

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD



*Corpus Christi Parish
Upper Gwynedd, Pennsylvania
December 6, 2015
Second Sunday of Advent*

*All people will see
God's salvation.*

Luke 3:6



**CORPUS
CHRISTI
PARISH**

PASTOR

Reverend Monsignor Thomas P. Flanigan, Ed.D.

PAROCHIAL VICARS

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

PERMANENT DEACONS

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

PARISH STAFF

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

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<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
ext. 122

Aid for Friends: Judy Jergensen 215-699-9196

Altar Linens: Lori Neri 215-828-4763

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

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

Boy Scouts: Joe Rakszawski 610-584-0333

Casserole Project: Kay Smerke 215-855-1783

Catholic Charities: www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org

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

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

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

Cub Scouts: Rinaldo Rossi 610-715-7025

CYO Program: Mary Bagnell 215-272-2618

Eucharistic Adoration: Barbara Atkins 215-412-2459

Evangelization Coordinator: Randy Pagnotta 610-564-0921

Extraordinary Ministers:

Schedules Masses - 215-855-1311 ext. 133

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

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

Girl Scouts: Cathy Roberts 215-393-7891

Greeters: Henry Hartman 215-362-1463

The Guardians - Fathers' Support Group:

Deacon Frank Langsdorf 215-855-1311 ext. 113

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

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

Hospitality Ministry: Jean Van 215-855-5834

Knights of Columbus: Richard Ray 215-822-1479

Lectors: Deacon Evans 215-855-1311

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

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

The Mom Café - Mothers' Support Group:

Angela McClellan 215-855-1311 ext. 122

Music Ministry: Matthew Klenk 215-855-0670

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

Prayer Garden: Don Janssen 215-361-8558

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

Pre-Cana Program: Jack & Mary Ann McGowan

610-584-5569

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

RCIA Program: Deacons Langsdorf and Currie

215-855-1311

Respect Life: Ellie Hentschel 215-362-0160

Louise Mercurio 610-584-4008

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

Ushers: Deacon Evans 215-855-1311

Youth and Young Adult Ministries: Danielle Gallo

215-855-1311 ext. 118

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

As we enter now fully into the holy season of Advent, let us realize the seriousness of the season and not underestimate its importance. Advent should be for us a deeply religious experience – a time of hope and renewal – not just a festival of shopping, gift wrapping, and decorating. It is during this time that we are given an opportunity to strengthen and deepen our union with Christ. We will welcome Christ into our lives when we open our hearts to His love for us and make room for Him through prayer and repentance.

In today's Gospel, Luke speaks of John the Baptist who calls us to do more than make a simple confession of our sins. We are to make ready the way of the Lord. We do this by turning away from all sinful habits and turning toward God and the things of God. God loves us deeply. When we smooth out any "rough ways" in our hearts, any obstacles we have placed there, the love which God has for us can flow fully into our hearts, and we can love Him in return.



The message of John stressed the need for prayer and repentance, but also was filled with hope and expectation as he bridged the gap between the Old Testament and the New Testament. John did not focus upon himself, but always pointed to Jesus so that the people would receive and welcome Him into their midst. It has been said that John was like a prism reflecting the light away from himself and focusing it upon Jesus, the true light of the world.

John is not the only one who encourages us to grow in the love of God. Paul, in his letter to the Philippians, prays that we will show ourselves "pure" and "blameless" for the day of Christ's coming. The good work which Christ has begun in us should continue until the end of time, as we offer our lives as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. God's Spirit continues to act in our lives each and every day; but, too often, we may lose sight of the fact that He is with us in all of the events of our lives, be they glorious or sorrowful.

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us identify anything which might stand in our way of receiving Jesus more deeply in our lives. We can make ready the way of the Lord and clear Him a straight path. We do this when we speak kind words, perform compassionate deeds, share our possessions, welcome our neighbors, attend to the needs of the poor and neglected, and are open to the urgings of the Holy Spirit. If we are truly sincere in making this season of Advent a Holy and sacred time, then peace and justice will begin to live among us here and now. As we welcome Jesus, we trust that His coming will be an occasion of great gifts and blessings of peace and love not only for us, but also for the whole world.

God bless you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Tom Henigan".



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. 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.



SPECIAL ATTENTION ~ HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINE INFORMATION

In order to meet the **Christmas/New Year Holidays'** schedule of the printer of our parish bulletin - the following is requested: The bulletins of **December 26/27 and January 2/3** announcements are due **Thursday, December 17th** by noon. Thank You!

MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK



SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT

- Saturday, December 5th**
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 Pappo
by Jack and Jo Ferguson
11:30 William Donohue
by The Donohue Family
6:00 PM John Falco
by John and Dolores Falco
- Monday, December 7th**
7:15 AM Laura Whelan
by The Jupina Family
7:30 PM John Atkins
by Steve and Ann Marie Finley
- Tuesday, December 8th**
7:15 AM Debbie Gorniak
by John and Peggy Butler
12:05 PM Deceased members of the DeGiosio Family
by Anita Porambo
- Wednesday, December 9th**
7:15 AM Intentions of the Jupina Family
by The Jupina Family
- Thursday, December 10th**
7:15 AM John Atkins
by Barbara Atkins
- Friday, December 11th**
7:15 AM Eleanore Coppola
by George and Donna Frisch
- Saturday, December 12th**
7:15 AM Roger Kirk
by Martin Kapral
4:30 PM Nora Foster
by Len and Patty Aulett
- Sunday, December 13th**
7:00 AM The Pultorak Family
by Dick Pultorak
8:30 Edward Gerald Regan, Jr.
by Ellen Barba
10:00 Joseph Donnelly
by Kathleen Agnew
11:30 Joan Kulaga
by Donna and Joe Dwyer
6:00 PM Patricia Goebel
by The Tausz Family



We pray for the deceased members, relatives and friends of our parish family especially Patricia Tarpey, wife of Austin "Ken".



"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	\$ 29,172
November 28//29	\$ 33,192
Envelopes mailed	2,439
Envelopes returned	820/823
November Electronic Giving (16)	\$ 3,110
Mortgage Reduction Collection	
November to date	\$ 4,761

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9 Baruch tells Jerusalem to rejoice because of God's plan to bring His exiled people back to Jerusalem. He emphasizes God's power and describes His plan to lower mountains and fill gorges to make their journey easier.

Responsorial Psalm: PS 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 *The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 Paul encourages the Philippians to love each other completely. He hopes that their love and understanding will continue to grow so that they are prepared for the return of Christ.



Gospel: Luke 3:1-6 Luke describes the work John the Baptist carried out to help people prepare for the birth of Jesus. Luke also discusses who was in power at the time, which helped historians to figure out the exact dates of certain events, including Jesus' birth.

Family Connection

During the season of Advent, we choose to add many activities to our family's schedule to prepare for our celebration of Christmas. John the Baptist reminds us that our repentance is another way in which we can prepare for the Lord's coming and our celebration of Christmas. Parish communities often offer a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Advent season. Your family might choose to participate in the communal celebration of the sacrament, or you might seek out this sacrament on an individual basis.

Read together today's Gospel, Luke 3:1-6. Talk about how John the Baptist called upon the people to prepare the way of the Lord through repentance. Together as a family, prepare a simple reconciliation service in preparation for Christmas. Gather in a prayerful space, perhaps around the family Advent wreath. Read again from today's Gospel, Luke 3:1-6. Invite each family member to pray silently, asking God to forgive his or her sins. Pray together the Act of Contrition. Then celebrate God's forgiveness by sharing the sign of peace with one another.

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

Monday	Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday	Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday	Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
Friday	Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

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.

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.

www.mom-heartofthehome.org/events.html or contact Deb MacKenzie at dmackenzie@schubert2b.com.

Rediscover the Love in your Marriage!

The Retrouvaille Marriage Program offers help for struggling marriages. *If you are struggling in your marriage, attending a Retrouvaille program could be the best gift you give to your spouse, and family, this Christmas!* Tens of thousands of couples have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the six post sessions that follow it. Retrouvaille is not just a social gathering or series of seminars, but rather a way to rediscover and



rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. **The next program begins on the weekend of February 12 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.** For more information, or to register for our upcoming weekend, visit our website at www.helpourmarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

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 takes place this weekend on December 5th and 6th. 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, January 5th– 9:30 to 11AM
Religious Education Room in Church

The Guardians - Tuesday, January 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.

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)

Sacred Relics of the Saints DVD

Available at the Parish Center \$10.00 The veneration of relics is a communion with the heroes of our Christian faith and a way for us to ask their powerful intercession. This DVD presentation summarizes the Church's use of relics and is scriptural, catechetical, and devotional in nature. It also includes a virtual exposition of over 160 relics and a complete biography of Saint Maria Goretti. Please stop by the Parish Center during regular office hours to purchase a copy. Proceeds from the sale of this DVD benefit the Saint Maria Goretti Shrine in Nettuno, Italy and the House of the Martyrdom.

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 Appitude* 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://catholicappitude.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 - Reminder: 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! Deadline was Wednesday, December 2nd. No refunds or payments after that date.

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!

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. Contact: * 215-368-0945 Peggy and John Butler, 1500 Berkley Way, Lansdale, PA 19446

***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. 14 7-8:30PM Room A**; Jan. 11 7:00-8:30PM Rm A; February 15 7:00-8:30 Room A.

CASSEROLE PROJECT

Please Be Sure to Mark the Contents and Date Your Casserole Was Prepared on the Cover of the Casserole and to Sign the Sign-up Sheet on the Door of the Big Freezer.



Casseroles for St John's Hospice will be picked up **Thursday, December 10th**. Pick-up day is always the second Thursday of the month. Each day St. John's provides between 500 and 700 meals to the homeless. Won't you help with this project by taking a pan and filling it with a recipe of your choice? The recipe should have a meat, poultry, or fish base. Please use only the

pans that are provided by St John's and are available on the tables with the burgundy covers in the narthex of the church. They are also available in the gray garage next to the freezers. Do not overfill the pans. **Please bring your solidly frozen casseroles to the three-bay gray garage near the former convent by Wednesday, December 9th.** The truck has been arriving very early on the second Thursday. If you have any questions about this project, please call Kay Smerke, (215) 855-1783.

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 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.

MASS GREETERS NEEDED

Can you smile, say 'Good Morning', perhaps even ask 'How are you today'? If so, you are a candidate to be a Mass Greeter at Corpus Christi. Greeters are part of the Hospitality Ministry serving our parish. The Greeter Program has a need for more people who are willing to give about 20 minutes of their time each month as a Greeter. In recent years our ranks have been reduced by 'retirements', and changing family obligations. Not only do we need to fill the positions vacated, but ideally I would like to be able to schedule two Greeters for each of the two main entrances for each Mass.

Each Mass has four Teams of Greeters assigned. Each Team is assigned to Greet once every four weeks. If a Greeter can't Greet on an assigned date, he/she is asked to swap with any other Greeter scheduled for the same Mass time.

If you've enjoyed being Greeted with a smile and a 'Good Morning' as you enter for Mass, please consider becoming a Mass Greeter yourself.

Please contact Henry Hartman via email at hkh555888@yahoo.com, or by phone at 215-362-1463 for more info, or to volunteer to become a Greeter.



MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

The monthly food collection for local food cupboards takes place next weekend, December 12/13, 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.

Youth News

High School Youth Group



Our youth group will be selling *luminaries* after all of the Masses during Advent. 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.cclsansdale.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!

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.

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.

Turkey Trot Thank You!!!



Thank you to all our Corpus Christi parishioners and school families who supported our annual Thanksgiving Turkey Trot for The Sisters of Saint Joseph Welcome Center in Kensington. **We were able to provide 87 turkeys and roasting pans which satisfied a goal we had. In addition, we provided over \$1,000 dollars in grocery ShopRite gift cards to their Welcome Center.** The Sisters were overwhelmed by the generosity of our Corpus Christi community. Once again Corpus Christi has greatly helped to meet the needs of those less fortunate at this holiday season. Our most sincere thanks to all those who made this outreach project successful!

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 12/06 Team #5: Carolyn Bergey at 215-855-1754
Week of 12/13 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 21st, January 18th.**

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 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 (during Lent) 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: Sundays 7:45AM to 1PM

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

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 2015

Hannah Grace Campbell, daughter of Ann and Christopher
Molly Kathryn Campbell, daughter of Ann and Christopher
Julianna Marie Brown, daughter of Patricia and Jack
Zachary Michael Pichler, son of Jennifer and Corey
John William Magee, son of Ann Marie and Ethan
Natalie Lyn Herdin, daughter of Andrea and Kevin
Cole Matthew Duardo, son of Katelyn and Matthew
Nora Lynn Wright-Lee, daughter of Samantha and Robert
Gianna Grace Lanzilotta, daughter of Jill and Louis
Gemma Rose Lanzilotta, daughter of Jill and Louis
Adaria Rose Evarts, daughter of Alexis and James