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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

*Corpus Christi Parish ~ Upper Gwynedd, Pennsylvania
March 19, 2017 ~ Third Sunday of 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.

COMMITTEES & ORGANIZATIONS

Pastoral Council: Steve Finley 267-648-0027

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Adult Faith Formation: 215-855-1311

Aid for Friends: Barb and Fred MacIntosh 215-256-1161

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

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deaconcurrie@gmail.com 215-855-1311

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The Mom Café - Mothers' Support Group: Jess Woehr

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Parish Library: 215-855-1311

Prayer Garden: Don Janssen 215-361-8558

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

Remember last Summer? For most of us, we enjoyed the warmth of the Summer sun. Some days were picture perfect – other days had rain or were just plain hot! Many of us probably spent at least some time watering lawns and flowers. Without water, nothing grows – nothing remains green. Perhaps in our Summer chores, we also found ourselves dry and parched. Recall how a cold drink of water or perhaps a swim in a lake or a pool was just what we needed to cool off from the heat of the Summer.

In today's reading from the Book of Exodus, we recall the Jewish people's exile out of Egypt. As they made their way through the Sinai peninsula, they were exposed to the extreme heat of the sun – to the dry parched land of the desert. They easily became exhausted, walking for miles and miles at a time in the desert climate. As their thirst grew, their faith in God's plan for them diminished. Their unfortunate lack of trust in God's providence bred quarreling, dissension and their constant displeasure. They grumbled against Moses. They doubted God's plan. Yet, in God's goodness, water was given to the Israelites from the rock that Moses struck. As they quenched their thirst, the quarreling ceased and they returned to their faith in God, and in God's plan for them.

The passage from Paul's letter to the Romans acknowledges that because of our sinfulness and selfishness, our faith is not always the best that it can be. But, Jesus – given to all by the Father as a free gift of His unconditional love – reminds us that He died for our sins while we were still sinful. It is only through the death of Jesus that the bond of sin was crushed, and that we are redeemed once and for all. Just as God shows His unconditional love for us, it is important that we strive to emulate that love in all of our daily interactions with others.



In today's Gospel, we hear how the words of Jesus inspire people to come to the faith. This beautiful story of the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well shows Jesus' love, compassion, and forgiveness. She was so moved by her interaction with Jesus that she proclaimed the story to many of the townspeople. Through her retelling of that story, the people believed in Jesus. Those who were able to see Jesus with their own eyes and hear His truth with their own ears, were also moved to greater faith and trust in Jesus. Jesus' promise of giving "living water" was being fulfilled in the midst of what happened to that Samaritan town.

All of our readings today help us to recognize that we, too, sometimes lose faith in God and in God's plan for us. As we lose faith, we often become selfish and sinning becomes easier and more frequent. Yet we are reminded that Jesus can and does forgive our sins. He helps us to find a way out of our sinfulness and back to God. Through the gift of Scripture and the grace of the Sacraments, we are nourished and nurtured through Jesus' promise of living water. In this way we share in the life of grace and the promise of eternal life.

As we thirst for the water to quench our dryness, may we find ourselves thirsty for Christ. Then we may truly learn to follow more faithfully His words and example. May we also hunger and thirst for the things of heaven, even while struggling here on earth to live good, moral, and faith-filled lives.

God bless you,

Prayer Service for Bereaved

There will be a Prayer Service for anyone in the Parish who wishes to attend, but especially for those who have lost a loved one in the past 6 months. This will be on **Tuesday, March 21st at 7:00PM** in the Chapel and will be followed by a Social in the RE Room. For our planning purposes please email or call Sister Mary Carroll: ccpcp.marycarroll@yahoo.com or 215-368-5750 if you will be attending.

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 this weekend, March 18/19. The Easter Baskets will be in the Narthex and RE room this **weekend, March 18/19**. 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 25th/26th. If you enclose a check please make it payable to "Visitation BVM Church".



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.

MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

Saturday,	March 18th	
4:30 PM	John V. Gottschall	<i>by Maryann Ferraco and Family</i>
Sunday,	March 19th	
7:00 AM	Catherine Gavaghan	<i>by Dan and Jan Fischer</i>
8:30	Joseph and Ernst Renk	<i>by The Casee Family</i>
10:00	Joseph Letty	<i>by The Illari Family</i>
11:30	Patrick and Jimmy McNally	<i>by Michael and Carol Pasella</i>
6:00 PM	Deceased Members of O'Hara and Toner Families	<i>by Mary and Al Schoenberger III</i>
Monday,	March 20th	
7:15 AM	Donald Gates	<i>by Diana King-Gates</i>
12:05 PM	Special Intentions of Edward Murphy	<i>by Deacon Frank and Connie Langsdorf</i>
Tuesday,	March 21st	
7:15 AM	Helen Rizzo	<i>by Kathy Lancia</i>
12:05 PM	James McGovern	<i>by Matt and Amy Herron and Family</i>
Wednesday,	March 22nd	
7:15 AM	Mark Ronald Eller	<i>by Mr. and Mrs. Christoforetti</i>
12:05 PM	Margaret Pagnotta	<i>by Kathy and Dave Winder</i>
Thursday,	March 23rd	
7:15 AM	John Pinder	<i>by Henry and Carol Hartman</i>
12:05 PM	Anthony Famularo	<i>by Michael and Eileen Nacarella</i>
Friday,	March 24th	
7:15 AM	Anthony Durkin	<i>by Sandra and Paul Arbuckle</i>
12:05 PM	Daniel Porambo	<i>by Anita Porambo</i>
Saturday,	March 25th	
7:15 AM	Robert Pinkos	<i>by Peg Farmer and Family</i>
4:30 PM	Monica Casciano	<i>by George and Donna Frisch</i>
Sunday,	March 26th	
7:00 AM	Monica C. Casciano	<i>by The CCS Faculty</i>
8:30	Eda Nicolai	<i>by Norm and Louise Mercurio</i>
10:00	Angela Yacovelli	<i>by The Bucci Family</i>
11:30	Daniel and Anna Green	<i>by Michael and Carol Pasella</i>
6:00 PM	Kathleen Curley	<i>by Dave and Kiersten Hafer</i>

We pray for the deceased members, relatives and friends of our parish family, especially Esther Koziel, mother of Christopher.



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

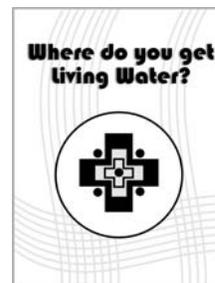
Target for Fiscal Year 2016-2017	\$1,560,000
Weekly Target for Fiscal Year 2016-17	\$ 30,000
Collection for March 11/12	\$ 29,754
Electronic Giving (125 participants) Mar. 20	\$ n/a
Over (Under) Target Week	\$ (246)
Over (Under) Target YTD Fiscal Week 36	\$ 44,836
Facilities Improvement Year To Date Through March 12th	\$ 54,630
Total Envelopes Mailed	2,542
Total Envelopes Used (March 12)	783
Balance Due on Mortgage	\$ 2,717,543

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7 This story from Exodus reveals that the Israelites, after their escape from Egypt, cast all blame for their sufferings on Moses. In this instance, they were dying of thirst. When Moses appealed to the Lord, the Lord directed Moses to strike a rock and water would gush forth.

Responsorial : PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

R. (8) If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 Paul reminds the Romans that because Christ died for all people, they are acceptable in God's sight.



Gospel: John 4:5-42 Jesus converses with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well. When Jesus indicates that whoever drinks from the water He gives will never be thirsty again, the woman immediately answers, "Give me this water, sir...". Jesus then reveals that she has had five husbands and tells her that He is the Messiah. The woman believes Jesus and proclaims this news to all the townspeople, who believe her and come to see Jesus.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

"How can you ask me, a Samaritan and a woman, for a drink? Jesus replied: 'If only you recognized God's gift, and Who it is that is asking you for a drink, you would have asked Him instead, and He would have given you living water.'... Now that we have been justified by faith we are at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Remember the raging waters which roared through Houston and Baton Rouge last summer? Remember the arid conditions of the droughts in California and New Jersey at the same time? Too much water, or no water at all. Water gives life, sustains life. Without it, we die.

Jesus, as He conversed with the Samaritan woman brought her to new insights making her wonder if He might be the messiah. She opened her eyes and heart, acknowledging that He knew her need. How few of us would invite others to come and meet someone who told me everything I ever did." Could this be the Messiah?"

The lady took steps – a man, a Jew, a rabbi, a messiah, as she grew to accept Jesus. Cancer unfortunately is classified as being at certain stages. The spiritual life, like the Samaritan woman, happily finds us moving forward. As I begin this third week of Lent, I ask myself 'at what stage am I?' How ready am I to move forward. Are my eyes and heart open?

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE of PHILADELPHIA

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 remaining 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 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/

March Madness 2017

High School Men are invited to gather on **March 24th** for March Madness 2017 – an Annual Basketball Tournament sponsored by the Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood. This free event includes great basketball and a pizza dinner. The winning team plays against the seminarians!

A special invitation is extended to past participants of Quo Vadis as well as CYO teams, but all young men are welcome to attend!

Register today at www.heedthecall.org/event/basketball

Questions? Contact the Vocations Office at 610-667-5778.

A Letter to Women

Join your friends at Saint Maria Goretti Parish in Hatfield for this Endow Women's Study Group on Saint John Paul's Letter to Women which offers us an introduction to the Christian concept of woman and her indispensable role in the Church, the family, society, and the world. Please visit endowgroups.org to register for the course. In the "Key Word" search "Carrie Skrzat." Please contact Carrie at cskrzat001@gmail.com or 215-421-1919 for more information. Refreshments will be provided.

**Sundays, March 19 and 26,
April 2, 9, 23, and 30,
and May 7 and 21, 2017
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM**

Saint Maria Goretti Parish Center: Lower Level
www.stmariagoretti.net

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.msjad.org/practicetest. You will receive registration confirmation via email.

Saturday, March 25, 2017, 2 PM – Cultural Heritage Mass

(Location: The Cathedral Basilica). 1:30 PM Procession. For more information contact The Office for Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees (PCMR)

<http://migrantsandrefugeesphilly.org/>

Suffering Yet Still Believing

Have you ever wondered why there's so much suffering in the world and in our own lives? The Prophet, Job, also sought the answer to this poignant question. Ideal for the season of Lent, this presentation will offer an overview of the spiritual lessons from the Old Testament Book of Job. Join us as we delve into the twists and turns of this famous story and take a deeper look into the make-up of this heroic character all with the goal of pointing us toward the way of wisdom in our own lives! There is no cost to attend this event. Registration is encouraged at faith@stjudechalfont.org or 215-822-9225 (ext. 234). We welcome *Father Thomas Dailey, O.S.F.S.*, Professor of Theology at DeSales University, as our guest presenter.

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Saint Jude Church, Chalfont

www.stjudechalfont.org

Lenten Meal

Enjoy the company and fellowship of others while we share a simple meatless meal, salad, and assorted breads and rolls. During our meal, we will view a short DVD presentation on the transforming power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Afterwards, we will gather in Saint Maria Goretti Church to pray the Stations of the Cross. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Final day to register for this event is Friday, March 24th.

Friday, March 31, 2017

5:45 PM to 6:45 PM

Saint Maria Goretti Parish Center: Lower Level

Please register using the form that can be found on the St. Maria Goretti parish website at

www.stmariagoretti.net

Please mail form along with payment of \$10.00 per person.

 **Upcoming Events** **The Guardians - Tuesday, April 4th- 7PM**
Religious Education Room in Church. For more information or to register for your first meeting, please contact Deacon Frank Langsdorf at deaconlangsdorf@gmail.com.

Mom Café - Tuesday, Tuesday, April 4th- 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



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!_

Job Opening Mathematics Department

Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School, an independent, all-girls Catholic college preparatory school sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, has an opening for a short-term substitute position in mathematics from April 24 – June 9, 2017. Courses to be taught are Algebra 2, Intermediate Algebra, and Honors Calculus. Qualified applicants with teaching experience and a degree in mathematics are asked to submit their resume and PA clearances to Cindy DeCandido at careers@gmahs.org by March 24, 2017.

**Don't Give Up Chocolate for Lent
HAVE YOUR BEST LENT EVER 2017**

We all know the things that make us happy, but we don't always do them. Lent is an opportunity to change that. This year we invite you to do something different. Sign up for Best Lent Ever, a FREE, video-based email program featuring internationally acclaimed speaker and New York Times best-selling author Matthew Kelly. From Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, Matthew will help you identify what stands between you and happiness . . . and what to do about it. Are you ready for your best Lent ever?
<http://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/>

Aid For Friends

This Lenten season, please set a place for an unknown guest. Corpus Christi's Aid for Friends provides meals for the homebound of our parish and surrounding communities.



Sectional trays can be found in the plastic totes in the narthex and at the side door of the church. Place a tray at your dinner table, and fill it as you would your own plate. Cover with foil, fill out a menu sheet, place in the plastic bags provided, and freeze. Drop off solidly frozen meals in the freezers marked "Aid for Friends" in the garage near the convent. If you have any questions, please call Barbara MacIntosh 215-256-1161.

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

Flame of Love Cenacle - A devotion of reparation to meet the



pleas of Our Lord and His Blessed Mother to assist in the spiritual battle to save souls. The book from which this devotion is modeled has an imprimatur by Archbishop Chaput. Includes brief foundational teaching followed by a holy hour: Flame of Love Rosary, Prayers to Father, Son and Holy Spirit, our heavenly advocates Mary, Joseph and St Michael. Find out what it means to Blind Satan. **Join us each Monday 7pm – 8pm, in the Corpus Christi parish library.** Contact: flameoflovelansdale@gmail.com for more information. Join us, bring a friend and your rosary. General information about the Flame of Love devotion can be found at www.flameoflove.us.

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Saint Jude Church, Chalfont ~ www.stjudechalfont.org
Guest Presenter: Reverend Thomas Dailey, O.S.F.S.

Lenten Retreat, Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017. The Guest Speaker is Msgr John Esseff whose Spiritual Director was Padre Pio, and who was himself spiritual director to St Mother Teresa. The Theme: Mary, The First One to Know The Trinity. The retreat is free and open to all. Please Bring Your Own Lunch. The Retreat Day Begins 8:30AM with the parish Mass and concludes after Benediction at 2:15PM. This retreat will be held at Annunciation BVM Church, 401 Brookline Blvd, Havertown, PA 19083.

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, Annamaria 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, Holly Miller, Betty Olden, Walter Wojchik.



Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast with the Easter Bunny Saturday, April 1, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. Grass Area across from Main Entrance to Corpus Christi School (Door C) and Social Hall

Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The Egg Hunt will take place in the grass area across from the main entrance to Corpus Christi School (Door C). The Easter Bunny will arrive at 9:30AM 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 four age groups and will line up by age group at 9:15AM.

- Ages 1 and under
- Ages 2 through PreK
- Grades K, 1st and 2nd
- Grades 3rd and Up

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

Virginia International Tattoo, Norfolk & Virginia Beach, VA - Friday, April 28, 2017 to Monday, May 1, 2017. Please pick up a brochure in the Narthex of the church. Round trip motor coach transportation, tax and tip for the driver is included, except chambermaids. 3 night's accommodations at an oceanfront property in Virginia Beach. 3 deluxe continental breakfasts at the hotel. 3 dinners in area restaurants. Admission and tram tour of the Norfolk Botanical Gardens. Reserved seating to the International Nato Festival and Azalea Festival Parade. Many, many more attractions. Departs 7:30AM Friday, April 28th returns approximately 8:00PM Monday, May 1st. *Call 610-584-1366 Colette Kearns, 807 McIntosh Way, Lansdale, PA 19446. Cost ranges between \$679.pp double, triple to \$869.pp single, optional insurance \$80pp.



Rail & Paddle Wheel, Middletown, PA- Thursday, June 1, 2017. Cost \$90. Round trip motor coach transportation, tax and tip for the driver included. Scenic ride on the Middletown Hummelstown Railroad (10AM), sit-down luncheon at Alfred's Victorian Restaurant (12NOON), 45 minute sight-seeing cruise aboard the "Pride of the Susquehanna" (3PM) Choice of Entree: 1) Lump Crab Cake; 2) Cannelloni Bolognese (crepes filled w/veal, chicken & beef, topped w/marinara sauce) 3) Chicken Flake (chicken breast rolled in crushed almond & corn flakes). Departs 7:15AM returning approximately at 6:30PM. Payment due at sign-up - No refunds after the vendor is paid in full! Call 215-368-0421, Rose Wilson, 1377 Pickwick Lane, Lansdale, PA 19446 or call 267-263-2622 Mary Slater, 512 Dock Drive, Lansdale, PA 19446.

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

**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.

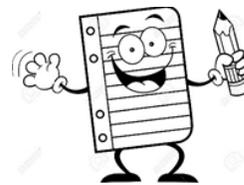


NEW THIS YEAR - Following the Egg Hunt, please join us for a complimentary Breakfast with the Easter Bunny in the Social Hall. The Easter Bunny will be available for photographs. Please bring your own camera. (In case of inclement weather, all activities will take place in the Social Hall.)

If you have any questions, please contact Stacy Ray at stacy_ray@verizon.net or Ann Marie Finley at atammara@yahoo.com.



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



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



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.

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 3/19 Team #8: Bob Tercheck at 215-393-5696 h Cell 267-644-6022

Week of 3/26 Team #9: Helen Tobin at 610-584-5871 or Denise Garrigus at 215-256-6877

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 20th, April 17th.**

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 October 28-29, 2016. Please contact johnmcgowan3@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 12:30PM and 1:30PM to 5PM.** Please come in or telephone during these hours concerning documents, registration, Mass cards, baptismal arrangements, etc.

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

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 2017



Sophie Ann Hogg, daughter of Kathryn and Andrew
 Evelyn Kate Nelson, daughter of Andrea and Donald
 Connor Charles Forester, son of Kelly and Christopher
 Kathryn Emma Rossi, daughter of Amy and John, II
 Benjamin Thomas Mallozzi, son of Robin and Daniel