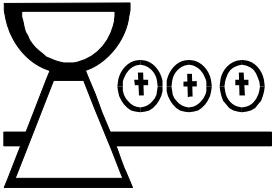


*Corpus Christi Parish
Upper Gwynedd, Pennsylvania
December 10, 2017*

*Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting Light...*

*Second Sunday
of Advent*





**CORPUS
CHRISTI
PARISH**

PASTOR

Reverend Monsignor Thomas P. Flanigan, Ed.D.

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Reverend Albert J. Santorsola

Reverend Shaji Silva

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Deacon Francis E. Langsdorf

Deacon William W. Evans

Deacon Steve Currie

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CHECK OUT OUR WEB SITES:

Church: www.corpuschristilansdale.org

School: www.ccsllansdale.org

MASS SCHEDULE

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

Confessions:

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

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

Most of us don't like to wait. Even when it is something as simple as a stop light, many are ready to go, tapping the steering wheel, muttering, "come on, come on" and generally working themselves into a small frenzy as they wait for that miraculous green to replace the awful red.

Consider waiting several thousand years. Further consider, what it must have been like for people in exile to wait for the coming of their Savior, or the opportunity to return to their lands. Imagine their feelings as they listened to Isaiah proclaim the coming of the Lord. Consider, too, the point of Saint Peter who said, "One day is as a thousand years and a thousand years are as a day."

Were these people crazy? How can they wait? We can't wait for the mail, especially at this time of year. I am sure that some people, especially children, are anxiously waiting. A thousand years? Wait in patience? Yet, when we speak of the Lord, what are we talking about?

When the mission of Jesus was about to start, God sent John to prepare the way for His Son. John was pointing out how the Lord has shown His kindness and salvation. Even in his preaching, he would point out that "One more powerful than I is to come after me."



The physical revelation of God's kindness and salvation was about to be made manifest and to proclaim the kingdom of God to all His people. The promise made to the patriarchs would be fulfilled. The waiting would be over. The "kindness of God" would be revealed, and freedom would be restored. The life that we have, because of God's mercy, would be revealed totally in us, and all would be fine in the future.

When we are impatiently going about our business during these hectic days of Advent, when we are wondering whether the mail or UPS would get our package to its destination on time, why don't we all consider the importance of the presence of God who is still with us?

It is really too bad that the world has joined its Christmas shopping season with our Advent season. This season lends itself to so much reflection in today's world. It would be wonderful if we were able to take the time out to really experience the "kindness" and "salvation" of the Lord in our lives.

When we are stopped at a red light, when we are mired in a traffic jam near the mall, when we are last in line at the checkout counter, those are opportunities for each of us to take some time and "be patient," as we reflect on the "kindness" and "salvation" of the Lord. This season is a special blessing to all of us. May we use it wisely this year as we continue to "wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ."

God bless you,



GIVING TREE 2017

If anyone still has anything for the Giving Tree Project, please bring it to the narthex by **Monday, December 11th** 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.



YOUTH GROUP

Luminaries will be sold after all of the Masses this weekend, **December 9/10 and December 16/17**. Honor the memory of a loved one or a special intention by purchasing a luminary and having a candle lit on the parish grounds on Christmas Eve. Cost of the luminaries is \$5 for one 3 for \$10. Proceeds go towards sending our teens to the life-changing Steubenville Conference. For more information contact Danielle, the youth minister corpus.ym@gmail.com. Check out our Youth Group table in the Narthex or visit us on **Facebook** or the parish web at <http://corpuschristiyouthgroup.weebly.com/>



The **North Penn High School Select Choirs and Brass Ensemble** will be presenting a holiday concert on **Tuesday, December 12th at 7:30 PM** in the sanctuary of Corpus Christi Church. This is a free event open to the public. The ensembles are directed by Mr. Ted Heller and Mr. Matthew Klenk.

MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK



SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT

Saturday,	December 9th
4:30 PM	The Felecitti Family <i>by Bill and Lisa Deliberto</i>
Sunday,	December 10th
7:00 AM	Martha Plitnick <i>by Bev Moore</i>
8:30	Vincent and Genevieve Straka <i>by Bernadette and Family</i>
10:00	Maureen Scanlan <i>by The Durand Family</i>
11:30	Intentions of the Lewis Family <i>by The Lewis Children</i>
6:00 PM	Gregory and Eleanor Coppola <i>by George and Donna Frisch</i>
Monday,	December 11th
7:15 AM	Margaret McHenry <i>by Margaret Baughman</i>
Tuesday,	December 12th
7:15 AM	John Motley <i>by Kate Motley</i>
Wednesday,	December 13th
7:15 AM	David J. Tamanini <i>by Barbara MacFarland</i>
Thursday,	December 14th
7:15 AM	Edward Gerald Regan, Jr. <i>by Ellen Barba</i>
Friday,	December 15th
7:15 AM	Nick Kochick <i>by Ruth Moran</i>
Saturday,	December 16th
7:15 AM	Mary Biecker <i>by Barbara, Ashley and Alicia Brucker</i>
4:30 PM	John Atkins <i>by John and Peggy Butler</i>
Sunday,	December 17th
7:00 AM	Jim Thompson <i>by Karen and Ed Price</i>
8:30	Kathleen Wilson <i>by Dot Gillespie</i>
10:00	Bill and Delores McHale <i>by Fran McHale</i>
11:30	Fred Scheetz <i>by Lillian Scheetz</i>
6:00 PM	Alphonso and Mary Trecroce <i>by The Sotak and Bono Family</i>



We pray for the deceased members, relatives and friends of our parish family, especially Kathleen Begley, mother of Pat Bell.



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

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Target for Fiscal Year 2017-2018	\$1,716,000
Weekly Target for Fiscal Year 2017-18	\$ 33,000
Collection for December 02/034	\$ 35,104
Electronic Giving (148 participants) Dec. 20	\$ N/A
Over (Under) Target Week	\$ 2,104
Over (Under) Target YTD Fiscal Week 23	\$ (27,123)
Facilities Improvement Accumulative	\$ 107,974
Total Envelopes Mailed	2,574
Total Envelopes Used	853
Balance Due on Mortgage	\$ 2,653,983

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Isaiah emphasizes that from the desert to the mountains, all people must prepare for "the glory of the Lord to be revealed." Rather than looking only at God's power, Isaiah focuses on God's kindness, comparing it to a shepherd who feeds and cares for his flock.

Responsorial Psalm: PS 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14

R. (8) Lord, let us see Your kindness, and grant us Your salvation.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14 For those who are impatient for the Second Coming, Peter explains that time is different to God than to people. He reminds them that they should be grateful for the extra time to prepare, and concentrate on striving to become all that God would want them to be.



Gospel: Mark 1:1-8 In this passage, John the Baptist stressed the importance of the coming of the Messiah. He acknowledged that he was only the messenger, and unfit to "stoop and untie His sandal straps." John urged them to prepare for One far holier than he, who would walk among them.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

"The Lord does not delay in keeping His promises, though some consider it 'delay.' Rather He shows you generous patience since He wants no one to perish but all to come to repentance... I send my messenger before you to prepare your way, a herald voice in the desert crying, 'Make ready the way of the Lord clear Him a straight path.'"

The letter of Peter and Isaiah's message in the gospel of Mark, provide a wonderful opportunity to begin this second week of advent. Somehow it is easy, or convenient, to forget or presume why Jesus came two thousand years ago. A lost people needed a Savior, to bring them back to union with their creator. He came, revealed the Father's love for us and still invites us to respond to that love. Do I see my need today, and the needs of my family and our world?

Let's face it, our messed up world needs a Savior, not a political leader or powerful military strength, but someone to free us from sin and all that divides us, the barriers which keep us from growing in holiness, in grace, or love of God and neighbor. Advent invites us to focus on our need for the Lord today. Advent, the great time of hope and expectation calls us to make ready the way of the Lord, to invite Him into our hearts and the hearts of others.

CREATED, LOVED, REDEEMED BY GOD – PRICELESS



It is forty-five years since the horrible ruling of Roe-V-Wade. Are you ready to join the Corpus Christi Respect Life Committee and the Knights of Columbus Council #9715 on our prayerful pilgrimage to the annual March for Life in Washington, D C? This year the march will be held on **Friday January 19, 2018.**

The schedule is as follows:

Arrive at Corpus Christi Parish prepared for the day and attend a special 6:30am Mass, then board the Perkiomen Tour Bus on the RE Room side of the church. **The bus will depart the church parking lot at 7:15**

AM. Please be prompt. Dress warmly, and bring a bag lunch, water and snacks. There is a restroom on the bus and we will make one brief restroom stop on I-95. The bus will continue on to Washington and we will disembark from the bus at Union Station. **We will walk together following the CC Respect Life Banner and the K of C Banner from Union Station.** We will walk up First Street NE to Constitution Avenue. We will turn right on to Constitution Avenue and continue walking to the Ellipse at 17th and Constitution Avenues (about one mile). We hope to arrive in time to hear some of the speeches. The March for Life begins about 1 PM. We will join in following our banners and proceed back up Constitution Avenue toward the Capitol and continue on to the Supreme Court. We will pray there for an end to legalized abortion. It is very congested at the front of the Supreme Court Building. Remember to go back out the same way you entered D Street SE to get in front of the Supreme Court Building. **We will meet at the corner of First Street NE in front of the Russell Senate Office Building. LOOK FOR OUR BANNERS.** We will proceed down First Street NE back to Union Station where we will board the bus for home at 4 PM. The sooner we leave Washington the better chance we will have of being able to stop to eat at the Maryland House on I-95. It is the first and largest stop for us to get some dinner. The cost for the trip is \$25 per adult. Students go for free, but they must be accompanied by an adult. After dinner we board the bus and hope to return to Corpus Christi by 9 PM. **Sign-ups start now.**

The sign-up board is in the Narthex of the church. Please pay in full to reserve your seat. Make checks payable to Corpus Christi Respect Life and send to Mary Ellen McCabe, 2136 Old Forde Way, Lansdale, PA 19446. (Home #215-368-1422). Checks may be dropped off at the Parish Office in an envelope labeled Respect Life Bus Trip. **REMEMBER: Payment for your seat is transferable, but not refundable.** A new bright yellow scarf will be given to everyone.

Please join us this year on our prayerful pilgrimage to save our unborn children.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE of PHILADELPHIA



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

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

Epiphany of Our Lord Church ~ Plymouth Meeting

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

On the Church and Social Communication Monday, January 29, 2018, 7pm

Cardinal Foley Lecture with **Bishop Robert Barron**
St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, PA
More info: visit <http://tinyurl.com/yd8m5tpy>

Flame of Love Retreat ~ December 15-17, 2017

Gifted retreat director, Fr. James Blount, will lead this dynamic Advent retreat for men and women. The retreat will focus on the theme: **Why Shop Until You Drop When You Can Purchase the Pearl of Great Price?**
Malvern Retreat House, 315 S Warren Ave, Malvern PA 19355.
To register, please visit www.malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400.

Winter 2018 Tobacco Treatment Program

This free seven-session program is designed to give you the tools you need to feel successful through the quitting process. Sessions include understanding addiction, behavior change strategies, FDA medication options, coping with urges and stress, healthy lifestyle choices and relapse prevention.
Session 1 – Wednesday, January 10; Session 2 – Wednesday, January 17; Session 3 – Wednesday, January 24; Session 4 – Wednesday, January 31; Session 5 – Wednesday, February 7; Session 6 – Wednesday, February 14; Session 7 – Wednesday, February 21. Programs are held from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Cancer Center Conference Room Registration Required. For more information call 610-270-8390.

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

College-Age* Retreat January 5 – 7, 2018

Marianist Family Retreat Center Cape May Point, NJ 08212

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

Cost: \$130 per person, double occ.

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

* Current Year High School Seniors are welcomed

Discernment Retreat

Friday, December 15 (6 PM) to Sunday, December 17 (1 PM)
Villa Maria House of Studies (IHM Motherhouse), Immaculata, PA. 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)

Also: The IHM Sisters invite single young women ages 18-35 to join them for "Sisters' Night" on December 15 (6:00-9:00 pm) at the IHM Motherhouse in Immaculata, PA. This is a great opportunity for young women who are curious about religious life to spend a little time with the sisters in an informal setting. The evening includes a Christmas movie, refreshments, Christmas Carol Trivia, and concludes with Night Prayer in the Motherhouse chapel. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Sister Marianne at ihmvoc@gmail.com.



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

CLUB 50 NEWS AND TRAVEL

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

Members only Christmas Luncheon (at William Penn on **Wednesday, December 13** – doors open at 11:30, lunch is at 12:30) you can send a check to either Janet or Kathleen by December 8. Cost is \$20 for Chicken Marsala, \$25 for Crab Cakes, and \$30 for Roast Prime Rib of Beef. - Any questions, please contact Janet Stankus, 1670 Wagon Wheel Lane, Lansdale PA 19446 (215-368-1785), or Kathleen Kemp, 2141 Old Forde Way, Lansdale PA 19446 (215-368-4075).

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

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



MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



RESPECT LIFE NEWS CORNER

Please consider joining the **Corpus Christi Respect Life Committee** and bring your new ideas. We meet on the *first Monday of each month at 7:30 PM in the RE Room of Church*. We are usually finished our meeting in about an hour and those who are able to stay recite the Rosary before we leave. We look forward to having you join us and find out what we are all about. **For more information call Ellie Hentschel 215-362-0160. If not able/interested in coming to a meeting, are you willing to be on our call list?** What is that? When we do our special projects, we need help manning tables after Mass. For example, in February you might help to distribute the "Mini Diaper Wishes" for the Valentine Baby Shower. **We call you ahead of time and ask if you can help us. You are then assigned to the Mass you are planning to attend on Saturday or Sunday.** It usually requires about 15 minutes of your time after Mass and as a bonus you meet new parishioners. If interested Call Ellie Hentschel 215-362-0160.

"Every human being has a right to life, the fundamental right that makes all other rights possible...."

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, USCCB



The Knight's Korner - Updates from the Knights of Columbus Council #9715

Annual Nativity Advent Calendar, Greeting Cards, and "Keep Christ in Christmas" Car Magnet Sale

– Plan now to "Keep Christ in Christmas" in your family's home this holiday season by supporting the Knights of Columbus Council #9715 Annual Nativity Advent Calendars and Christmas Cards Sale. *Both will be sold in the Church Narthex after Weekend Masses continuing now until supplies run out.* Calendar choices are with chocolate, with stickers or with a mailing envelope and are each \$7. Cards will be sold in Boxes of 15 for \$10.

Also available are "Keep Christ in Christmas" Silhouette Nativity Car Magnets for \$5 and Advent Ring/Wreath with Candles and 11" Advent Calendars, each for \$10. Proceeds earned from this fundraiser will benefit the school children of our Sister Parish, Visitation of the B.V.M. in the Kensington Section of Philadelphia.

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

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



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

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

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

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



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



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 14th**. 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 convent by Wednesday, December 13th.** 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.



Upcoming Events **The Guardians - Tuesday, January 2nd- 7PM**

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

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



Corpus Christi Parish Bingo

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY "45" YEARS

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

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

Engaged Couples



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

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

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



St. Charles Seminary

We are in the 9th week for the 2017-18 Appeal and Corpus Christi has reached \$21,260 with 198 donors as of November 30th. If you have not as yet made a contribution you may do so by visiting <http://stcharlesseminaryappeal.org/#>. Thank you for helping to support the formation and education of our future priests, deacons and lay faithful.



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

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



DESALLES UNIVERSITY

Dear Parishioners of Corpus Christi Church,

Thank you so much for your gift to the DeSales Fund. Our students lives are profoundly changed because of your generosity. Their learning is enhanced and the burden of their tuition is lessened by your gift. Your ongoing support is appreciated by all. You really do make a difference and we hope you will continue to give annually as one of our most treasured donors. From all of us at DeSales, **THANK YOU!**



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

All are welcome!

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

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

<http://www.urbanfuneralhome.com/staying-healthy-grief-loss/>



2017 GIVING HOPE to All: You may contribute

to the Catholic Charities Appeal in many ways: • Pledge Gift • Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) • Gifts of Securities • Planned Gifts • One Time Gift • Credit Card Gifts • Matching Gifts. For more information on any of these options please visit our website at www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org, email us at cca@adphila.org or call us at 215-587-5650. Corpus Christi with 668 contributors is at \$125,836, 82% of our \$152,684 goal for 2017.

Youth News

High School Youth Group

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

YOUTH GROUP

Luminaries will be sold after all of the Masses the weekends of **December 9/10 and December 16/17**. Honor the memory of a loved one or a special intention by purchasing a luminary and having a candle lit on the parish grounds on Christmas Eve. Proceeds go towards sending our teens to the life-changing Steubenville Conference. For more information, contact Danielle, the youth minister corpus.ym@gmail.com. Check out our Youth Group table in the Narthex or visit us on **Facebook** or the parish web at <http://corpuschristiyounggroup.weebly.com/>

CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL NEWS



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC SCHOOL

~ a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence ~

WELCOMES YOU



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

Come visit us and see what we have to offer your child and family.

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

SCRIP CORNER

LET THE HOLIDAY MADNESS BEGIN!

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

Call or email the SCRIP office (215-362-0104 cc.scrip@yahoo.com) for the Enrollment Code and get set up to take advantage of all of the mega bonuses for the SCRIPNOW eCards available on line!!

Don't forget Amazon Smile and Shoparoo... easy and profitable fundraisers for our school or REC that you can do from home!!

View Scrip order form [here](http://tinyurl.com/ybzt8x32). <http://tinyurl.com/ybzt8x32>

Corpus Christi SCRIP Office 215-362-0104

Monday - Friday 9am - 12:30pm (when school is in session)

Mondays - 5:30pm - 7:00pm (when REC is in session)

CYO News:

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

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

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

Swim Team Registration is Still Open

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

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

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

METANOIA ~ YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Metanoia is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County, PA. The group supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. Our ministry includes: Theology on Tap, faith based meetings, community service, retreats, and outdoor events. We meet on Tuesdays at 7:30pm unless otherwise noted. Our upcoming events are listed below, contact metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com for more information.

December 2017:

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

Tuesday, December 19: Christmas Party @ Appalachian Brewing Co., Collegeville; Doors open at 7:00pm, Talk Starts at 7:30pm **No Holy Hour in December.

January 2018

Saturday, January 6: Rock Climbing @ Philadelphia Rock Gym in Oaks, PA - \$17/person arrive by 11:45am

Tuesday, January 9: Bible Study @ St. Rose of Lima, North Wales

Tuesday, January 16: Theology on Tap @ Appalachian Brewing Co., Collegeville; Doors open at 7:00pm, Talk Starts at 7:30pm

Tuesday, January 23: Holy Hour @ Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales

For more details, check us out on Facebook

(www.facebook.com/groups/MetanoiaYoungAdults) Or visit our website at www.metanoiayoungadults.weebly.com You can also reach us via email at metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com

Welcome

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

Linda Ahlborn
Emily Doyle
Ethel Forgeng
John and Patricia Gallagher
Ryan and Nicole Hand and Family

Thomas Hughes
Marianne McGrath
Ryan and Alexandra McLaughlin
Robert and Heather Palen
Mary Romano
Rosemary Tomaino

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

Week of 12/10 Team #6: Sue Bones at 215-631-9526

Week of 12/17 Team #7: Mary Medoff at 215-412-2263

If you have any questions, please call Hope Coordinator, **Mary Medoff at 215-412-2263**. Thank you!

BAPTISM INSTRUCTION SESSIONS: Parents and Godparents must attend **Pre-Jordan Sacramental Preparation** before the Baptism takes place. Prior to attendance, *parents are required to pre-register those attending the session by contacting the Parish Center Office 215-855-1311*. Although instruction sessions are mandatory for both Parents and Godparents, you are required to attend one time only. If you have attended previously you are not required to come again. Ideally, attendance at the preparation session should occur before the child's birth. Upcoming sessions are scheduled at **7:00 PM RE Room (in the church) on the 3rd Monday of the month i.e. December 18th, January 15th.**

REQUIREMENTS FOR GODPARENTS

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

Please note: The paperwork for the child's baptism and certificates of eligibility* **MUST** be completed at least two weeks prior to scheduling a baptism date. Certificates of eligibility must have a parish seal and cannot be faxed; they must be the original.

****CERTIFICATES OF ELIGIBILITY:** *A certificate of eligibility is asking for a priest to sign and acknowledge that the person is 16 years of age or more, confirmed (and 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.

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

DAILY PRAYER CHAPEL OPEN: Visits to the Blessed Sacrament during the day may be made in the Church Chapel. The Chapel is open every day from 7:45AM to 3:30PM except Wednesday when it is open until 6:30PM. Please enter the Chapel using the entrance walk on the side of the Parish House facing Supplee Road.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WEDNESDAYS



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

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



MARRIAGES: Couples who are planning to be married are required to notify one of the parish priests no less than six months prior to the marriage and attend a Pre-Cana session. Contact ccprecanateam@gmail.com for information.

NOVENA DEVOTIONS: Devotions honoring the Immaculate Heart of Mary are offered on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, and devotions to honor St. Peregrine, Patron Saint of Cancer Patients, are offered on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, at 6:30PM in the Chapel. For information please call 215-855-1311.

OUR LADY OF HOPE PRAYER LINE: The Prayer Line may be called if you are in need of prayer. Call Anna Marie 267-217-7971.

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS: Weekdays from **9AM to 12:30PM and 1:30PM to 5PM**. Please come in or telephone during these hours concerning documents, registration, Mass cards, baptismal arrangements, etc.

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

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.**

