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*Corpus Christi Parish ~ Upper Gwynedd, Pennsylvania  
April 3, 2016 ~ Sunday of Divine Mercy*



*Jesus, I Trust in You*

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# PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

The Easter season is a time of new life in the Church, a time to rejoice, a time to look at new beginnings. But mixed within the joy of new birth comes the ordinary, and sometimes heavy burdens of our lives. If we limit our thoughts only to the positive aspects of new life, we will be disillusioned. If we view life only through the lens of all that burdens us, we will lose hope. It is better for us to view life through the experience of the risen Lord. Our own resurrection will come about because of His suffering and death. Jesus wove the experience of suffering and death into the promise of new life. He was successful at giving new meaning to the burdens that we carry through the promise of new life.

When we hear today's gospel, we recognize that the disciples had many fears and doubts, not only Thomas the doubter, but all of the disciples. Does this insight surprise you? Can you even imagine that the disciples were unable to see that the Lord had risen until He came and stood before them? Peter and another of Jesus' disciples had gone to the tomb early in the morning at the bequest of Mary Magdalene, who was the first to view the empty tomb. There, they also encountered the empty tomb. After leaving the tomb, they again heard from Mary Magdalene that the risen Lord had appeared to her.

Why are we hearing about the weaknesses of the disciples? Of what importance is this to the resurrection, the giving of the Holy Spirit, and the mission of the Church? People who are not sick do not need a doctor. People who believe that they are all powerful, think they do not need a redeeming God. Only in acknowledging our weakness and need can we be receptive of God's plan of redemption. If we have no fears or doubts, we have no need for peace and faith. The disciples were ordinary people, and the gospel writer illustrates their weaknesses for our benefit, so that we will recognize ourselves in them.

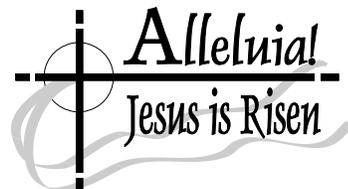
**Peace be  
to you**



Behind locked doors the disciples encountered the risen Lord. "Peace be with you," were the first words spoken by Jesus to calm their fears. His gift to them was to breathe the Holy Spirit upon them giving them new spiritual life. They were sent into the world to tell others about the saving power of Jesus. They were to heal others by the forgiveness of sins. Through their encounter with the risen Lord the disciples no longer doubted, but came to believe. The Resurrection was not born of their faith, rather their faith was born out of their meeting the risen Lord. Filled with the Holy Spirit they were now able to see the Lord through the eyes of faith.

If the Resurrection of Jesus had depended upon the faith of the disciples, then it would not have occurred. Nor does the reality of the risen Lord depend on our faith. We know our faults and weaknesses and they are not unlike those of the disciples. This is cause for great hope. The disciples came to believe, were given the Holy Spirit, and were sent out to spread the good news because they had met the risen Christ. We, too, can meet the risen Lord each day of our lives. We have heard the good news, we have come to believe, to receive the Holy Spirit, and be part of the mission of the Church. This is the new life in the risen Lord which is God's gift of redemption spoken of in today's gospel. Come to the tomb and see for yourself. Do not persist in your unbelief, but believe. He has risen. Alleluia!

God bless you,



## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who had anything to do with our solemn celebrations during Holy Week. Our Palm Sunday and Triduum celebrations provided us with the opportunity of appreciating more the unconditional love of Jesus for all of us. May our faith community continue to grow stronger as we continue to share our God-given gifts.



### 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, continues 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.

### 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](mailto:ccsalumni@corpuschr.org). Thanks so much! We look forward to hearing from you!



# MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

# SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER Divine Mercy Sunday

- Saturday, April 2nd**  
4:30 PM Charles and Anna Stevenson  
*by Joe and Trudy Gallagher*
- Sunday, April 3rd ~ Divine Mercy Sunday**  
7:00 AM John McQuaid  
*by The Corpus Christi Choir*  
8:30 Joseph Montisano, Jr.  
10:00 Walter Pasko  
*by Karen Pasko and Children*  
11:30 Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Sigismondi  
*by Lillian Scheetz*  
6:00 PM John Augustine  
*by The Mc Namara Family*
- Monday, April 4th**  
7:15 AM Wayne Richards  
*by Pat and Pam Kendig*
- Tuesday, April 5th**  
7:15 AM Angela Giovonizzi  
*by Tony and Eileen Checkowski*
- Wednesday, April 6th**  
7:15 AM Marion Peleggi  
*by Kim and Han Pham*
- Thursday, April 7th**  
7:15 AM Robert Zoltek  
*by Missy and George Miller*
- Friday, April 8th**  
7:15 AM Jennie Calabria  
*by Jean Ann Grandinetti*
- Saturday, April 9th**  
7:15 AM Harriet McFadden  
*by Carol and Jim Graham*  
4:30 PM Ann Kelly  
*by Bucci Family*
- Sunday, April 10th**  
7:00 AM Wayne Richards  
*by Pat and Mike Gavaghan*  
8:30 Eleanor G. McQuillen  
*by Edward McQuillen*  
10:00 Mary and Al Schoenberger, Jr.  
*by Mary and Al Schoenberger III*  
11:30 Gerald Chappell  
*by Kathleen Gomez*  
6:00 PM Gary D. Kozloski  
*by Rose Ann and Mark Annand*

## WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

March 26/27	\$ 59,940
Envelopes mailed	3,946
Envelopes returned	1,090
<b>Monthly Electronic offering</b>	
April 20 (24 participants)	\$ NYA

**First Reading: Acts 5:12-16** The people held the apostles in great esteem and brought sick people to them to be healed. Although some were afraid to be known, the number of Jesus' followers continued to grow steadily.

**Responsorial Psalm: PS 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24**

**R. (1) Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting.**

**Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19** John depicts a vision of lamp-stands of gold and one like the Son of Man in a robe with a sash of gold. This apparition told John he had nothing to fear and then described himself as one who was dead but now lived again. He then instructed John to record any other visions he might have.

**Gospel: John 20:19-31** Jesus appeared to the disciples and breathed on them saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit." He gives them the power to forgive people's sins or hold them accountable. Thomas, who was not present, refused to believe Jesus had appeared until He came to them once more. Jesus told Thomas to believe and added, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."



### Second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy

*"Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. They were all together in Solomon's portico. None of the others dared to join them, but the people esteemed them. Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them... Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."*

The second Sunday of Easter, designated Divine Mercy Sunday by St. John Paul II, and a key moment in the Jubilee Year of Mercy finds us, not at Solomon's portico but in our homes and home parishes. The signs and wonders of the early church are manifest again, as others, through our efforts and invitation, return to the life of the church.

If each person would pause, pray, and then invite someone to experience the mercy of God and return to the life of the church, how different would our parish life be.

Before his election as Pope, our Holy Father as Archbishop of Buenos Aires wrote "Only someone who has encountered mercy, who has been caressed by the tenderness of mercy, is happy and comfortable with the Lord."

Have I offered this gift to someone else?

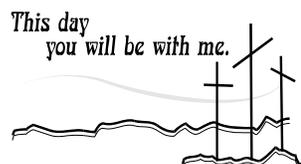


We pray for the deceased members, relatives and friends of our parish family especially John Cunningham, husband of Joan; Patricia Altieri; Helen Janke, aunt of Dana Bruckner.

### 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



## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE of PHILADELPHIA

**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.

**Mount Saint Joseph Academy** invites 7th grade girls to experience life at the Mount. Join us for a morning visit. Half day visitations will continue through May. A parent may go online to arrange a visit. Visit our website at [www.msjad.org](http://www.msjad.org) for more information.



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](http://www.wwme-philly.org). You can also contact Al & Mary Liz Heumann at [Applications@wwme-philly.org](mailto: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](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.



### Divine Mercy Sunday

You are invited to join **St. Stanislaus Parish** on Divine Mercy Sunday for an extraordinary celebration of thanksgiving for the graces received on this great feast day. The Holy Hour will begin at 3 pm in St. Stanislaus Parish Church. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, Singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction and time for silent prayer and thanksgiving.

**Saint Mary Church** will host the Annual Divine Mercy Holy Hour on Sunday, April 3rd at 3:00 PM. Relics of Saints Faustina and John Paul II will be available to venerate. Please come join us during this Jubilee Year of Mercy and bring a friend.

**St. Eleanor's Church-** Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3, 2016. Come and be blessed by this flood of divine grace at the holy hour beginning at 3PM. You can obtain the Jubilee Year of Mercy Indulgence at this Holy Hour.



**A Baby's Breath Run for Life 2016** will be held on **Saturday, April 16th** at the Norristown Farm Park. One Mile Fun Run at 9 am and 5K Run at 9:30 am. Awards at 10:30 am. Register online at: [http://www.ababysbreath.org/events/NOR\\_RFL.html](http://www.ababysbreath.org/events/NOR_RFL.html). Come run or walk!

It's a very enjoyable morning for your family! Please support our moms and their children. For info, contact Dorothy Swedkowski, Race Director at 610-316-6281.

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.nacelopendoor.org)) at 215-584-7751 or [cecelaplaca@gmail.com](mailto:cecelaplaca@gmail.com).

### Forgiveness in the Year of Mercy

All are welcome to Saint Stanislaus Parish Center on **Tuesday, April 12th at 7PM** to hear Father Chris Walsh speak on: Forgiveness in the Year of Mercy. Fr. Walsh is the pastor of St. Raymond Parish and is a dynamic presenter. He will discuss the importance of forgiveness, and offer insights on the "why" and "how" of forgiving those who have hurt us. While we have heard about forgiveness for years, have we intentionally chosen to do it and let go of past hurts? This is an especially relevant topic in this Year of Mercy. There is no cost to attend and registration is not required. The Saint Stanislaus Parish Center is located behind the Church at 51 Lansdale Avenue and Main Street (Route 63) in Lansdale.

## 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](mailto:deaconlangsdorf@gmail.com).



“God is joyful. This is interesting: God is joyful! And what is the joy of God? The joy of God is forgiving, the joy of God is forgiving! The joy of a shepherd who finds his little lamb; the joy of a woman who finds her coin; it is the joy of a father welcoming home the son who was lost, who was as though dead and has come back to life, who has come home. Here is the entire Gospel! Here! The whole Gospel, all of Christianity, is here! But make sure that it is not sentiment, it is not being a ‘do-gooder’! On the contrary, mercy is the true force that can save man and the world from the ‘cancer’ that is sin, moral evil, spiritual evil. Only love fills the void, the negative chasms that evil opens in hearts and in history. Only love can do this, and this is God’s joy!”

— Pope Francis

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<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 your faith journey. There is no cost to attend; however, registration is requested. Please register with your name and phone number at [corpuschristiaff@yahoo.com](mailto:corpuschristiaff@yahoo.com).

**Tuesday, April 26, 2016**  
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM  
Corpus Christi Church  
Religious Education Room

Please use side entrance to our church.

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



**Flame of Love Rosary Cenacle: Join us each Friday 7pm – 8pm, in the Corpus Christi Parish Library, Lansdale, PA.**  
Contact: Diana 215-855-5494 or  
[flameoflovelansdale@gmail.com](mailto:flameoflovelansdale@gmail.com) for more information.

### “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.

Do you knit or crochet? New members to our ministry are always welcome! Prayer shawls and small blankets (for shoulders or lap) are always needed to keep our shelves fully stocked with great color and design selections. This ministry is served from your own home; there are no meetings to attend or dues to pay. Your stewardship is in the giving of your time, talent, and the cost of the yarn. If you knit or crochet, and would like to donate an item, simply drop it off at our Parish Center (weekdays 9:00AM to 5:00PM) or at our Parish Library located next to the playground area (most Sundays 7:45AM to 1:00PM). Please mark the bag “TLC” and don’t forget to include your name, phone number, and e-mail address so that we can add you to our ministry list. If you are looking for a few fresh ideas, a prayer shawl book and a binder of ideas are available for ministry members in the Parish Library.

### 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](mailto: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](http://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, Ann Pierantozzi, James Herron, Sr.



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.

**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](http://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.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.stmaryassumption.org) - click on Parish Information and then Sacraments/PREP.

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul**  
**CLOTHING DRIVE** ~ [www.SVdPPickup.org](http://www.SVdPPickup.org)



Corpus Christi Parish will be hosting a clothing drive to benefit the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, **Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM to 2:00PM**. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be using the services of Green Drop to support their clothing drive. Look for the **Green Drop** truck in the church parking lot where an attendant will be available to assist you with your donations. Please place your donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing in plastic bags or boxes. Household items such as: kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CDs & videos are also accepted. Unfortunately, **furniture, large appliances, TVs or computer monitors cannot be accepted**. For a full list of acceptable items and to learn more about Green Drop visit [www.gogreendrop.com](http://www.gogreendrop.com).

**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.

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

**April General Meeting** - The meeting on Thursday, April 14, will begin at 12:00 with an Organ Concert in the Church by our own Rudolph Lucente, who has performed all over the world. His performance should be a real treat for our club. The meeting and lunch will then follow in Meeting Rooms A-B-C. We will also be collecting for our "Picnic" luncheon (for Members Only) occurring on Thursday, May 12. Food will be provided by Boston Market. More information about the cost will be in the next bulletin and at the April Meeting. Also, Donna Frisch and her strings will be playing for us at the May Picnic and we will have door prizes.

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**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. Contact: \* 215-368-0945 Peggy and John Butler, 1500 Berkley Way, Lansdale, PA 19446.

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

**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 from 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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

**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, April 14th**. 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 former convent by Wednesday, April 13th.** 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.

**MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION**



The monthly food collection for local food cupboards takes place next weekend, April 9/10, 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.

# 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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, (April 19th) 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](http://www.metanoiayoungadults.weebly.com). Check out our Twitter link on homepage: <http://metanoiayoungadults.weebly.com/> or email [metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com). Facebook: [www.facebook.com/groups/MetanoiaYoungAdults](http://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).

Check out [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) for a complete list of SCRIP stores available to you.

### 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:cc.scrip@yahoo.com)!

## CYO News

Spring Sports registration is open at <https://corpus-christi-cyo.sportssignup.com/site> and *has been extended for a time*. There are several new programs offered this season. The late fees have been waived. We are looking for a few more players to round out our rosters. **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](mailto:barb.casee@corpuschr.org).

### CORPUS CHRISTI 5K RUN/WALK

The race starts on **Saturday, April 16 at 8:00AM** in the school parking lot. Registration is \$20. The race benefits the partician Society. Registration forms can be found on the school website at:



[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/40f616aa7243a9fe62b4cc15b/files/2016\\_03\\_02\\_5K\\_Race\\_application.pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/40f616aa7243a9fe62b4cc15b/files/2016_03_02_5K_Race_application.pdf)

Questions can be directed to Mr. Jim McGovern at [james.mcgovern@corpuschr.org](mailto:james.mcgovern@corpuschr.org)

### REC REGISTRATION 2016/17 SCHOOL YEAR

The registrations for Religious Education for the next school year took place in March, if you have not yet registered for Fall, please do so immediately. Forms were sent home with current students and mailed to potential 1<sup>st</sup> Grade students based on parish records. We need your immediate response in order to plan for classes and teachers/aides. Thank YOU!!



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/](http://www.http://corpuschristilansdale.org/welcome/bulletin/)

[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/40f616aa7243a9fe62b4cc15b/files/2016\\_02\\_24\\_Communion\\_flyer.pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/40f616aa7243a9fe62b4cc15b/files/2016_02_24_Communion_flyer.pdf)

**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 04/03 Team #6: Sue Bones at 215-631-9526  
Week of 04/10 Team #7: Mary Medoff at 215-412-2263

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

**BAPTISM INSTRUCTION SESSIONS:** Parents and Godparents must attend **Pre-Jordan Sacramental Preparation** before the Baptism takes place. Prior to attendance, **parents are 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. April 18th, May 16th.**

**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](mailto: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](mailto:johnmcgowan3@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: Sundays 7:45AM to 1PM**  
**Library Volunteers Needed**

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](mailto:corpuschristiaff@yahoo.com).

**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.*



**March 2016**



Ryan John Cheeseman, son of Megan and Ryan  
Margaret Elizabeth Andreacchio, daughter of Dana and Joseph  
Emily Grace Laich, daughter of Carolyn and Andrew  
Audrey Amelia Skinner, daughter of Amy and David