

Corpus Christi Parish ~ Upper Gwynedd, Pennsylvania
March 5, 2017 ~ First Sunday of Lent

TEMPTATION IN THE DESERT

Ash Wednesday

Transfiguration

THE WATERS OF ETERNAL LIFE

THE MIRACLE OF
THE BLIND MAN

I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

THE
PASSION
OF
OUR
LORD

LENT



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CHRISTI
PARISH**

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Church: www.corpuschristilansdale.org

School: www.ccslansdale.org

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Masses: 7:15AM

Saturday Masses: 7:15 AM.....4:30 PM

(Vigil Mass for Sunday)

Sunday Masses: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 (Children's Liturgy of the Word for Grades K,1,and 2 at 10AM Mass)

11:30 AM, and 6 PM

Holy Day Masses: 7:30 PM (Vigil)

7:15AM, and 12:05PM

Confessions:

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

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

One and a half months ago, we read the verses immediately prior to today's gospel reading. In the third chapter of Matthew's gospel, he tells the story of Jesus being baptized in the river Jordan. He concludes that account with God announcing, "This is My beloved Son. . ."

Where do we find God's Son in today's reading? He is fasting in the desert. In a wonderful act of filial devotion and obedience, He escapes to a desert to fast and pray for forty days. He is preparing Himself for His mission that lies ahead. Just when He is at His weakest, He encounters a tempter. In a witty exchange of dialogue, the tempter confronts Christ with three offers. All three are remarkably similar to the sins which confronted the Israelites in their forty year trek in the desert.



First the tempter offers Christ provisions. If He was the Son of God, He could turn the stones to bread. Christ reminds him that not by bread alone do we live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. Next the devil took Him to a parapet of the temple and tempted Him with power. If He jumped, surely the angels would protect Him. Christ responded that He would not put God to a "test". He was confident of God's power and assistance. Finally, the devil tempted Him with property. He offers Him all of the kingdoms of the world if Christ would worship him. Again, Christ emphasizes that He would serve God alone. Jesus, true God and true man, resists three major temptations.

On the other hand, there is Adam. We encounter him in our first reading today. It is a depiction of the first human being, bowing to temptation immediately. Adam wanted more, even though he already had it all. The Israelites in the desert, as God's chosen people, had it all, yet they wanted more. You and I, we have it all, yet we want more.

That is what Lent is all about. "For forty days and forty nights," we will be on a baptismal retreat. At our baptisms we were all recognized as children of God. We were assured God's support, love, and unwavering mercy. We have it all! Yet we spend most of our time in pursuit of other things - of more money, of greater influence, of more material goods.

Paul reminds us that through Adam, sin entered the world, but through Christ all were made righteous. In Jesus Christ, there is hope. In Jesus Christ, there is perfect example. In Jesus Christ, there is redemption. Therefore let us resolve to focus our attention in these next forty days on those things we already have, on those things that really matter. Like Christ, let us simplify our lives and our lifestyles. We are to emphasize prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. May we keep present in our minds and hearts all the joy that is promised by God. Remember, we already have it all.

God bless you,



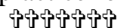
Novena of Prayer to St. Peregrine for Healing

Corpus Christi Parish's Annual Nine Week Novena of Prayer for Healing to St. Peregrine, Patron Saint of Cancer Patients, begins on Wednesday evenings in the Chapel, continuing through April 26th at 6:30PM to 7:30PM. The Novena immediately follows Benediction which begins at 6:30PM. There is also Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday, 7:45AM to 6:30PM.

Mass of Anointing of the Sick: On Wednesday, April 26th, the closing night of the Novena, there will be a Mass of Anointing of the Sick at 7:30PM in the Church. The Main Celebrant will be Father Pio Mandato. For more info call 215-855-1311.



Stations of the Cross Every Friday at 7:00PM with practice for the Good Friday Passion Play immediately following.



REFINANCING ANNOUNCEMENT

We are pleased to announce to the Parish that our Business Manager together with our Finance Council have successfully refinanced over \$2.725 million in debt remaining from the 2006 expansion of the parish center and school, at a fixed interest rate of 4.5%. The refinancing extended the debt until February, 2027, when the loan will mature in a balloon payment, and reduced our monthly loan payments by \$1,461.04 per month. The new lender is Harleysville Savings Bank. Monsignor Flanigan and our Finance Council wish to thank Harleysville Savings Bank for its support of our parish community.

MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

Saturday,	March 4th	
4:30 PM	Elizabeth Hanrahan	<i>by Kathy and Tom Prokop</i>
Sunday,	March 5th	
7:00 AM	Sr. Cecilia Daniel	<i>by Carol and Wayne Walton</i>
8:30	Rita Rafferty	<i>by Eileen Swartz</i>
10:00	John Dwyer	<i>by Elaine Koza</i>
11:30	Daniel and Anna Green	<i>by Michael and Carol Pasella</i>
6:00 PM	Jeanne Sullivan	<i>by Dave and Kiersten Hafer</i>
Monday,	March 6th	
7:15 AM	Ray Farmer	<i>by Peg Farmer and Family</i>
12:05 PM	Francis Collins	<i>by Michael and Jennifer Collins</i>
Tuesday,	March 7th	
7:15 AM	Monica Casciano	<i>by The Bader Family</i>
12:05 PM	James McGovern	<i>by Angie Lamparski and Family</i>
Wednesday,	March 8th	
7:15 AM	Mark Eller	<i>by Pat and Pam Kendig</i>
12:05 PM	Dr. Brock Lynch	<i>by Ellie Hentschel</i>
Thursday,	March 9th	
7:15 AM	The Pascuzzi Family	
12:05 PM	Deceased Members of the Hentschel and Rominski Families	<i>by Ellie Hentschel</i>
Friday,	March 10th	
7:15 AM	Intentions of Antonio Jacinto	<i>by Pacita Jacinto</i>
12:05 PM	Edgar Gansz	<i>by Dan and Elaine Gansz</i>
Saturday,	March 11th	
7:15 AM	Donomic Hue Dinh	<i>by Huynh Dinh</i>
4:30 PM	Samuel Minnick	<i>by The Condra Family</i>
Sunday,	March 12th	
7:00 AM	Catherine Gavaghan	<i>by Joe and Trudy Gallagher</i>
8:30	Vincent and Genevieve Straka	<i>by Bernadette and Family</i>
10:00	Maria and Jose Feijo	<i>by Ana and Chris Peck</i>
11:30	Renee Mizdail	<i>by Eileen Spicer</i>
6:00 PM	Marion Peleggi	<i>by Tom Pileggi</i>



We pray for the deceased members, relatives and friends of our parish family especially Matthew Madden, son of Vince and Eileen, Jim Thompson, husband of Barbara.

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

FIRST SUNDAY of LENT

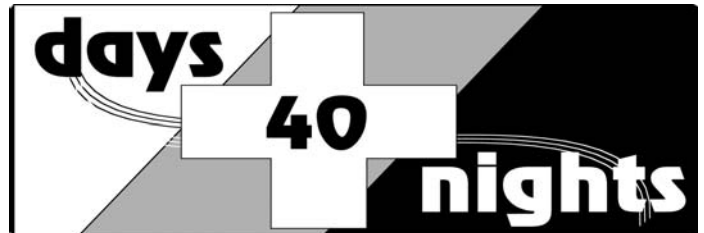
WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Target for Fiscal Year 2016-2017	\$1,560,000
Weekly Target for Fiscal Year 2016-17	\$ 30,000
Collection for February 25/26	\$ 31,290
Electronic Giving (117 participants) Feb. 20	\$ 15,347
Over (Under) Target Week	\$ 1,290
Over (Under) Target YTD Fiscal Week 34	\$ 41,956
Facilities Improvement Year To Date	\$ 49,430
Through February 26th	
Total Envelopes Mailed	2,535
Total Envelopes Used (February 26)	838
Balance Due on Mortgage	\$ 2,723,327

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 This passage from Genesis narrates the creation of man, the temptation by the serpent, and the fall of Adam and Eve.

Responsorial : PS 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17
R. (cf. 3a) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19 Paul tells the Romans that Adam's disobedience brought sin and death to the world, but Christ's dying on the cross for us will bring us salvation and life.



Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11 In preparation for His ministry, Jesus goes into the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. There He is tempted by the devil to give evidence of His miraculous powers, but Jesus resists the devil saying, "Away with you Satan! You shall do homage to the Lord your God; Him alone shall you adore."

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
"Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterward was hungry... For if by the offense of one man all died, much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ, abound for all."

Will you do yourself a favor? Begin this holy time with special fervor and devotion, for your spiritual benefit, the good of the church and those around you.

We have the tendency to commemorate events in traditional ways. The fourth of July, we became free, raise flags and shoot fireworks. At Thanksgiving, we express gratitude and have some sort of feast. The page is turned on a new year and we party. The traditions are special.

Lent is not just a period to remember, but to realize that it is a time for us to grow, deepen our relationship with the Lord, and become holy, yes, to work at being a saint. The ashes we received this week, the stations we recall on the road to Calvary and our customs should become more meaningful. Our Holy Father insists that we can and are to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. If my game plan for lent is to achieve this goal, then I put aside the baggage which weighs me down through my prayer, sacrifice and good works. Thus the grace of God and His gracious gift will be ours.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE of PHILADELPHIA

Deliver Us From Evil:

A Lenten Reflection on the Nature of Evil

Spiritual warfare isn't just about the devil. When it comes to enticing us to sin, the world, the flesh as well as the devil all work hand-in-hand to lead us away from God. In this Lenten reflection by Susan Brinkmann, OCDS, staff journalist for Women of Grace and a frequent guest on EWTN, you will learn how evil operates in our lives and how to defend yourself against its power. **Friday, March 10, 7-9 p.m.** at St. Agnes Church, 445 N. Main Street, Sellersville, PA. Refreshments and resources available. Reservations required. Cost is \$20 per person. Couples \$35. Students \$10. Clergy and religious free. Children under 12 must be accompanied by adult. Visit the Events page at www.womenofgrace.com or call 800-558-5452 to register.

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

Please join us for our Legion of Mary's "Marian Day" at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Saturday, March 11 from 9AM to 4PM. Includes: morning and afternoon presentations by Fr. Mark Mary, MFVA, EWTN's host of "Life on the Rock," Mass box lunch and Holy Hour. Donation requested for box lunch is \$10. RSVP at www.scs.edu or call 610-785-6270.

Do Something Special For Lent This Year

Visitation BVM Parish will sponsor a special Lenten program entitled "Pivotal Players" by Bishop Robert Barron. The DVD program showcases a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of western civilization.

The sessions will take place on the six Tuesdays of Lent (see schedule below) from 7:00 to 8:30PM. If you can't make the entire series, or are particularly interested in one of the pivotal players, you can come to just that session.

March 7 - ST. FRANCIS of ASSISI ; March 14 - ST. THOMAS AQUINAS; March 21 - ST. CATHERINE of SIENA, March 28 - BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN; April 4 - G. K. CHESTERTON; April 11 - MICHELANGELO. All sessions will be held in the Visitation Junior High library located at 190 N Trooper Road, Norristown, PA 19403. Please use the school entrance closest to the intersection of N Trooper Rd and Chestnut Ave. There is no cost to participate, but you can purchase an optional workbook for \$25 on Amazon.com.

We won't be using the workbook during our sessions, but you might find it interesting to read through on your own between sessions. We will however, have guided discussion after we watch each video. We ask folks to register so we can contact you in case of inclement weather. To register, please contact Bob Hehn on 484-557-1371 or email at rahehn@aol.com to register.

24 Hours for the Lord - Lent 2017

On March 24 & 25 the universal Church will celebrate the Lenten prayer vigil, 24 Hours for the Lord. On these two days, Pope Francis has asked that churches open their doors for a period of 24 hours with increased opportunity for Confession and prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. This is a sacred moment in which to immerse ourselves in the infinite mercy of Jesus poured out for us in the two great Sacraments of Mercy, Reconciliation and the Eucharist.

To find a parish in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia participating in 24 Hours for the Lord, visit www.archphila.org/24hours/

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!

Matrimony: A calling to forgive! "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope." Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage.

Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program in your area begins on the weekend of April 21 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Another weekend will be held in August. For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at:

www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School events for girls in 6th and 7th grades!

Morning Tours Happening now!

Select Weekdays from January through May 8:00-10:30am

Evenings at Gwynedd - Limited Wednesday evenings in March and May.

7th Grade Practice Test

Saturday, April 29, 2017 or Sunday, April 30, 2017

9:00am-12:30pm

Tours available after the exam on Saturday

Information Sessions at 9:10am for parents both days

All information is available at:

<https://www.gmahs.org/admissions/visit-gwynedd>

Mount Saint Joseph Academy

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

Women's Spirituality Retreat, March 10 - 12

Marianist Family Retreat Center

Cape May Point, NJ 08212 (609-884-3829)

Join with other women in a creative exploration of your own story and stories of women in faith. Come alone, or with a relative or friend. A team of women has prepared this weekend of rest and renewal. Eucharist, other prayer experiences, beach walks, socials and fun are included. Cost: \$135pp, double occ.

LENTEN DINNERS



Saint Mary Parish, 40 Spring Mount Road, Schwenksville, will host a Lenten Dinner every Friday in March from 4 to 7PM in their Parish Hall. Delicious meatless meals for both adults and children are available and each week will feature a different entree special. There will be raffle baskets each week with a grand prize basket on

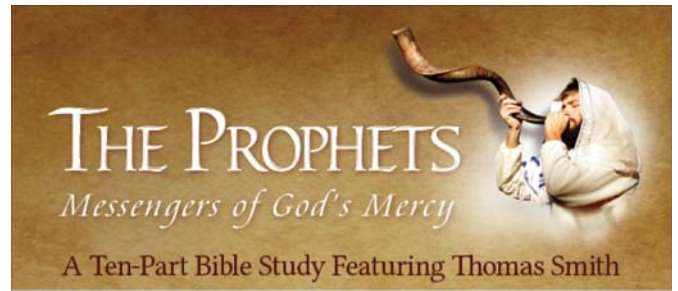
March 31st. Bring the family to a special Family Dinner & Movie night on March 24th. Frequent Buyer Program available. Lots of fun and fellowship! For more information contact Susan at shrdesign@aol.com. All are invited!

The Guardians - Tuesday, March 7th- 7PM

Religious Education Room in Church. For more information or to register for your first meeting, please contact Deacon Frank Langsdorf at deaconlangsdorf@gmail.com.

Mom Café - Tuesday, March 7th- 9:30-11AM

The Mom's Cafe is back! If you've been looking for a way to meet other moms in the parish, or have wondered what this group is about, come join us at any or all of our meetings. All are welcome, including the children. Have coffee and talk with a supportive group of women discussing all kinds of topics! Questions may be directed to Jess at jesswoehr@hotmail.com



10 WEEK LENTEN BIBLE STUDY back again!

The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy

If we consider that God is the Divine Bridegroom and the Church is his Bride, then the prophets can be seen as "spiritual marriage counselors." They afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted, calling us to return to our covenant relationship with God. They urge us to repentance, warn us of the dangers of sin, and announce the blessings of faithfulness. Their prophetic words speak to us even today, as they draw us closer to our heavenly Bridegroom.

Join Corpus Christi for this Great Adventure study on the Prophets. Each week, you will come to know a prophet from Scripture and learn how his message sheds light on our faith and our lives. In getting to know these messengers of God, you will read Scripture and the Catechism, while answering thought provoking questions and powerful reflections. Plus, you will learn practical ways to apply the messages of the prophets in your own life.

The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy places the Old Testament prophets in context of Salvation History, making their personalities and contexts easy to follow, understand, and relate to our lives.

Corpus Christi will begin The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy Wednesday MORNINGS 9AM-11AM & EVENINGS 7PM-9PM on March 22 through May 24th in rooms B & C. REGISTER ONLINE ASAP to receive your workbook at <https://shop.ascensionpress.com/products/prophets-study-set> For more information email Eileen Dowling at irisheileen@hotmail.com

I encourage you to join us. You will find it enriching and inspirational. Be sure to have a Catholic Bible that includes all 73 books. We recommend the Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition, or the RSVCE



Passion Play 2017: Calling all actors, musicians, stagehands and anyone open to trying something new! Casting has begun for all roles for this year's Passion Play, including an understudy for the role of Jesus (this person would take over the

role next year). All are welcome to participate; we are open to all ages and encourage family participation. We do ask that children 5th grade and younger have a parent present for all rehearsals and performances. Rehearsals will begin during Lent, and will take place on Friday evenings in the Church after Stations of the Cross. Our presentation of the Passion Play is on Good Friday at noon in the Church. If you are interested in joining the cast or crew, or would like more details, please contact Amanda Deo at Amanda.g.deo@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT RE: YEAR END STATEMENTS

Contribution tax statements have been emailed, *some have been returned due to a change in provider or a change in work address*. If you haven't received an email, in order to add, or update your email address please send a request to corpuschristilansdale@gmail.com with the notation of "Tax Statement" in the subject bar. Thank you for your cooperation!

If you have any questions please call the Parish Center Office at 215-855-1311 ext. 121 for Ruth. Thank you!

Young Women of Grace Facilitator Training Session

Women of Grace® is hosting a training session for women interested in facilitating an exciting new program entitled *Young Women of Grace: Embrace Your Femininity for Catholic Girls ages 12-17*. The course is designed to counter the toxic messages aimed at today's young women and help girls discover the unique genius of their femininity. Course has an imprimatur from Archbishop Charles Chaput and is suitable for private use, in schools and parishes, homeschool co-ops and after-school club settings. Study co-author Susan Brinkmann, OCDS, will lead the training session at **St. Agnes Church, 445 N. Main Street, Sellersville, PA on Saturday, March 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Mass at 9:00 a.m.)** Continental breakfast and lunch will be served. Pre-registration fee \$25 per person; clergy and religious free. For a preview of the Young Women of Grace program, visit www.young.womenofgrace.com. To register for the training session, click on the Events page at www.womenofgrace.com or call 800-558-5452

CLUB 50 NEWS AND TRAVEL NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!

March General Meeting – The meeting will be held on *Thursday, March 9* in Meeting Rooms A-B-C. We will see a short film of Irish Dancing, and Edd Murphy will entertain us with Irish Songs. A \$2 lunch will be available for purchase. Any questions, contact Janet Stankus (215-368-1785), or Kathleen Kemp (215-368-4075).



Doolan's Spring Lake, NJ - Thursday, March 16, 2017 **St. Patrick's Fest**, cost \$92. Round trip motor coach transportation tax and tip included. Sit-down lunch and St. Patrick's Fest-From Ireland to America. This traditional show stars Irish Tenor Mike Byrne and the famous Green Derby Show Band. The menu includes 1. Corned Beef & Cabbage, 2. Half Roast Chicken, 3. Herbal Salmon. Departs 9AM return, approximately 5:30. *Call 610-584-1366 Colette Kearns, 807 McIntosh Way, Lansdale, PA 19446.

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

Please be praying

for... Bill Flear, Daniel MacDonald, Joan Buchler, Joanne McDonald, Maureen McGowan, Sara Welsh Krebs, Katelyn Bonner, James Donnelly, Kathy Donia, Bonnie Maday, Annamarie Hutchinson, Samuel Smith, Joe Dwyer, Thomas Roy, Peter Schumacher, Frank Griffith, Mary Hanisco, Pat Mozi, Leonard Balk, Luca Paciente, James Herron, Sr., Mike McGonigle, Sue Kunze, Patricia Wright, Joseph Bintner, Frederick Scheetz, Susan Miholovich, Robert Shea, Drew Fantozzi, Ken Slater, James Stento, Antonio Jacinto, Michael Rafter, Susan Kennedy, Charlotte Kostrubiak, Holly Miller, Betty Olden.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

2017 GIVING HOPE to All:

You may contribute to the Catholic Charities Appeal in many ways: • Pledge Gift• Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT)• Gifts of Securities• Planned Gifts• One Time Gift• Credit Card Gifts• Matching Gifts. For more information on any of these options please visit our website at www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org, email us at cca@adphila.org or call us at 215-587-5650.

Corpus Christi is at \$39,909, 26% of our \$152,684 goal for 2017 as of February 24.)



We are at the halfway point for the St Charles Seminary Appeal and Corpus Christi has reached \$36,090 with 274 donors so far. If you have not as yet made a contribution you may do so by visiting <http://stcharlesseminaryappeal.org/#>. Thank you for helping to support the formation and education of our future priests, deacons and lay faithful.

Free Falls/Balance Screening at St. Maria Goretti Parish
The *St. Maria Goretti Eldercare Assistance Program* is pleased to announce that a series of health and related topics will be provided on a monthly basis, called Wellness Wednesdays! During our first session, Stephanie from the Physical Therapy and Wellness Institute will discuss falls prevention and safety, and then will conduct a balance screening at no charge to participants. Join us on **Wednesday, March 8th in the Parish Library from 9:30-11AM**. Please contact me at (215) 721-0199, ext. 225 or at jennifer.rose@stmariagoretti.net to register.



MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

The monthly food collection for local food cupboards takes place next weekend, March 11/12, after all the Masses. Please leave your donations of non-perishable goods in the room next to the restrooms in the back of church. This room is open after all the Masses.

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish ~ Phoenixville, PA PRE-CANA PROGRAM ~ All Engaged Couples Planning to Marry ~

Saturday – April 29, 2017 - 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 their website

www.stmaryassumption.org - click on Parish Information and then Sacraments/PREP.

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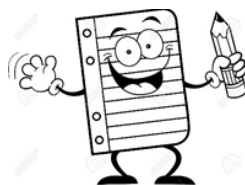
THE KNIGHT'S KORNER - UPDATES FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #9715

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017

PARISH BREAKFAST

- Everyone is welcome to join us in the Fr. Doyle Hall on Sunday March 12, 2017 for our next Community Breakfast hosted by The Knights of Columbus from 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Included are pancakes, waffles, scrambled eggs, Made-to-Order Omelets, hash browns, sausage, toast, orange juice, coffee, fruit, and our famous "doughnut buffet"! Cost: ONLY \$8 for Adults, and \$4 for Children.

Join the Parish Communication Team



Are you a writer, graphics or web designer, in video, communications, advertising or marketing? Have years of experience or just interested in designing and developing our messages? Please share your talents to help Corpus Christi Parish. 1-3 hours a month from home is all we need - a little help from many! Contact Tom McHenry at 215-513-0251 or email at Tom@McHenryCreative.com

CASSEROLE PROJECT



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

Casseroles for St John's Hospice will be picked up Thursday, March 9th. Pick-up day is always the second Thursday of the month. Each day St. John's provides between 500 and 700 meals to the homeless. Won't you help with this project by taking a pan and filling it with a recipe of your choice? The recipe should have a meat, poultry, or fish base. Please use only the pans that are provided by St John's and are available on the tables with the burgundy covers in the narthex of the church. They are also available in the gray garage next to the freezers. Do not overfill the pans. **Please bring your solidly frozen casseroles to the three-bay gray garage near the convent by Wednesday, March 8th.** The truck has been arriving very early on the second Thursday. If you have any questions about this project, please call Kay Smerke, (215) 855-1783.

Evangelization Newsletter ~ Archdiocese of Philadelphia

To be informed about what presentations are being offered at parishes around the Archdiocese please visit www.phillyevang.org/inform There you can sign up for a monthly email that provides information about many events being sponsored at various parishes and institutions around the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.



Looking for that special gift? If you want something that brings lasting joy, why not consider giving each other a **Marriage Encounter Weekend**? The world we live in seems to get busier each year, to taking the time to focus on each other and to grow in our understanding and love is so important. The next Weekend in this area is **March 31-April 2 at the Sheraton Great Valley**. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: www.wme-philly.org. You can also contact Al and Mary Liz Heumann at Applications@wme-philly.org or call 610-449-1859.



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 3/05 Team #6: Sue Bones at 215-631-9526

Week of 3/12 Team #7: Mary Medoff at 215-412-2263

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

BAPTISM INSTRUCTION SESSIONS: Parents and Godparents must attend **Pre-Jordan Sacramental Preparation** before the Baptism takes place. Prior to attendance, *parents are 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. March 20th, April 17th.**

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.

PRAYER GROUP: to which ALL are invited meets on Thursday evenings in the Church Chapel at 8 PM.

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 October 1st and 2nd, 2016. Please contact johnmcfgowan3@gmail.com for more information.

NOVENA DEVOTIONS: Continuing through April 26th 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 last night of the Novena, April 26th, 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.

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
February ~ 2017**

Samantha Marie Kremenowski and Michael James Krebsbach

**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.***