

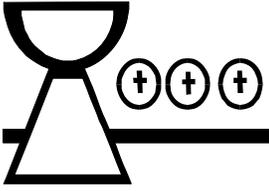
SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT

Love ... Love ... Love ... Love



*Corpus Christi Parish ~ Upper Gwynedd, Pennsylvania
December 8, 2013*





**CORPUS
CHRISTI
PARISH**

PASTOR

Reverend Monsignor Thomas P. Flanigan, Ed.D.

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Reverend Albert J. Santorsola

PERMANENT DEACONS

Deacon Francis E. Langsdorf

Deacon William W. Evans

PARISH STAFF

Edd Murphy	Business Manager
Sr. Mary Carroll McCaffrey, SSJ	Parish Minister
Wanda Costello	School Principal
Trish Keen	Director, Religious Education for Children
Angela McClellan	Director, Adult Faith Formation
Bobby Moren	Director, Youth and Young Adult Ministry

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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
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 Club 50 of Corpus Christi: Bob Pecho 215-368-0198
 Cub Scouts: Mark Fennell 215-513-1743
 CYO Program: Mary Bagnell 215-272-2618
 Eucharistic Adoration: Anne DeSantis 610-222-9778
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 To Visit Home Bound - Deacon Langsdorf 215-855-1311 ext. 125

Gift Certificate Program: Mary Ellen McCabe 215-362-0104
 Girl Scouts: Tracy Okeke 215-362-5562
 Greeters: Henry Hartman 215-362-1463
 The Guardians - Fathers' Support Group:
 Deacon Frank Langsdorf 215-855-1311 ext. 125
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 Lectors: Deacon Langsdorf 215-855-1311 ext. 125
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 M.A.S.S. Drivers: Paula Manchester 215-275-4943
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Music Ministry: Matthew Klenk 215-855-0670
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 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: Deacon Frank and Connie Langsdorf 215-855-1311 ext. 113

Respect Life: Ellie Hentschel 215-362-0160
 Louise Mercurio 610-584-4008

Sanctuary Cleaners: Jeanne Linden-Fox 215-513-0347
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 Youth and Young Adult Ministries: Bobby Moren 215-855-1311 ext. 118

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

Waiting, whether easy or difficult, is key to our Advent period of preparing for the coming of the Lord now, and at the end of time. Waiting can be used as a time of preparation or a time void of preparation. John the Baptist tells us to prepare for the coming of the Lord by reforming our lives. That means we have to change. There is an old standing joke about how many psychologists it takes to change a lightbulb. The answer is one, but first the bulb has to want to change. Actions that bring about change in us can help us to better cooperate with God's grace in our lives.

ACCEPT
ONE
ANOTHER
AS CHRIS
ACCEPTED
YOU.
R O M A N S

Saint Paul tells us in today's second reading to go to the Scriptures to derive hope, lessons in patience, and encouragement. We can do this. We can also do something different that causes us to stretch a little and grow in faith. Write a letter to a loved one or visit someone who is ill or lonely or say something nice to a stranger. John the Baptist stepped out in faith to be different; to risk being called a wild man or even a lunatic from the desert. Look what he accomplished. He brought about change and so can we.

Be sensitive to others as you become aware of your need to change. They might not recognize or appreciate the new you. This is why, as Saint Paul tells us, we need to receive God's grace in order to accept one another, and to live in perfect harmony. We must prepare ourselves to do this. We need to change to do this. Accept God's grace and be prepared to produce much good fruit for the kingdom.

God bless you,

Msgr. Tom Flanigan



GIVING TREE 2013

If anyone still has anything for the Giving Tree Project, please bring it to the narthex by **Tuesday, 12/10** as the delivery process will begin this week. Thank You! **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.**

Announcing the Parish 50th Anniversary Pilgrimage to Italy! Corpus Christi parishioners and friends are invited to "Enchanting Italy" group tour with Msgr. Flanigan and Curran Travel, Inc. The tour will run from Wednesday, October 8th to Thursday October 16th, 2014. Some of the trip highlights include 7 nights hotel accommodations: 2 nights Venice (Bellini or similar hotel), 2 nights Florence (Grand Hotel Adriatico or similar), 3 nights Rome (Mediterraneo or similar). Sightseeing in a modern air-conditioned motorcoach including Doge's palace, Venice, wine tasting with local specialties at a Tuscan countryside farm, Michelangelo's David, Florence, Basilica of St. Francis, Assisi, Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel, Rome, Forum and Colosseum, Farewell Opera Dinner and illuminated city Tour of Rome. Cost \$3630. pp, dbl. occ. Much more information is available in a brochure, which may be picked up in the Narthex on the ministry tables. For questions contact Elaine Koza at 215-699-5559.

We have a new addition to our website! You can now *update* your existing parish records by clicking onto the www.CorpusChristiLansdale.org Welcome tab then Registration & Parish Programs under the first topic, Registration, there is a link to click to *update* your already existing registration records. This sends an update email to the parish office, easy!

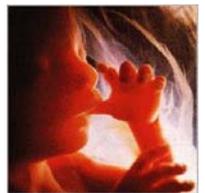
CREATED, LOVED, REDEEMED BY GOD -- PRICELESS ~ MARCH FOR LIFE 2014 – 41st Anniversary

The 41st Annual March for Life will be held on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 in Washington, DC. Corpus Christi Parish will send 2 buses to Washington to attend this peaceful and prayerful demonstration bearing witness to the dignity of human life from conception to natural death.

Schedule for the day is as follows: Leave Corpus Christi parking lot at **6:00AM promptly.**

Arrive in Washington, DC and attend 10AM Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, celebrated by Archbishop Charles J. Chaput. After Mass, you can tour the Shrine and eat lunch. At the given time, we will take the Metro (tickets provided) to the site of the March. If physically able, we would like you to walk in the March (approximately one mile). Return to Shrine and leave by 4PM.

Cost for adults is \$24 for bus & \$14 for dinner at Country Buffet (\$38 total). Cost for students is \$14 for dinner, bus is free for all students BUT an adult must accompany them. No change in cost. Everyone should bring a bag lunch and a drink. Bus returns to Corpus Christi by 9 PM. **Sign-ups start now.** Sign-up board is in the Narthex of Church and you must pay in full to reserve your seat. All deposits are transferrable, but not refundable. Make checks payable to Respect Life and send to Louise Mercurio, 3012 Valley View Way, Lansdale, PA 19446, 610-584-4008. **BUS #1, Respect Life, BUS #2, Knights of Columbus. You can go on either bus. Bring your gold scarf from previous year.**



Will you join us this year in our efforts to save our unborn children?

Of Special Note ✨

Bulletin announcements for the December 29th and January 5th bulletins are due by Tuesday December 17th and Monday 23rd Noontime. Announcements sent in advance are most welcome!!

MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK



- Saturday, December 7th**
4:30 PM Robert Duffy
by Duffy Family
- Sunday, December 8th**
7:00 AM Felicia Price Kulaski
by Ed and Karen Price
8:30 Vincent and Genevieve Straka
by Bernadette
10:00 Harold Skip Lentz
by Joe and Trudy Gallagher
11:30 Ellen Smaldon
by Hope Colorio
6:00 PM Harold and Geraldine Ladley
& Mary McNamara
by Ladley Family
- Monday, December 9th**
7:15 AM Frank Moles
by Lovey Moles
- Tuesday, December 10th**
7:15 AM Brandon DeHaven
by DeHaven Family
- Wednesday, December 11th**
7:15 AM Marie Dembowski
by Richard and Mary Scholl
- Thursday, December 12th**
7:15 AM Mary K. O'Donnell
by Mary Kay and John Woodcock
- Friday, December 13th**
7:15 AM Patricia Britt
by Missy Miller
- Saturday, December 14th**
7:15 AM Joseph Nanna
by Marianne Nanna
4:30 PM Dec'd Members of Rafferty Family
by Eileen Schwartz
- Sunday, December 15th**
7:00 AM Chick Kochick
by Ruth Moran
8:30 Sam DiMaria
by Julia DiMaria
10:00 Mary Ann Hagelin
by Charles Hagelin
11:30 Intentions of Lillian Scheetz
by Lillian Scheetz
6:00 PM Mary Ann Majors
by Dana Bruckner



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

Prayer For Those Who Have Died



Father, hear our prayer and welcome our loved ones into paradise with You and all of Your saints. Help us as we comfort one another in the faith that one day we will all meet together again in Christ. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

+Amen

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

November 23/24	\$25,983
November 30/December 1	\$34,032
Envelopes mailed	2,637/2647
Envelopes returned	869/936
Mortgage Reduction Collection	
November to date	\$ 4,882
December to date	\$ 3,824

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10 In this beautiful passage, a messianic prophecy, Isaiah exults in the coming of the Lord, who will bring justice and peace for all.

Responsorial Psalm: 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17 The Messiah will bring justice and peace to the nations.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9 Paul reveals to us the necessity of living in peace and harmony. His words "Accept one another, then, as Christ accepted you, for the Glory of God" are as needed today as they were in Paul's own time.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12 John the Baptizer prepares the way for Jesus. Clothed in a garment of camel's hair, he baptizes the people in the Jordan River, but warns the Pharisees in ringing tones that they must give evidence that they mean to reform.



Family Connection

We do many things to get ourselves ready for our celebration of Christmas: purchase gifts, prepare Christmas cards, decorate our homes. John's call of repentance in preparation for Jesus 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 the sacrament on an individual basis.

Read together today's Gospel. Talk about how John reminds the people that they prepare for the reign of God by reforming their lives. As a family, prepare a simple reconciliation service in preparation for Christmas such as the following: Gather in a prayerful space, perhaps around your family Advent wreath. Read again today's Gospel: Matthew 3:1-3. Invite each family member to pray silently, asking God to forgive their sins. Pray together an Act of Contrition. Then celebrate God's forgiveness by sharing a Sign of Peace with each other.

www.loyolapress.com/sunday-connection.htm

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE of PHILADELPHIA

All are welcome to attend the next **Growing In Faith Together** program on **Tuesday, December 10 at 7:30PM** in the St. Stanislaus Parish Center, located at the back of the Church at Lansdale Ave. and Main St. (Rt. 63) in Lansdale. Our presenter is Sister Mary Anne Nolan, RSM, a spiritual director and adjunct professor in Religious Studies at Gwynedd-Mercy University and Co-Director of Mercy Spiritual Ministries. She will enlighten us on the "Characteristics of Graceful Aging". As we think about growing older, we hope and desire that we will live our lives fully and gracefully until God brings us home. Join us as we explore some of the ways-of-being that help us to foster this in the aging process. There is no cost to attend, and registration is not required. Refreshments will follow the presentation.

On the evening of **Thursday, December 12th, St. Hilary's Parish will host its annual Christmas Concert:** an event of lessons and carols. St. Hilary's School choir will begin the evening with an introductory array of liturgical tunes. The renowned choir of Holy Ghost Preparatory School will then take the helm, bringing alive the spirit of the Christmas Season through a performance of hymns, to coincide with the Biblical story of Christmas through readings from the Gospels. Immediately following the event there will be a reception in the parish center. Everyone is invited to enjoy the Christmas classics of cookies with hot cocoa. Date: Thursday, December 12th; Time: 7:15PM; Location: St. Hilary's Church, 820 Susquehanna Rd., Rydal 19046. **PERFORMANCES BY** St. Hilary's School choir Under the direction of: Mr. Justin Jue, Holy Ghost Preparatory School Choir Under the direction of: Ms. Beth Vilsmeier. **FOLLOWED BY** St. Hilary's School Choir in the parish center. For questions please phone: 215-884-3252 or email faith@sainthilaryschool.com, St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish Faith Enrichment Committee.

The **Food Cupboard at Catholic Social Services**, 353 E. Johnson Hwy., Norristown is in need of volunteers at our Food Cupboard. The hours are Monday and Thursday from 8:30AM to 11:30 AM. For more information, please call Elizabeth Peteraf at 610-279-7372.

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!



The Retrouvaille Marriage Program offers help for struggling marriages. It gives you the chance to rediscover yourself and your spouse. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce 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 7th-9th 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 800-470-2230 or 215-766-3944. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

Holy Rosary Regional School, located at 3040 Walton Road in Plymouth Meeting, will host its annual **HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW** on Sunday, December 8th from 8AM to 2PM. Browse the displays of beautiful handmade crafts from over 100 vendors and find unique gifts for everyone on your list. Enjoy a delicious breakfast or lunch at Mrs. Claus' Kitchen. Buy chances at the fabulous **Raffle Table** and bring home delicious **Baked Goods** for the family! Free admission and parking. For information call 610-825-0160.

LIVING AGAIN - The next monthly meeting of the St. Rose Bereavement Group will be held on **December 16, at 7:00 PM** in the Father Murphy Room of their parish center. All those who are mourning the loss of a loved one are welcome. There is never any pressure to participate. If you choose to just listen to others who understand and care about your grief, that's fine. The topic will be dealing with grief during the holidays.

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 amallen@lansdalecatholic.com or 215-362-6160 x 194 to set up a shadow appointment.

Advent Retreat at the IHM Spirituality Center 1140 King Road, Immaculata, PA 19345

Weekend of Directed Prayer: Dec. 13-15, 2013 - 6pm Friday - Noon, Sunday. For more information and/or registration, contact Sister Barbara Cook at 610-647-4136; ihmspcenter@hotmail.com or visit our website: www.ihmimmaculata.org/facilities/s_center.html

Discernment Retreat December 13-15, 2013 ~ Friday 6PM - Sunday 1PM Villa Maria House of Studies

Young women (18-35) are invited to join us for this retreat which focuses on the IHM Charism and the importance of listening to God's call and discovering the many ways that God speaks to us. Time will be included for personal and communal prayer as well as the opportunity to interact with the Sisters in Formation. (Contact: ihmvoc@aol.com or 610-889-1553)

Living Every Day with Passion & Purpose December 14, 2013 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, 1410 Almshouse Rd., Jamison, PA Are you thriving or just surviving? Are you ready for more energy? A deeper sense of purpose? More joy? A clearer understanding of God's plan for your life? Join us for one of our Passion & Purpose events. It's not your typical church event! It has been a life-changing event for tens of thousands of people. Living Every Day with Passion & Purpose is presented by internationally acclaimed speaker and author Matthew Kelly and the incredibly talented Eliot Morris. Ticket Price \$39: Includes all retreat materials. For more information or to purchase your ticket: www.DynamicCatholic.com or call (215) 343-1288. @5:00pm.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



In the Gospel St. John the Baptist is calling us to prepare for the coming of the Lord. In the second reading St. Paul is telling us to rejoice for the Lord is near. As we continue to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ-child at Christmas let us live in his love in all we do, especially in our marriage relationship. Strengthen, renew and rekindle your marriage sacrament; sign up today to attend the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend which are January 31-Feb 2, 2014 in Doylestown, PA and March 28-30, 2014 in Doylestown, PA. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: www.wwme-philly.org or contact Al & Mary Liz Heumann at Applications@wwme-philly.org or 610-449-1859.



St. Anthony of Padua Parish will hold a live Nativity Event on Friday, December 13th from 6-8PM at 259 Forest Avenue ~ Ambler ~ Pa. 19002. Please Call 215-646-4742 for information. An event for the whole family: activities & refreshments, live animals, even a camel!

**Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great
December 8, 2013; Prepare for the Nativity of Our Lord** 1pm-5pm. All are Welcome ~ The Burning Bush Icon ~ An Afternoon of Prayer and Reflection with Sr. Ann and Sr. Joanne. For more information email or call: Sr. Joanne Sosler, OSBM, vickis@stbasils.com or 215-379-3998; Sr. Ann Laszok, OSBM, srannl@aol.com or 412-260-1607; www.stbasils.com - Basilian Spirituality Center; 710 Fox Chase Rd.; Jenkintown, PA 19046



At **Joseph's People** we offer support and guidance to those who are unemployed or underemployed. Join us on the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30PM. in the St. Maria Goretti Parish Center Library. If you have any questions-- please email jpfatfield@gmail.com.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION at CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH



Our Lady's Bible Study - Mondays 8:30-9:30AM
Parish Library

Patricians - Monday, January 6th
7PM to 9PM; Corpus Christi Parish Library

Mom Café - Tuesday, January 7th

The Guardians - Tuesday, January 7th - For more information or to register for your first meeting, please contact Deacon Frank Langsdorf at deaconlangsdorf@gmail.com. 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Corpus Christi Church Religious Education Room.

Visit us on the web at www.corpuschristilansdale.org/aff

PRE CANA TEAM

The Corpus Christi team is **looking for couples to join and help out with hospitality, administrative support, and presentations if willing**. If you are looking to join a ministry but do not have a lot of time to give please consider this rewarding group. We only meet twice a year and you and your spouse will discover spiritual as well as personal growth as a couple. Please consider helping to prepare the engaged couples of our parish community while strengthening the bond of your own marriage. If you have any questions **please contact Jack and Mary Ann McGowan at 610-584-5569**.

Advent Caroling

Would you like to join others to sing Advent Hymns once each week this Advent? The idea is: use simple Advent hymns from catholic hymnals; spend 15-20 minutes singing as a group; go door to door; ideally this would be done in your own neighborhood. This could be a great way to open your hearts for the Lord this Christmas and evangelize through song. There will be no practices/no audition; all you need is to come with a prayerful voice. Anyone interested in participating; please call: Diana (215)-855-5494 and leave a short message or email diana.kingates@gmail.com.

T L C Ministry

Participants of the T L C Ministry create handcrafted items, such as, shawls and blankets, and then offer them as an act of stewardship to anyone in our parish who needs a little Tender Loving Care. These items embrace and comfort the wearer with the tender loving care and prayers of the maker and the faith community.

Recipients may be experiencing a difficult time in their life, undergoing medical procedures, grieving, or family members of fallen soldiers. Do you know of someone who needs a little TLC? If so, contact us at corpuschristiaff@yahoo.com.

If you are a knitter or enjoy crocheting, new members to our ministry are always welcome. Drop off your item at our Parish Center or Parish Library during regular hours. Please mark the bag "TLC" and don't forget to include your name.

Man and Woman He Created Them: An Introduction to the Theology of the Body

For the first five years of his Pontificate, Pope John Paul II spent his Wednesday audiences addressing the fundamental questions: Who am I? What does it mean to be human? Why did God create us male and female? What is the meaning of the human body? If you've ever wondered why the Church teaches what she does about life, marriage, human love, and relationships, or if you've been struggling to figure out how to explain the Church's teachings to others, join us for this introductory presentation. Come learn what the Theology of the Body is all about and why so many lives are being changed by it! If you have questions concerning this event or would like to register for it, please contact directoraff@stmariagoretti.net.

Thursday, January 16, 2014 ~ 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
Chapel of Saint Maria Goretti Church, Hatfield
Guest Speaker: Ms. Meghan Cokeley
Director, Office for the New Evangelization

A Thank You From the Sisters...

As you know, in September of this year, our convent at Corpus Christi was closed. This is the first opportunity we have had to express our deep gratitude to each of you in the parish for your continued love and support over the many years we have been with you. Your care and concern for us is greatly appreciated.

We considered Corpus Christi Parish as our home, and in leaving any home you love, there is a sense of loss, especially the loss of so many good people in your life. We will indeed miss the people of Corpus Christi Parish, who have become our friends and our neighbors and who have been so generous to us in sharing their time, their talent, and their faith. You truly have been a source of inspiration to each of us.

We would like you to know that you are remembered each day in our prayers, and that we sincerely appreciate all that you have done for us. God bless you and your families.

Sisters Anne, Barbara, Eleanor, and Helen

MARY OF NAZARETH

Celebrate the season of Advent with your family at an exclusive screening of the epic film, Mary of Nazareth, at **Pope John Paul II High School in Royersford today, Sunday, December 8, 2013**. Doors open at 1:00PM with the movie starting at 2:00PM and running for 153 minutes. Tickets cost \$10 adult; \$5 students/seniors. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. Group rates available. Call Terry at 610-326-7041 for more information.

Light refreshments will be offered in the school cafeteria throughout the show.

'Tis the Season for Our Annual Catholic Book & Media Fair

Celebrate the Advent Season at our annual Catholic Book and Media Fair. Bolster your faith life through exposure to great Catholic books, Bibles, music, movies, gifts, and more! Invite your family and friends to do the same. Resources are available for all age groups: adults, teens, and children. Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted for purchases. Consider sponsoring a "book with a bow" for the Parish Library, too. We welcome the Daughters of Saint Paul of Pauline Books and Media as our hosts for this event.

Sunday, December 8, 2013

Following All Masses (Except Sunday 6:00 PM)
Church Narthex



Movie in the Morning #1

This documentary shares the story of Saint Marianne Cope, the 19th Century German immigrant whose life journey led her from central New York to Hawaii where she served people suffering with leprosy. This film features modern-day keepers of Saint Marianne's legacy, including the people who promoted her cause for sainthood. Celebrate the feast day of this American Saint with refreshments and this movie in the morning!

Thursday, January 23, 2014
Following the 7:15 AM Mass
Religious Education Room
Movie Running Time: 60 Minutes



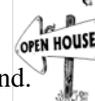
Parish Library Open House & Video Sale

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 and enjoy a doughnut "on the house." We will be selling all our videos in order to make room for an expanded DVD collection. Take advantage of this opportunity to purchase any video for \$1.00.

Sunday, February 9, 2014

Following All Masses until 1:00 PM

The Parish Library is located next to the playground.



Please be praying
for...

The Sick: Conrad Melton, Ken Slater, Matthew Taylor, Charles Klara, Florence Linfante, Alice Mirynowski, Joseph Taylor, Greg Pavlichko, Terri LaBianco, Matthew Knobel, Francis Hughes, James Kelly, Doris Mager, Will Weigner, Ann Smallwood, Dolores Lynch, Mary Schnee, Linda Masucci, Rosemarie Carson, Susan Stevenson, Elisabeth Highley, Bill Flear, Madeline Lukow, Daniel MacDonald, Matthew Hartman, Joan Buchler, Joanne McDonald, Debbie Gorniak, Maureen McGowan, Sara Welsh Krebs, Bob Skierski, Jeff and Holly Miller, Baby Jace Wojcik, Joe DeRaymond, Agnes Lauman, Charles Reckner, Brian Aquilante, Sr. Cecilia Hervas, R.A., Margaret Barton, Rosemarie Kulp, Barbara Kelly, Maryann Ashton, Joy Stover, Gene Hershey, Josephine Antis, Lucia Caufield, Sharon Littlefield, Joseph Bintner.

CLUB 50 NEWS AND TRAVEL

Club 50 Christmas Luncheon Wednesday, December 11th at the William Penn Inn, 11:30AM to 3:30PM. Sign up and payment was due by December 3rd. MEMBERS ONLY

Millennium Theater - Lancaster, PA - "Moses," Wednesday, March 19th Cost \$100. Round trip motor coach transportation tax and tips included. Reserved seating for the performance of *Moses* on the Sight & Sound stage. Luncheon at the Shady Maple Smorgasbord Restaurant. Optional shopping time in Lancaster. Departs 9:45AM returns approx. 7:15PM. *Payment due at sign-up. Call 610-584-1366: Bob & Colette Kearns, 807 McIntosh Way, Lansdale PA 19446.

Jersey Dreamers Production - at the Stony Hill Inn in Hackensack, NJ. Wednesday, April 30th Cost \$88. Round trip motor coach transportation, tax and tips included. Family-style luncheon, and Jersey Dreamers Production of "Moments to Remember" at the Stony Hill Inn (11AM). Departs 8:30AM returns approx. 5:30PM. *Payment due at sign-up. Call: 215-368-0421 Rose Wilson, 1377 Pickwick Lane, Lansdale PA 19446 or Mary Slater at 610-584-4926.

Rail and Sail- Sunday, May 18 to Thursday May 22. Pick up a BROCHURE at Club 50 meetings or from the ministry table in the Narthex of church.

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

50th ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Corpus Christi is presenting a series of concerts as part of its 50th Anniversary Year celebration. The first concert will feature Clifford Bechtel, tenor, and Sean Burns, organist, on **Saturday, December 7 at 7:00PM**. Clifford was honored with a merit scholarship from the Peabody Conservatory. He appears regularly in the USA and Europe, and in recent years has been a soloist with ConcertOPERA, Philadelphia and with other

opera companies. Sean is a graduate of New York University and currently holds the position of Assistant Choral Director at North Penn High School. He spent an intensive period of study in Tours, France and enjoys an active schedule as an accompanist for choirs and soloists in the Greater Philadelphia area. The public is welcome. Free will donations appreciated. For more information, call 610-584-1583.

On behalf of all the volunteers at Corpus Christi, we want to thank **Angela McClellan** for organizing and hosting the Volunteers Pot Luck Dinner this past Saturday. The food was terrific and the friendship was so special. Thank You For All That You Do In The Parish Angela!!!!

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

Saint Mary's Catholic Church presents a musical celebration of Advent and Christmas! Join us for an afternoon of fine music including traditional and contemporary styles, children's choirs, hand bell and bagpipes. Where: Saint Mary's, 40 Spring Mount Road, Schwenksville, PA 19473 When: December 15, 2013 at 4:00PM Hope to see you there!



THE KNIGHT'S KORNER ... KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS JOHN E. DOYLE 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 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 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.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA- DECEMBER 8, 2013 IN CORPUS CHRISTI'S FR. LOUGHRAN HALL -

Sunday, December 8, 2013 Breakfast with Santa in the Fr. Loughran Hall. Two seating's are offered: 9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

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

If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact **John Atkins** at 215-412-2459 or at kofc9715@gmail.com.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the **Corpus Christi Home & School/St. Vincent de Paul Society Clothing Drive**. It was a huge success! Despite the freezing cold weather, we collected hundreds of bags of clothing that will go to help the needy in the Philadelphia area. Our parishioners are so kind that the truck was completely filled and the drive ended early. We apologize for any inconvenience to those who came to donate after the truck left. Thank you again to all for your generous donations!

CASSEROLE PROJECT

PLEASE BE SURE TO MARK THE CONTENTS AND DATE YOUR CASSEROLE WAS PREPARED ON THE COVER OF THE CASSEROLE.

Casseroles for St John's Hospice will be picked up **Thursday, December 12th**. 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. **OUR GOAL IS AT LEAST 50 CASSEROLES PER MONTH IN HONOR OF OUR 50TH YEAR** *Please bring your solidly frozen casseroles to the three-bay gray garage near the former convent by Wednesday, December 11th*. The truck has been arriving very early on the second Thursday. Be sure that the freezers are turned on before leaving your casserole. If you have any questions about this project, please call Kay Smerke, (215) 855-1783.

ATTENTION GIANT SHOPPERS!

Please register your BONUS CARD in the A+ School Rewards Program under Corpus Christi (#05795) to help us earn cash for our school! **We will earn money based on all the Corpus Christi spending from OCTOBER 6, 2013 through MARCH 22, 2014**. You must register on a yearly basis, even if you registered last year please sign up again! Log on to www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus or sign up at the store and designate Corpus Christi with the number **05795**. Please call Mary Ellen McCabe (215-362-0104) with any ?'s.

Youth News

High School Youth Group

All 9th-12th grade teens: Public, Private, Catholic, or Home Schooled are all invited! Come join us EVERY Sunday for our 6pm Mass and Youth Group Gathering from 7pm-9pm in the RE Room. The nights include dinner, fellowship, discussions about our faith and prayer. All teens are also invited to join us for all of our events and trips throughout the year.

If you need info on any trips or the youth group happenings, check out our Youth Group table in the Narthex or visit us on **Facebook** or the parish web at <http://corpuschristilansdale.org/youth/>

Lifeteen Luminaries Sale

The Annual Christmas Luminaries Sale is back! Beginning **December 1st** you can purchase luminaries to memorialize those you hold dear. The Youth Group will be lighting the luminaries before the 4:30pm Mass on Christmas Eve and they will stay lit until the Midnight Mass. All proceeds go to helping our teens attend Catholic Heart Work Camp, Steubenville Youth Conference, Generation Phaith Conference, and our Lifeteen Escape Retreat! Cost: 1 Luminary = \$5; 3 Luminaries= \$10



deposit, a shirt, hotel stay and the conference itself. Come learn who "GOD IS"! Spots are open now for sign up so reserve yours today with a \$45 deposit to our youth minister.

Steubenville Youth Conference June 27-29 ~ \$250 Per Person

The Youth group will be going to Steubenville next year in late June. All current 8th-12th grade teens are invited to join us for this trip this summer. The cost above includes

Catholic HEART Workcamp July 27-August 1st, 2014 \$330 per person.



The youth group will be going back to North Arlington, NJ next year for CHWC! We have 9 spots still available for this trip this year, opened to all current 7th-12th grade teens! The cost above includes deposit, a week of service,

dance parties, ultimate Frisbee, Taco Tuesday, trip to Six Flags, and learning about our faith! Spots are limited so claim it today with an \$85 deposit ASAP to our youth minister.

LIFETEEN CALENDAR:

www.corpuschristilansdale.org/youth/high-school-youth-mini-stry

December: 8th- Pursuit of Happiness
15th- Making Luminaries and Social Night
22nd- Christmas Party
29th- TBA

(7th-8th Grade Youth Group)
All 7th-8th grade teens: Public, Private, Corpus Christi, or Home schooled are invited! Come join us EVERY Monday for our 6:45pm-8pm middle school gathering. The nights include

fellowship, games, prizes, discussions about our faith and prayer. All teens are invited to join us for all of our trips and events throughout the year!

December: 9th - Christmas
16th - Advent Prayer Service
Bobby Moren, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry
Corpus Christi Parish, (215) 855-1311 ext. 118 or corpus.ym@gmail.com

METANOIA • Weekly Prayer Meetings Every Tuesday (except on Theology on Tap nights) 7:30PM at Corpus Christi, 900 Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale, PA 19446 in Room B of the Parish Center <http://metanoiayoungadults.weebly.com/>

SCRIP CORNER

Christmas is Coming!!

The SCRIP office (located in the school's gym) is open from 9am-12:30pm every day that school is open, plus Monday evenings from 5:30pm-7:00pm when REC is in session. You may call or e-mail (cc.scrip@yahoo.com) your order in.

Please check out www.ccslansdale.org under the SCRIP tab (see the SCRIP Order Form button) to learn what this program is all about. This program benefits anyone who is attending any Catholic educational institution, school or religious education program!! Credits are good for anyone you designate at ANY Catholic school, from PRE-K THROUGH POST-GRADUATE education. You can set up an account to accumulate and save your credits for future use if your children are not yet in school. If you have any questions or would like more information about this major fund raising program, you can reach Mary Ellen McCabe at 215-362-0104 during office hours, or send an e-mail!



CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL NEWS

A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

Corpus Christi Catholic School – Registration for the 2014-2015 School Year – Mark Your Calendars!

Corpus Christi Catholic School warmly welcomes all new students for the 2014-2015 school year. We offer Pre-K-3 classes through Grade 8. We invite you to visit and take a guided tour of our school at your convenience. Find out why Corpus Christi School was selected to be a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence! For a personal tour, please call Mrs. Barb Casee, the school secretary, at 215-368-0582.

As a kick off to Catholic Schools' Week, we will host an **Open House from 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. on Sunday, January 26, 2014**. Bring your entire family and explore the school, tour the classrooms and meet the teachers. There will be activities, refreshments, and prizes. Registration for the 2014-2015 school year begins on Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. in our Science Lab. If that date is not convenient for you, please call Mrs. Casee to make different arrangements.

On Saturday, November 23, 2013, 3 teams of students participated in a **Robotics** competition at Lansdale Catholic High School. One team, nicknamed "Nine Guys and A Girl", coached by Mr. Tom Brun, Mr. Chris Kennedy, Mrs. Kim Mangan and Mr. Andrew Dolan placed 4th of 47 teams at the competition in the "Robot Performance" category! We are so proud of all of our Robotic Team members: Matthew Brun, Michael Brun, Eddie Dolan, Jason Fennell, Austin Helmer, Josh Jackson, Nick Kennedy, Connor Mangan, Amy Orner, Liam Wall. All three teams will be participating on December 14th at Archbishop Wood High School!

CORPORATE MATCHING GIFTS FOR SCHOOL

Many companies have a Matching Gift program that is available for schools. If you've thought about making a donation to Corpus Christi School, and are employed at one of these companies, obtaining a form from the Human Resources Department could add on to your personal gift and would be a great way to support our school. Ask your employer if they have a Matching Gift or similar type program for schools.



Congratulations go out to **Patrick May** who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout! His ceremony took place on Sunday, December 1st.



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 12/08 Team #5: Carolyn Bergey at 215-855-1754
Week of 12/15 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 16th, January 20th..**

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 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 EVERY SUNDAY.**

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send your bulletin announcements to the Parish Center Office no later than the Monday prior to publication by 12 noon. 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.

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.

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 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.

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.



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- Amelie Claire Andrews, daughter of Olivia and Matthew
- Giovanna Sophia Cuscina, daughter of Laura and Joseph
- Alaina Florence Skinner, daughter of Amy and David
- Brendan Cole Finnegan, son of Kathleen and Patrick
- Luciana Michelle Tomon, daughter of Melissa and Michael
- Colin Andrew Slowick, son of Lauren and Andrew