

HE TOLD THEM ANOTHER PARABLE...



"THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE A MUSTARD SEED, WHICH A MAN TOOK AND PLANTED IN HIS FIELD. THOUGH IT IS THE SMALLEST OF ALL SEEDS, YET WHEN IT GROWS, IT IS THE LARGEST OF GARDEN PLANTS AND BECOMES A TREE, SO THAT THE BIRDS COME AND PERCH IN ITS BRANCHES."

MATTHEW 13:31-32

*Corpus Christi Parish ~ Upper Gwynedd, Pennsylvania
July 23, 2017 ~ Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



**CORPUS
CHRISTI
PARISH**

PASTOR

Reverend Monsignor Thomas P. Flanigan, Ed.D.

PAROCHIAL VICARS

Reverend Albert J. Santorsola

Reverend Shaji Silva

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Deacon Francis E. Langsdorf

Deacon William W. Evans

Deacon Steve Currie

PARISH STAFF

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Sr. Mary Carroll

McCaffrey, SSJ

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Maureen Lafferty

School Principal

Trish Keen

Director, Religious

Education for Children

Danielle Gallo

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Minister

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ELECTRONIC GIVING LINK:

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

CHECK OUT OUR WEB SITES:

Church: www.corpuschristilansdale.org

School: www.ccslansdale.org

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Masses: 7:15AM

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

(Vigil Mass for Sunday)

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

11:30 AM, and 6 PM

Holy Day Masses: 7:30 PM (Vigil)

7:15AM, and 12:05PM

Confessions:

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

COMMITTEES & ORGANIZATIONS

Pastoral Council: Steve Finley 267-648-0027

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Adult Faith Formation: 215-855-1311

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Club 50 of Corpus Christi: John Butler 215-368-0945

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Parish Library: 215-855-1311

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

The world in which we live is pretty terrifying. Violence makes the streets unsafe. Drug abuse is rampant. Kids are bringing guns to school, sometimes shooting each other. The traditional family seems to be falling apart. Sexual promiscuity appears to be the norm rather than the exception. News reports abound with stories of mistreated spouses, children, and even elderly parents. Abortion kills millions of unborn babies.

We keep trying to solve our social problems by passing laws. Taxpayers spend billions to build prisons and billions more on a criminal justice system to fill them up. Despite the end of the cold war, we expend enormous amounts on expensive, high-tech weapons of mass destruction. Rather than providing needed education, health care, food, and shelter to the poor, our government panders to the greedy through favorable laws and tax reduction.

If there ever was a time when we ought to listen to what Jesus tells us in the stories related in today's gospel reading, it is right now. The parable of the weeds among the wheat has a direct application here and now. We all know that there is both good and bad in the world. We know that there are people who live by their conscience, trying with all their might to do what is right, and others concerned only with their own selfish interests.



As the parable suggests, however, it is not always easy to distinguish the good people from the bad. Are we really the wheat? Is that person over there really a noxious weed? Acting on conviction and intent to do the right thing, we may convince ourselves that we are in the right and that the one opposing us is wrong. But are we not in danger of smug self-righteousness or triumphalism?

Instead of relying on laws which restrict the actions of other people as a way to improve life in our society, perhaps we should look at ourselves. Are we fully committed to the way of life Jesus taught? Have we purged our lives of sin and undue attachment to the world's pleasures? Have we transformed our own life into a life of love, not only for those close to us, not only for people we like, not only for friends but even for our enemies?

As followers of Jesus, we have within ourselves the power to change our world. A tiny mustard seed can grow to be a tree-sized bush and a small amount of yeast can leaven enough bread to feed a hundred people. In the same way a small number of people committed to a life of divine love can revolutionize society. First we have to change ourselves. We must begin with prayer, acknowledging our own weakness and relying on the Holy Spirit for guidance.

With divine help, we can make our lives a living example of the loving spirit of God. By reaching out to others we can begin to share with them the fruits of this love. We can't expect to solve all the problems of our complex society immediately. But we can make a beginning through prayer, compassion, and service. Perhaps even through becoming politically involved and taxing ourselves to provide communal solutions we can make a difference.

God bless you,

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

PARISH REGISTRATION

Often people attend Mass at Corpus Christi Church for several years, but do not register with the parish. Others delay registering until they are asked to be a godparent or Confirmation sponsor, would like to have their own child baptized, or would like to schedule a wedding or a funeral at the parish. Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community. If you are not currently a member of our parish and live within the parish boundaries, we invite you to consider registering with us and making a commitment to the life of Corpus Christi Church. Register at the Parish Center Office, Monday-Friday, from 9am to 5pm or give us a call at 215-855-1311 between those hours if unable to visit in person.



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/>

MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Saturday,	July 22nd
4:30 PM	John Marczuk <i>by The McCouch Family</i>
Sunday,	July 23rd
7:00 AM	Katherine Palo <i>by Gary Palo</i>
8:30	Laurence McNutt <i>by The Tento Family</i>
10:00	John Dwyer <i>by The Cornell Family</i>
11:30	James McGovern <i>by Linda and George Saba Family</i>
6:00 PM	Sister Kathleen Miriam IHM <i>by Mary and Al Schoenberger</i>
Monday,	July 24th
7:15 AM	Charles M. Smith <i>by Vince and JoAnn Donahue</i>
Tuesday,	July 25th
7:15 AM	Dr. Robert Furey <i>by Maureen Mulholland</i>
Wednesday,	July 26th
7:15 AM	Louise Raab <i>by Jack Spielberg</i>
Thursday,	July 27th
7:15 AM	James Flanigan, Sr.
Friday,	July 28th
7:15 AM	Anne Marie Madden <i>by Jim and Mary Ellen Madden</i>
Saturday,	July 29th
7:15 AM	Walter Wiatr <i>by The Holody Family</i>
4:30 PM	Bernard and Marguerite Cleighton <i>by John and Peggy Butler</i>
Sunday,	July 30th
7:00 AM	James Thompson <i>by Michael and Pat Gavaghan</i>
8:30	Jack Dwyer <i>by Trudy and John Duardo</i>
10:00	Christine Shelton <i>by Ken and Mary Slater</i>
11:30	James McGovern <i>by The Schmidt Family</i>
6:00 PM	Catherine Cook <i>by Kathy, Chris, Lorraine and Brandon Sacro</i>



We pray for the deceased members, relatives and friends of our parish family.



“Come to their aid, O saints of God; come forth to meet them, angels of the Lord, receiving their souls, presenting them to the Most High.”

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Target for Fiscal Year 2017-2018	\$1,714,000
Weekly Target for Fiscal Year 2017-18	\$ 33,000
Collection for July 15/16	\$ 27,755
Electronic Giving (130 participants) July 20	\$ n/a
Over (Under) Target Week	\$ (5,345)
Over (Under) Target YTD Fiscal Week 3	\$ (16,862)
Facilities Improvement Year To Date Through July 16th	\$ 78,757
Total Envelopes Mailed	2,559
Total Envelopes Used (July 16th)	697
Balance Due on Mortgage	\$ 2,689,488

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 This passage from the Book of Wisdom addresses itself to God, giving praise and thanksgiving for His mercy.

Responsorial Psalm: 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 *Lord, you are good and forgiving.*

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27 Paul indicates that since people are, in general, unaccustomed to the manner of praying, of speaking directly to God, the Holy Spirit will intercede for them.

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43 According to Matthew, Jesus speaks of the “reign of God” in three parables: the man who soweth good seed, the mustard seed, and the yeast. In each parable, Jesus demonstrates that once the “reign of God” had been established, it grew and spread.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

“The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes with inexpressible groaning. And the One who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit. But though You are master of might You judge with great clemency and with much lenience You govern us...and You taught that those who are just must be kind.”

Do I understand that when I decide ‘I am going to pray’ that this is a response to the movement of the Spirit? When I pause to pray or plea, to thank or speak my words do I recognize the aid of that same Spirit? Paul helps us understand what sparks our prayer. Remember the prayer poem ‘Lovely lady dressed in blue, teach me how to pray.’

I might also find strength knowing that my intentions are good and positive as I pause and pray for others. I am concerned about their well being, their peace and happiness. I want to be free of judging others, as God judges me with clemency and wants me as a just person to be kind.

There are many helps for our prayer life in the readings of scripture today.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE of PHILADELPHIA



For a list of events occurring around the Archdiocese of Philadelphia please sign up for the monthly Evangelization Newsletter at <http://www.phillyevang.org/inform/> There are so many activities geared to all age groups! Don't miss out!

WOMEN'S TEA at Malvern Retreat House

Healing Through God's Merciful Love ~ **Sunday, August 6, 2017, 2-4pm** / Doors open at 1:30 pm | Program begins at 2pm Memorial Hall (Main Dining Hall)

Speaker: Kathleen McCarthy, President, In His Sign Catholic Radio

You've been given an invitation from God the Father to move beyond your current spiritual journey to another level of healing, wholeness and joy. Kathleen McCarthy will encourage and inspire you to meet God the Father through her personal life story and stories of how He desires to have you move in sync with His Divine will.

Ms. McCarthy is an internationally recognized lay evangelist, author, retreat master and radio broadcast host. She is a gifted speaker who shares with enthusiasm and motivates many hearts to experience the living God.

COST: \$25 per person-includes tea and refreshments. Seating is limited. Call 610-644-0400 or register online at www.malvernretreat.com/register.

What Can I do?

The Bible commands us to help "the least of these, my brothers and sisters..." Matthew 25:45. In our culture of death, no doubt the "least of these our brothers and sisters" are the defenseless, innocent children in the womb who are so incredibly vulnerable. So, here are some ideas of what we can do to make a real difference:

- ◆ Join or Support the Respect Life Committee in your Parish
- ◆ Start or Support a Gabriel Project in Your Parish
- ◆ Meet with and write to your Legislators as a Constituent, Communicating the Catholic Church Position on Life Issues
- ◆ Support Local Pregnancy Centers by donating Your Time, Talents, and Treasure
- ◆ Tell Others about Project Rachel, a Post- Abortion Reconciliation/Counseling
- ◆ Pray for Those Who Have Been Involved in an Abortion
- ◆ Pray for the life of all, particularly giving witness outside our local abortion clinics

"From the first moment of existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person—among which is the inviolable right of every innocent human being to life."

-Catechism of the Catholic Church

Celebrate the Feast of The Assumption at Saint Mary Center, Lansdale

The residents of Saint Mary Center in Lansdale extend an invitation to join them for an outdoor Mass with our own version of the "Blessing of the Sea" celebrating the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on **Tuesday, August 15, 2017** beginning at 11AM. Tents and folding chairs will be provided and refreshments will be served following Mass. All are welcome to attend. Saint Mary Center for Rehabilitation and Healthcare, part of Catholic Health Group, is located at 701 Lansdale Avenue, Lansdale, PA 19446.

The custom of "blessing the sea" on the Feast of the Assumption is said to have originated in Italy in the 15th century when a bishop traveling from Venice during a storm at sea on the Feast of the Assumption prayed and threw his pastoral ring into the sea from a ship and the waters were calmed. Some ceremonies today include throwing a ring or wreath of flowers from a boat into the water, symbolizing the union of the earth and the sea and giving rise to the name, "wedding of the sea."

Are You Dealing With Someone Who Is Suffering From Addiction?

Join us in a Mass for those suffering from addiction. All are invited. Reaching out to our veterans. St. Ann Roman Catholic Church, 502 Main St., Phoenixville, PA 19460. **Saturday, September 9th** with celebrant Fr. John Newns, Pastor. Addiction has touched far too many families and taken far too many of our loved ones. Join us that we may draw strength from one another in the power of our faith.

I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me.

-Philippians 4:13

Support Group for the Divorced

This support group, hosted by Saint Jude Church in Chalfont, consists of a ten week program. Each session includes a brief DVD presentation, offered by expert counselors, author Rose Sweet, and others who have suffered through divorce. Following each presentation, the group is guided through a series of discussion questions. If you are a divorced Catholic, we invite you to experience this pastoral program. Your life will be rejuvenated, your hope restored, and your faith in Christ and his Church renewed! Fee is \$30.00 and includes workbook, handouts, and refreshments. Pre-registration and pre-payment are necessary. Please note that no registrations will be accepted after the first session. Contact Angela McClellan with questions at 215-822-9225 (ext.234) or faith@stjudechalfont.org.

Tuesdays,

September 5, 12, 19, 26

October 3, 10, 17, 31,

November 7, and 14, 2017

*No session on October 24

7:00 PM to 8:15 PM

Saint Jude Catholic Education Center: Library

Please register using the form that can be found on the St. Jude parish website at www.stjudechalfont.org
Please mail form along with payment of \$30.00.

A Retreat for Men and Women August 4 - 6, 2017

This retreat will help you overcome fear and doubt, covering topics including: You CAN Stop Worrying! - Unleashing The Spirit - Jesus - Your BEST Best Friend.

Speaker: Gary Zimak, radio show host on Holy Spirit Radio

Location: Malvern Retreat House

More info: Visit www.malvernretreat.com/register or call 610-644-0400

HOLY MARTYRS SUPER SENIORS

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 7th at 12 Noon in Parish Hall (120 Allison Road, Oreland, Pa. --- 215-884-8575)

Sunday, September 17th The Golden Girls Murder Mystery. Cost \$65.00 p/p. Travel by Hagey Motor coach to Peddler's Village in Lahaska to enjoy lunch & dessert followed by the performance of the murder mystery. Time: Bus leaves the parish parking lot at 12 Noon. Lunch and show scheduled from 2 to 5pm. Elevator is on premises for those who need ease of movement. Approximate time frame: 12 Noon to 5 pm.

Casting Nets Evangelization Institute this Summer!

Join Casting Nets Ministries for a dynamic and highly engaging retreat experience and training for pastors, pastoral teams, parish staff, lay leaders, DRE's, and catechists. A bi-lingual retreat, English and Spanish. Malvern Retreat House, July 28-30. Learn how you can lead your parish from maintenance to mission and create a culture of missionary discipleship and evangelization. Featuring renowned Catholic authors and evangelists Hector Molina, Tony Brandt and Chris Stewart. Register by calling 610-644-0400 or www.malvernretreat.com.

Please be praying for... Bill Flear, Daniel MacDonald, Joan Buchler, Joanne McDonald, Maureen McGowan, Sara Welsh Krebs, Katelyn Bonner, James Donnelly, Kathy Donia, Bonnie Maday, Annamarie Hutchinson, Samuel Smith, Joe Dwyer, Thomas Roy, Peter Schumacher, Frank Griffith, Pat Mozi, Leonard Balk, Luca Paciente, James Herron, Sr., Mike McGonigle, Sue Kunze, Patricia Wright, Joseph Bintner, Frederick Scheetz, Robert Shea, Drew Fantozzi, Ken Slater, James Stento, Antonio Jacinto, Michael Rafter, Holly Miller, David Dawson, Mary Rexer, Dorothy Reckner, Lily Anna Rose Pagnotta, Elaine (Kim) Deimeyer, Dan Ungvarsky, baby Benjamin Matthew Schuyler, Edward Price, W. Vincent Krout, Joseph Frett, Bertha Spahn.

 **Upcoming Events** **The Guardians - Tuesday, August 1st- 7PM** Religious Education Room in Church. For more information or to register for your first meeting, please contact Deacon Frank Langsdorf at deaconlangsdorf@gmail.com. **Mom Café - On vaca- until October.** Questions may be directed to Jess at jesswoehr@hotmail.com

CLUB 50 NEWS AND TRAVEL
NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!
 Are you a Senior new to Corpus Christi? Have you been a member of the Parish for many years and not a member of Club 50? Consider joining Club 50 of Corpus Christi. For information contact Elaine Amirault, Membership Chairperson (215-855-4139) or John Butler, President (215-368-0945)
Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada - Tuesday-Friday, October 3-6, 2017. Cost ranges from \$625 single, \$485 double & triple - Insurance \$75 or \$50. Round trip motor coach transportation. 3 nights accommodations at the Clifton Victoria Hotel. 3 full breakfast buffets at the hotel. 1 luncheon at the Mandarin Restaurant, 2 other dinners. Guided tour of Niagara Falls. Many other interesting sights. For full details pick up a **BROCHURE** in the Narthex of the church or at Club 50 meetings. *Deposit payment at sign-up \$50. Final payment due August 11, 2017. For reservations and Information contact: 215-393-8786 John and Mary Woodcock, 261 Beth Drive, Lansdale, PA 19446.
Sands Casino, Bethlehem, PA - Tuesday, November 28th - \$75. Must show a valid photo ID to receive bonus, payment due at sign-up. Round trip motor coach transportation tax and tip for driver are included. Package includes \$20. slot play, and admission to the "Cirque Dreams Holiday Show" at 2PM. Departs 10:30AM return approx. 7PM.
 *Call 215-368-0421 Rose Wilson 1377 Pickwick Lane, Lansdale PA 19446 or 215-393-6779 Mary Slater, 512 Dock Drive, Lansdale, PA 19446.
 *All checks which are due at sign-up should be made payable to "Club 50 of Corpus Christi."

Registered Nurse/License Practical NurseRN/LPN - PRN
 Community Based Services for Seniors is currently seeking a Pool RN or LPN to provide services in their Adult Day Care Center. The ideal candidate will fill in for the nurse on staff when she is on vacation or out of the office. This is a daytime position in the Souderton, North Penn area of Montgomery County. The successful candidate must possess a current RN/LPN license and enjoy working with seniors. For immediate consideration, please forward your resume to CHCS-HR@chs-adphila.org or fax to 215-587-3773. Community Based Services is an Equal Employer Opportunity.

 **Mass Times for travel**
masstimes.org
 "come to me all of you"
 As you travel now that school is over, be sure to check the time of Masses at your destination.

CORPUS CHRISTI LIBRARY



Summer Library Schedule

OPEN Sundays - July 23 and 30
 CLOSED Month of August and Labor Day Week
 Re-OPEN Sunday, September 10

Morning of Reflection for Grandparents

Celebrate the blessings and challenges of grand-parenting by joining us at Saint Jude Church in Chalfont for this morning of reflection for all grandmothers and grandfathers. This special day begins with the **9:00 AM Mass** celebrated in honor of Saints Joachim and Ann, the grandparents of Jesus. Following Mass, we will enjoy a continental breakfast and a conference by our guest presenter, Deacon David Schaffer who currently serves at Saint John Neumann Parish in Bryn Mawr. *Cost is \$10.00 per person.* Contact Angela McClellan for more information at 215-822-9225 (ext. 234) or faith@stjudechalfont.org.

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Chapel/Church Meeting Room

Guest Presenter: Deacon David Schaffer
 Please register using the form that can be found on St. Jude's parish website at www.stjudechalfont.org. Please mail form along with payment.

Consecration of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Don't Miss the Bus to Harrisburg!

In observance of the 100th Anniversary of Mary's apparition at Fatima, all dioceses and eparchies in Pennsylvania will be dedicated to the Blessed Mother.

The official celebration will be marked with a special Mass at Saint Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, September 27 by all bishops in the state.

Following Mass, we will be making a lunch stop at the food court at Hershey's Chocolate World in Hershey, PA. Lunch is at your own expense. Pack your own snacks for the bus ride to Harrisburg.

A bus will depart Saint Jude Parish in Chalfont at 7:30 AM and Saint Maria Goretti Parish in Hatfield at 8:00 AM. Bus cost for round trip is \$20.00 per person. Please register by mailing the form from our parish website at www.stjudechalfont.org.



Aid For Friends in Montgomery County

Aid For Friends has a need for Volunteer Visitors and Emergency drivers in the Montgomery County Area. The Volunteer Visitor delivers meals once a week to a client/friend in their own community. The

Visitor picks up food from the Aid For Friends freezers at Corpus Christi near the convent, and delivers to a homebound person in this community. You put the meals in the freezer of the client/friend and then sit and chat a bit. Emergency Drivers fill in when a Volunteer Visitor is sick or on vacation. If you feel you would like to help the Aid For Friends homebound, or would like more information, please contact the Aid For Friends office at 215-464-2224 and ask for Lynn Trombetta or email at: ltrombetta@aidforfriends.org.

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Gospel Today

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus continues to teach the people with parables, or stories. He shows how tiny seeds or yeast cells are like the Word of God. When planted they sprout and grow great in size. As The Word is spread, the believers become many.

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Jesus' parables show

Small beginnings become marvelous expansions

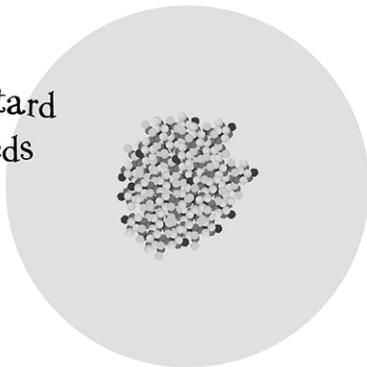
Draw a line from Column A to Column B to match the "Seeds of Faith" to the "Expanded Kingdom."

Column A

The Good Word



Mustard Seeds

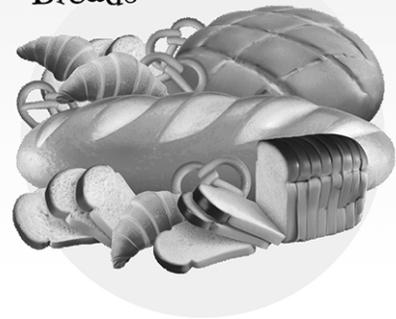


Yeast Cells



Column B

Risen Breads



Mustard Tree



Many Believers



Parent / Child Activity

Watch a seed sprout - Take a clear cup and line it with a wet paper towel. Put a dried, uncooked seed between the paper and cup. Keep wet and in the sun. **Watch what happens!** (try watermelon seeds dried for one week)

Youth News

High School Youth Group

Check out our Youth Group table in the Narthex, visit us on Facebook at CorpusChristi YouthMinister
**LIFETEEN CALENDAR: For details regarding each week's activities, visit the Corpus Christi youth group website at: <http://corpuschristiyouthgroup.weebly.com/>
Contact Danielle at: corpus.ym@gmail.com**

This Summer at YOUTH GROUP
July 23: Water Wars
August 11-13: Summer Splash Retreat
September 10: Fall Kickoff



Honors Received at Catholic High Schools

The following High Schools have reported our parishioners' honor roll achievements:

Pope John Paul II High School:

First Honors: Julia Moroz '17, James Murphy '17, Jamie E. McKnight '19, Jessica L. Velicer '19, Olivia G. DiPrinzio '20, Julia E. Durand '20 and Patrick J. Fluehr '20.

Second Honors: Valerie Canfield '17, Kendal Piazza '17, Andrew R. Almeida '18, Ethan T. Smith '19, and Sean Tobin '19.

Congratulations to all and prayers and best wishes to all of our Corpus Christi Parish Students who are hard at work to achieve their goals at **all** of our surrounding schools!!

CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL NEWS



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC SCHOOL
~ a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence ~
WELCOMES YOU

Corpus Christi Catholic School New Student Registration Information

Items Needed for Registration:

- ❖ Original Birth Certificate
- ❖ Baptismal Certificate
- ❖ Immunization Records
- ❖ \$50.00 non-refundable registration fee

Lansdale Award to Corpus Christi School

We're happy to announce that Corpus Christi School has been selected to receive the **2017 Best of Lansdale Award** in the Catholic Schools category by the Lansdale Award Program. This, in addition to be designated a **Blue Ribbon School of Excellence** by the U.S. Dept. of Education makes us very proud of our programs, faculty and administrators.



We are now accepting registrations for the 2017-18 school year, so why not check us out and see why we're receiving these honors? Call Mrs. Casee at 215-368-0582 or email

barb.casee@corpuschr.org.

CYO News:

Fall Sports registration is open now at <https://corpus-christi-cyo.splay.com/site/> and **will close on July 31st, late fees will apply after that date and space is not guaranteed on rosters after that date.** The registration fees are the same as last year. *There is a \$400 maximum for all registrations placed on the same order for the same family (this applies across all sports).* Additional information for each sport is available at <https://corpuscyo.wordpress.com/> or see upcoming info at <https://corpus-christi-cyo.splay.com/site/>.

*****New ***** Corpus Christi CYO is considering starting a **Swim Team for the 2017/2018 season.** We are in the planning stages and will need final approval from the CYO Board and Parish. We would like to hear back from you in order to gauge the level of interest. If your family is interested in participating as swimmers, coaches or helpers, please send back a note to cc-cyo@verizon.net. See below some details for the proposed Swim Team. Thank you, Corpus Christi CYO

- Participate through the Catholic Youth Swim League (CYSL) which includes 16 parishes in Bucks, Montgomery and NE Philly. The CYSL has over 1,100 swimmers and has existed for over 35 years.
- The season will run from late September through February.
- Practices will be 1 to 2 nights per week at the Indian Valley YMCA or other nearby pool.
- There will be 7 dual meets and a Championship meet at LaSalle University. All meets will be on Saturday or Sunday.
- Grades are K through 8th.
- All levels of swimmers are welcome and all 4 strokes will be taught.

Corpus Christi CYO is now on Twitter! For information on sign-ups, scores, reminders, alumni news, and more, follow us @CYOCorpus !

Get our Emails - Set-up an account in our online system so you receive all of our emails for CYO sponsored events and CYO sports. There is no cost to create an account. You can set-up an account at <https://corpus-christi-cyo.splay.com/site/>

CYO Open Positions – CYO Positions Open – Girls/Coed Athletic Director (2018/19), Service Project Coordinator, Sports Banquet Chairmen, Beef & Beer Chairmen, Christmas Tournament Chairmen, IM Basketball Manager, Mini Soccer Manager – if interested send email to cc-cyo@verizon.net.

METANOIA ~ YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Metanoia is an active community of Catholic young adults in western 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. We meet every Tuesday at 7:30 pm.

July:

Sunday, July 23: Picnic @ Green Lane Park; 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 25: Holy Hour @ Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales; 7:30pm

August:

Saturday, August 5: Philadelphia Union Game @ 7 p.m.

For more details, check us out on Facebook

(www.facebook.com/groups/MetanoiaYoungAdults) Or visit our website at www.metanoiayoungadults.weebly.com You can also reach us via email at metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com



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

Week of 7/23 Team #1: Mary Medoff at 215-412-2263

Week of 7/30 Team #2: Karen McFadden at 484-552-8129

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

BAPTISM INSTRUCTION SESSIONS: Parents and Godparents must attend **Pre-Jordan Sacramental Preparation** before the Baptism takes place. Prior to attendance, **parents are requested to pre-register for the session by contacting the Parish Center Office 215-855-1311.**

Although instruction sessions are mandatory for both Parents and Godparents, you are required to attend one time only. If you have attended previously you are not required to come again. Ideally, attendance at the preparation session should occur before the child's birth. Upcoming sessions are scheduled in the **RE Room (in the church), at 7:00 PM on the 3rd Monday of the month i.e. August 21st, September 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 almost EVERY SUNDAY.**

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WEDNESDAYS



Eucharistic Adoration is scheduled every **Wednesday, from 7:45 AM til 6:30 PM** in the Church Chapel. Benediction is at 6:30 PM. (**Novena devotions** immediately following, see under **Novena**). Please **enter the chapel using the entrance walk on the side of the Parish House facing Supplee Rd.** Please consider signing-up to be a weekly Adorer. There is a sign-up list in the Chapel if you would like to make a weekly commitment to a specific time each week. For more information: Anne DeSantis at 610-222-9778 or adesantis_1@comcast.net.

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

MARRIAGES: Couples who are planning to be married are required to notify one of the parish priests no less than six months prior to the marriage and attend a Pre-Cana session. The next pre-cana session is October 1st and 2nd, 2016. Please contact johnmcfowan3@gmail.com for more information.

NOVENA DEVOTIONS: Devotions honoring the Immaculate Heart of Mary are offered on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, and devotions to honor St. Peregrine, Patron Saint of Cancer Patients, are offered on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, at 6:30PM in the Chapel. For information please call 215-855-1311.

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

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

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

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

1601 "The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament."~CCC



**Marriages Celebrated at Corpus Christi
June ~ 2017**

- Kathleen Schoenberger and Brian Rambo
- Stacey Pellechia and Patrick Harner
- Patricia Hurley and Daniel Frydlewicz
- Laura Joan Janulewicz and Joseph Warren Helme, III

**Congratulations and Prayers
from your Parish Family!**

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