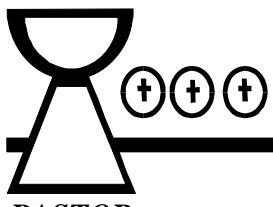


# FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

*Hope ... Hope ... Hope ... Hope*

*Corpus Christi Parish ~ Upper Gwynedd, Pennsylvania*  
*November 30, 2014*





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PARISH**

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**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

**CONFESIONS:**

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

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# PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

Today marks the beginning of a new liturgical year, also known as the year of grace. Throughout the liturgical year we are led through the mysteries of the life of Jesus. Imagine a spiral to help you visualize the liturgical year. During the year each Sunday moves us around the circle of the spiral until we come full circle and begin again with a new year. But each new year moves up a level on the spiral so that we do not repeat the same circle. We will revisit the mysteries of Jesus, but from different perspectives.

Today we celebrate the mystery of God's promise of salvation fulfilled in Christ. The preface for today's Eucharistic Prayer proclaims that Jesus fulfilled the plan formed by God long ago by opening to us the way of salvation. Advent is a time of waiting until the salvation promised us will be ours when Christ comes again in glory.

God's promise of salvation was integral to the life of the Israelites. Today we hear the prophet Isaiah say that Israel failed – once again – to keep their part of the covenant with God. Isaiah cries out to God to come and – once again – save His people because they have sinned. Throughout the history of Israel, God remained faithful to His promise while the Israelites failed time after time. All we have to do is substitute us for the Israelites in order to see that we are just as susceptible to sinning against God as they were. The good news is that God is just as faithful to us as to the Israelites.

Saint Paul gives thanks to God for the gifts bestowed on the Corinthians: gifts of speech and knowledge, as well as spiritual gifts. He reminds them that Jesus will strengthen them to the very end with all that they need. In this way they will be blameless on the day of judgement. As they await the return of the Savior, they will be made stronger. Paul is also speaking to us as we begin our Advent season of waiting, telling us that as we prepare for the coming of Christ, our needs also will be met. Knowing of God's faithfulness with the Israelites and the Corinthians, we have faith in what Paul tells us.

Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise of salvation. In today's gospel Jesus continues to carry out the Father's plan of salvation by teaching His disciples about the importance of being prepared with such descriptive warning as: "watch, stay awake, you do not know, be on guard". Jesus realized that human nature was weak and prone to failure. It is easy to be caught off guard and Jesus knew this. That is why He was so insistent that the disciples be ready for the Master's return. Jesus understands our human weakness and calls us to Himself to receive forgiveness, grace and strength as we await His coming.

God bless you,  
*Msgr. Tom Flanagan*

## 2014 Day of Sanctification for Priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia

The priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia assemble each year for a day of prayer and reflection on the Sacred Priesthood. This year our priests will gather with Archbishop Chaput at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary on *Monday, December 1* for the Day of Sanctification for Priests. Please pray for all priests of the Archdiocese, especially this weekend and Monday, with the following prayer from the Roman Missal:

Lord our God, Who in governing Your people make use of the ministry of Priests, grant to these men a persevering obedience to Your will, so that by their ministry and life they may gain glory for You in Christ. Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
+Amen.



## THE FEAST of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Full of Grace, overflowing grace: Pius IX, in the document, *Ineffabilis Deus*, defining the Immaculate Conception in 1854 wrote: "He [God] attended her with such great love, more than all other creatures, that in her alone He took singular pleasure. Wherefore He so wonderfully filled her, more than all angelic spirits and all the Saints, with an abundance of all heavenly gifts taken from the treasury of the divinity, that she, always free from absolutely every stain of sin, and completely beautiful and perfect, presented such a fullness of innocence and holiness that none greater under God can be thought of, and no one but God can comprehend it."

**Reminder: December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

**The Mass schedule is as follows: Monday, December 8th-7:15AM, 12:05PM.**



## GIVING TREE 2014

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.

## HOLD THE DATE FOR THE MARCH FOR LIFE 2015

The 42nd Anniversary of the March for Life will be held on Thursday, January 22, 2015, in Washington, DC. Make plans now to take the day off and join the Respect Life Group and the Knights of Columbus on the Anniversary of the infamous 1973 Supreme Court decision that allowed us to kill our pre-born children. Signups will begin on December 1 on the the signup board in the Narthex. More details will follow in the bulletin.

# MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

# FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT



<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>November 29th</b>
4:30 PM	Janet Kane <i>by Lois Trave</i>
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>November 30th</b>
7:00 AM	Julia Peifer <i>by Kris and Kevin Fitzpatrick</i>
8:30	Rose Belfatto <i>by Pat and JoAnne O'Donnell</i>
10:00	Harry and Lena Coroluzzi <i>by Fran McHale</i>
11:30	Ronald Lancia <i>by Mary McKenna</i>
6:00 PM	Rita Cooney <i>by The Patterson Family</i>
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>December 1st</b>
7:15 AM	Charles O'Reilly <i>by Charlie and Sally Keffer</i>
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>December 2nd</b>
7:15 AM	Adam Fox <i>by Beth Lentz</i>
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>December 3rd</b>
7:15 AM	Joseph White <i>by Marie Kenyon and Diane Connell</i>
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>December 4th</b>
7:15 AM	Edward Gerald Regan, Jr. <i>by The Barba Family</i>
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>December 5th</b>
7:15 AM	Francis Papso <i>by Josephine Ferguson</i>
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>December 6th</b>
7:15 AM	Mary Halinski <i>by Robert Halinski</i>
4:30 PM	Robert Duffy <i>by The Duffy Family</i>
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>December 7th</b>
7:00 AM	Catherine Buffett <i>by Shirley Walsh</i>
8:30	Dennis Seneko <i>by Ashley Seneko</i>
10:00	Breckley and Kruszkowski Families <i>by Eleanor Breckley</i>
11:30	Peter Illari <i>by Friends at Frog Hollow</i>
6:00 PM	Andre Mandato <i>by Angela Tyson</i>



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

## Prayer For Those Who Have Died

Father of all, we pray to Thee for those we love, but see no longer. Grant them Thy peace, let light perpetually shine on them; and in Thy loving wisdom and Almighty power, work in them the same good purpose of Thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

+Amen

## WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

November 22/23	Not Available at Printing
Envelopes mailed	2,641
Envelopes returned	N/A
<b>Mortgage Reduction Collection</b>	
November to date	\$ 3,661

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7* In this straightforward psalm, the people acknowledge their sinful ways, yet plead that their Creator might reveal Himself to them. They ask God to remember, not their sins, but that “We are all the work of Your hands.”

**Responsorial Psalm:** *PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Lord, make us turn to You; let us see Your face and we shall be saved.*

**Second Reading:** *1 Corinthians 1:3-9* Paul explains to the Corinthians that they are specially favored by God Who has sent His only Son to them. He reminds us all that it was through God's grace that we have been called to kinship with Christ.

**Gospel:** *Mark 13:33-37* Just as a servant watching over the master’s house does not know when he will return, we do not know the hour of the Second Coming. Mark reminds us of the warning from Jesus to always be on guard, for we know not the day nor the hour.



*“Jesus said to His disciples: ‘Be constantly on the watch! Stay awake! You do not know when the appointed time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he orders the man at the gate to watch with a sharp eye.’”*

A new season of grace begins, Advent, when we remember the first coming of Christ, anticipate His future coming and discern His presence among us today. The image of the traveler found in the person of Jesus is so appropriate.

We have been given our personal, as well as collective tasks. He has placed certain responsibilities in our hands. As disciples we are called to be faithful followers, stellar examples as parents, responsible members of His flock and enthusiastic in the practice of our faith.

A person on watch is there to provide safety from danger, but also to seize opportunities to serve. How many needs can be answered, how many wounds can be healed, how many chances for growth in the life of the church are offered to us, but we fail to take advantage.

The church needs ministers at worship, teachers as catechists, sponsors for RCIA candidates. The church needs models for our youth, and support for our aging and homebound. Who is ready to respond to these needs?

*Advent offers a new beginning. Are you ready? His coming today is what is all important.*

## **AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE of PHILADELPHIA**



### **Mark Your Calendars!**

*Mass and Holy Hour for the Family with Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Sunday, November 30, 2014 beginning at 5:30 PM.* Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. During this 6:30 PM Mass at the Cathedral for the first Sunday of Advent, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap. will bless and distribute small replicas of the World Meeting of Families Holy Family painting to every household in attendance. The Mass will be preceded by a Holy Hour for the Family at 5:30 PM, which is set in the context of the Cathedral Parish's Forty Hours Devotion. All families and households are invited!

Registration is now open for the **World Meeting of Families!** Please visit:  
<http://www.worldmeeting2015.org/plan-your-visit/register/>

Many local families have inquired about how they can **Host a Family** during the week of September 22-27, 2015



Host families can offer visitors a spare bedroom or vacated apartment. Visiting individuals and families can then search the Host Family database to find hosts to be matched with. When registering as a Host Family, you will include information on your hosting situation (bedrooms, family languages, pets, allergies, access to public transportation, etc.). Additionally, each visiting family will pay a small nightly fee to the Host Family. Your role, as a Host Family, is pivotal in enabling many families to make this trip affordable.

If you would like to open your home to a World Meeting of Families visitor, please visit the website, [WorldMeeting2015.org](http://WorldMeeting2015.org) under "Get Involved" and follow links for "Host a Family."

**Thank you for your hospitality!**

### **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.

**Travel with Fr. Albert Santorsola, Parochial Vicar of Corpus Christi Parish, Lansdale, PA on our Holy Land trip.**



Travel with Fr. Albert Santorsola, Parochial Vicar of Corpus Christi Parish, Lansdale, PA on our Holy Land trip. Where: Jerusalem, Bethlehem Nazareth, Galilee, Via Crucis, Last Supper Gethsemane, Dormition, Nativity Church, Capernaum

Trip Dates: April 08-18, 2015; Cost: \$3,999.00 Airfare and ALL-Included. To register, please contact (855) 842-8001 or (508) 340-9370. You can also register online at [www.proximotravel.com](http://www.proximotravel.com)! Proximo Travel - Your Catholic Tour Company. If there are any questions or concerns, you can also contact Linda Delvy at 610-585-0561. Trip brochures are located on the ministry tables in the lobby of the church!

\*\*\*\* Regarding safety concerns and issues, people have been traveling to and from the Holy Land without incident. Proximo travel would never compromise or jeopardize the safety of the tourists who travel with them! There have been flights on a daily basis to Israel from Philadelphia airport and other airports without incident! \*\*\*\*

### **Archbishop's Lecture Series 2014**

The 2014 Archbishop's Lecture Series revolves around the topics of masculinity and femininity, marriage and the family. A perfect way to prepare for the World Meeting of Families! \$5.00 donation per lecture. Lectures take place at 7pm at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Vianney Hall. For full schedule and to register online: [www.phillyevang.org/lectures](http://www.phillyevang.org/lectures)

**Thursday, Dec 11, 2014** - Professor David L. Schindler, Theology of the Body, the Gender Distinction and Religious Freedom

**Personal Care Apartments and Rehabilitation Available**  
 St. Mary Center for Rehabilitation & Healthcare Continuing Care Retirement Community, 701 Lansdale Avenue, Lansdale, currently has personal care apartments as well as rehabilitation care available. Our community is attached to a beautiful, historic chapel where residents can attend daily Mass. For more information, call 215-368-0900.

**Christmas Shopping Spectacular~ LaSalle High School**  
**Sunday, December 7th, 2014** from 12:00-4:00PM. Ladies, this event is open to all shoppers, so call your girlfriends and come join the fun! Ticket cost is \$25. This includes spectacular shopping, and a delicious lunch!! Tickets for students are \$15. Walk-ins are welcome! Tickets can be purchased online at [www.lschs.org/mothers](http://www.lschs.org/mothers). Questions? Please email Margaret Curran at [curran118@verizon.net](mailto:curran118@verizon.net).

### **Honoring Our Giftedness**

All are welcome to attend a presentation by Sr. Mary Anne Nolan, RSM, on **Tuesday, December 9 at 7:30 pm** in the St. Stanislaus Parish Center, which is the building behind the Church at Main Street (Rt. 63) and Lansdale Ave in Lansdale. Sr. Mary Anne Nolan will speak on HONORING OUR GIFTEDNESS. In our reflection we will acknowledge, appreciate, and be invited to cherish the abundant gifts God has given us. As a response of gratitude to God, we will consider how we can develop our gifts, and give them generously and freely for the building up of the kingdom of God on earth. Sr. Mary Anne is part of Mercy Spiritual Ministries, a mobile ministry engaging individuals and groups in prayer, reflection and ongoing spiritual development. There is no cost to attend, and registration is not required. Light refreshments will follow.

### **Advent Retreat Day for Women - Journey with Mary**

Begin preparations for Christmas with the story of Mary as you take time to pray with God's presence in your own story. This day is designed for Catholic women of all ages seeking to enter into the season of Advent more reflectively. The day includes Mass and Lunch. **Sunday, December 7th 9am– 4:30pm**: Provincialate of the Sisters of the Holy Redeemer, 521 Moredon Road Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006. Space is limited – please **RSVP by December 5th**. Free will offering gratefully accepted. Sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Redeemer. For more information please contact: Sr. Ana Dura, CSR or Sr. Katharina Maria, 215-914-4109; [vocations@holyredeemer.com](mailto:vocations@holyredeemer.com) [www.sistersholystredeemer.org](http://www.sistersholystredeemer.org)

### **Advent Retreat Day for Women IHM Spirituality Center,**

1140 King Rd, Immaculata, PA 19345  
*"Discovering the Shape of Your Emptiness: Encountering Christ Within"* ~ **Dec. 10, 2014** 9:30am – 3pm Presenter: Jeannine Peters. For more information and/or registration, contact Sister Barbara Cook at 610-647-4136: [ihmspcenter@hotmail.com](mailto:ihmspcenter@hotmail.com) or visit website: [www.ihmimmaculata.org/facilities/s\\_center.html](http://www.ihmimmaculata.org/facilities/s_center.html)

### **The Winter Name of God: An Advent Day of Reflection at St. Raphaela Center**

This retreat day, presented by Sister Mary Mester, RSM, Ph.D. on **Thursday, December 11** from 8:30am to 2:30pm, will offer an opportunity to pray over and share the lessons and graces of the past year and to prepare for the cosmic transformation that is Christ's ongoing coming. You won't want to miss it! For more details and registration, visit our website at [www.straphaelacenter.org](http://www.straphaelacenter.org) or give us a call: 610-642-5715.

**Flame of Love Advent Retreat** - A Retreat on the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 8am-2:30pm at Archbishop Prendergast HS 401 N Lansdowne Ave, Drexel Hill. Speakers will include Fr. Jim Otto, Tony Mullen and others. There will also be Mass, Adoration, Rosary and Song. There is no cost but Registration is required to know how many lunches to order. Register by phone: 267-353-5276 or register on-line: <https://gfts.wufoo.com/forms/flame-of-love-retreat/>

**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 email [amallen@lansdalecatholic.com](mailto:amallen@lansdalecatholic.com) or call at 215-362-6160 x 194 to set up a shadow appointment.

**Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School - 8th Grade Visitations** - Spend the day with a current Gwynedd Girl and learn why they chose Gwynedd! October through December 2014. **Registration** is available online at [www.gmahs.org](http://www.gmahs.org) for all upcoming events!

# ADULT FAITH FORMATION at CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH



**Mom Café - Tuesday, December 2nd** 9:30 to 11AM  
Religious Education Room in Church

**The Guardians -Tuesday, December 2nd-** 7PM Religious Education Room in Church. For more information or to register for your first meeting, please contact Deacon Frank Langsdorf at [deaconlangsdorf@gmail.com](mailto:deaconlangsdorf@gmail.com).



The Bereavement Ministry of Corpus Christi supports the family and friends of those who have lost a loved one. As part of our care and support, we will again be offering Bereavement Sessions starting in the Spring 2015 in the Parish House. Please feel free to join us and there is never any pressure to share.  
Registration Eileen McCullough, [eemccullough@gmail.com](mailto:eemccullough@gmail.com), 215-361-0978 or Eleanor Rinedoller, [momdoller99@verizon.net](mailto:momdoller99@verizon.net) at 215-699-1858.

## Invisible Monastery

Will you pray for vocations? Our Church desperately needs more priests and religious. Join thousands of Catholics by pledging to pray daily or weekly at [www.invisiblemonastery.com](http://www.invisiblemonastery.com)

## Why Pray?

### Reason #1 We need more priests and religious!

The Church's need for priests is growing. As priests die and retire, not enough men are being ordained to replace them. Meanwhile, the Catholic population is growing. This leads to painful parish closings, mergers, and over-worked priests. Likewise, the number of religious sisters has plummeted by nearly 70% in the past 50 years, which means fewer sisters in schools, hospitals, and other critical Catholic missions.

### Reason #2 We need the Eucharist

"Considering that the Eucharist is the greatest gift our Lord gives to his Church, we must ask for priests since the priesthood is a gift for the Church. We must pray insistently for this gift. We must ask for it on our knees." ~ Pope John Paul II

### Reason #3 Prayer is the "one thing necessary"

"I often think that prayer is the one aspect of vocations work which we tend to forget or to undervalue." – Pope Benedict XVI

### Reason #4 Prayer works!

"If we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have obtained the requests made of him." ~ 1 John 5:14-15  
Now, more than ever, your prayers are needed!

**Advent by Candlelight ~ Sunday, December 14, 2014**  
**6:00 PM to 9:00 PM ~ Saint Maria Goretti Church**  
**(Begins in Drexel Hall)**

This Advent retreat is designed for women of all vocations and stages of life: single, married, separated, divorced, widowed, or consecrated religious. Let us celebrate together our "feminine genius," the gift we offer in ourselves to the Church, and the gift that we receive in Jesus! This evening of reflection includes a catered meal, a spiritual conference by guest speaker, author, and artist, **Brother Mickey McGrath, O.S.F.S.**, quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament, and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Cost is \$30.00 per person. Pre-payment and pre-registration are necessary for this event. Payment is non-refundable but is transferable to another person. Mail to: Saint Maria Goretti Church, c/o Angela McClellan, 1601 Derstine Road, Hatfield, PA 19440

## The Meaning of the Advent Wreath

Obscure in origin it is believed that the Advent Wreath may have had its beginnings in the pagan fire wheel. In Christian symbolism the wheel or wreath stands for eternity. Its use is especially fitting during Advent the season of the anticipation of the coming of our Lord.

Children love the beauty of the simple traditional ceremony. Lighting candles in an Advent Wreath is a simple way to start a tradition of family worship in the home. Those who participate will cherish the experience all their lives.

## The Advent Wreath Ceremony

The ceremony is simple. It starts at the evening meal on the Saturday before the first Sunday in Advent with the blessing of the wreath.

(The head of the household is the one designated to say the prayers following which various members of his family light the candles. If the group is not a family then a leader may be selected to say the prayers and others appointed to light the candles.)

For blessing the wreath the following prayer is suggested:  
Leader: *O God, by Whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Then follows the prayer which is said before the evening meal each night of the first week in Advent.

## The First Week

Leader: *O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Each night the first purple candle is lighted by the youngest child of the household and is left burning during the meal.

**The Second Week** Leader: *O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Then the eldest child lights not only the first but a second purple candle. Both candles burn during the evening meal as before.

## The Third Week

The joyful Sunday in Advent (known as Gaudete) is represented by rose (or pink) instead of the penitential purple color. Each night during the third week the mother of the family lights the pink as well as the two previously burned purple candles after the following prayer has been said:

Leader: *O Lord, we beg Thee incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The three candles are extinguished immediately following the meal.

## The Fourth Week

The Leader of the household lights all four candles in proper sequence during the fourth week after repeating the following prayer.

Leader: *O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Candles can be replaced as necessary during a particular Advent Season without reblessing the wreath.

**EWTN PRESENTS ADVENT EVENTS:** Prepare for this Season of Advent in a special way! Before you tune into Christmas tunes, listen to the ethereal voices of the Benedictines of Mary, Queen of the Apostles present the sacred hymns they sang on their album "**Advent at Ephesus**" at **2:30 p.m. ET, Sunday, November 30**; and witness the true tale of that jolly man in the red suit when the animated account of "**Nicholas: the Boy who Became Santa**" airs at **10 a.m. ET, Saturday, December 6-only on EWTN!** Find EWTN on a channel near you using [www.ewtn.com/channelfinder](http://www.ewtn.com/channelfinder).

**Please be praying** Florence Linfante, Alice Mirynowski, Will Weigner, Dolores Lynch, Mary for... Schnee, Bill Flear, Daniel MacDonald, Joan Buchler, Joanne McDonald, Maureen McGowan, Sara Welsh Krebs, Katelyn Bonner, James Donnelly, Joe Swaim, Brian Aquilante, Aggie Susack, Kathy Hayman, Kathy Donia, Bonnie Maday, Holly and Jeff Miller, Israel Beterra, Mary Schnell, Annamarie Hutchinson, Mary Ann Keegan, Mimi Hudachek, Samuel Smith

## CLUB 50 NEWS AND TRAVEL

**Club 50 Christmas Luncheon** Wednesday, December 10th at the William Penn Inn, 11:30 AM to 3:30PM. Enjoy a very special afternoon with Club 50 friends. For more information, and to sign up call Kathy Hayman 215-362-7813 or Mary Day 267-263-4002. *Sign up and payment is due by December 3rd.*

### MEMBERS ONLY

**Jersey Dreamers Production** - "Vegas" Haledon NJ, Wednesday, February 4th, 2015, cost \$93. Round trip motor coach transportation, tax and tips included. Family style luncheon, and Jersey Dreamers Production of "Vegas" at La Neves (11AM). Payment due at sign-up no refunds after the vendor is paid in full. \*Call 215-368-0421 Rose Wilson, 1377 Pickwick Lane, Lansdale PA 19446 or 610-584-4926 Mary Slater.

**Caesars Casino, NJ - George Casey Show**, Monday, March 16, 2015. Cost \$45. Package includes \$20 slot play, and admission to the 3PM *George Casey Show*. Departs 11AM return approximately 9PM . Payment due at sign-up no refunds after the vendor is paid in full. \*Call 215-513-1026 Alex and Betty Korsch, 1307 Brittany Pointe, Lansdale PA 19446.

**Pinegrove Ranch & Family Resort, New York State** - Sunday, April 19-Friday April 24, 2015. Round trip motorcoach transportation, 5 night's accommodations at Pinegrove Resort Ranch. So much activity you need to pick up a brochure at the ministry table in the Narthex or at Club 50 meetings for full details! Initial deposit \$50 balance due by February 27, 2015. For reservations and information \*call 215-393-8786, John and Mary Woodcock, 261 Beth Drive, Lansdale PA 19446

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

**Any student in grades 3 - 8 can still register for the Corpus Christi Youth Choir!** Registration can be completed by contacting Justine Coglianese ([schoener.justine@gmail.com](mailto:schoener.justine@gmail.com)), or by coming to any Sunday morning rehearsal in



Room A of the Parish Center.  
Upcoming schedule for the choir:  
- Nov. 30 - (9:00-9:45) - Rehearsal  
(first Christmas rehearsal!)

## PAPER RECYCLING

Please continue to bring your newspapers, magazines and any unwanted paper to the bins in the rear of our school parking lot for recycling. You'll find information printed on the bins as to what can and cannot be recycled. With a change of ownership, rebates for recycling have resumed effective Nov. 1, 2014. Paper recycling will, once again, benefit the Parish as well as the environment. So, for those parishioners who stopped using our recycling bins because of the prior suspension of rebates, we welcome you back. Thank You!!

## SUPPORT OUR PARISH

Moyer Indoor/Outdoor Services has an incentive program. This Moyer 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 Bill Jurer at 215-237-3870.

## THE KNIGHT'S KORNER - UPDATES FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #9715

### Annual Nativity Advent Calendar Sales And, New This Year, "Keep Christ in Christmas" Car Magnets

- 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 through November 29-30, 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 again this year 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](mailto:lescoe.tim@gmail.com).

**Annual Christmas Crab Cake Sale** All orders must be picked up Between 4:30 PM and 7:30PM on Friday, December 5, 2014 outside the Fr. Doyle Social Hall at Corpus Christi School. We thank you in advance for your support of this fundraiser to benefit many of our local charities!

### Holiday Care Packages for Our Troops -Shipping Deadline Is December 1st

The Knights of Columbus have distributed Boxes for Care Packages for our Troops stationed overseas and away from home during the Holidays. *In order for the packages to be received in time for Christmas, they must be filled and mailed by Monday, December 1st.* Cost for shipping the boxes is \$14.85 and will be the responsibility of the individual donating the Care Package.

**Sunday, December 14th - Breakfast with Santa!** - Tickets are now on sale for the **Sunday, December 14, 2014** Breakfast with Santa in the Fr. Loughran Hall. Two seating's are offered: 9:30AM—10:30AM and 11:00AM—12:00PM. The price of \$6.00 per person includes Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausages, Juice & Coffee and a special photo with Santa. Reservation Forms are available in the church narthex and on the Knights of Columbus Council #9715 Web Site a [www.kofc9715.org](http://www.kofc9715.org).

Completed forms and payment by check made payable to "Knights of Columbus Council #9715" must be received no later than **Tuesday, December 9, 2014**. Mail completed form with payment to: Breakfast with Santa, 173 Eric Lane, Lansdale, PA 19446 or drop it off with a member of the Knights of Columbus at the Advent Calendar Sales Table after Mass by November 23rd. Seating preference is reserved on a first come first serve basis and it is not guaranteed.

Every effort will be made to honor requested seating preference. You will be sent a confirmation email indicating your seating time. Walk-ins will be accepted at the door based on availability. If you have any questions call Mike Kelly at 484-994-5850 or send an email to [wlsmkelly@comcast.net](mailto:wlsmkelly@comcast.net).

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**  
You may contribute to the Catholic Charities Appeal in many ways: • Pledge Gift• Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT)• Gifts of Securities• Planned Gifts• One Time Gift• Credit Card Gifts• Matching Gifts. For more information on any of these options please visit our website at [www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org), email us at [cca@adphila.org](mailto:cca@adphila.org) or call us at 215-587-5650. Corpus Christi to date has reached **97%** of our \$130,144 goal!

### Please help us!

The tables in the narthex are provided for the purpose of distributing approved faith formation resources and information concerning various parish ministries and organizations. Please help us to keep these tables clean and organized by not leaving used books, periodicals, religious articles, etc. on the tables. Parishioners and visitors are more likely to look at the tables and make use of the materials when the tables are maintained in a way that reflects the beauty of God's House.

**We thank you for your understanding and cooperation!**

# Youth News

## High School Youth Group

Luminaries will be sold after all of the Masses the weekends of **November 30th, December 7th, and December 14th**. Honor the memory of a loved one or a special intention by purchasing a luminary and having a candle lit on the parish grounds on Christmas Eve. Proceeds go towards sending our teens to the life-changing Steubenville Conference. For more information contact Danielle, the youth minister [corpus.ym@gmail.com](mailto:corpus.ym@gmail.com). Check out our Youth Group table in the Narthex or visit us on **Facebook** or the parish web at <http://corpuschristilansdale.org/youth/>

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



### (7th-8th Grade Youth Group)

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

## SCRIP CORNER

### THE SCRIP OFFICE IS CLOSED ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 8TH FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLY DAY.

Christmas Shopping made easy! If you give out gift cards for Christmas, you have to check out our extensive collection of retailers, both those that are in stock and those that the SCRIP Office can order for you. Or you can use the cards yourself to do your shopping for gifts. Please check out [www.ccsld.org](http://www.ccsld.org) under the SCRIP link.

We also have an E-MAIL option available for ordering SCRIP. You can e-mail your order any time of the day/night to [cc.scrip@yahoo.com](mailto:cc.scrip@yahoo.com). I will prepare your order and have it ready for pick up at the Parish Business Office on the weekdays or the Parish Rectory on Sunday mornings. You ask for the envelope with your name on it and give them your cash/check (made payable to Corpus Christi Parish).

The SCRIP office hours are 9:00am – 12:30pm every day that school is in session, and 5:30pm – 7pm on Monday evenings when REC is in session.

Even if you do not have children that attend Corpus Christi's school or REC program, you can earn tuition credits that you can give to anyone at any Catholic grade school, Catholic high school or Catholic college. You could donate your credits to our scholarship fund. This is a win-win program for us since it is the retailers that are providing all the fundraising money! If you have any questions or would like more information about this major fundraising program, you can reach Mary Ellen McCabe at 215-362-0104 during office hours, or send an e-mail!

### Attention Corpus Christi School Alumni!

In anticipation of the school's 50th Anniversary next year, a committee has been working on gathering contact information on our graduates so that we can send them invitations to our celebration events. If you or your children graduated from Corpus Christi, please send your name (maiden name, if applicable), year of graduation, address, phone and email address to [CorpusChristiLansdaleAlumni@yahoo.com](mailto:CorpusChristiLansdaleAlumni@yahoo.com) or call the parish office at 215-855-1311. We look forward to hearing from you!

## CYO News

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

**Corpus Christmas BBall Tournament** – The Christmas BBall Tourney 2014 is being restarted for this year and a committee has been formed. Additional volunteers are needed and if you have interest or can contribute time, please reach out to Erik Scheetz. [ewscheetz@verizon.net](mailto:ewscheetz@verizon.net)

**CYO Open Positions** – Gym Scheduler, Website Coordinator, Publicity Director, Spirit Wear Manager, Social Event Managers and more. If interested contact [marybagnell@verizon.net](mailto:marybagnell@verizon.net).

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

## CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL NEWS

A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

### Scholarship Awards

Corpus Christi Catholic School is pleased to announce the following recipients of high school scholarship awards:

 *Natalie Dolan* was awarded a four year academic scholarship to Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School! In addition, Natalie also received the four year President's Academic Scholarship to Mount Saint Joseph Academy. Way to go Natalie!

*Molly Duffy* has won the Founders Academic Scholarship to Mount Saint Joseph Academy. This award is a four year award. Congratulations, Molly!

*Brenna Tento* received the Founders Academic Scholarship from Mount Saint Joseph Academy. This award is a four year award. Brenna, we are so proud of you!

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

### Eagle Project for Indian Creek Foundation

 My name is Peter Jaskiewicz and I am a Parishioner and a Life Scout of Boy Scout Troop 303 located at Corpus Christi Church. I ask you for your help with my **Eagle Project for Indian Creek Foundation**, which has helped me in the past. Indian Creek supports people with physical or mental disabilities by giving them Behavioral Health, Community Based, Residential, and Vocational Services, just like they have done with my disability of Asperger's Syndrome.

My project for the Foundation is a collection of new year round items for clients of Indian Creek Foundation who cannot afford these items or are unable to drive during the winter season or at any other time.

Indian Creek Foundation needs the following new items:

- Toiletries: Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothpaste, Deodorant
- Soft household items, such as sheets (twin or double), blankets, bath and dish towels, and pot holders.
- Stationery materials, such as highlighters, pens, paper, crayons, colored pencils, and markers.
- Easy board and card games, such as Uno, Trouble, Fish, and Connect 4.
- Clorox or Lysol wipes.

*Please drop off your donations to Corpus Christi Church on November 29-30.* I, along with Scouts and adult leaders from Troop 303 will be in the Narthex and by the side entrance after all the Masses to collect and box your donations. If you cannot drop off your donation on these dates at Corpus Christi Parish, but you would like to support my Eagle Scout project, or if you have any questions, please call me at 215-368-8703 or email me at [jaskiewiczpeter6@gmail.com](mailto:jaskiewiczpeter6@gmail.com) and I will arrange to pick up your donation. Thank you.

# Welcome

We would like to extend a sincere welcome to the people who have recently joined our Corpus Christi Parish Family:



James and Alexis Evarts and Family  
Troy and Rosalia Hoffman and Family  
David and Deborah Schmidt and Family  
Jeffrey and Brittany Tomczak and Family

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 11/30 Team #8: Bob Tercheck at 215-393-5696 h  
Cell 267-644-6022**

**Week of 12/04 Team #9: Helen Tobin at 610-584-5871  
or Denise Garrigus at 215-256-6877**

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 **at 7:00 PM on the 3rd Monday of the month in the RE Room (in the church) i.e. December 15th, January 19th.**

## 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 - 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 married in the Catholic Church and celebrating the sacraments regularly. Ideally, this person should be registered and an active member of the parish for at least six (6) months. Baptism is administered at 12:30 PM almost **EVERY SUNDAY**.

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

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

**DAILY PRAYER CHAPEL OPEN:** Visits to the Blessed Sacrament during the day may be made in the Church Chapel. The Chapel is open every day from 7:45AM to 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.

## EUCARISTIC ADORATION WEDNESDAYS

Eucharistic Adoration is scheduled every **Wednesday, from 7:45 AM til 6:30 PM** in the Church Chapel, *also on Fridays during Lent*. Benediction is at 6:30 PM. (Novena devotions immediately following). Please enter the chapel using the entrance walk on the side of the Parish House facing Supplee Rd. (For information, please call 215-855-1311).

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



**MARRIAGES:** Couples who are planning to be married are required to notify one of the parish priests no less than six months prior to the marriage and attend a Pre-Cana session.

**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: Sundays 7:45AM to 1PM**  
(Closed November 30 and December 28)

Our parish library is only as successful as the number of people who utilize its resources! The extensive book collection serves no purpose unless it is valued and appreciated as a means of growing in the interior life. Come and see the great treasures your library holds. The Parish Library is located next to the playground area and is open every Sunday from 7:45 AM to 1:00 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.**