

HOLY WEEK



*Corpus Christi Parish ~ Upper Gwynedd, Pennsylvania
March 20, 2016 ~ Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

"Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass Me by." Jesus' entire prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane is the great model for our own prayer, presented to us not as a conference or workshop, but as a living, breathing example for us to follow. Christ is afraid, in fact He is terrified. He prays for something in very specific terms. "Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass Me by."

Many good people feel that somehow it is selfish and wrong to pray for themselves and their own needs. It is not wrong. Christ did it. It is not wrong as long as we add as Christ did, "Still let it be as You would have it, not as I." This willingness to accept from God a negative, a "no", indicates a profound faith and trust that God sees a bigger picture than we do, that He sees more strength of spirit and more courage in us than we ourselves are aware is present in us.

In fact, the great prayer, "Thy will be done," is always the safest of prayers, because God is bound in love always to give us the grace and strength to do what He asks us to do. Thus it is in today's gospel. God did not prevent Christ's being crucified, but He gave Him the courage and grace to pray for forgiveness of those who crucified Him and to die with a prayer on His lips, "Father, into Your hands I commend My spirit."

Another pattern stands out in this deeply moving scene of Christ praying. Once was not enough; a second and third time Jesus returned to His prayer. In doing so, He is following His own advice to His disciples. At an earlier point in the gospel the disciples had asked Jesus to teach them how to pray. He taught them the greatest prayer of all time, the Our Father, and immediately followed with a rather strange story illustrating the need to be persistent in praying for our needs.



He tells of a man who has unexpected company late at night and has no food in the house to offer them. For the Jews not to feed guests was unthinkable, a cardinal failure. The man went to his neighbor's house, pounded on the door, and asked for food. The neighbor was furious for being awakened and told him to go away. But the man persisted. So finally the irate neighbor gave him food to get rid of him. This is Christ telling us to keep praying, keep knocking. He took His own advice that awful night in the Garden. It is Saint Luke's account which tells us that, finally, after continued prayer, the angels came and ministered to Him. The same will happen for us when we pray and keep praying for our needs. This promise is present in today's gospel picture of sadness, fear, and terror overcome and conquered by prayer.

God bless you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Msgr. Tom Henigan".



Novena of Prayer to St. Peregrine for Healing

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



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

Several years ago our parish began a donation program called the Easter Basket. Through your generosity, many families in Visitation Parish, Kensington, are given food vouchers; help with rent, heating bills and tuition. These are the working poor; the ones who do not make enough money to live on, but too much to qualify for public assistance. Return the Easter cards with your donation enclosed this weekend, **March 19th/20th**. If you enclose a check please make it payable to "Visitation BVM Church".

Calling All Corpus Christi Catholic School Alumni

As you may know, Corpus Christi Catholic School (CCS) is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. We would like for you to join us in celebration of this important milestone and join us for a Day of Excellence scheduled for May 2016 (more information will be forthcoming). To be able to share school news and happenings, we kindly request that you provide us with your contact information. If you or your children graduated from CCS, please send us your name (maiden name, if applicable), year of graduation, address, phone number and email address to ccsalumni@corpuschr.org. Thanks so much! We look forward to hearing from you!



MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

Saturday,	March 19th
4:30 PM	Mary and Patrick Toner <i>by Al and Mary Schoenberger</i>
Sunday,	March 20th ~ Palm Sunday
7:00 AM	Robert Pomrink <i>by The Borkowski Family</i>
8:30	Deceased Members of the McCormick and Atkins Families <i>by Barbara Atkins</i>
10:00	Peter Illari <i>by The Illari Family</i>
11:30	Rita DiLiberto <i>by Gloria Imperial</i>
6:00 PM	Gary D. Kozloski <i>by Mary Lou and Bob Kozloski</i>
Monday,	March 21st
7:15 AM	George Huck <i>by The Sponseller Family</i>
12:05 PM	Wayne Richards <i>by Dan and Gloria DiEmedio</i>
Tuesday,	March 22nd
7:15 AM	Florence Linfante <i>by Adana Elgart</i>
12:05 PM	Marguerite "Peg" Harrington <i>by Bernard and Mary Heffernan</i>
Wednesday,	March 23rd
7:15 AM	Intentions of Donna Frisch
12:05 PM	Special Intentions of Edd Murphy <i>by Connie Langsdorf</i>
Thursday,	March 24th
7:00 PM	MASS of the LORD'S SUPPER
Friday,	March 25th
10:00 AM	MORNING PRAYER
3:00 PM	SOLEMN SERVICE
Saturday,	March 26th
10:00 AM	MORNING PRAYER Blessing of Food
7:00 PM	EASTER VIGIL MASS
Sunday,	March 27th ~ Easter Sunday
7:00 AM	All Masses on Easter Sunday
8:30	are for the
10:00	Intentions of our
11:30	Parishioners

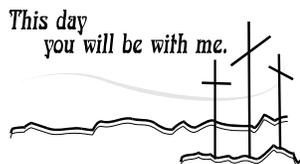


No 6PM Mass on Easter Sunday

We pray for the deceased members, relatives and friends of our parish family especially Winifred Connolly, mother of Kathy Lewis; Kathy Popiny, wife of Jack, mother of Brett.

Lord Jesus Christ,

by Your own three days in the tomb, You hallowed the graves of all who believe in You and so made the grave a sign of hope that promises resurrection even as it claims our mortal bodies.
+ Amen



PALM SUNDAY of the LORD'S PASSION

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

March 12/13	\$ 27,813
Envelopes mailed	2,445
Envelopes returned	841
Monthly Electronic offering	
March 20 (23 participants)	\$ NYA

Palm Sunday Palm Sunday Palm Sunday Palm Sunday
First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7 Isaiah describes an individual who had been taught by God to reach out to others. He also describes this individual's willingness to be beaten and spit upon, secure that with God's help, he will not be disgraced.

Responsorial Psalm: PS 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
R. (2a) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11 Paul discusses how Jesus did not declare equality with God, but took on human form. He humbled himself enough to accept dying on the cross. God in turn exalted Him and wants us to respect Jesus' name and worship Him.

Gospel: Luke 22:14—23:56 Luke gives a detailed account of Jesus' last supper with the apostles, where Jesus tells them He will soon suffer in fulfillment of God's will. Then Jesus prayed that He might be spared if it suited God's will. After Judas betrayed Jesus, He was arrested. Although Pilate did not think Jesus was guilty of a crime, he gave in to the will of the people, and sentenced Jesus to death on a cross. Then Jesus was crucified and His body laid in a new tomb.



Holy Week

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

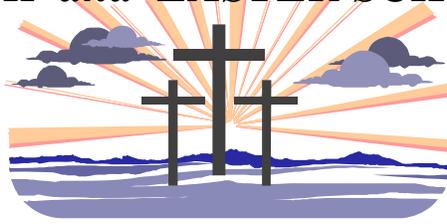
"Go into the village straight ahead of you. Upon entering it you will find an ass tied there which no one has yet ridden. Untie it and lead it back. If anyone should ask you, 'why are you untying the beast' say, 'the Master has need of it.' They departed on their errand and found things just as He had said."

Saint Luke sets the scene for us to join Jesus and His followers in their entry to the holy city. Triumph will soon turn to tragedy. The crowd of greeters will quickly depart, and others will take their place. Holy Week is upon us.

We can begin these solemn days, remembering what transpired in Jerusalem. We can approach the Passover meal, observe the washing of the disciples' feet, and the giving of the gift of the Eucharist. We join the disciples in the garden of olives, see the betrayal, hear the denial and the unjust arrest. We will walk the dusty streets to the hill of Calvary, listen to His final words, and quietly leave the guarded tomb.

The events of Holy Week really ask much more of us. We read and listen, we are moved to compassion. But as we walk this week, discover others who are suffering in a similar way. Consider refugees and displaced persons, hear their cry. Consider families of those incarcerated and support their pain. The streets of Jerusalem are the halls of a hospital for the terminally ill, where the Christ continues to suffer today. The passion of Christ crosses the centuries and is revealed for our consideration today.

HOLY WEEK and EASTER SCHEDULE 2016



The process of repentance, confession, and reconciliation fills us with God's life and love. Through humble self-examination coupled with an awareness of God's love, we are led to the acknowledgment of sin. Come experience the miracle of God's grace, and be lifted up and identified with Jesus.

RECONCILIATION - the WAY to PEACE

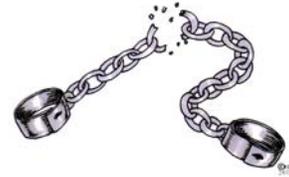
CONFESSIONS:

Monday, March 21st

3:00-4PM and 7:00-8:00PM

Tuesday, March 22nd

7:00-8:00PM



PASSION/PALM SUNDAY, March 20th

Saturday, March 19th - Vigil 4:30PM

Sunday 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30AM Solemn Procession of Palms,
6:00PM (Youth Mass)

Tenebrae 7:30PM

HOLY THURSDAY, March 24th

7:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
Exposition until Midnight



GOOD FRIDAY, March 25th

10:00AM Morning Prayer

12:00NOON Passion Play

Our annual Passion Play will be held in Church. ALL parishioners are sincerely invited to attend this most memorable, inspirational depiction of the Stations of the Cross.

3:00PM Solemn Service

HOLY SATURDAY, March 26th

10:00AM Morning Prayer and Blessing of Food

7:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY, March 27th

Masses 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30AM

NO 6:00PM Youth Mass



THE TRIDUUM THE THREE DAYS

The Easter Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire Liturgical year. It is not an annual passion play of the events from the Last Supper on Thursday to the empty tomb on Sunday. The Triduum is one single mystery, the Paschal Mystery. Something from long ago and far away yet very close to our own world, our own struggle with living and dying. We need to celebrate the Triduum with our eyes always focused on the total message: The dying and rising of the Lord. We cannot separate the two.

THE PASCHAL MYSTERY - That dying He destroyed our death, rising He restored our lives - is at the very heart of our lives. When we pray morning prayer, give thanks at night before eating, when we gather on Sunday morning for Eucharist, when we assemble to bury one of our own, we are part of the mystery. The rhythm of each day and week is marked by the sign of the cross: Dying He destroyed our death . . . Rising He restored our lives.

HOLY THURSDAY COMMEMORATION OF THE LAST SUPPER

To restore the unity of the Lord's Passover and ours, the revision of the order of Holy Week, begun under Pius XII and continued after Vatican II made it clear that the Paschal Triduum begins on Thursday evening after sunset. Lent ends, therefore, on Thursday afternoon.

The central theme of this time is that of the Lord giving Himself for our salvation. The meal is a sacrifice, a prophetic gesture with which the Lord, in obedience to His Father and for love of us all, committed Himself "Unto Death". We should be able to come to appreciate how the Eucharistic Meal is a sacrifice. This is underlined in the Second Reading from 1 Corinthians, but also by the Reading of the Exodus account of the eating of the Paschal Meal, whose blood saves the Israelites from the angel of death. The death of the lamb saves the life of the people.

GOOD FRIDAY THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Good Friday is a day of Solemn Fast. It is within this fast that the faithful gather to pray. We gather for the Celebration of the Lord's Passion. We center ourselves on the cross as it sums up the struggle between death and life as we have felt it within our hearts and as it has come to define our existence.

THE EASTER VIGIL

THE SACRAMENTARY DIVIDES THE VIGIL INTO FOUR ELEMENTS

A brief *Service of Light*; the *Liturgy of the Word*, when the Church meditates on all the wonderful things God has done for His people from the beginning; the *Liturgy of Baptism*, when the new members of the Church are reborn as the day of resurrection approaches; and the *Liturgy of the Eucharist*, when the whole Church is called to the table which the Lord has prepared for His people through His death and resurrection.

In this night, the apex of the Liturgical year, the beauty and richness of the Vigil celebration is almost overwhelming. Once again, the wealth of our now restored tradition comes alive. As we celebrate it in sign and symbol, we also share it with our newest members.

The Service begins in darkness. The new fire and the Paschal candle are lit. The invitation to keep Vigil in this Passover of the Lord is issued. The Easter Proclamation is sung. And in union with believers throughout the world, once again we tell our story from Genesis and Exodus and the Prophets. It is a story of the God who created us and called us, who led us from slavery to freedom and who cares for us.

The Lord calls us to be part of the new creation, the people of God. He appeals to all the deepest longings of our hearts and reminds us that it is He who loves us, forgives us, and renews our hearts. All that is asked is our heartfelt consent, our willingness to follow, to pattern our lives on the mystery of this night, to die with the Lord so that we, too, might have life.

Now the waiting is over; it is the moment for our Easter Alleluia! Not having heard it since the beginning of the Lenten season, the assembly awaits it with anticipation. The good news proclaimed!

The Baptism follows. The “Elect” symbolically go down under the waters of death, rise up to new life in Christ and are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Our Vigil is not complete without the witness of faith and commitment of the new members. We, in turn, renew our Baptismal covenant.

Now we rise as a body and publicly renew our determination to live out our Baptismal promises, to renounce all that is evil and to live as faith-filled members of the Church.

Easter Sunday is both the final hours of the Triduum and the First of the great Fifty Days which will end with Pentecost.

EASTER TIME

Celebration of the Fifty Days of joy, symbolic of the new age in which we live,
conclude with Pentecost

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE of PHILADELPHIA

Mount Saint Joseph Academy – The Mount, a Catholic college preparatory school for girls, invites all interested 7th grade girls to register for the Pre-HSPT to be given on **Saturday, March 19, 2016, 8:00–11:30AM**. The Pre-HSPT is a 7th grade edition of the actual Scholarship Entrance Exam given to eighth grade applicants. Registration is available online only. You will receive registration confirmation via email. Register at: www.msjad.org/practicetest.

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

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.wvme-philly.org. You can also contact Al & Mary Liz Heumann at Applications@wvme-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.

A Message From Retrouvaille ...



Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting or do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking only make it worse? Retrouvaille may be the LIFELINE that you need! It is *not* just a social gathering or series of seminars, but rather a way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the six post sessions that follow it.

The next program begins on the weekend of April 15th at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Another weekend will also be held beginning August 12. For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at: www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist Invite You To:

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3, 2016 11 AM – 2 PM
Principal Celebrant for Holy Mass and Homilist: The Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop of Allentown
Conference Presenter: Sister Joan Noreen

Divine Mercy Sunday will include Conference, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Devotions, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

To register for an event contact: Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist, 640 E. Main St., Birdsboro, PA 19508

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ALL ARE WELCOME! BRING A FRIEND! YOUR GENEROUS DONATION WILL BE DEEPLY APPRECIATED.

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.

www.capemaymarianists.org.



VEGAS AT VARIETY

Have a great evening out while supporting children with disabilities. Saturday, April 2, 2016; 7-11PM

The Empress Room at St. Helena's Church
1489 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422

\$35 in advance/\$45 at the door. Price includes Food, Beverage, and \$25 in Gaming Chips, Fabulous prize baskets, silent auction items, chances, and our Final Four grid. Get tickets at: https://support.varietypghila.org/vegas_at_variety_2016
Questions - contact Mary Fuller at 610-584-4366 ext. 130 or maryfuller@varietyphila.org

The Elm Terrace Gardens Flea Market event will be held on Saturday May 14, 2016 from 9AM – 2PM. Featured will be baked goods, crafts, furniture, jewelry, used books and a Silent Auction of fine collectibles. Our Café will be open for lunch from 11am – 1pm. The event will be held at Elm Terrace Gardens Continuing Care Retirement Community located at 660 North Broad Street, Lansdale PA 19446. For more information please call: 215-361-5600 or visit our interactive website www.elmterracegardens.org. Proceeds from this event will go toward a new activity room in Skilled Nursing for our residents to enjoy. This activity room will be used for group activities that are structured to meet the social, spiritual, physical, cognitive, and creative needs of our residents. Activities would include crafts, games, baking, sing-along, armchair travels and more.

St. Alphonsus Parish (33 Conwell Drive, Maple Glen) will be



hosting **Matthew Kelly** in his famous *Living Every Day with Passion and Purpose* event. The program will be **Saturday, September 17th from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM**. This will be a phenomenal, extremely motivating, life changing event. Matthew has a special

way of simplifying our Catholic faith in relation to our everyday lives. This is a chance for people to become on fire with their faith; to learn simple ways to become better spouses, parents, children and friends; to have better relationships and learn what brings true happiness to our lives as God intended. Given his strong following we expect this event to sell out so please act soon. Please go to the Dynamic Catholic website for ticket and event information. www.dynamiccatholic.com ... click on EVENTS... click on GET TICKETS... select SEPTEMBER 17th MAPLE GLEN. You can also register going to St. Alphonsus' parish website (www.stalphonsusparish.com) and click on the "PASSION AND PURPOSE" icon which will take you to the purchase tickets page. We look forward to seeing you at this exciting event!

OPEN YOUR HEART AND HOME: Local Host Families needed for South Korean and Chinese international students attending Lansdale Catholic High School for the 2016/2017 school year, tuition paid. They are motivated learners with a wide variety of interests. These F-1 visa students speak English, are fully insured, & have their own pocket money for personal expenses. Host families provide room and board & receive a generous monthly hosting stipend and a fulfilling experience. Contact Cecelia LaPlaca with Nacel Open Door, Private School Program, (www.nacelopendoor.org) at 215-584-7751 or cecelaplaca@gmail.com.

Marriage Preparation

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia offers a comprehensive marriage preparation course that covers both life-skills and also the Church's beautiful sacramental understanding of matrimony. The sacramentality portion draws from the rich and positive language of the Theology of the Body and provides a compelling vision of human sexuality and the Catholic sacramental understanding of marriage. The life-skills portion is virtue-based and designed to help couples set patterns of thought and behavior that will ensure a lifelong, joy-filled marriage. Topics such as stewardship, resolving conflict, and communication are covered. **Corpus Christi Parish also provides its own Pre-Cana program on different dates as another option for engaged couples.** Visit our website at corpuschristilansdale.org or call Jack or Mary Ann McGowan at 610-584-5569 for more information.



Friday, April 8, 2016

6:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Saturday, April 9, 2016

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Friday, October 28, 2016

6:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Saturday, October 29, 2016

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Corpus Christi Parish Center: Conference Rooms B and C

To register, visit www.PhilaMarriagePrep.com

ADULT FAITH FORMATION at CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

Mom Café - Tuesday, April 5th-9:30 to Religious Education Room in Church
 Upcoming Events
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.



“In the parables devoted to mercy, Jesus reveals the nature of God as that of a Father who never gives up until he has forgiven the wrong and overcome rejection with compassion and mercy. We know these parables well, three in particular: the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the father with two sons (cf. Lk 15:1-32). In these parables, God is always presented as full of joy, especially when he pardons. In them we find the core of the Gospel and of our faith, because mercy is presented as a force that overcomes everything, filling the heart with love and bringing consolation through pardon.”

— Pope Francis

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

Spiritual Direction: Where Mercy and Grace Meet

Are you seeking to strengthen and deepen your relationship with the Lord? Or, are you trying to discern God’s movement in your life? Join us for an evening of reflection on spiritual direction. Discover what spiritual direction is and how it can be helpful for our faith journey. There is no cost to attend; however, registration is requested. Please register with your first name and phone number at corpuschristiaff@yahoo.com.

**Tuesday, April 26, 2016
 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM**

Religious Education Room

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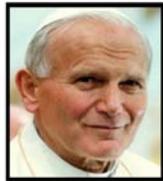
**Guest Speaker: Reverend Monsignor Joseph Marino
 Rector, Malvern Retreat House**

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.

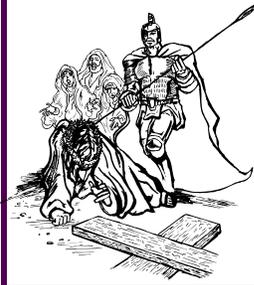


Friday, April 1, 2016
 Following the 7:15 AM Mass
 Religious Education Room
 Running Time: 65 Minutes



*“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*

PARISH PASSION PLAY



Join us for our Parish Passion Play on **Good Friday, March 25th at 12:00 Noon** in our church. All ages are welcome and will be touched by this reenactment of the Passion of Jesus Christ. Please plan to be in your seats before 11:50AM. If you have any questions **please contact Amanda Deo at Amanda.g.deo@gmail.com**

“TLC” Ministry

Participants of the **TLC** Ministry create handcrafted items, such as, shawls, scarves, and blankets, and then offer them as an act of stewardship to anyone in our parish who needs a little **Tender Loving Care**. These items embrace and comfort the wearer with the tender loving care and prayers of the maker and the faith community. The recipient may be experiencing a difficult time in his/her life, undergoing a medical procedure, grieving, or a family member of a fallen soldier. Prayer shawls and blankets are available at no cost in the Parish Library on most Sundays from 7:45 AM to 1:00 PM.

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 web page, 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.

Please visit our **Adult Faith Formation** page on the Corpus Christi website for presentations occurring in the parish and around the Archdiocese. Don’t miss out on these special offerings! <http://corpuschristilansdale.org/aff/events/>

Please be praying
for...

Will Weigner, Bill Flear, Daniel MacDonald, Joan Buchler, Joanne McDonald, Maureen McGowan, Sara Welsh Krebs, Katelyn Bonner, James Donnelly, Joe Swaim, Kathy 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, Frank Griffith, Mary Hanisco, Anthony Leone, Sr., George Olden, Pat Mozi, Leonard Balk, Luca Paciente, Nancy DelCarlino, Sean Walsh, Nicholas Fitti.



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.

IT HAPPENS ONLY ONCE A YEAR!!



Jesus said, "On that day, all the divine floodgates through which grace flows are opened."

What Day?

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3, 2016

Come and be blessed by this flood of divine grace at the holy hour beginning at 3PM. At St. Eleanor's Church, Collegeville. You can obtain the Jubilee Year of Mercy Indulgence at this Holy Hour.

Connect with other parents of children with special needs!

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

All Engaged Couples Planning to Marry

PRE-CANA PROGRAM ~ St. Mary of the Assumption Parish Phoenixville, PA - Saturday - April 23, 2016. Program begins at 8:00 AM and ends after the 4:00 PM Mass. It includes lunch, snacks and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This one-day Program meets all the requirements of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. A certificate is provided upon completion. Call the Parish Office for an application: 610-933-2526 or visit our website www.stmaryassumption.org - click on Parish Information and then Sacraments/PREP.

CLUB 50 NEWS AND TRAVEL NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!

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

American Music Theater, Lancaster, Pa - Wednesday, May 18th, cost \$85. Round trip motor coach transportation, tax and tips included. Luncheon smorgasbord 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. Call 215-513-1026, Alex and Betty Korsch, 1307 Brittany Point, Lansdale PA 19446.

Orientation Meeting for this trip is April 17, Parish Center Mtg. Rooms B & C at 1:00PM.

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



We now offer our parishioners **Electronic Giving** as a method of making regular monthly offerings to our church. The way this is done is that you would make your monthly offerings by way of direct payments (ACH debits) from your checking/savings account on the 20th of each month (unless on a weekend or holiday in which case it will be deducted on the next business day).

You will continue to receive envelopes which will include special second collections as well as Christmas and Easter. The weekly envelopes will allow you to mark that you have chosen the electronic method for your offerings to Corpus Christi.

If you are interested in Electronic Giving you can pick up a form on the ministry table in the narthex or stop by the Parish Center Office during business hours. You can also get a form on our website at:

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

SUPPORT OUR PARISH

Moyer Indoor/Outdoor Services has an incentive program. This program makes a contribution to churches based on the amount of fuel oil purchased by parishioners for as long as they remain a customer. So, if you're currently a customer of Moyer Indoor Outdoor Services, now is the time to call and be included in this program. For details, call Bruce Limbert at 215-799-2000 ext 3005.

CORPORATE MATCHING GIFTS FOR SCHOOL

Many companies have a Matching Gift program that is available for schools. If you've thought about making a donation to Corpus Christi School, and are employed at one of these companies, obtaining a form from the Human Resources Department could add on to your personal gift and would be a great way to support our school. Ask your employer if they have a Matching Gift or similar type program for schools.

Youth News

High School Youth Group

NET Retreat: All 8th through 12th grade teens are invited to Montgomery County's annual NET Retreat! NET Ministries sends small teams of young adults all over the country to facilitate fun, engaging, spiritual retreats. The retreat will take place on Saturday, April 16, from 11AM-5:00PM at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in North Wales, PA. Cost is \$20 (lunch is included in price). Deadline to sign up is April 3rd. Contact your youth minister, Danielle, to sign up, 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.

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).
7 DAYS UNTIL EASTER!!! Take a deep breath, don't panic, SCRIP has got you covered!

First up, helping the Easter Bunny fill those baskets.... Don't head to Target, Walmart, CVS, Walgreens or Rite Aid without grabbing SCRIP first. (Grab an extra card for when you eat all the candy before the big day and you have to go buy it again....that's not from experience or anything!) If the big bunny wants to leave something other than candy, don't forget to grab cards like Bath & Body Works, Claires, Freddy Hill, I-tunes, Chipolte, Chick-Fil-A, Starbucks or Toys R Us.

Next up, those adorable, wear one-time, EASTER OUTFITS.... Of course, we have our in-stock selection of Kohl's, Gap/Old Navy, Land's End, Marshalls & Macy's, but we have so much more!! For example, The Children's Place, Osh Kosh, Carters, Sears, JC Penny's, Boscov's, Burlington Coat Factory, Gymboree and Crazy 8. And we can't forget about the shoes!! Payless and Famous Footware are sure to have the shoes you need!

And finally, your Easter dinner.... Besides our grocery store selections, we have Lansdale Meats (10% back to you) & plenty of restaurants if cooking is not your thing!

See what I mean.... SCRIP is always looking out for you!! Time to put some Easter \$\$ back in your tuition basket!

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

MORE BIG NEWS FROM THE SCRIP OFFICE!!!

Attention Amazon Shoppers: Corpus Christi Parish is now enrolled in the Amazon Smile program. Amazon will donate to Corpus, 0.5% of every purchase made by our friends & families. How it works: You log onto www.smile.amazon.com (instead of amazon.com) and all of your information will still be there. Your Amazon prime information and any preferences you have set will all be in the www.smile.amazon.com account.

Where it asks you which charity you want to support, you can type in Corpus Christi Parish and you will see Lansdale, PA come up. Click on it and you are ready to support Corpus while you shop. Spread the Word: Please invite your friends and family to choose Corpus Christi Parish when they do their Amazon shopping. SCRIP Tip: Be sure to order an amazon gift card and load it onto your smile.amazon.com account. That is a double win!!!

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>



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 305 is accepting new members. (You need not to have been a Cub Scout!)

Why join the Boy Scouts?

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



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.

FIRST COMMUNION INFORMATION

Does your child need Holy Communion attire? Check out this coupon from Jackets n' Things in Ambler. Copy and paste or read the online bulletin at www.http://corpuschristilansdale.org/welcome/bulletin/

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/40f616aa7243a9fe62b4cc15b/fles/2016_02_24_Communion_flyer.pdf

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

Week of 03/20 Team #3: Jane Hartman at 215-272-0784
Week of 03/27 Team #5: Patty Donnelly at 215-687-3779

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

BAPTISM INSTRUCTION SESSIONS: Parents and Godparents must attend **Pre-Jordan Sacramental Preparation** before the Baptism takes place. Prior to attendance, *parents are required to pre-register those attending the session by contacting the Parish Center Office, 215-855-1311.* Although instruction sessions are mandatory for both Parents and Godparents, you are required to attend one time only. If you have attended previously you are not required to come again. Ideally, attendance at the preparation session should occur before the child's birth. Upcoming sessions are scheduled in the RE Room (in the church), **at 7:00 PM on the 3rd Monday of the month: i.e. March 21st, April 18th.**

REQUIREMENTS FOR GODPARENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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



MARRIAGES: Couples who are planning to be married are required to notify one of the parish priests no less than six months prior to the marriage and attend a Pre-Cana session. The next pre-cana session is April 8 and 9, 2016. Please contact ccprecanateam@gmail.com for more information.

NOVENA DEVOTIONS: Continuing through April 27th a Novena to St. Peregrine, Patron saint of cancer patients is being conducted. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place from 7:45AM to 6:30PM concluding with benediction and the novena begins immediately after benediction. On the concluding night of the Novena, April 27th, at 7:30PM there will be a Mass of Anointing of the Sick in the Church Fr. Pio Mandato will be the main celebrant. For more information please call the Parish Office Center at 215-855-1311.

OUR LADY OF HOPE PRAYER LINE: The Prayer Line may be called if you are in need of prayer. Call Anna Marie 215-368-4672.

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS: Weekdays from **9AM to 12:00PM** (during Lent) and **1:30PM to 5PM.** Please come in or telephone during these hours concerning documents, registration, Mass cards, baptismal arrangements, etc.

PARISH LIBRARY Hours:

Sunday 7:45AM to 1PM

Library Volunteers Needed

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

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

PREGNANCY HOTLINE: **800-CARE-002** Twenty-four hours/seven days per week hotline for individuals seeking assistance with a pregnancy. Offers assistance to explore pro-life option, supportive counseling and linkage with needed resources.

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

Please be aware that young adults over 21 (25 if in college) should register separately.