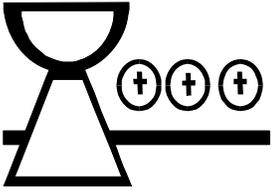


*Corpus Christi Parish ~ Upper Gwynedd, Pennsylvania
December 3, 2017*

*Make safe
the way that
leads on high...*

*First Sunday
of Advent*





**CORPUS
CHRISTI
PARISH**

PASTOR

Reverend Monsignor Thomas P. Flanigan, Ed.D.

PAROCHIAL VICARS

Reverend Albert J. Santorsola

Reverend Shaji Silva

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Deacon Francis E. Langsdorf

Deacon William W. Evans

Deacon Steve Currie

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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.ccsllansdale.org

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Masses: 7:15AM
Saturday Masses: 7:15 AM.....4:30 PM
 (Vigil Mass for Sunday)
Sunday Masses: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 (Children's Liturgy of the Word for Grades K,1,and 2 at 10AM Mass)
 11:30 AM, and 6 PM
Holy Day Masses: 7:30 PM (Vigil)
 7:15AM, and 12:05PM

Confessions:

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

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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.

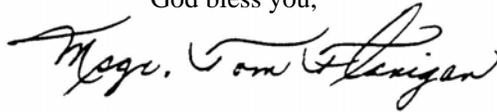
Today we celebrate the mystery of God's promise of salvation fulfilled in Christ. The preface for today's Eucharistic Prayer proclaims that Jesus fulfilled the plan formed by God long ago by opening to us the way of salvation. Advent is a time of waiting until the salvation promised us will be ours when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



TRIDUUM FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

After a series of demanding commandments in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus sums up: "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48).

The Immaculate Conception is the Icon of what it means to truly be human and perfect. Our Lady is the embodiment of Christian perfection and she is totally human as a Woman, the Spouse of Joseph and the Mother of Jesus.

Our reflections will develop this fundamental theme of the Christian life and how in the Immaculate Conception we are all invited to truly be human and Christ like.

Tuesday December 5, 7:30PM: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; Conference—Fr Pio Mandato FMHJ; Benediction

Wednesday December 6, 7:30PM: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; Conference—Sr Theresa May CN, followed by *Healing Service (With Padre Pio's glove)*; Benediction

Thursday December 7, 7:30PM: Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception

December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation.

The Mass schedule is as follows: **Thursday, December 7, 7:30PM; Friday, December 8th-7:15AM, 12:05PM.**



GIVING TREE 2017

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.

YOUTH GROUP

Luminaries will be sold after all of the Masses this weekend, **December 2/3, 9/10 and December 16/17**. 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. Cost of the luminaries is \$5 for one 3 for \$10. Proceeds go towards sending our teens to the life-changing Steubenville Conference. For more information contact Danielle, the 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://corpuschristiyouthgroup.weebly.com/>



MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK



FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

Saturday,	December 2nd
4:30 PM	Dr. John Motley <i>by Rose Blaney and Family</i>
Sunday,	December 3rd
7:00 AM	Richard Glica <i>by Pat and Mike Gavaghan</i>
8:30	Donna Koruba <i>by George and Carol Iredale</i>
10:00	Adam Fox <i>by Beth Lentz</i>
11:30	Elaine Romeo <i>by Stephen and Ann Marie Finley</i>
6:00 PM	John C. Pinder <i>by The Pinder Family</i>
Monday,	December 4th
7:15 AM	Romolo and Helen Tozzi <i>by Jerry and Patti Tozzi</i>
Tuesday,	December 5th
7:15 AM	Desiree Gates <i>by Diana King Gates</i>
Wednesday,	December 6th
7:15 AM	John C. Pinder <i>by The Crotty Family</i>
Thursday,	December 7th
7:15 AM	Mary Lorenc <i>by Michael and Joanne Koenig</i>
7:30 PM	Sgt. Allen O'Reilly, USMC <i>by Anna Marie O'Reilly</i>
Friday,	December 8th - Immaculate Conception
7:15 AM	Jim and Anita Shea <i>by Sue Rinaldi</i>
12:05 PM	Richard O'Brien <i>by George and Betty Olden</i>
Saturday,	December 9th
7:15 AM	William J. French <i>by Gene and Marcie Mancuso and Family</i>
4:30 PM	The Felecitti Family <i>by Bill and Lisa Deliberto</i>
Sunday,	December 10th
7:00 AM	Martha Plitnick <i>by Bev Moore</i>
8:30	Vincent and Genevieve Straka <i>by Bernadette and Family</i>
10:00	Maureen Scanlan <i>by The Durand Family</i>
11:30	Intentions of the Lewis Family <i>by The Lewis Children</i>
6:00 PM	Gregory and Eleanor Coppola <i>by George and Donna Frisch</i>



We pray for the deceased members, relatives and friends of our parish family especially, Judy Cullen, wife of John, mother of Amy Herron; John Gabriel, husband of Millie; Mary Ann Lukanski, wife of Anthony; Geraldine Ignas, mother of Karen Badman.



Lord, those who die still live in Your presence, their lives change but do not end. We pray in hope for our families, relatives and friends, and for all the dead known to You alone.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Target for Fiscal Year 2017-2018	\$1,716,000
Weekly Target for Fiscal Year 2017-18	\$ 33,000
Collection for November 25/26	\$ 25,474
Electronic Giving (148 participants) Dec. 20	\$ N/A
Over (Under) Target Week	\$ (7,526)
Over (Under) Target YTD Fiscal Week 22	\$ (29,314)
Facilities Improvement Accumulative	\$ 101,005
Total Envelopes Mailed	2,574
Total Envelopes Used	852
Balance Due on Mortgage	\$ 2,653,983

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

R. (4) 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.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

"Jesus said to His disciples: 'Be constantly on 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. Look around you.'"

We begin a new season of grace, the wonderful time of preparing the way of the Lord, recalling His coming in history, His abiding presence among us now, and looking to discover the way He enters our lives. This year we have four full weeks to live advent.

Like the person in Mark's gospel, the Lord has entrusted each of us with distinct, yet important tasks. My work is different from others, and if I fail to do it, it will remain undone. How am I going to begin this time of prayer?

I can make a resolution not to get caught up only with the material things in our consumer oriented society. My prayer with my family, my reflection on the scriptures, will certainly point me in the right direction. As I consider what I am going to do, I want to include others, the elderly, the sick and the poor, those alone or lonely, to make their lives better. They are part of God's gift for me to take care of.

May the closing words of the Bible become my mantra each day, simply repeating three words prayerfully 'Come Lord Jesus.'

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE of PHILADELPHIA



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

St. Maria Goretti Eldercare Assistance Program 1601 Derstine Road; Hatfield, PA 19440 (215) 721-0199, ext. 225 presents events this fall.

December 6 - Geriatric Specialist, Dr. Pearlstein from Suburban Geriatrics to discuss the aging process and understanding dementia.

Above events are free and will be held in the St. Maria Goretti Parish Library from 9:30-11AM.

Contact Jennifer to register for any of the above at 215-721-0199 x225 or jrose@chs-adphila.org.

Gaudeamus Music Ministry Presents 26th Annual Christmas Concert December 17th at 7:00PM

Epiphany of Our Lord Church ~ Plymouth Meeting

Admission is free and open to the public. A free will donation will benefit the charitable works of AMIGOS DE JESUS. (Amigos de Jesus is a home and bilingual school for orphaned and abandoned children in Honduras.)

Winter 2018 Tobacco Treatment Program

This free seven-session program is designed to give you the tools you need to feel successful through the quitting process. Sessions include understanding addiction, behavior change strategies, FDA medication options, coping with urges and stress, healthy lifestyle choices and relapse prevention.

Session 1 – Wednesday, January 10; Session 2 – Wednesday, January 17; Session 3 – Wednesday, January 24; Session 4 – Wednesday, January 31; Session 5 – Wednesday, February 7; Session 6 – Wednesday, February 14; Session 7 – Wednesday, February 21. Programs are held from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Cancer Center Conference Room Registration Required. For more information call 610-270-8390.

2017 Day of Sanctification for Priests

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 4, for the 2017 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*

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!

Is your marriage going down the right road ... or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? *Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship.* Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you to learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. The next program begins on the weekend of February 16 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Additional weekends will be in April and August. For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

Lansdale Catholic Shadow Program - LC's 8th Grade Shadow Program is now open for reservations. Please contact Mrs. Elaine Maginnis at 215-362-6160 x133 to set up a date for your 8th grader.

Christmas Shopping Spectacular at LaSalle College High School Sunday December 3rd from Noon-4:00 PM.

Ladies, this event is open to all shoppers, so call your girlfriends and come join the fun. Ticket cost is \$25, which includes a spectacular shopping experience and a delicious buffet lunch with drinks!! Tickets for students are \$15. Walk-ins are welcome. Tickets at the door are \$30.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.lschs.org/shopping and then click on the register button. Questions? Please email Eireann Marzarella at eireannmarzarella@gmail.com or Donna Marzullo at dmarzullo4@aol.com.

Natural Family Planning Course

Have you ever thought about what unnatural birth control methods really do to your body? To your marriage? The Couple to Couple League has the answers and more. Attend a short Self-Paced Online course and learn a natural method of family planning that is safe, effective, and morally acceptable. Great for achieving as well as postponing pregnancy. The course starts when it's most convenient for you and you can learn from any device that has a wi-fi connection! Simply visit register.ccli.org and register for a Self-Paced Online course today. For more information, please contact Helene Hallowell: 267-252-6207, hhallowell@ccli.org

Men & Women of Malvern

Malvern Retreat House offers traditional weekend retreats throughout the year with our Men & Women of Malvern programs. Each retreat has a name based on the history of their formation, but all teens and adults are invited to attend any group weekend that works with their schedule. The retreats include Mass, confession, presentations and much needed time for reflection. For a list of traditional retreats, visit www.malvernretreat.com/malvern.

St. Paul's Charismatic Prayer Group will be having a mass on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 11am in St. Paul's Convent chapel located at 353 East Johnson Highway, East Norriton, PA. The celebrant will be Father Edward Hamilton.

Mother Boniface Spirituality Center, 3501 Solly Avenue in Northeast Philadelphia, is offering **Advent Evenings of Prayer and Reflection** on Tuesday December 5, 12 and 19, 2017 from 7 to 8:30 pm. Come and join us as we reflect on Mary in Advent awaiting the birth of Jesus, as we prepare for His birth in our own hearts and the heart of the world this Christmas. The presenter for this Advent series is Sr. Theresa Ahern, MSBT. A free will offering will be graciously accepted. Please call 267-350-1830 for more information and/or to register.

College-Age* Retreat January 5 – 7, 2018 Marianist Family Retreat Center Cape May Point, NJ 08212

This retreat is designed to bring young people together of college-age (17-22). **So whether you are in college or working come join us to renew your spiritual life, deepen your relationship with God and to meet new friends.* Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun!

Cost: \$130 per person, double occ.

Register at: www.capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829
Some financial aid is available

* Current Year High School Seniors are welcomed



Bill Flear, Daniel MacDonald, Joanne McDonald, Maureen McGowan, Sara Welsh Krebs, Katelyn Bonner, James Donnelly, Kathy Donia, Annamarie Hutchinson, Joe Dwyer, Thomas Roy, Frank Griffith, Pat Mozi, Leonard Balk, Luca Paciente, James Herron, Sr., Mike McGonigle, Patricia Wright, Joseph Bintner, Robert Shea, James Stento, Antonio Jacinto, Michael Rafter, David Dawson, Mary Rexer, Lily Anna Rose Pagnotta, baby Benjamin Matthew Schuyler, W. Vincent Krout, Joseph Frett, Bertha Spahn, Brian Aquilante, Samuel Smith, Theresa Struble, Catherine Imms, Bernard Kunz, Jr.

CLUB 50 NEWS AND TRAVEL

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

Members only Christmas Luncheon (at William Penn on **Wednesday, December 13** – doors open at 11:30, lunch is at 12:30) you can send a check to either Janet or Kathleen by December 8. Cost is \$20 for Chicken Marsala, \$25 for Crab Cakes, and \$30 for Roast Prime Rib of Beef. - Any questions, please contact 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).

Millennium Theater, Lancaster, PA Sight and Sound “Jesus” Tuesday, March 20, 2018 - \$107. Round trip motor coach transportation tax and tip for driver are included. Luncheon smorgasbord at shady Maple restaurant (11:30AM), admission to Sight & Sound show spectacular “Jesus” at the Millennium theater (3:00PM). Payment due at sign-up, no refunds after the vendor is paid in full. Departs 9:30AM approximate return 7:45PM. *Call 215-368-0945 Peggy Butler, 1500 Berkley Way, Lansdale PA 19446 or 610-584-1366 Colette Kearns.

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



MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

The monthly food collection for local food cupboards takes place next weekend, December 9/10, after all the Masses. Please leave your donations of non-perishable goods in the room next to the restrooms in the back of church. This room is open after all the Masses.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday in our chapel. The Reconciliation Rooms provide the opportunity for either face-to-face confession or anonymity behind the screen. Make room in your heart for the Lord to enter. Take the time to ask God’s forgiveness and receive His mercy, unconditional love, and peace. Saturdays following the 7:15 AM Mass and 3:15 PM to 4:00 PM in the Chapel.



RESPECT LIFE NEWS CORNER

Please consider joining the Corpus Christi Respect Life Committee and bring your new ideas. We meet on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 PM in the RE Room of Church. We are usually finished our meeting in about an hour and those who are able to stay recite the Rosary before we leave. We look forward to having you join us and find out what we are all about. **For more information call Ellie Hentschel 215-362-0160**

If not able/interested in coming to a meeting, are you willing to be on our call list? What is that? When we do our special projects, we need help manning tables after Mass. For example, in February you might help to distribute the “Mini Diaper Wishes” for the Valentine Baby Shower. **We call you ahead of time and ask if you can help us. You are then assigned to the Mass you are planning to attend on Saturday or Sunday.** It usually requires about 15 minutes of your time after Mass and as a bonus you meet new parishioners. If interested Call Ellie Hentschel 215-362-0160.

“If abortion isn't wrong, then nothing is.” St. Teresa of Calcutta



The Knight's Korner - Updates from the Knights of Columbus Council #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 continuing now 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 and Advent Ring/Wreath with Candles and 11” Advent Calendars, each for \$10. 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.

Also stop by to see the info on ordering the **Home Version of the Silhouette Style Holy Family Lawn Nativity Set** for \$169.99 and also the extension add-on 9 figures for a separate price of \$330. Please contact Tim Lescoe for Pre-Orders at 215-361-9693 or lescoe.tim@gmail.com.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAB CAKE SALE - The Knights of Columbus annual sale of Capt'n Chucky's Famous Crab Cakes, Maryland Crab Soup and Crab Critter Appetizers is under way! **Orders must Be Placed in Advance by Monday December 4th, and Pick-ups Will Be on Friday, December 8th Between 4 PM and 6:30 PM** in the Corpus Christi School Parking Lot outside Door "A". Order Forms are 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!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A KNIGHT?

Joining our council does not mean that you need to sacrifice quality time with your family. In fact, volunteering an hour here or an hour there with your family can make an enormous impact in your life and in the lives of others. Guided by the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity, members of the Knights of Columbus work to overcome the hardships that people face in their parishes and communities. As a Knight, you have the opportunity to strengthen your parish, give back to your community, grow in your faith and gain exclusive access to our portfolio of top-quality insurance products to financially protect your family.

Please join us for an informational open house on Wednesday December 6, 2017. 7PM - 8PM in Room B of the Parish Center. For more information contact Grand Knight Tom McHenry at 215-513-0251 or tom@mchenrycreative.com.



LAST CHANCE TO RESERVE SEATING AT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10th BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!

The Knights of Columbus Fr. Doyle Council #9715 will host “Breakfast with Santa” on Sunday, December 10th from 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM, and again from 11 AM - Noon in the Fr. Loughran Hall (Auditorium) at Corpus Christi School.

The \$6.00 price includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, juice and coffee, PLUS the opportunity to meet Santa!

Every effort will be made to honor seating time preferences, but reservations will be confirmed on a "first come, first guaranteed" basis. *Walk-ins* will be accepted at the door on a space available basis.

Reservation Forms can be picked up in the church narthex. Please return the completed form to the Knights of Columbus directly to Mike Kelly by e-mail at wlsmkelly@comcast.net. If you have any questions, please call Mike Kelly at 484-994-5850



Volunteers needed to clean church some Saturday mornings. As much or as little work as you feel you can contribute. Volunteering takes as little as a half hour. **Please call Jeanne Linden-Fox at 215-513-0347.**



Upcoming Events **The Guardians - Tuesday, December 5th- 7PM**

Religious Education Room in Church. For more information or to register for your first meeting, please contact Deacon Frank Langsdorf at deaconlangsdorf@gmail.com.

Mom Café -Tuesday, December 5th- 9:30-11AM. The Moms' Café is a monthly group for women of all ages and all stages of motherhood. A typical meeting includes morning refreshments, prayer, and a discussion of selected topics and pertinent readings. Children are always welcome to accompany their mothers to the meetings. The Religious Ed Room is located inside Corpus Christi Church. Please use the doors on the far right side of our church to enter the room. This location also provides ramp access for strollers. *Note: no November meeting due to 40 Hours.* Questions may be directed to Jess at jesswoehr@hotmail.com



Corpus Christi Parish Bingo

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY "45" YEARS

Every Tuesday, 50 weeks a year, now in our 45th year!!! Check website *Organizations* for further details! www.corpuschristilansdale.org

Come play or come volunteer your time and help us in the largest fundraiser which supports our parish church and school! For Complete Information Call Laurie Ponticello - 610-584-5694 or email geraldponticello@comcast.net

Engaged Couples



Corpus Christi Pre Cana team is planning their next Pre-Canan session at the parish facilities the weekend of February 24th or 25th 2018. Engaged couples who are planning on getting married in the next 6 months and interested in our Pre-cana preparation program can contact us at

ccprecanateam@gmail.com .

Attention Violin, Viola, and Cello Players: If you are presently playing in the senior orchestra, alumni of Corpus Christi's String Orchestra, or a member or our parish in a public or private school string group (middle school age and above), you are invited to play at the Christmas Eve

Mass in the gym at 4:45pm. A prelude of carols will begin at 4:15pm. **Please arrive at 4:00 for tuning.** Music folders can be found on the top of the filing cabinet next to the organ next weekend. If you plan to play for this Mass please contact Mrs. Frisch at donnafrisch@gmail.com no later than Wednesday, December 20th so a seat can be set for you.



St. Charles Seminary

We are in the 7th week for the 2017-18 Appeal and Corpus Christi has reached \$17,605 with 165 donors as of November 16th. If you have not as yet made a contribution you may do so by visiting <http://stcharlesseminaryappeal.org/#> . Thank you for helping to support the formation and education of our future priests, deacons and lay faithful.

Annual Christmas Craft Show



Corpus Christi Catholic School presents our Annual Christmas Craft Show. Join us **December 9th from 9am-3pm** at Corpus Christi School. Over 50 traditional and unique vendors will be there to showcase their talented work. Bring the kids to enter our North Pole workshops filled with games and crafts to decorate our trees. Enjoy our homemade delicious treats for breakfast and lunch and grab a hot chocolate while you shop for your loved ones. A perfect family fun Christmas craft show to kick off the Holiday season

AFFINITY PROGRAM If you do your banking at TD Bank, and are a member of Corpus Christi, you can help raise money for your parish. Through the bank's Affinity Program, they will make a donation to our parish based on the number of accounts participating in the program. For further details or to participate in this program, call TD Bank at 215-361-6048 and ask for Barbara, or email her at barbara.peacher@td.com.

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 June Baker at 215-799-2000 ext 3102.



The Bereavement Ministry of Corpus Christi believes in supporting family and friends who are walking through their journey of grief after the loss of a loved one. We will be offering quarterly Prayer Services in the Chapel followed by some light refreshments.

All are welcome!

- MMR offers monthly morning bereavement sessions on the second Thursday of the month from 10:00-11:30 AM in the Parish Conference Room. Please contact Mary Coakley at 215-646-4192
- St. Stanislaus offers monthly evening bereavement session on the second Thursday of the month from 7:00 -8:30 PM in the Parish Center. Please contact Jennifer Breen at 215-699-0803
- St. Rose Bereavement Group is held on third Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Father Murphy room. As always, all those who are mourning the loss of a loved one are welcome. Please contact Larry Hill at 215-540-0650
- St. Alphonsus offers one-day grief workshops just prior to the holidays on Sunday afternoons. For more information or to register, please contact Dolores Urban at 215-646-8556 or check out their website.

<http://www.urbanfuneralhome.com/2017-holiday-grief-works-hops/>
<http://www.urbanfuneralhome.com/staying-healthy-grief-loss/>

2017 GIVING HOPE to All: 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, email us at cca@adphila.org or call us at 215-587-5650. Corpus Christi with 620 contributors is at \$121,576, 80% of our \$152,684 goal for 2017.

Youth News

High School Youth Group

Check out our Youth Group table in the Narthex, visit us on **Facebook** at Corpus Christi Youth Minister **LIFETEEN CALENDAR: For details regarding each week's activities, visit the all new and fresh Corpus Christi youth group website at:** <http://corpuschristiyounggroup.weebly.com/> check out the Promo Video!!!
Contact Danielle at: corpus.ym@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP

Luminaries will be sold after all of the Masses the weekends of **December 2/3, 9/10 and December 16/17**. 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. Check out our Youth Group table in the Narthex or visit us on **Facebook** or the parish web at <http://corpuschristiyounggroup.weebly.com/>

CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL NEWS



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



Corpus Christi Catholic School (CCS), A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, is dedicated to fostering academics as well as spiritual excellence, as we acknowledge the individuality of each student and strive to prepare them to develop their own unique gifts and talents through worship, study and service.
Come visit us and see what we have to offer your child and family.

If you have questions about the many educational options we offer in our preschool programs and/or grades K through 8th, or are interested in a private tour or a **“Shadow Day” for students in grades K-8th, please call the school office at 215-368-0582 and ask to speak with Mrs. Barb Case.** We look forward to meeting you.

SCRIP CORNER

LET THE HOLIDAY MADNESS BEGIN!

Please remember to take advantage of our SCRIP program this holiday season. Stock up on your gift cards **BEFORE** you head out, or log in to shop. Purchase gift cards to give as gifts. Use SCRIP to plan your holiday parties or meals. Looking for more of the “experience” type of gifts?? Think SCRIP for things like Stub Hub, Airbnb, hotels, and airlines. Also, if you are participating in any charity or outreach activities, consider a gift card. Just a few minutes of planning can really put a nice amount of tuition money into your account!

Call or email the SCRIP office (215-362-0104 cc.scrip@yahoo.com) for the Enrollment Code and get set up to take advantage of all of the mega bonuses for the SCRIPNOW eCards available on line!!
Don't forget Amazon Smile and Shoparoo... easy and profitable fundraisers for our school or REC that you can do from home!!
View Scrip order form [here](http://tinyurl.com/ybzt8x32). <http://tinyurl.com/ybzt8x32>
Corpus Christi SCRIP Office 215-362-0104
Monday - Friday 9am - 12:30pm (when school is in session)
Mondays - 5:30pm - 7:00pm (when REC is in session)

CYO News:

High School Students – High School students can register to be Student Coaches on our grade school CYO basketball teams (K to 8th grade). For those high school students interested, register selecting “Student Coach” at the link below or send an email to cc-cyo@verizon.net. Registration is free and completion of the season will qualify for high school service hours. This program is a great way for high school students to develop leadership skills while serving the community and staying involved with parish life.

Cheerleading Helpers, Assistants and Coaches Needed – We are looking for some more helpers, assistants and coaches as we grow our Cheerleading program. Even if you can only help one night a week, we need you! Please contact Amy Lendzinski (alendzinski@gmail.com) or Christine Roach (tigersss@verizon.net) with any questions.

Volunteers Needed – Coaches, Assistants, Managers – Our CYO program has grown significantly over the last few years and we need more volunteers for all of our sports (Volleyball, Cross Country, Cheerleading, Soccer, Swim Team, Basketball, Softball, Baseball, and Track). If you have experience in any of these sports please contact us at cc-cyo@verizon.net.

Swim Team Registration is Still Open

- Open for Basketball, Swim Team and Cheerleading at <https://corpus-christi-cyo.siplay.com/site/>
- Additional information for each sport is available at <https://corpuscyo.wordpress.com/>.

Beef & Beer – Mark your calendars for February 3rd for our CYO Annual Beef & Beer. Featuring live music and live karaoke.

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

METANOIA ~ YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Metanoia is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County, PA. The group supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. Our ministry includes: Theology on Tap, faith based meetings, community service, retreats, and outdoor events. We meet every Tuesday at 7:30 pm.

December 2017:

Tuesday, December 12: Bible Study @ Corpus Christi Parish, Lansdale @ 7:30pm

Tuesday, December 19: Christmas Party @ Appalachian Brewing Co., Collegeville; Doors open at 7:00pm, Talk Starts at 7:30pm

For more details, check us out on Facebook (www.facebook.com/groups/MetanoiaYoungAdults) Or visit our website at www.metanoiayoungadults.weebly.com You can also reach us via email at metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com



ANTHEM Ministries' New Website
Archdiocesan Outreach to Youth and Young Adults
Our Archdiocesan department for the evangelization of youth and young adults, now called ANTHEM Ministries, has recently launched their new website. Check it out at: <https://anthemphilly.com>.

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

Week of 12/03 Team #5: Patty Donnelly at 215-687-3779
Week of 12/10 Team #6: Sue Bones at 215-631-9526
 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 18th, January 15th.**

REQUIREMENTS FOR GODPARENTS

- must be a registered, practicing member of a Catholic Parish and receive a Certificate of Eligibility from that Parish and have attended the Pre-Jordan Baptism class
- must have completed his/her 16th birthday
- must have been Baptized - Confirmed - and has received First Holy Communion - and actively practicing their faith - e.g., attending Mass, receiving Holy Communion - receiving the Sacrament of Penance
- if married - must be living in a valid sacramental marriage
- cannot be the parent of the child to be baptized
- the godparents are to be one male and one female
- one godparent may be a non-Catholic Christian witness with proper proof of his/her baptism — if a non-Catholic is asked to be a Christian witness - the other godparent **MUST** be Catholic
- a person who has left the Catholic Faith for any reason, may not be asked to carry out this responsibility

Please note: **The paperwork for the child's baptism and certificates of eligibility* MUST be completed at least two weeks prior to scheduling a baptism date.**

Certificates of eligibility* must have a parish seal and cannot be faxed; they must be the original.

****CERTIFICATES OF ELIGIBILITY:** *A certificate of eligibility is asking for a priest to sign and acknowledge that the person is 16 years of age or more, confirmed (and if married marriage took place in the Catholic Church) and celebrating the sacraments regularly. Ideally, this person should be registered and an active member of the parish for at least six (6) months*

Baptism is administered at **12:30 PM almost EVERY SUNDAY.**

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

DAILY PRAYER CHAPEL OPEN: Those who wish to make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament during the day may do so in the Church Chapel. The Chapel is open every day until **3:30 PM except Wednesday when it is open until 6:30PM.** Please enter the chapel using the entrance walk on the side of the **Parish House facing Supplee Road.** The main Church is closed after the 7:15 Mass each morning.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WEDNESDAYS



7:45 AM TO 6:30PM Eucharistic Adoration is scheduled every **Wednesday from 7:45AM til 6:30 PM** in the Church Chapel. Benediction is at 6:30 PM. (Novena devotions immediately following, see below). **Please enter the chapel using the entrance walk on the side of the**

Parish House facing Supplee Rd. (For more information, please call 215-855-1311).

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



MARRIAGES: Couples who are planning to be married are required to notify one of the parish priests no less than six months prior to the marriage and attend a Pre-Cana session. The next pre-cana session is **October 28-29, 2016.** 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 267-297-7971.

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.

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.**

The Sacrament of Baptism

We wish to extend a warm welcome to the newest members of our parish community. Our congratulations and best wishes go out to all the families.



November 2017

- Landon Matthew Navitsky, son of Michelle and Matthew
- George Joseph Podlogar, son of Amy and Michael
- Daniel Pierce States, son of Jennifer and Thomas
- Harper Elizabeth Donahue, daughter of Lauren and Brendan
- Michael Stephen Finley, son of Ann Marie and Stephen
- Valentine Steven Palo, son of Amanda and Jeff
- Drew Anderson Tung, son of Jennifer and Young-han