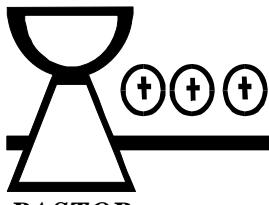


Giving | Fasting | Praying
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*Corpus Christi Parish ~ Upper Gwynedd, Pennsylvania
March 6, 2016 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ Laetare Sunday*



**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 Trish Keen	School Principal Director, Religious Education for Children
Angela McClellan	Director, Adult Faith Formation
Danielle Gallo	Youth/Young Adult Minister

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

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Church: www.corpuschristilansdale.org

School: www.ccslandsdale.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: Barb and Fred MacIntosh 215-256-1161

Altar Linens: Lori Neri 215-828-4763

Altar Servers: Deacon Currie/Trish Keen 215-362-2292

Bereavement Group: 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

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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

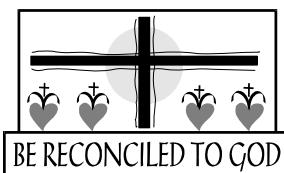
Youth and Young Adult Ministries: Danielle Gallo
215-855-1311 ext. 118

Weekend Parish House Volunteers: Sr. Mary Carroll
215-368-5750

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

Today's readings are a rich vein of insights into the reconciling power of the Eucharist. Especially in the gospel, we see that forgiveness is followed by reconciliation at a community celebration. The reading from the Book of Joshua shows that the community meal is the place where the community remembers its inheritance in God. As such, the meal is also the place where the community is reconciled with this same inheritance, if an estrangement has taken place. Forgiveness of personal sin is not the issue here. Rather, what is celebrated in community is the reconciliation which Christ has won for all. Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we conclude the institution narrative with the Lord's command: "Do this in memory of Me." What exactly is the Lord telling us to do in memory of Him? Is it the acts of taking, eating, and drinking? Yes, but also more. When we do these things, we are claiming our heritage in the reconciliation ("forgiveness of sins") which is sacramentalized in this ritual. What we remember is our inheritance as heirs of God and our claim to it in Christ.



If in the Eucharist we remember that we are reconciled, then in the Eucharist we must also remember that we have sinned. In the Eucharist we remember sin in order to claim reconciliation by granting the assurance of forgiveness - like the father in the gospel who remembered his son's sin by going out everyday and watching for his return - so that he can forgive and be reconciled to him. The sin we recall is the neglect of the covenant relationship with God, the same covenant remembered and renewed, not only by the Israelites in their Passover celebration at Gilgal, before Jesus' time, but also in the time after, down to the present day in human history. Because He knew that sin would persist in the world even after Calvary, Jesus commanded us, His disciples, to break bread and pour out wine, so that we might remember and reclaim our inheritance in Him, the inheritance of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Each time we celebrate the Eucharist we are saying to God and one another that we remember that God has made reconciliation possible in Christ. We want to have a share in that reconciliation, to renew our share after the lapse of time between one Eucharistic celebration and the last. We go in peace to stake our claim on the mercy of God and to claim our place once more in the community. But we need to do so with the same fierce commitment to the divine covenant that enabled the Israelites to stake their claim to the Promised Land. If our self-identification as Christians is anything less than this, we are not worthy to be called sons and daughters of God. Yet we cannot become hired servants. The Father's words to His Son make it clear that we do not have that option, because the only option we have is Christ's option, which is all or nothing.

When we celebrate the Eucharist, we remember the fact of sin and its forgiveness, and we celebrate its reconciliation. In the act of declaring the possibility and the actual fact of forgiveness and reconciliation, we declare that we, too, forgive everyone totally the harm they have done to us, and the harm that we see happening to others. As a first step in living out the forgiveness and reconciliation which we proclaim, we share Communion with every Catholic who comes with the right intention. Therefore it comes as no surprise to find Jesus preaching this parable of forgiveness in the company of repentant sinners.

Every time we share in the Eucharist we share in the life of the Trinity itself. As the bread broken in an image of the total self-emptying of the co-eternal Word, so the wine poured out symbolizes the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on the community, the Spirit of reconciliation. Our Lenten pilgrimage to the renewal of our pledge of Eucharistic Communion at Easter is a journey into the life of the Trinity, the source of all life. All this is made possible because the "Elder Son," who is "always with" the Father, "did not regard equality with God something to be grasped," but "emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave". This is the condition in which the prodigal son found himself, and in which we also would be had Jesus, our elder Brother, not come in search of us, to bring us back home. Remembering this, we prepare the table and bring our offering, the bread and wine which will become our sacrificial lamb, our "fatted calf," and we "celebrate and rejoice".

God bless you,
Msgr. Tom Flanagan

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 today, March 6th at the Motherhouse in Chestnut Hill. We are extremely happy for them and our Parish.

HEARTFELT THANKS!

The Respect Life Committee wishes to thank our Corpus Christi parishioners for their overwhelming generosity to the Valentine's Day Baby Shower. The wonderful items donated are too numerous to mention but each one is greatly appreciated. Many thanks to all who helped to make and give out the mini diapers with the gift suggestions. These items will be distributed to: *Mom's House* – A non-profit day care center in Phoenixville which aids mothers trying to take courses or get a degree & find a job. *A Baby's Breath* – A crisis pregnancy center in Norristown. *Visitation BVM* – Our sister parish in the Kensington section of Philadelphia, where there are many needy mothers with infants. *Guiding Star Ministries* – a non-profit maternity home which provides housing and services to women as an alternative to abortion. *Legacy of Life Foundation* – supports women in crisis pregnancies who are considering abortion to choose life instead. Some local needy families.



MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

FOURTH (*Laetare*) SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday,	March 5th
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 Misdail <i>by Al and Eileen Spicer</i>
6:00 PM	Bobby Taggart <i>by John Deery</i>
Monday,	March 7th
7:15 AM	Matthew J. Walsh <i>by Shirley Walsh and Family</i>
12:05 PM	Wayne Richards <i>by Bill and Pat Hallman</i>
Tuesday,	March 8th
7:15 AM	Ursula Jones <i>by Jim Elsasser and Eileen Strayer</i>
12:05 PM	Linda Tyre <i>by The McNeill Girls</i>
Wednesday,	March 9th
7:15 AM	Raymond Farmer <i>by The Farmer Family</i>
12:05 PM	Deceased Members of Hentschel Family <i>by Bob and Ellie Hentschel</i>
Thursday,	March 10th
7:15 AM	Edgar Gansz <i>by Dan and Elaine Gansz</i>
12:05 PM	Rita Kazimer <i>by Steve and Mariane Bonner</i>
Friday,	March 11th
7:15 AM	Dr. Joseph McQuaite <i>by Brian and Marlee Doherty</i>
12:05 PM	Florence Linfante <i>by Helen Fretz</i>
Saturday,	March 12th
7:15 AM	Patricia B. Tarpey <i>by Mary and Fran McDowell</i>
4:30 PM	Claire and Jerry McGinnis 50th Wedding Anniversary <i>by Sr. Margaret Gavaghan, SSJ</i>
Sunday,	March 13th
7:00 AM	Marie Quartapella <i>by Joe and Janet DePolo</i>
8:30	Ann Wilkie <i>by Lois Trave</i>
10:00	Frank Barnes <i>by Mike and Wendy Kelly</i>
11:30	Albert Fennell <i>by Joe and Diane Radvansky</i>
6:00 PM	Mary Walters <i>by The Whiteside Family</i>

We pray for the deceased members, relatives and friends of our parish family especially Kathleen Hayman, wife of Joseph.



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

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

February 27/28	\$ 27,816
Envelopes mailed	2,445
Envelopes returned	849
Monthly Electronic offering	
February 20 (23 participants)	\$ 4,300

First Reading: *Joshua 5:9a, 10-12* Joshua and the Israelites celebrated Passover in Jericho. This was the first time they had eaten the produce of the promised land. After this, there was no more bread sent from heaven because they were able to eat the yield of the land.

Responsorial Psalm: *PS 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7*
R. (9a) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: *2 Corinthians 5:17-21* Paul tells us that anyone living in Jesus is a new creation because God has reconciled with us through Christ. As an ambassador for Jesus, Paul implores that the Corinthians be reconciled to God through Jesus.



Gospel: *Luke 15:1-3, 11-32* The Pharisees grew disgusted with Jesus because of His compassion toward sinners. So Jesus told them a story of a son who squandered his inheritance. When a famine broke out, he returned home and asked his father to become a hired hand. His father instead welcomed him with a joyful celebration, just as God is overjoyed when a sinner returns to him.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old order has passed away, now all is new! All this has been done by God who has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. I mean that God, in Christ, was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting men's transgressions against them and has entrusted the ministry of reconciliation to us."

As we live this jubilee of mercy, Paul's message provides a clear, understandable message concerning the saving work of God. It is God who takes the initiative, I am called to respond. It is He who offers me forgiveness, I need only ask. He sent Jesus precisely for this purpose, to forgive, reconcile and offer us the gift of joy and peace. How many, how few, accept this tremendous gift?

The parable of Luke introduces us to three persons, the wayward son, the jealous brother and the waiting, forgiving father. There is some of each of us in all three.

Our walk with the Lord this Lent is the call given us to make all things new. I need forgiveness, I have the power to forgive others, I can have peace. With only a few weeks left to celebrate the paschal mystery, may I decide today, when I will seek the Lord's gift of forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Monday Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

Friday Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

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.msjacad.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.



Lent is not just a time for sacrifice but RENEWAL. Have the two of you had a weekend away from distractions (including children and smartphone). 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.

Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy Archdiocesan Pilgrimage

Join others from across the Archdiocese of Philadelphia as we travel as faithful pilgrims to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. to celebrate the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. Program includes the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Procession and Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen and Mother of Mercy, and the Holy Rosary. The day concludes with a Solemn Mass with Archbishop Charles Chaput as celebrant and homilist. Time for the gift shop and book store will also be allotted. Bus cost is \$60.00 per adult and \$10.00 per child (pack your own snacks and lunch; cost of dinner at Union Station on your own).

Saturday, April 23, 2016

Bus Departure: 7:00 AM from Saint Maria Goretti Church Parking Lot; Approximate Arrival Home: 9:00 PM
Please register using the form that can be found on our parish website at www.stmariagoretti.net. Please mail form along with payment. Cost is non-refundable but is transferable to another person.

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.

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.

Seminarians' 2016 Lenten Concert
Sunday afternoon, March 6, 2016 at 4:00PM
Saint Martin's Chapel ~ Free and Open to the Public
Reflect on scripture readings and enjoy music performed by the Seminary choir and musicians.

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.

MAN UP PHILLY 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.manupphilly.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

All are welcome to a talk on the **Year of Mercy** at St. Stanislaus Parish on **Tuesday, March 8 at 7PM**. The presentation by Saint Stanislaus Parochial Vicar Father Philip Forlano, takes place in the Parish Center, located in the building behind the Church at Lansdale Avenue and Main Street (Route 63) in Lansdale. Fr. Forlano will present a scriptural reflection on mercy and Pope Francis' declaration of a Jubilee Year of Mercy. He will provide an overview of the Holy Father's view of the importance of mercy, and describe the various ways that our parishes and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are offering opportunities for us to more fully participate in encountering God's mercy in our daily lives – through the sacraments, prayer, special devotions, faith enrichment, and the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. There is no cost to attend and registration is not required. Light refreshments follow the presentation.

Retreat for Caregivers, April 1–3

Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point, NJ 08212 This weekend open to primary caregivers for medically fragile or special needs family members and to those adult children who are now caring for their aging parents, will explore how we are able to find God at work during these challenging times. This retreat will offer opportunities to be spiritually and physically renewed for the road ahead our time will include daily Eucharist, prayer services, individual and group reflection time, and special liturgies, cost- \$135pp dbl occ.; visit www.capecmaymarianists.org.

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, April 5th-9:30 to Religious Education Room in Church



The Guardians - Tuesday, April 5th- 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.



One should truly listen to the word, in the Bible, in the Gospel, meditating on the Scriptures to put their content into practice every day. But to scan the Gospel superficially is not listening to the Word of God: this is reading the Word of God, as if one would read a comic strip. To listen to God's Word is to read it and ask oneself: 'What does this say to my heart?' Only in this way, in fact, does our life change. This happens every time we open the Gospel and read a passage and ask ourselves: 'Is God speaking to me with this, is he saying something to me?' This means to listen to the Word of God, to listen with the ears and listen with the heart, to open the heart to God's Word.

— Pope Francis

Follow on Facebook: Jubilee Year of Mercy

<https://www.facebook.com/IubilaeumMisericordiae.en/?fref=nf>

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.

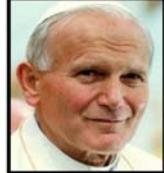


Ocean of Mercy

Celebrate the **Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy** as we view the inspiring documentary tracing the lives of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Saint Faustina, and Saint John Paul II. Filmed on location in more than twenty cities across Poland and the United States, this film examines and chronicles the phenomenal lives and spiritual legacies of these three modern-day "Apostles of Mercy." There is no cost for attendance and no registration is necessary. Continental breakfast included.



Friday, April 1, 2016
Following the 7:15 AM Mass
Religious Education Room
Running Time: 65 Minutes



"The Heart of Christ!
His Sacred Heart has given men everything:
redemption, salvation, sanctification...
Through the mystery of this wounded heart,
the restorative tide of God's merciful love
continues to spread
over the men and women of our time."
Saint John Paul II

Stations of the Cross



Friday, March 11th: Way of the Cross according to Saint John Paul II

Stations of the Cross are held in the church beginning at 7:00PM.

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 11th

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.

ROSARY RALLY

On **Saturday, March 19th, 2016** on the feast of St. Joseph America Needs Fatima will again sponsor a national rosary rally. Corpus Christi will host one of the many rallies taking place at 12 noon that day rain or shine. We will meet in front of the rectory on Sumneytown Pike at 11:45 am and the rosary will begin at 12 o'clock. With the primary elections soon taking place it is even more important to honor our Lady by praying the rosary. So please join us and bring your family and friends.

Please be praying Will Weigner, Bill Flear, Daniel MacDonald, Joan Buchler, Joanne McDonald, Maureen McGowan, Sara Welsh Krebs, Katelyn Bonner, James Donnelly, Joe Swaim, 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 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

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!

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

 The monthly food collection for local food cupboards takes place next weekend, March 12/13, 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.

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 10th. 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 9th.** 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.

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; singl. \$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.

American Music Theater, Lancaster, Pa - Wednesday, May 18th, cost \$85. Round trip motor coach transportation, tax and tips included. Luncheon smörgåsbord at Shady Maple restaurant at 11AM. Free time for shopping and browsing at Rockvale Outlets 1:15-2:15. Admission to the show "Crooners" at the American Music Theater at 3PM. Payment due at sign-up. Departs 9AM return approx. 7:30PM. *Contact 610-584-1366 Colette Kearns, 807 McIntosh 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."

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, 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 15th) 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://www.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.cclsansdale.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 **has been extended for a time**. There are several new programs offered this season.

Additional Information can be found at our website at <http://corpuscyo.wordpress.com/>

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.

REC REGISTRATION 2016/17 SCHOOL YEAR

The registrations for Religious Education for the next school year takes place this month of March. Forms will be sent home with current students and mailed to potential 1st Grade students based on parish records.



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 Rakiszawski 610-584-0333 or joerak@aol.com.



We are asking your help in collecting the Campbell's labels for education **UPC labels** from the red cans AND the Progresso **Box Top Coupons** from the blue cans. Please don't throw those labels in the trash!! We are also looking for Box Tops that are on the mashed potato, cookie, cake or muffin boxes...and the rolls of biscuits! Please put them in an envelope marked Box Tops/Labels for Education and drop them in the collection basket or the parish center office during the week.

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

Week of 03/06 Team #1: Mary Medoff at 215-412-2263
Week of 03/13 Team #2: Karen McFadden at 484-552-8129

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

Please note: **The paperwork for the child's baptism and certificates of eligibility* MUST be completed at least two weeks prior to scheduling a baptism date.**

Certificates of eligibility* must have a parish seal and cannot be faxed; they must be the original.

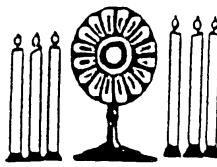
****CERTIFICATES OF ELIGIBILITY:** A certificate of eligibility is asking for a priest to sign and acknowledge that the person is 16 years of age or more, confirmed (and if married marriage took place in the Catholic Church) and celebrating the sacraments regularly. Ideally, this person should be registered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

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

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

WEDNESDAYS

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

Please enter the chapel using the entrance walk on the side of the Parish House facing Supplee Rd. (For more information, please call 215-855-1311).



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

MARRIAGES: Couples who are planning to be married are required to notify one of the parish priests no less than six months prior to the marriage and attend a Pre-Cana session. The next pre-cana session is March 5 and 6, 2015. Please contact johnmcgowan3@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: Sundays 7:45AM to 1PM

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

REGISTRATION: Our diocese requires that all Catholics should be registered in the parish of their residence. If you have moved into our parish and have not registered with us, it is important that you call the Parish Center Office (215-855-1311) and make arrangements to do so as soon as possible. Certificates of Eligibility to act as a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, **cannot be issued** unless you are already (preferably for 6 months) registered with us. *Please be aware that young adults over 21 (25 if in college) should register separately.*

The Sacrament of Baptism

We wish to extend a warm welcome to the newest members of our parish community. Our congratulations and best wishes go out to all the families.



February 2016



Grady Joseph Gorniak, son of Julia and Gregg
Devon Hope Smith, daughter of Jodie and David
Daniel Moyer Faikish, son of Jennifer and Jeffrey
Jakob John Faikish, son of Jennifer and Jeffrey
Dylan Robert Bucciarelli, son of Mary and Mark
Brandon Erick Adarayan, son of Emily and Jericke
David Allen Beckner, son of Amanda and David
Emma Claire Mullen, daughter of Shawn and Charles