

YOUR REDEMPTION IS AT HAND

THERE WILL BE SIGNS...
THEY WILL SEE THE SON OF MAN

Lk 21:25-28

*Corpus Christi Parish ~ Upper Gwynedd, Pennsylvania
November 29, 2015 ~ First Sunday of Advent*



**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
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Danielle Gallo	Youth/Young Adult Minister

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<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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Catholic Charities: www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org

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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

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The Guardians - Fathers' Support Group:

Deacon Frank Langsdorf 215-855-1311 ext. 113

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

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Lectors: Deacon Evans 215-855-1311

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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

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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,

Today we begin the season of Advent and a new year in the Church. Some religious traditions like the Jesse tree and the Advent wreath help us to remember the long centuries that the Jewish people waited for the coming of the Messiah. By sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, we renew our desire, anticipation, and hope of His coming again. The prophet Isaiah, speaking in the eighth century before Christ, describes the establishment of the Lord's house as the "highest mountain" with all nations streaming toward it. This is foretelling the Second Coming of Christ which will bring about the prominence of the Lord as the center of the world. It is in the center that He "shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many people".

Of course, we do not know when the Lord will come, but can we imagine what it would be like if that time were today? Some people would be filled with fear that the fires of damnation would be inescapable, and that God would destroy hundreds of thousands of evil people all over the world. They might even fear for themselves. They might recall each fault and failing of their lives and give in to despair. Some people see the Second Coming of Christ only in a negative light.



Let us look instead to the glory that will accompany the coming of the kingdom. There will be no more war, the world will be at peace. The instruments of war will be broken down, melted into molten metal and recast into helpful life-giving utensils. Soldiers trained to kill people will be unnecessary. It will be a culture of life not a culture of death.

God's city will be one filled with light and joy. This will be a place of comfort and happiness because God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, crying out of pain, for the former world has passed away. This is to be a place where the lame walk and the blind see, where the children and the elderly will be loved and cared for. The second letter of Peter describes "new heavens and a new earth where . . . the justice of God will reside". Crime and hatred will be destroyed. Prisons will not be necessary. All people will be provided the things they need to live. Poverty and pollution will be conditions of the past. Darkness will not be a cover for sinful deeds because sin itself will be gone. Fear and shame will have no place to hide in the Lord's house.

Jesus is our anticipation during this season of Advent. He is the hope that penetrates the dark thoughts that come to us. He is a speck of light in the darkening days as winter approaches. We must wait with patience because we do not know the time or place, but we do not wait in a vacuum. We practice the virtues and qualities of life that are promised with the coming of the kingdom and we place our trust in the goodness and mercy of the Lord. We bring light where there is darkness; we bring hope where there is despair. We extend comfort where it is needed and we spread peace in times of conflict. With renewed hope we rejoice as we go to the house of the Lord.

God bless you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Msgr. Tom Flanigan".



GIVING TREE 2015

Please return gifts and certificates by next weekend to ensure their timely delivery to Visitation and the SSJ Welcome Center. This also allows the committee to evaluate what we may still need and then go out and purchase any needed gifts. Thank you for your support and cooperation with this project.

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.



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.



The *Catholic Charities Appeal 2015*, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's single most important fund-raising initiative, enhances the Archdiocese's ability to serve the people throughout the greater Philadelphia region by achieving our \$10 million goal. Please support Catholic Charities. For more information or to make a donation please visit www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org. Corpus Christi's parish goal is \$130,144 and as of Friday, November 13th, Corpus Christi Parish raised \$103,690 for the CCA from 654 gifts. We are at 80% of our \$130,144 goal.. Thank you to those who have already responded!

MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK



FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

- Saturday, November 28th**
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
- Monday, November 30th**
7:15 AM Laurie McKay
by Dan and Elaine Gansz
- Tuesday, December 1st**
7:15 AM Helen Zawislack
by Florence Ames
- Wednesday, December 2nd**
7:15 AM Adam Fox
by Beth Lentz
- Thursday, December 3rd**
7:15 AM Joanne Gibbons
by The Ofenloch Family
- Friday, December 4th**
7:15 AM The Pultorak Family
by Dick Pultorak
- Saturday, December 5th**
7:15 AM Ernst Renk
by The Tausz Family
4:30 PM Deborah Gorniak
by Pricilla Ponist
- Sunday, December 6th**
7:00 AM Mary Halinski
by Robert Halinski
8:30 Vincent and Genevieve Straka
by Bernadette and Family
10:00 Francis Papso
by Jack and Jo Ferguson
11:30 William Donohue
by The Donohue Family
6:00 PM John Falco
by John and Dolores Falco



We pray for the deceased members, relatives and friends of our parish family especially Dolores Lynch, mother of Sharon Maxwell.



“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

November 21/22	Not available at printing	
Envelopes mailed	2,439	
Envelopes returned	n/a	
Electronic Giving	(16)	\$ 3,110
Mortgage Reduction Collection		
November to date	\$ 4,256	

First Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16 The Lord tells of fulfilling the promise He had made to Israel. He will send a replacement for David, someone who “shall do what is right and just in the land,” believed by most to mean Jesus.

Responsorial Psalm: PS 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be ready for the coming of the Lord. He explains that although they are conducting themselves in a way that would please God, they should always strive to do even better.



Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 Jesus warns His followers to be prepared for the end of the world. He reminds them not to be preoccupied with unimportant events, or they will be caught unaware rather than being on watch as they should.

Family Connection

In today's Gospel, Jesus warns His disciples against the fatigue that can emerge if one becomes consumed by the anxieties of daily life. Many families are too familiar with the kind of fatigue Jesus refers to here. We may be concerned about a family member's health, our job security, our children's education, or any number of other concerns. All these are important matters. Jesus does not promise an end to daily worries and fears, but He does teach His disciples that they will have the strength to withstand anxiety if they stay focused on Him, remaining vigilant for His return and praying for strength to endure all tribulations. Through prayer, God helps us stay focused on that which is most important in our lives.

As you gather as a family, recall the tradition of making New Year's resolutions in preparation for the new calendar year. Observe that today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is the beginning of the new Church year. During the season of Advent, our Gospel readings ask us to consider what is most important to us as we prepare for Jesus' coming, at His birth and at the end of time. Read today's Gospel, Luke 21:25-28,34-36. Jesus describes signs that may disturb many people, but He says that these should not disturb His disciples. Why? (because these signs indicate that redemption is near) What does Jesus say that His disciples should do? (Be vigilant and pray for strength.) At this start of the new Church year, consider as a family what “Advent resolutions” your family might make to help you stay focused so that you will be prepared to receive the salvation we celebrate at Jesus' birth and anticipate at Jesus' second coming. Pray together for God's help in following through on these resolutions. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 25.

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

Monday	Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday	Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday	Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday	Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
First Friday	Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
First Saturday	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

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.

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. What a wonderful way to begin the Advent Season!

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.**

Gaudeamus Music Ministry

Annual Candlelight Christmas Concert

The musicians of Gaudeamus will perform their annual Candlelight Christmas Concert on **Sunday, December 13, 2015** at Epiphany of Our Lord Church in Plymouth Meeting, PA. The concert starts at 7:30 PM and will feature traditional, classical and sacred songs of the season. The ensemble includes Constance Steuer, Pianist; Vocalists Sarah Agnew and Kelly Brobson; as well as professional instrumentalists. Concerts are free and open to the public. A free will donation will benefit Angel Flight East, a local non-profit organization that provides free air transportation for critically ill patients. If you would like additional information, please call 610-291-4255 or visit www.letusrejoice.org.

Join St. Agnes Parish, Sellersville for a very special **Christmas Concert . . . We are proud to announce that Emily Righter will be performing at St. Agnes on Thursday, December 17!** Accomplished Mezzo Soprano, Emily Righter has been enchanting audiences "...with her gorgeously controlled mezzo voice and emotive, physically adept presence to match." (The Star-Ledger). The multi-talented Ms. Righter is gifted not only in opera, but in jazz, musical theater, art song and chamber music. We are blessed to have her perform at St. Agnes. Proceeds benefit our St. Agnes Teen Youth Group to help with the cost of World Youth Day and Steubenville. For tickets and other information, call 215-804-7975 and visit our parish Facebook page. (St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church – Sellersville)

Flame of Love Rosary Cenacle: A devotion of reparation to meet the pleas of Our Lord and His Blessed Mother to assist in the spiritual battle to save souls. The book from which this devotion is modeled has an imprimatur by Archbishop Chaput. Includes brief foundational teaching followed by a holy hour: Flame of Love Rosary, Prayers to Father, Son and Holy Spirit, our heavenly advocates Mary, Joseph and St Michael. Find out what it means to Blind Satan. **Join us each Friday 7pm – 8pm, in the Corpus Christi Parish Library, Lansdale, PA.** Contact: Diana 215-855-5494 or flameoflovelansdale@gmail.com for more information.

Registration is OPEN for our 22nd Annual MOM-Heart of the Home

Day of Renewal February 13, 2016 • 9AM - 3:30PM
Sts. Simon and Jude Meehan Center, West Chester.

Calling moms of all ages and types: new moms, seasoned moms, grandmothers, step-mothers. Even if you're not a mom, you are still welcome! Start your Lenten season by replenishing your spirit. Come listen to two amazing, inspirational morning and afternoon speakers Renee Eells and Kathi Clapham. See our registration form for all details at www.mom-heartofthehome.org/events.html or contact Deb MacKenzie at dmackenzie@schubertb2b.com.

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.

Holy Rosary Regional Catholic School's Annual Craft Show is going to take place on December 6th and 7th. Voted BEST OF MONTCO, this year's Craft Show is sure to be a fun shopping event for the whole family. Free Admission to shop over 100 crafters, try your luck at our fabulous Raffles and enjoy breakfast or lunch from our delicious kitchen. *Located at Holy Rosary Regional Catholic School, 3040 Walton Road, Plymouth Meeting.* We look forward to seeing you there.

On Sunday December 6th the Knights of Columbus, Pius IX Council will be hosting their annual Breakfast With Santa! The breakfast includes a variety of delicious food, a picture with Santa, and a gift for each child from Santa. Three seatings at 8:30 am, 10:30 am and 12:30 pm. \$9 per person. Reservations are required. Knights of Columbus hall is located at 258 West 8th Street in Lansdale, on the corner of 8th Street and Kenilworth Ave. Contact Linda at 215-361-7650 or LansdaleBWS@gmail.com for more information, or download the flyer/reservation form at www.koc4396.org.

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. For more information, please call Elizabeth Peteraf at 610-279-7372.

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 this 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

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

***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. **Dec. 16 Noon-1:30 Room A**; Jan. 11 7:00-8:30PM Rm A; Feb. 17 Noon-1:30 Room B.

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.

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 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.

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.

SUPPORT OUR PARISH

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

ARE YOU PLANNING TO GIVE a GIFT to the PARISH THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON?

During this season of giving, please don't forget your parish community. A gift to Corpus Christi by **December 31st** could also give you a gift - a Federal Income Tax deduction. Your thoughtfulness and generosity will help meet the needs of the parish and thus be of benefit to all. For more information, call the parish center office 215-855-1311.

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).

Remember to use Scrip Shopping cards for your Christmas Shopping! 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. A reminder that the scrip office is closed on Tuesday, December 8th for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

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!!

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.ccsllansdale.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!

NORTH PENN SCHOOL DISTRICT SUBSTITUTE RECRUITMENT FAIR

North Penn School District invites you to attend our substitute recruitment fair for prospective substitute openings in the areas of certified classroom teachers, instructional support staff, cafeteria/kitchen staff, program assistants for the before and after school care program, 2nd shift custodians, bus and van drivers as well as bus and van aides. Come and speak with district personnel about substitute opportunities at North Penn School District.

WHERE: North Penn's Educational Services Center
401 E. Hancock Street; Lansdale, PA 19446

WHEN: Thursday, December 3, 2015 ~ 12:00PM to 6:00 PM
For information, please check the North Penn School District website at www.npenn.org/SubstituteRecruitmentFair or call Lesley Rose, Human Resources Department at 215-853-1068.

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



Corpus Christi Catholic School is celebrating an important milestone this year. The school has been serving the community for 50 years. We are so proud of the school and the academic excellence it represents. We offer PK3 through grade 8. As you prepare your child for his or her academic journey beginning in September of 2016, we invite you to visit the school and see firsthand what we have to offer your child.

Mrs. Barbara Casee, our enrollment coordinator, can arrange a tour which would include an opportunity to visit and observe a class in preschool through grade 8. Shadowing days are available. She can review the faith-filled educational curriculum, the typical day for a student, and review our commitment to the community through our outreach initiatives. You can contact Mrs. Casee by phone at 215-368-0582. Her email is barb.casee@corpuschr.org. She can work with your schedule and set up a day and time convenient for you.

Corpus Christi 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 you would 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

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 11/29 Team #3: Jane Hartman at 215-272-0784
Week of 12/06 Team #5: Carolyn Bergey at 215-855-1754
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.