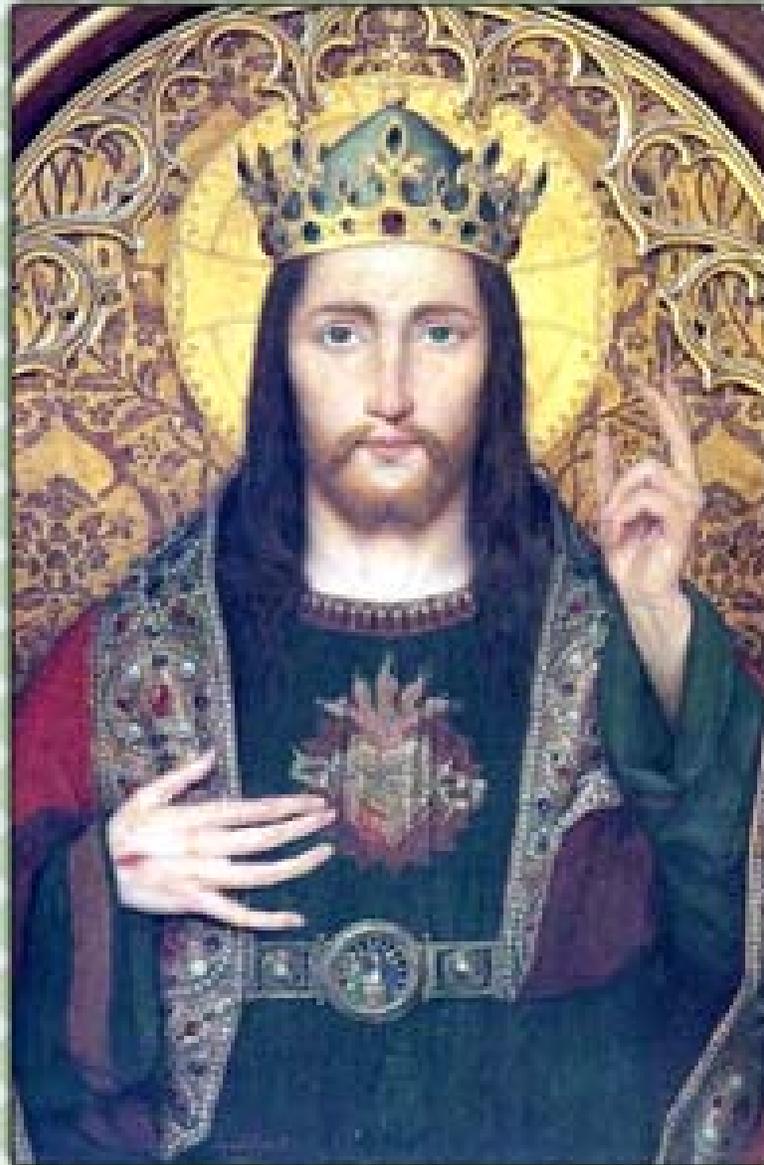


Feast of Christ the King



KING OF GLORY • KING OF PEACE

*Corpus Christi Parish ~ Upper Gwynedd, Pennsylvania
November 22, 2015 ~ Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*



**CORPUS
CHRISTI
PARISH**

PASTOR

Reverend Monsignor Thomas P. Flanigan, Ed.D.

PAROCHIAL VICARS

**Reverend Albert J. Santorsola
Reverend Shaji Silva**

PERMANENT DEACONS

**Deacon Francis E. Langsdorf
Deacon William W. Evans
Deacon Steve Currie**

PARISH STAFF

Edd Murphy	Business Manager
Sr. Mary Carroll McCaffrey, SSJ	Parish Minister
Maureen Lafferty	School Principal
Trish Keen	Director, Religious Education for Children
Angela McClellan	Director, Adult Faith Formation
Danielle Gallo	Youth/Young Adult Minister

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MAILING ADDRESS

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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

CARING & SHARING

215-855-1311 ext 133

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Masses: 7:15AM

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

(Vigil Mass for Sunday)

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

11:30 AM, and 6 PM

Holy Day Masses: 7:30 PM (Vigil)

7:15AM, and 12:05PM

Confessions:

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

COMMITTEES & ORGANIZATIONS

Pastoral Council: Barbara Atkins 215-412-2459

Finance Com: Rev. Msgr. Thomas Flanigan 215-855-1311

Adult Faith Formation: Angela McClellan 215-855-1311
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Aid for Friends: Judy Jergensen 215-699-9196

Altar Linens: Lori Neri 215-828-4763

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

Bereavement Support Gr: Eileen McCullough
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Bingo: Laurie Ponticello 610-584-5694

Boy Scouts: Joe Rakszawski 610-584-0333

Casserole Project: Kay Smerke 215-855-1783

Catholic Charities: www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org

Charismatic Pr. Grp: Kathleen McCarthy 215-740-0349

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Trish Keen 215-362-2292

Club 50 of Corpus Christi: Bob Pecharo 215-368-0198

Cub Scouts: Rinaldo Rossi 610-715-7025

CYO Program: Mary Bagnell 215-272-2618

Eucharistic Adoration: Barbara Atkins 215-412-2459

Evangelization Coordinator: Randy Pagnotta 610-564-0921

Extraordinary Ministers:

Schedules Masses - 215-855-1311 ext. 133

To Visit Home Bound - Deacon Currie
215-855-1311

Gift Certificate Program (Scrip): Erin Miller 215-362-0104

Girl Scouts: Cathy Roberts 215-393-7891

Greeters: Henry Hartman 215-362-1463

The Guardians - Fathers' Support Group:

Deacon Frank Langsdorf 215-855-1311 ext. 113

Home & School Assn.: Cathy Roberts 215-393-7891

H.O.P.E.: Mary Medoff at 215-412-2263

Hospitality Ministry: Jean Van 215-855-5834

Knights of Columbus: Richard Ray 215-822-1479

Lectors: Deacon Evans 215-855-1311

Legion of Mary: Helen Walker at 484-681-4868

M.A.S.S. Drivers: Joanne McDonald at 215-855-5307

The Mom Café - Mothers' Support Group:

Angela McClellan 215-855-1311 ext. 122

Music Ministry: Matthew Klenk 215-855-0670

Parish Library: Angela McClellan 215-855-1311 ext. 122

Prayer Garden: Don Janssen 215-361-8558

Prayer Line: Anna Marie O'Reilly 215-368-4672

Pre-Cana Program: Jack & Mary Ann McGowan

610-584-5569

Pre-Jordan Program: Deacon Langsdorf 215-855-1311

RCIA Program: Deacons Langsdorf and Currie

215-855-1311

Respect Life: Ellie Hentschel 215-362-0160

Louise Mercurio 610-584-4008

Sanctuary Cleaners: Jeanne Linden-Fox 215-513-0347

Ushers: Deacon Evans 215-855-1311

Youth and Young Adult Ministries: Danielle Gallo

215-855-1311 ext. 118

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

Since the American Revolution, we as a nation have forsaken the ways of royalty and a majority of its trappings. Two hundred and twenty-seven years ago we rejected the divine right and absolute control of one king to pursue collectively the goals of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Since then Americans, noted for their rugged individualistic spirit, made every attempt to capitalize on their independence in conquering the land, in building a sound economic base of prosperity and struggling in efforts of reform and renewal in care for the populace.

Americans, however, did not give up certain notions of royalty, nor the need for governance. The President, while elected by the people, enjoys such privileges of office as: Commander and Chief of the Armed forces, personal security for himself and his family, and even favored winter and summer residences. The President is normally held in high esteem, and is recognized as the leader of our nation.

As Roman Catholics in this nation, we struggle both with the spirit of individualism, as well as entrusting ourselves to the civil government and leadership of a President. It is in the midst of this struggle that we celebrate as a Church, Christ the King. While we may mistrust absolute authority over us, or the rugged spirit of individualism, we can be taught an important lesson today on the meaning of Christ's kingship.

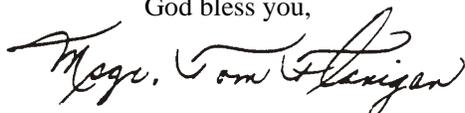
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1 WHO IS,
WHO WAS AN
WHO IS TO COME

Our faith speaks to us – first that Christ as King came as servant, even though He received dominion, glory and kingship. As servant, He came as one of us...to share in the human story of life. In the midst of human struggle, Christ came and walked among us as faithful witness in love and reconciliation. Our gospels attest to the tremendous reality that Jesus healed people wholly so that they could recognize their true worth and beauty in the eyes of God the Father. Jesus came as King to proclaim truth of our God's concern for His people, to help them fight sin and establish an unbreakable bond between the human family and our God.

Christ's kingship is not the interference of absolute authority, nor the self-centeredness of individualism. It is rather an open-ended invitation to participate in God's plan of salvation which is nothing less than our renewal, and the renewal of the face of the earth. It is participation within this plan of salvation, that we are made more whole, more human. We are made more free to become what we are called to be, co-heirs with our Lord. Christ's kingship challenges us to truly become kingdom people as well. It is a challenge of the servant, of the faithful witness, of one who lives the truth, opened for healing and reconciliation.

When we approach the table of the Lord, we allow the kingship of Christ to invite us to participate in the gift of life, healing and hope. In our reception of the Eucharist, we allow Christ to nourish us on our journey as servant, faithful witness and a celebration of the truth. In the challenge of the Eucharist we are invited to live more freely, more humanly and more wholly.

God bless you,



CONFIRMATION NEWS



Confirmation is one of the ensemble of the Sacraments of Initiation into the church, together with Baptism and Eucharist. Confirmation completes the grace of Baptism by a special outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which seal or "confirm" the baptized in union with Christ and equip them for active participation in the worship and apostolic life of the Church (CCC 1285). **Along with Bishop John J. McIntyre, our parish celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation on November 12th as 165 young people received the gifts of the Holy Spirit.** Keep them in your prayers as they continue on their Christian journey!



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28, 2015 LIGHTING OF LAWN NATIVITY DISPLAY - All are welcome to join us for Prayer and Christmas Carols for the Lighting of the Corpus Christi Lawn Nativity Set following the 4:30 PM Mass on Saturday, November 28th, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. After the Lighting Ceremony, there will be a tailgate for Hot Chocolate and other treats!

GIVING TREE 2015



Our annual Giving Tree Project has begun. It benefits the children of Visitation School and REC program and the SSJ Welcome Center in Kensington. Take a tag from a tree in the narthex or the religious education room and purchase an age appropriate gift or gift certificate as indicated on the tag. Gifts should be returned wrapped (no bows) with the tag attached to the package. Please remove the hooks from the tags. There will be a bag marked **Gift Certificates** under each tree. Drop certificates in the bag. Do not wrap them. Indicate the amount on the card. Gift cards can be purchased through our SCRIP Program at school.

Return dates: December 5-6 and 12-13. The gifts need to be delivered no later than December 16th to Visitation. The sorting and packing of so many gifts is a huge project so the sooner we get them the better!

Corpus Christi has been Santa Claus to many children who otherwise may not have Christmas. The gift certificates help many of the Welcome Center's families celebrate Christmas as well as help the center continue their good work. **If anyone has any questions or would like to help with the sorting, packing, and/or delivering, please contact Kate Motley at 610-584-0510.**



Happy Thanksgiving

The Parish Offices will be closed on Thanksgiving day and Friday, November 26th and 27th.

MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

- Saturday, November 21st**
4:30 PM Donald McGinty
by George and Donna Frisch
- Sunday, November 22nd**
7:00 AM The Dougherty Family
by Joe and Diane Radvansky
8:30 James J. Mullaly
by Rose Mullaly
10:00 Lucy Muscara
by Dan and Gloria DiEmedio
11:30 Sue Dolan
by Bob and Marilyn Canavan
6:00 PM Christine Shelton
by Ken and Mary Slater
- Monday, November 23rd**
7:15 AM The Pultorak Family
by Dick Pultorak
- Tuesday, November 24th**
7:15 AM Roger Kirk
by Vince and JoAnn Donahue
- Wednesday, November 25th**
7:15 AM Edwin and Margaret Markel
by The Gerland Family
- Thursday, November 26th**
9:00 AM Patricia Liney
by Joe and Jane Belcher
- Friday, November 27th**
7:15 AM CPT Humbert Roque Versace, USA
by Hugh B. Mulvaney, Jr.
- Saturday, November 28th**
7:15 AM Albert Mackunis
by The Hannings Family
4:30 PM Anne and Bill McCouch
by The McCouch Family
- Sunday, November 29th**
7:00 AM John Atkins
by John and Peggy Butler
8:30 Deceased Members of the Kelbach
and Jones Families
by Liz and Bob Jones
10:00 Bill McHale
by Fran McHale
11:30 Patricia Gorge
by The Fitzpatrick Family
6:00 PM Michael Falco
by The Corrigan Family



We pray for the deceased members, relatives and friends of our parish family especially John M O'Brien, husband of Kathleen: Rose Cervasio, mother of Elizabeth Young.



"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."

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

November 14/15	\$ 28,577
Envelopes mailed	2,439
Envelopes returned	884
Mortgage Reduction Collection	
November to date	\$ 4,256

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14 Daniel describes the One who will appear on the clouds of heaven and receive glory. People of every language will serve this One, and His leadership and community will be His forever.

Responsorial Psalm: PS 93:1, 1-2, 5 The LORD is King; He is robed in majesty.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:5-8 Jesus is so powerful, He is the ruler of kings. He loved us enough to free us from sin, and so He will be glorified forever. He will appear again and be seen by all the people of the earth. God calls Himself the first and last, "the One who is and who was and who is to come," reminding all people that God will remain with us always.



Gospel: John 18:33b-37 Pilate asks Jesus if He is a king. Jesus explains that His kingdom is not of this world. Pilate asks again if Jesus is a king, to which He replies, "I came into the world to testify to the truth. Anyone committed to the truth hears My voice."

Family Connection

Understanding today's feast of Christ the King may be particularly challenging. While most of us do not have direct experience with kings or royalty, we have a sense of who they are. We know that royalty have sovereignty over their kingdoms. We know that those who are subjects to royalty offer them allegiance and honor. To understand how Christ is our King, we extend and magnify what we know to be true of the best of human royalty. Christ's kingship extends to all places, all people, and all times. Christ manifests His kingship through His death on the cross in which He offered salvation to everyone. Those who can see with eyes of faith recognize Jesus to be our heavenly King.

As you gather as a family, recall that this Sunday is the last Sunday in the Church year and on this Sunday we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. Talk together about what it means to be a king or queen. How do those who are subjects behave toward royalty? Invite children to role-play what one does in the presence of royalty. Read today's Gospel, John 18:33b-37. Ask your family to discuss these questions: Does Pilate treat Jesus like royalty? (No.) What does Jesus say about his kingdom? (It is not of this world.) Talk about how your family shows honor and obedience to Christ our King. Pray together the Lord's Prayer and ask God to help your family act in ways that show you recognize and honor Christ as King.

<http://www.loyolapress.com/sunday-connection.htm>

Monday	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday	Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday	Dn 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28
Friday	Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday	Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE of PHILADELPHIA

Lansdale Catholic 8th Grade Shadow Program – All area eighth graders are encouraged to shadow a current LC ninth grader for a day. Please have a parent/guardian contact Mrs. Allen at 215-362-6160 x 194 or email amallen@lansdalecatholic.com to set up a shadow appointment.

Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School Presents: *Once Upon a Mattress*. Sunday Matinee, November 22 at 2:00pm. Tickets available at www.gmahs.org.

Fall Basket Bingo

Presentation of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church, 1564 Allentown Road, Lansdale, PA holds its annual Fall Basket Bingo featuring filled Longaberger Baskets on Sunday, **November 22, 2015**. Doors open at Noon. Games begin at 1PM. Lunch including homemade pierogies and other dishes are available. Admission is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. For tickets visit www.PresentationUkrainianCC.com or call 215-852-3463.

Donations are needed for Thanksgiving: Catholic Social Services will be providing Thanksgiving dinners for 300 needy families in Montgomery County. We are in need of frozen turkeys, and all the trimmings needed to provide a dinner for a family. We cannot accept the coupon for a free turkey – we ask that you redeem the coupon and donate the turkey. We will also accept donations of grocery store gift cards. Donations can be dropped off at our office at 353 E. Johnson Hwy., Norristown, PA on Sunday, November 22, 2015 from 10:00AM to 2:00PM, or by appointment. If you have any questions please call Catholic Social Services, 353 E. Johnson Hwy., Norristown, PA, 610-279-7372 and ask for Patrick Walsh or any staff person.

Christmas Season Concert

You are cordially invited to begin the Advent Season by attending a performance by the Fairmount Quartet which will be held at **St. Rose of Lima Church on Sunday evening, November 29th at 7:00PM**. The concert will provide a variety of Christmas and Advent music both traditional and new. The Concert will be approximately 60 minutes. Please contact the Parish office by Tuesday, November 24th if you plan to attend (215-699-4617). What a wonderful way to begin the Advent Season!

There is a ministry of the Archdiocese to assist families who are faced with receiving a poor prenatal diagnosis of a disability or the possible death of their unborn infant. This ministry is called **Lily's Gift**. It is a network of concerned parents and professional who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding poor prenatal diagnosis. Lily's Gift can provide a peer support team to assist couples during this time. The web page for **Lily's Gift** is www.lilysgift.org. This site provides practical information and can be a vehicle for parents to request the spiritual and emotional support of trained peer companions.

Today, Sunday November 22nd from 8AM to 12 noon, the Knights of Columbus, Pius IX Council will be hosting their monthly - **Breakfast with the Knights**. It is All You Can Eat buffet including made to order omelets as well as a selection of hot and cold entrees. \$9 for Adults, \$8 for Seniors, \$6 for Children ages 5 to 12. Active Duty Fire, Police, Military and Children under 5 eat Free! Knights of Columbus hall is located at 258 West 8th Street in Lansdale, on the corner of 8th Street and Kenilworth Ave. Visit www.koc4396.org or call (215) 368 - 3044 or for more information.

Breakfast Club - Saint Maria Goretti Church 1601 Derstine Road, Hatfield The Breakfast Club at Saint Maria Goretti Church provides a way for people to gather together in friendship following their time spent together in worship and prayer. Coffee, tea, juice, and breakfast refreshments are served along with lots of laughter and conversation. There is no cost to participate in the Breakfast Club and no registration is required. Parishioners and non-parishioners are always welcome. Join us in our church narthex on Thursday, December 3, 2015. Breakfast Club follows the 8:30 AM Mass.

PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE, PORTUGAL AND SPAIN 2016 – 13 Days with Father Al Santorsola

Dear Friends, I will be leading a pilgrimage to France, Portugal and Spain in 2016! Pilgrimages are designed to enhance our spiritual lives, increase our devotion and faith, and to bond with our fellow Christians on the journey. The trip will include the cities of Paris, Lourdes, Lisieux, Fatima, the Shrine of Montserrat and Barcelona. **The trip will be hosted by Proximo Travel.** As you know, I have been to Italy and the Holy Land through Proximo Travel and the pilgrims and I have had truly safe, excellent, exciting and wonderful experiences. The hotels and accommodations are superb. I hope you will join me in what will be a memorable trip. **The trip will be from April 21 through May 3, 2016. The cost of the trip is \$4,699 per person, airfare and ALL inclusive.** For more information and/or registration you can call **Proximo Travel's toll-free number at 855-842-8001**. You can access their website at www.proximotravel.com. Flyers can be located on the information desk in the back of church. Many blessings to you now and always as we live the journey!

Malvern Retreat House

Please visit www.malvernretreat.com to see the available retreat weekends or twilight evening mini-retreats. Register or call 610-644-0400 for more information.

MOTHER BONIFACE SPIRITUALITY CENTER, 3501 Solly avenue in northeast Philadelphia is offering a day program on **Our Lady of Guadalupe: Star of the New Evangelization** on December 12, 2015 from 9:30AM to 2:00PM. Beloved in Mexico, Our Lady of Guadalupe has been called the "Mother of America." She came at the beginning of this 'new world' we know as America to protect and embrace us as a loving mother. She said at Tepeyac to Juan Diego, "You have nothing to fear; am I not here who am your mother." In this mini-retreat day, we will learn why she is considered the Star of the New Evangelization, the meaning of the symbols on her image, and the impact she has had and continues to have on our continent.

Retreat Presenter: Sr. Maria Lauren Donohue, MSBT has ministered in Mexico for ten years and in the U.S. among the Latino community in Florida, Rochester NY as well as in Lower East Side of Manhattan and in South Philadelphia. Fee: \$25 (includes a \$10 non-refundable deposit) Fee includes mid-day luncheon. Please call 267-350-1830 for more information or to register by December 2nd.

Join us for a night of Prayerful Celebration!-Every First Friday - First Saturday of the Month an all night vigil in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary is celebrated at: St. Titus Catholic Church, 3006 Keenwood Rd., East Norriton, PA 19403. It begins at 8:00 PM Friday through 2:30 AM Saturday. Mass to the Sacred Heart - 9:00 PM & Mass to the Immaculate Heart - 12:00 AM. For more information, Contact Bella at 215-820-1995.

Do you have any friends or family members planning to marry in the Catholic Church in the next 12-18 months? - St. Jude Parish offers a fun, engaging and instructional one day Pre-Cana marriage preparation day for engaged couples. The objective of this day is to assist couples prepare for a strong, successful, lifelong marriage in a joy-filled, welcoming, and non-threatening environment. The sessions are held at St. Jude Catholic Education Center located at 323 West Butler Avenue, Chalfont, PA 18914. The one-day St. Jude PreCana sessions are scheduled for: Saturday Feb. 20th and April 23rd. For questions and registration contact the St. Jude Rectory at 215-822-0179.

Catholic Social Services Volunteer drivers needed to pick up donated food from local grocery stores. For more information, please call Catholic Social Services, Elizabeth Peteraf at 610-279-7372.

Food cupboard volunteers needed at Catholic Social Services, 353 E. Johnson Hwy., Norristown PA. Hours of Food Cupboard: Monday and Thursday morning 9AM–11AM and Thursday evening from 5–6:30PM.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION at CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH



Mom Café - Tuesday, December 1st- 9:30 to 11AM Religious Education Room in Church

The Guardians -Tuesday, December 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.

The Brother House, a work of the Legion of Mary, the largest lay organization in the Catholic Church, is seeking new *male* members to work with homeless men at 510 Green Street, Norristown, PA. Come and ring our doorbell on any Monday evening between 6:45 and 7:00, or contact Leo Couchara at 484-614-0055 for more information. It is a very rewarding spiritual work.

"for I was hungry and you gave me food..." (Matthew 25: 35)

A Special Event for Catholic Families

Living Bridges, a Catholic lay ministry in their 38th year, is sponsoring a great event later next month.

Mary: Mother of Mercy, Sunday November 29th 12:30PM-6:30PM - a day for families to honor Mary. Team includes: Fr. Domenic Rossi, O. Praem, Fr. Peter Welsh, Fr. William Gaffney, CSsR, Marty Rotella, Steven Kilpatrick, Bob & Anna Iatesta. This event will be held at Malvern Retreat House. This day includes: Talks, Mass, Confession, Activities and Spaghetti Dinner. Be sure to register early. For more information & registration - contact: Living Bridges, 610-525-4770, staff@livingbridges.org.

Do You Knit or Crochet?

The TLC Ministry of our parish is in desperate need of prayer shawls and small blankets (for shoulders or lap). Our shelves are almost empty! 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 yarn. If you knit or crochet, and would like to donate an item, simply drop it off at our Parish Center (weekdays 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM) or at our Parish Library located next to the playground area (most Sundays 7:45 AM to 1:00 PM). 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.



Be Inspired! Grow in your Faith!



Observance of the **Jubilee Year of Mercy In the Archdiocese of Philadelphia begins on December 8, 2015**, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, continuing through November 20, 2016, The Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

Principle Dates for Observance of the Jubilee Archdiocesan and Parish Observance of 24 Hours for the Lord-Friday, March 4 - Saturday March 5, 2016 We will join parishes, dioceses and communities worldwide and the Holy Father in prayer and penance. The Vatican is encouraging all churches to

be open during this time, with reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration available, ending with Mass on Saturday afternoon. Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3, 2016.

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saturday, April 23, 2016 Read more at:

<http://ncronline.org/news/vatican/vatican-unveils-logo-prayer-details-holy-year-mercy>

There's An App for That!



In the rising use of "apps" in our day to day life, for Catholics "there's an app for that!" *Catholic Apptitude* may be the one stop resource you have been looking for to find the most comprehensive list of the best Catholic apps in the marketplace in a variety of formats. Check out their website at <http://catholicapptitude.org/>, sign up for their emails and newsletters or check out some of the tabs for articles and resources.

Vatican Splendors Exhibit

Works of art including paintings, sculptures and rare artifacts from the Vatican will be on display just in time for the World Meeting of Families and Pope Francis' visit to Philadelphia this September. **More than 200 works of art, 40 percent of which have never been shown publicly anywhere, are part of the "Vatican Splendors" exhibit which opened September 19th at Philadelphia's Franklin Institute and runs through February 2016.**



Prayer Life in a Rut?

Is your prayer less than inspiring?

Do you find yourself longing for a deeper connection with God?

Maybe it's time to turn to a doctor for help...a Doctor of the Church, that is.

This five week course on the four stages of prayer is based on the teaching of the great mystical Doctor of the Church, Saint Teresa of Avila. Classes include instruction (and practice) in mental prayer, meditation, and contemplation. Tips on how to discern the voice of God, how to handle distractions and dryness in prayer, and how to recognize signs of advancing prayer are also included.

Wednesdays, February 17 and 24

March 2, 9, and 16, 2016

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Corpus Parish Center: Conference Rooms B and C
Cost \$35.00 ~ Facilitator: Ms. Susan Brinkmann, OCDS



The Parish Library

When individuals strive to grow in the interior life, one of the essential spiritual exercises is spiritual reading. The Parish Library functions as part of the Adult Faith Formation Ministry at Corpus Christi Parish and provides individuals the opportunity to borrow Catholic books and resources that might not be available in public libraries or a typical bookstore. The library is located on parish grounds next to the playground area. It is a fully heated and air-conditioned modular unit with ramp access. It is comprised of unique areas for the faith formation of adults, teens, and children. Books, games, DVDs, and CDs may be borrowed for a period of three weeks and can be renewed upon request. View our library policies and procedures and obtain a complete listing of more than 1,500 books and resources by visiting: www.corpuschristilansdale.org/aff/library/.

The Guardians

This monthly support group for fathers of all ages is named in honor of Saint Joseph, Guardian of the Redeemer. It provides opportunities for members to learn from one another by sharing their insights about challenges they face in married and family life, in the workplace, and in their spiritual life. Through fellowship, prayer, and discussion of relevant issues, participants come to a deeper understanding of the richness of their Catholic faith and their identity as husbands and fathers. Single fathers are always welcome to these sessions, as well. For more information or to register for your first meeting, contact Deacon Frank Langsdorf at deaconlangsdorf@gmail.com.

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM ~ Religious Education Room

Corpus Christi Church

(Please use side entrance of church to enter room.)

Please be praying
for...

Florence Linfante, Will Weigner,
Dolores Lynch, Bill Flear, Daniel
MacDonald, Joan Buchler, Joanne
McDonald, Maureen McGowan, Sara Welsh
Krebs, Katelyn Bonner, James Donnelly, Joe Swaim, Kathy
Hayman, Kathy Donia, Bonnie Maday, Annamarie
Hutchinson, Samuel Smith, Joe Dwyer, Anthony Famularo,
Wayne Richards, Jim Thompson, Hayden Spratt, Angelo
Rosato, Thomas Roy, Rich Kupniewski, Elaine Deimeyer, Dave
Clark, Debbie Scott, Peter Schumacher, Rosemary Bauerle,
Kathy Popiny, Frank Griffith, Mary Hanisco.



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.

CLUB 50 NEWS AND TRAVEL

Christmas Luncheon - The annual Christmas Luncheon will be held at William Penn Inn on **Wednesday, December 9 at 12:00** (doors open at 11:30) Luncheon is available for Members Only! The luncheon selections are Chicken Marsala - \$28, Tangerine Grilled Salmon - \$30, and Roast Prime Rib of Beef - \$35. Please send checks to either Janet Stankus, 1670 Wagon Wheel Lane, Lansdale PA 19446 (215-368-1785), or Kathleen Kemp, 2141 Old Forde Way, Lansdale PA 19446 (215-368-4075) - Make check payable to "Club 50 of Corpus Christi". Deadline is Wednesday, December 2nd. No refunds or payments after that date.

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!

Sands Casino, Bethlehem PA - Thursday, December 3, 2015 ~ cost \$71.00. *Great American Christmas Show* ~ must show a valid photo ID to receive Bonus. Round trip motor coach transportation tax and tips included. Package includes \$20. slot play, \$5. for food, and admission to the 2PM Tony Orlando Show. *No refunds after the vendor is paid in full. Departs at 11AM returns at 8PM approximately. For reservations and information *call 215-393-8786 John and Mary Woodcock, 261 Beth Drive, Lansdale PA 19446.

Southern Caribbean Cruise - Royal Caribbean's Grandeur of the Seas, Monday, February 13, 2017 to Saturday February 25, 2017. Please pick up a brochure in the Narthex. **Important:** Deposit of \$500 due at sign-up with 2nd payment of \$300 due June 10, 2016 and balance November 5, 2016

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

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. **Nov. 23 7:00-8:30PM Rm A**; Dec. 16 Noon-1:30 Room A; Jan. 11 7:00-8:30PM Rm A; Feb. 17 Noon-1:30 Room B; March 15 7:00-8:30PM Rm A; April 11 Noon-1:30 Room A; May 16 7:00-8:30PM Rm A



Thanksgiving Turkey Trot for The Sisters of Saint Joseph Welcome Center - The Sisters of Saint Joseph Welcome Center are asking for our support in providing immigrant families with turkeys for their holiday meals. We will be accepting frozen turkeys weighing up to twenty pounds along with disposable aluminum roasting pans. **All donations of frozen turkeys will be**

accepted at the Corpus Christi School only on Monday, Nov. 23rd from 9:00am to 12:00noon. Checks (made payable to Corpus Christi School) and ShopRite gift cards (available through Scrip) can be brought to the Corpus Christi School Office from Nov. 2nd to the 23rd, Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 2:30pm in an envelope marked "Thanksgiving Turkey Trot". Thank you for your generosity this holiday.

KNIGHTS CORNER #9715



ANNUAL NATIVITY ADVENT CALENDAR, GREETING CARDS, AND "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" CAR MAGNET SALE - Plan now to "Keep Christ in Christmas" in your family's home this holiday season by supporting the Knights of Columbus Council #9715 Annual Nativity Advent Calendars and Christmas Cards Sale. Both will be sold in the Church Narthex after Weekend

Masses from November 14-15 through November 21-22, or until supplies run out. Calendar choices are with chocolate, with stickers or with a mailing envelope and are each \$7. Cards will be sold in Boxes of 15 for \$10. Also available are "Keep Christ in Christmas" Silhouette Nativity Car Magnets for \$5. Proceeds earned from this fundraiser will benefit the school children of our Sister Parish, Visitation of the B.V.M. in the Kensington Section of Philadelphia. Please contact Tim Lescoe for Pre-Orders at 215-361-9693 or lescoe.tim@gmail.com.

Annual Holiday Care Packages for Our Troops - Shipping

Deadline DECEMBER 3, 2015 - Through November 29th the Knights of Columbus will be distributing materials for Care Packages for our enlisted women and men. Boxes and forms will be available in the church narthex at the Knights of Columbus table. Please consider putting together a Care Package this month. Senders will be responsible for the cost of the contents and shipping. **All packages must be mailed through the Post Office by December 3, 2015.** Thank you in advance for thinking of our troops who are assigned overseas and away from home during the Holidays.

NOVEMBER 27, 2015 "BLACK FRIDAY" ANNUAL PARISH BLOOD DRIVE



The council will again be sponsoring the Corpus Christi Annual Blood Drive on "Black Friday", November 27th after Thanksgiving in the Corpus Christi Gym. The drive will be held from 2 to 7 PM. Advance appointments are recommended through <http://tinyurl.com/cc2016.bd> and "Walk-Ins" will be accepted. To donate is very easy, takes about an hour of your time, and makes a clear impact on the recipient. If you have any questions, please contact Matthew Lendzinski at 215-917-7774 or matthew.lendzinski@gmail.com.

Annual Holiday Crab Cake Sale - The Knights of Columbus annual sale of Capt'n Chucky's Famous Crab Cakes, Maryland Crab Soup and Crab Critter Appetizers will begin soon! **Orders must be Placed in Advance, and Pick-ups Will Be on Friday, December 11th Between 4:30 PM and 7:30 PM** outside the Fr. Doyle Social Hall at Corpus Christi School. Order Forms will be available in the church narthex and on the Knights of Columbus Web Site at www.kofc9715.org. We thank you in advance for your support of this fundraiser to benefit many of our local charities!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH - BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!



Mark your calendar now for the annual Sunday, December 13, 2015 Breakfast with Santa in the Fr. Loughran Hall at Corpus Christi School. Two seatings will be offered: 9:30-10:30AM and 11:00AM-12:00 p.m.

The price of \$6.00 per person includes Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausages, Juice & Coffee and a special photo with Santa.

For additional information contact Mike Kelly at 484-994-5850 or wlsmkelly@comcast.net.



Reminder: Corpus Christi CYO serving the Seniors of our parish a **Thanksgiving Dinner on Wednesday, November 25th in the Corpus Christi Gymnasium.** Wine and hors d'oeuvres served at **5:30PM** followed by dinner. (RSVP's were due on November 18th.)

Youth News

High School Youth Group



Our youth group will be selling *luminaries* after all of the Masses during Advent (beginning November 28/29). Purchase a luminary, and have a candle lit in honor of a loved one (living or deceased), or for a special intention. The youth group will be praying for your intentions during Advent! Luminaries are \$5 a candle, or you can purchase 3 candles for \$10.

They will be placed throughout the parish grounds on Christmas Eve, and remain there until Midnight Mass begins. Thank you in advance for your support!

For more information contact Danielle, our youth minister corpus.ym@gmail.com. Check out our Youth Group table in the Narthex or visit us on **Facebook** or the parish web at <http://corpuschristilansdale.org/youth/>

LIFETEEN CALENDAR: For details regarding each week's activities, visit the youth section of Corpus Christi's website. www.corpuschristilansdale.org/youth/high-school-youth-ministry



(7th-8th Grade Youth Group)

7th and 8th graders are invited to join our middle school youth group on Monday nights, from 4:30-5:45PM, or 6:45-8PM (the same session is done twice). Our middle school youth group learns about making the Catholic faith an exciting part of daily life, and it gets them pumped to join our high school group when they reach the age. For more information, contact Danielle Gallo, our youth minister: Corpus Christi (215) 855-1311 ext. 118 or corpus.ym@gmail.com.

SCRIP CORNER

SCRIP OFFICE HOURS: Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9am to 12:30pm (when school is in session)

Monday evenings 5:30pm to 8:00pm (when REC is in session)

Thanksgiving is this week and I bet you are in one of two camps....

A. Planning a delicious Thanksgiving meal or B. Planning your black Friday/cyber Monday strategy! SCRIP can help with both!!

Before you head out to go grocery shopping make sure you stock up on your supermarket SCRIP cards. Don't forget Lansdale Meat Market gives you 10% back!! You can also get SCRIP cards for your Turkey Trot ShopRite donation!

If you are more of a shopper than a host, make sure you have SCRIP cards to go with that long Christmas list. Don't get caught at midnight, at Toys R Us or Walmart without SCRIP in your wallet.

I myself fall into the C camp.... Not cooking, not shopping and just hanging out with family. If this is you, we have SCRIP for you too! REI, TJ Maxx/Marshalls, Home Depot, Gamestop, Staples, Pier 1 & PetSmart have all vowed to stay closed on Thanksgiving. We have SCRIP for these stores and you can shop there on the weekend!

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

We are in the season of giving but remember to give back to yourself and please remember IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO START SCRIP!!! If your children are not old enough for school yet, you can accumulate tuition/REC credits that can be saved in your account until the time you would need them. To see a complete list of retailers that are offered, please visit our website at www.ccslansdale.org and click on the SCRIP button.

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

Basketball Fundraiser – Parents night out, January 23rd, volunteers needed for planning committee, contact Brian Lasky laskybt@gmail.com.

Cheerleading – We are in the process of restarting our Cheerleading program. As a first step we will be offering clinics for 4th and 5th graders this winter/spring. We are looking for parents with cheerleading experience to help. Please contact us at cc-cyo@verizon.net.

▪ **CYO Open Positions** – Boys Athletic Director, Scheduler, Snack Bar Coordinator

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

CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL NEWS

A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence



If you are interested in sending your child to Corpus Christi School please call our school administrative assistant, Mrs. Barb Casee at 215-368-0582 to arrange a tour or set up a time to come in and register your child.

Corpus Christ Catholic School Celebrating 50 years of Excellence

Preschool and Kindergarten Open House



It's not too early to think about preschool registration for next year. Corpus Christi Catholic School (CCS) offers a faith-filled and educational enriched early childhood preschool program for 3 and 4 year olds. Half-day or full day options are available. Recognized as a "Blue Ribbon School of Excellence", a prestigious designation awarded by the U.S. Department of Education, CCS also offers a rigorous academic curriculum for children in grades K through 8.

CCS will host a second Open House for those interested in our preschool program on **Sunday, December 13, 2015 from 10:00AM – 12:30PM**. Have any questions??? ... Or if would you like a private tour, please call the school office and ask to speak to Mrs. Casee at 215-368-0582. We look forward to seeing you soon.

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. For more information and events please visit www.metanoiayoungadults.weebly.com. Check out our Twitter link on homepage: <http://metanoiayoungadults.weebly.com/> or email metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com. Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/MetanoiaYoungAdults

Corpus Christi's Girl Scout Troops would like to thank Wells Fargo for the generous \$1,000 grant that was given to our troops through the Wells Fargo Community Connections Giving Program. Our troops will use the money to give the girls more opportunities, as we build girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. We specifically want to thank our local West Point branch manager, Frances Londergan, who nominated us for this grant.

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 11/22 Team #2: Karen McFadden at 484-552-8129

Week of 11/29 Team #3: Jane Hartman at 215-272-0784

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. December 21st, January 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 March 5 and 6, 2015. Please contact johnmcgowan3@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.

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.