickets now!!
mjgarges@verizon.net Thank you!!

ENDOW-Studies for women

Attention all ladies, all ages and stages! Come join us for our next session of scripture based study. Meet new people and learn more about your catholic faith, the saints and scripture as we read and discuss the information together. All classes cost \$20 for materials (\$5 shipping) and run about 8 weeks. (No homework!) There will be two meeting times offered this spring at St. Rose of Lima Church, North Wales: Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 pm. **First meeting March 1** (Saint Edith Stein: <https://store.endowonline.org/karen-haynie-p2900.aspx>) Or Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am, starting March 2 (Aquinas for Beginners part II: <https://store.endowonline.org/karen-haynie-p2901.aspx>) Questions? Assistance with registration? call/email Karen Haynie mrshgarose@verizon.net, or 215-317-6697

WOMEN AFIRE RETREAT: Friday – Sunday, March 11 – 13, 2016 Come to a beautiful retreat with Mass, Confession, inspirational witness, teaching, music, healing prayer, quiet time and Eucharistic adoration. Team includes: Anna Iatesta, Kathleen McCarthy, Anne McGlone, June Piola with music by Marty Rotella. Several Archdiocesan priests will join us throughout the weekend. Please register online at www.malvernretreat.com or call: 610-644-0400. The retreat will be held in the Family Life Center at Malvern Retreat House.

PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church is seeking a full-time person who would coordinate the parish calendar, schedule the use of parish facilities, mailings, maintain the website, create a weekly electronic newsletter, update and print parish folders and booklets, schedule funerals and weddings, purchase office supplies, handle confidential correspondence, and compose announcements for Sunday worship. The job requires strong computer and internet research skills, flexibility, excellent interpersonal skills, project coordination experience, and the ability to work well with staff and parishioners. Sensitivity to confidential matters is required. Resumes should be e-mailed to loutonelli@mmredeemer.org or faxed to 215-362-4127.

The Congregation of Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception has teamed up with an independent Hollywood producer to create **Divine Mercy Matters**, a 14-part miniseries. The series covers a variety of topics, including the life of St. Faustina, the essential elements of the Divine Mercy devotion, and the tremendous promises given by God to those who ask for His mercy. Please go to www.divinemercymatters.org to learn more.

Calling All Saint Maria Goretti, Hatfield Alumni and Volunteers. Save the date Saint Maria Goretti All Class Reunion, **Saturday, March 12th at 6:00PM**. It will be in the Parish Hall. Come for dinner buffet, dessert, soda, water and BYOB. Cost will be \$25/per person. Come and see your old classmates and to catch up. If interested please contact Laurie at 215-760-9151 or email Tracy Groller tnish01@gmail.com or Laura Arkens Kozempel at lkozempel@hotmail.com.

Maternity B.V.M. School, 50th Reunion

Inviting all graduates and their guests from Maternity B.V.M. School, Class of 1966, to celebrate old school style!!! Please come for an evening of dinner, drinks and dancing to celebrate our 50th reunion, **Saturday, April 2, 2016 from 7 to 11PM** in the Parish Hall. For more information, please contact Mimi Zuino at mzmb52@gmail.com or Bob Drennen at rdrennen@ccp.edu.

MANUPHILLY presents Transforming Men, Transforming Families. Enrich your faith and the faith of your family through your participation in this years conference. On **Saturday, March 12th at St Joseph University Hagan Arena**, the men of all parishes are invited to join Catholic Men from throughout the Archdiocese for the 8th Annual Men's Spirituality Conference. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered, and the Conference will conclude with Mass. For more information and to register go to the website: www.manuphilly.com.

Saint Christopher School ~ All Class Reunion

Saturday, March 12th from 7–11PM
Location: Trainer Hall - 13301 Proctor Rd, Phila. PA 19116
Tickets are \$35 each and includes: Food - Beer - Wine - Photo Booth - DJ Music. Buy your tickets NOW! No tickets will be sold at the door. Must be 21 to attend. Call the School: 215-673-5787 M-F 8:30AM-2:30PM or go to the Parish Office (old convent) or buy online www.stchrisstrong.org/scrip

Prayer Workshop, Thursdays, March 3, 10 and 17, 8 to 9PM
~ Fr. Michael Mullan, parochial vicar at Saint Stanislaus Parish, will offer a workshop on prayer, helping individuals learn the basics of a specific and most important type of prayer: prayer from the heart. These are not the vocal prayers that we receive as written from others, but it is the prayer rather that we formulate in our hearts, how we then listen for God's voice, what that "sounds" like, and how to grow in an ability to enter a more reflective prayer. There will be concrete assignments given for the week to "practice", all aimed at teaching the basics of prayer. This might be just the thing for you to deepen your relationship with the Living God who is always seeking to communicate with us.

Programs take place in the Saint Stanislaus Parish Center, located behind the Church at Lansdale Avenue and Main Street (Route 63) in Lansdale. There is no cost to attend either program, and registration is not required.

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries Post-Abortion Healing Retreat

March 11-13th, 2016 ~ Malvern, Pennsylvania
For information please call Geri at 610-399-0890 or Priscilla at 215-906-6337. All inquiries are strictly confidential. Financial aid is offered if needed.

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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION at CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

Mom Café - Tuesday, March 1st-9:30 to Religious Education Room in Church
 **The Guardians - Tuesday, March 1st- 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.

Stations of the Cross
 **Friday, March 4th:** Way of the Cross according to Saint John XXIII
 Stations of the Cross are held in the church beginning at 7:00PM.



In the Gospel the essential thing is mercy. God sent his Son, God made himself man in order to save us, that is, in order to grant us his mercy. Jesus says this clearly, summarizing his teaching for the disciples: 'Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful' (Lk 6:36). Can there be a Christian who isn't merciful? No. A Christian must necessarily be merciful, because this is the center of the Gospel. And faithful to this teaching, the Church can only repeat the same thing to her children: 'Be merciful', as the Father is, and as Jesus was. Mercy.

— Pope Francis

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<https://www.facebook.com/JubileeYearofMercy>

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.



The Guardians

This monthly support group for fathers of all ages is named in honor of Saint Joseph, Guardian of the Redeemer. It provides opportunities for members to learn from one another by sharing their insights about challenges they face in married and family life, in the workplace, and in their spiritual life. Through fellowship, prayer, and discussion of relevant issues, participants come to a deeper understanding of the richness of their Catholic faith and their identity as husbands and fathers. Single fathers are always welcome to these sessions, as well. For more information or to register for your first meeting, please contact Deacon Frank Langsdorf at deaconlangsdorf@gmail.com.



Tuesday, March 1, 2016
 Tuesday, April 5, 2016
 Tuesday, May 3, 2016
 Tuesday, June 7, 2016
 Tuesday, August 2, 2016
 Tuesday, October 4, 2016
 Tuesday, December 6, 2016

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
 Religious Education Room

*"Every family needs a father... We find in the Book of Proverbs (23:15-15), words that a father addresses to his own son, and it reads like this:
 'My son, if your heart is wise, my heart too will be glad. My soul will rejoice when your lips speak what is right'
 Nothing could better express the pride and emotion a father feels when he understands that he has handed down to his child what really matters in life, that is, a wise heart."
 Pope Francis*

The 2016 Corpus Christi Passion Play is underway and we are looking for your help in making this our most prayerful experience yet. Our rehearsals are held in the Church every Friday evening in Lent (2/12-3/18) immediately following the stations of the cross.

Join us Friday, March 4th

We invite participants of ALL AGES to join our cast & crew family! If you have any interest in being involved meet us directly after the Stations of the Cross in the front of the Church.

The Passion Play will be presented to the Parish on Good Friday – March 25th at Noon. If you have any questions please contact our director, Amanda Deo at Amanda.g.deo@gmail.com.

Have You Heard the Good News?

Corpus Christi Parish provides many ongoing opportunities to grow in your life of faith. Please take full advantage of all the events we have planned for you in 2016. Be sure to pick up an **Adult Faith Formation Calendar of Events** booklet from the narthex table. Make it your Lenten resolution to attend some of the Adult Faith Formation activities listed. Have you heard the Good News? Do you share the Good News? Do you live the Good News?

Straight Talk about Annulments

The process of having a marriage annulled touches the lives of many couples in the Church today. Did you know that Pope Francis has made several changes to the annulment process? Learn about these changes and hear straight answers to "scratch your head questions" concerning annulments. Please register for this session at corpuschristiaff@yahoo.com.

Tuesday, April 19, 2016 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
Religious Education Room
 Please use side entrance to our church.



Mercy in Action

Archbishop Charles Chaput, in accord with the wishes of Pope Francis, has decreed that the annulment process now exists without cost. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia will absorb the \$800.00 fee. Petitioners are only asked to contribute something out of charity according to their means.

Did you Know?

If your marriage ended in divorce, you can petition the Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for a Declaration of Nullity. The Tribunal is looking to see if something was lacking in the intentions of the parties in regards to children, fidelity and permanence, and/or in their understanding of marriage, and/or in their ability to enter into and fulfill marriage. Anyone can begin the process now from the ease of their own computer. Go to www.archphila.org. On the top right of the webpage, under the heading, "How do I", click on the tab "Start the Annulment Process." Follow the instructions, fill out the form on the computer, print out the form, obtain the proper documents and send everything to the Tribunal. When your application is received you will be contacted to begin your case with formal testimony. The normal annulment process takes 6-8 months.

The Mom Café

The Mom Café is a monthly support group for women of all stages of motherhood. A typical meeting includes morning refreshments, prayer, and a discussion of selected topics and pertinent readings. Participants of *The Mom Café* receive an issue of "Take Out" (a family faith full-colored newsletter) each month at no cost. Children are always welcome to accompany their mothers to the meetings. Free child care is also available at most meetings in a separate play area equipped with books and toys. Be assured that our child care volunteer has met all the requirements set by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for maintaining a safe, happy, and holy environment for our children. Please contact Angela McClellan with any questions or to register for your first meeting at corpuschristiaff@yahoo.com.



Tuesday, March 1, 2016

The Religious Education room is located inside the church. To enter the room, please use the doors on the far right side of the church building. This location also provides ramp access for strollers.



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.

The Corpus Christi Adult and Youth Choirs will present a special Tenebrae Service on **Palm Sunday, March 20th at 7:30 PM in Corpus Christi Church**. The ancient Tenebrae (Latin for "shadows") dates back centuries to the early years of the church. It depicts the flight of the disciples and the approaching crucifixion through the extinguishing of candles in the sanctuary. Start your Holy Week with this beautiful and moving service that recreates the betrayal, abandonment and agony of Jesus Christ whose death brought light to our world. All are welcome!

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.

LENTEN DEVOTION opportunity. The Flame of Love Cenacle Prayer Group will pray a Holy Hour of Reparation on Friday at 6:00PM in the Chapel. All are welcome. The Holy Hour will end at 6:55PM in time for Stations. For questions please contact: flameoflovelansdale@gmail.com or Diana: 215-855-5494. Why not add this Holy Hour to your devotions during Lent?



AID FOR FRIENDS

FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Any Parish organization planning to make meals or breakfast bundles for *Aid for Friends* as a service project, please let Barbara MacIntosh (215-256-1161) know in advance, so that arrangements can be made to make room for the meals/bundles. Thank you!

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. **March 15 7:00-8:30 Room A**; April 11 7:00-8:30 Room A; May 16 7:00-8:30 Room A.

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., George Olden, Pat Mozi, Leonard Balk, Luca Paciente, Nancy DelCarlino, Anna O'Donnell.

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

CLUB 50 NEWS AND TRAVEL

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!

March Retreat - The Club 50 retreat will be held on Thursday, March 10 starting at 10:30am in the Church for Mass. Father Al Santorsola will be conducting this year's retreat. The cost for a box lunch is \$12, and the sandwich selections are Roast Beef on a roll, a Chicken Caesar Wrap, or Turkey and Ham on a croissant. Please send your check, and sandwich selection, to either 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) - Make check payable to "Club 50 of Corpus Christi". **Deadline is Sunday, March 6.** No refunds or payments after that date.

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.

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

The annual Knights of Columbus Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 12th at 10am.

(Rain Date: Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.)

Corpus Christi Athletic Fields. Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The Easter Bunny will arrive at 10:00 a.m. sharp to start the egg hunt. Every egg will be filled with a treat and a select number of eggs will have a golden ticket. Finders of the golden ticket will receive a special prize.

Children will be divided into the following age groups, each with their own area to hunt for eggs. Children will line up by age group starting at 9:45 a.m. for a prompt 10:00 a.m. start.

Ages 1 and under; Ages 2 through PreK; Grades K, 1st and 2nd; Grades 3rd and Up. Please bring your own basket or bag to collect the eggs. (Each child can expect to bring home eight to ten eggs.)

For safety, we ask all children to be courteous and respectful to others during the egg hunt. The Easter Bunny will be available for photographs after the egg hunt. Please bring your own camera.

There is limited parking at the athletic fields (located off Supplee Road), but the fields are within walking distance from the Corpus Christi Church parking lot. In case of inclement weather, updates will be available through the parish Facebook page and/or parish e-mail blast. If you have any questions, please contact Stacy Ray at stacy_ray@verizon.net or Ann Marie Finley at atammara@yahoo.com.

Youth News



Corpus Christi Youth Ministry is selling tickets to the **76ers game on Saturday, March 12 (7pm) for only \$23!** There are 60 tickets available but getting more is possible (price subject to change). A portion of each ticket will support the youth ministry programs. Please contact Danielle, the youth minister, at corpus_ym@gmail.com for more information. Order form will be forthcoming!

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.

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. (**Theology on Tap** is held every third Tuesday, March 21st) of the month at 7:30PM at the Appalachian Brewing Company in Collegeville, PA. Each month features a different speaker.) 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.

SCRIP CORNER

SCRIP OFFICE HOURS: Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9am to 12:30pm (when school is in session)
Monday evenings 5:30pm to 7:00pm (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.ccslandsdale.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.splay.com/site/> and **will close on Feb 29th**. There are several new programs offered this season. **Additional Information** can be found at our website at <http://corpuscyo.wordpress.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.

[March Madness to Benefit Two of Our Families - Corpus Christi CYO is asking for your support to assist two Corpus parish families battling medical challenges with their children. CYO plans to raise money during our March Madness weekend and funds will be donated to help both families. Luca was 15 months old when he was diagnosed with a rare aggressive brain tumor. He had numerous surgeries and treatments to fight the cancer. Now at 8 years old, he had a 3rd brain surgery in January. His family reports that he is making amazing progress. He has long journey ahead and our Corpus family prayers and support can help Luca Fight On, Smile On! Amber was born with a congenital heart defect and at age 17 is now awaiting a heart transplant. Unfortunately, Amber suffered a bleed in her brain that affected her motor and speech skills. She is working with therapists to regain her skills and must remain strong as she awaits her new heart. Please join Amber's Army and show your support!]

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>

Pub Night FUNdraiser ***Rescheduled to March 12th***

–Tickets for the 2016 CYO Basketball Fundraiser are on sale now! Open to all members of Corpus Christi Parish. Order tickets on the form at <http://corpuscyo.wordpress.com> Send check and form to Danielle Lasky c/o Avery (2A), or email laskybt@gmail.com with your ticket order. Saturday March 12th, 7:00-10:00pm; Corpus Gym; Beef & Beer, Pub Games, DJ, raffle baskets, good times! Cost: Tickets are \$25 each, wine BYOB. All proceeds benefit CYO Basketball



CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL

NEWS

A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
Corpus Christi Catholic School New Student Registration Information

Registration for the 2016-2017 School Year is currently taking place. Please call Mrs. Barb Casee in the school office at 215-368-0582 to arrange a time to come in and register your child. Items Needed for Registration:

- ❖ Original Birth Certificate
- ❖ Baptismal Certificate
- ❖ Immunization Records
- ❖ \$50.00 non-refundable registration fee

Have any questions??? ... Or if you would like a private tour, please call the school office and ask to speak to Mrs. Casee at 215-368-0582 or email barb.casee@corpuschr.org.



Attention - Boys in 6th, 7th, 8th grade Corpus Christi Parish Boy Scout Troop 303 is accepting new members. (You need not to have been a Cub Scout!)

Why join the Boy Scouts?

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

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

Week of 02/28 Team #9: Helen Tobin at 610-584-5871
or Denise Garrigus at 215-256-6877
Week of 03/06 Team #1 : 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. March 21st, April 18th.**

REQUIREMENTS FOR GODPARENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WEDNESDAYS



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

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

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



MARRIAGES: Couples who are planning to be married are required to notify one of the parish priests no less than six months prior to the marriage and attend a Pre-Cana session. The next pre-cana session is March 5 and 6, 2015. Please contact cprecanateam@gmail.com for more information.

NOVENA DEVOTIONS: March 2 through April 27th a Novena to St. Peregrine, Patron saint of cancer patients is being conducted. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place from 7:45AM to 6:30PM concluding with benediction and the novena begins immediately after benediction. On the concluding night of the Novena, April 27th, at 7:30PM there will be a Mass of Anointing of the Sick in the Church Fr. Pio Mandato will be the main celebrant. For more information please call the Parish Office Center at 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 12:00PM** (during Lent) and **1:30PM to 5PM.** Please come in or telephone during these hours concerning documents, registration, Mass cards, baptismal arrangements, etc.

PARISH LIBRARY Hours:

Sunday 7:45AM to 1PM

Library Volunteers Needed

Our Parish Library is need of volunteers. Individuals or couples volunteer for 2 hours one Sunday a month. If you are interested in helping your parish family, please contact our Director of Adult Faith Formation at corpuschristiaff@yahoo.com.

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.