

Behold, I am
sending my
messenger
ahead of you;
he will prepare
your way
before you.

Corpus Christi Parish,

Upper Merionette, Pennsylvania

December 11, 2016 ~ Third Sunday of Advent



**CORPUS
CHRISTI
PARISH**

PASTOR

Reverend Monsignor Thomas P. Flanigan, Ed.D.

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Reverend Shaji Silva

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Deacon Steve Currie

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<http://corpuschristilansdale.org/welcome/registration/>

CHECK OUT OUR WEB SITES:

Church: www.corpuschristilansdale.org

School: www.ccslansdale.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.

COMMITTEES & ORGANIZATIONS

Pastoral Council: Steve Finley 267-648-0027

Finance Com: Rev. Msgr. Thomas Flanigan 215-855-1311

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Youth and Young Adult Ministries: Danielle Gallo

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

The question that John the Baptist sends his followers to ask Jesus in today's gospel has been asked by others, year after year, age after age, since the time of Christ. Is Jesus Christ truly the Messiah? Is the world redeemed? Millions of people have decided that the answer is no. It would be very difficult to answer otherwise if we were to base our response on the world of today as mirrored in any daily newspaper.

People senselessly killing others; the on-going turmoil in the Middle East; thousands dying of hunger in Africa; the constant threat of terrorism are all examples of evil. Yes, it would be difficult to make an act of faith that the Messiah, He who was to be the Prince of Peace, has truly come in the person of Jesus Christ if we were to judge only by externals.



But our Messiah, our Christ, warned us that there would be troubles. There would be famines and wars, but He urged us to hang on to our faith and our hope, for the Kingdom of God is within. For God in the person of His Messiah to have rid the world of all hatred and greed, He would have had to destroy human nature, stripping all of humanity of freedom of choice, locking us into a programmed goodness that would render our very goodness an automatic and determined response and not one chosen out of love for God and for one's fellow human beings. For there to be a mystery of goodness there must be a mystery of the capacity to do wrong.

Yes, the Kingdom of God, the peace of God, is basically an inner quality that is available to us in the midst of the worst of times and events. Truly, there is much evil in our world. There are many people who have committed themselves to the scramble for power, wealth, and pleasure, and they do not care at all who may be injured in the process.

However, the person who through faith and hope and love maintains an open and loving relationship with God and with the people in his or her life lives in a protected environment of grace. When you seek to live a life of loving care and compassion, you will not automatically be protected from experiencing grief or pain; neither was Christ Himself. In fact, Christ tells us that it is precisely through the grief and pain that results from the love of goodness that we are made strong.

When Christ said, "Blessed are they who mourn, they will be comforted," He was not speaking to us of only those times when we would be grieving the loss of a loved one by death. He also promises comfort to all who grieve when, instead of love in this life, we encounter evil and suffering.

The redeeming peace that Christ has indeed already brought to this troubled world is that peace of heart that springs from faith, hope, and love. Our faith tells us that no evil, no disaster, no cosmic tragedy, is greater nor more powerful than God. Our hope assures us that God made us for an eternity of loving fulfillment and that it is ours now in seed, and will surely come to fulfillment in God's time. This faith and this hope, more than anything else, gives us reason to love. And it is in loving ourselves and in loving each other that the peace of heaven begins here on earth.

God bless you,

Meg. Tom Langan



GIVING TREE 2016

If anyone still has anything for the Giving Tree Project, please bring it to the narthex by **Monday, December 12th** 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.



CYO Sunday brunch at Pizza Time Saloon! **Every Sunday from 9am till 1 pm for the month of December, Pizza Time will donate 10%** of your bill to Corpus Christi CYO. Enjoy a great meal and help out our athletes at the same time! Just tell your server you're from Corpus Christi.

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.



MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

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| Saturday, | December 10th |
| 4:30 PM | John Atkins <i>by John and Peggy Butlen</i> |
| Sunday, | December 11th |
| 7:00 AM | W. Kirtman Plummer <i>by George and Donna Frisch</i> |
| 8:30 | Eleanor and Gregory Coppola <i>by George and Donna Frisch</i> |
| 10:00 | Jeff Oliver <i>by Lorraine Oliver</i> |
| 11:30 | The Intentions of the Lewis Family <i>by The Lewis Children</i> |
| 6:00 PM | Rosemarie Carson <i>by The Goepfrich Family</i> |
| Monday, | December 12th |
| 7:15 AM | John Cunningham <i>by Nancy Haas</i> |
| Tuesday, | December 13th |
| 7:15 AM | John Atkins <i>by Barbara Atkins</i> |
| Wednesday, | December 14th |
| 7:15 AM | Edward Regan <i>by Ellen and Phillip Barba</i> |
| Thursday, | December 15th |
| 7:15 AM | Nicholas Kochick <i>by Ruth Moran</i> |
| Friday, | December 16th |
| 7:15 AM | Marion Peleggi <i>by Joe and Jane Belcher</i> |
| Saturday, | December 17th |
| 7:15 AM | Agnes Baker <i>by Peggy and Tim Fitzpatrick</i> |
| 4:30 PM | Miranda Ward |
| Sunday, | December 18th |
| 7:00 AM | Marion Peleggi <i>by Joseph and Susan Baker</i> |
| 8:30 | Deceased Members of the Bradley and Rafferty Families <i>by Eileen Swartz</i> |
| 10:00 | Kathleen Wilson <i>by Dot Gillespie</i> |
| 11:30 | Special Intention of Lillian Scheetz |
| 6:00 PM | Robert McGuire <i>by John Steinhauser</i> |



We pray for the deceased members, relatives and friends of our parish family, especially Anthony Famularo, husband of Mary; Domenico Chiefalo, husband of Francesca.



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

THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

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| Target for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 | \$1,560,000 |
| Weekly Target for Fiscal Year 2016-17 | \$ 30,000 |
| Collection for December 3/4 | 32,657 |
| Electronic Giving (105 participants) December | \$ N/A |
| Over (Under) Target Week | <u>2,657</u> |
| Over (Under) Target Yr Fiscal Week 23 | <u>8,436</u> |
| Facilities Improvement Year To Date | \$ 27,557 |
| Through December 4th | |
| Total Envelopes Mailed | 2,525 |
| Total Envelopes Used (November 27) | 809 |
| Balance Due on Mortgage | \$ 2,733,376 |

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 Isaiah tells us that when Christ comes, the weak will be made strong, the deaf will hear, the blind will see, and, above all, "sorrow and mourning will flee."

Responsorial Psalm: PS 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

R. (cf. Is 35:4) Lord, come and save us.



Second Reading: James 5:7-10 As the farmer waits patiently through winter and spring for the "yield of the soil" so, too, must we wait patiently for the coming of the Messiah.

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11 While in prison, John sends a messenger to Jesus to ask, "Are you He who is to come or do we look for another?" Jesus replies by citing the miracles He has performed for the blind, the deaf, and the crippled. He concludes by identifying John as the messenger He has sent to prepare the way.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

"John in prison heard about the works Christ performed, and sent a message through his disciples to ask Him, 'Are you He Who is to come' or do we look for another?' In reply Jesus said to them: 'Go back and report to John what you hear and see: the blind...cripples... lepers... the deaf... the dead... and the poor have the good news preached to them. Blest is the man who finds no stumbling block in Me.'"

So wrapped up in the commercialism and consumerism, the question posed by John certainly is appropriate for us. Who is it we are waiting for? Who is it we are looking for? It is not just a simple, but a profound question. Where is our search leading us?

When Jesus began His mission, He used the prophet Isaiah to explain His role. The Baptist asks the question for us, and we have the answer right in front of us. We too are to go back and report to others who Jesus is for us, what He does for us. So many today are spiritually blind, or deaf, hurting and even fallen from grace. But the Christ whose coming we commemorate and celebrate in two weeks asks us to go and tell others, as did the disciples of John.

May we all 'prepare the way of the Lord.'



~CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE ~2016~

Confessions

Saturday, December 17th

2:30 – 4:00

Monday, December 19th

3:00–4:30 and 7:00-8:00PM

No Confessions on Saturday, December 24th



MASSES

Saturday, December 24th

Christmas Vigil

4:30PM Church (Children's Liturgy)

4:45PM School Hall (Gym)

8:00PM Church

11:15PM Carols (Choir & Congregation)

12:00AM Midnight Mass

Sunday, December 25th Christmas Day

7:00, 8:30, 10:00, and 11:30AM

(No 6:00PM Mass)



Saturday, December 31st

7:15AM

4:30PM (Vigil)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, January 1st

7:00AM, 8:30, 10:00, and 11:30AM

and 6:00PM

**CREATED, LOVED, REDEEMED BY GOD -- PRICELESS
MARCH FOR LIFE 2017 – 44th Anniversary**

PLEASE READ: This may be the last bus trip to the March for Life from Corpus Christi unless someone comes forward to lead next year! Ellie Hentschel and I (Louise Mercurio) have run this trip for many years and we are now stepping down. If you are interested, please call Louise Mercurio at 610-584-4008.

The 44th Annual March for Life will be held on **Friday, January 27, 2017** in Washington, DC. Corpus Christi Parish will send one (1) bus to Washington to attend this peaceful and prayerful demonstration bearing witness to the dignity of human life from conception to natural death. This trip is sponsored jointly by the Respect Life Group & the Knights of Columbus Council #9715. NEW schedule for the day is as follows:


Come prepared for the day and attend 6:30 am Mass at Corpus Christi Parish, then board the bus at the RE side of Church and we will leave the CC parking lot at 7:15AM promptly.

One restroom stop on 95. Continue on to Washington where bus driver will drop us off as close to the beginning of the March as possible (near 7th and Constitution Ave.). March begins about 1 PM and we will join in and walk up Constitution (about 1 mile) toward the Capital and continue on to the Supreme Court where we pray for the end of legalized abortion (Roe vs. Wade). We then regroup at the corner and when we have all our people together, we walk to Union Station, where our bus will pick us up (4PM). We leave Washington, and stop on 95 at the Maryland House, which has been newly renovated, has plenty of seating room, and everyone will purchase their dinner from the various food places. (Old Country Buffet has closed.) We will not go to the Shrine and we will not take the Metro train.

Cost for adults is \$24 for bus. Cost for students is 0, bus is free for all students BUT an adult must accompany them. 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 check payable to Respect Life and send to Ellie Hentschel, 2045 Pheasant Hill Road, Lansdale, PA 19446, 215-362-0160. Bring your gold scarf from previous year. New signups will get a scarf.

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

 **Upcoming Events** **The Guardians - Tuesday, January 3rd- 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, Tuesday, January 3rd- 9:30-11AM
The Mom's Cafe is back! If you've been looking for a way to meet other moms in the parish, or have wondered what this group is about, come join us at any or all of our meetings. All are welcome, including the children. Have coffee and talk with a supportive group of women discussing all kinds of topics! Questions may be directed to Jess at jesswoehr@hotmail.com

**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.

CLUB 50 NEWS AND TRAVEL
NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!


 **Southern Caribbean Cruise-** Royal Caribbean's Grandeur of the Seas, Monday, February 13, 2017 to Saturday February 25, 2017. For any questions please call 215-513-1026, Alex and Betty Korsch, 1307 Brittany Point, Lansdale PA 19446.

Doolan's Spring Lake, NJ - Thursday, March 16, 2017 St. Patrick's Fest, cost \$92. Round trip motor coach transportation tax and tip included. Sit-down lunch and St. Patrick's Fest- From Ireland to America. This traditional show stars Irish Tenor Mike Byrne and the famous Green Derby Show Band. The menu includes 1. Corned Beef & Cabbage, 2. Half Roast Chicken, 3. Herbal Salmon. Departs 9AM return, approximately 5:30. *Call 610-584-1366 Colette Kearns, 807 McIntosh Way, Lansdale, PA 19446. 

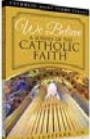
Virginia International Tattoo, Norfolk & Virginia Beach, VA - Friday, April 28, 2017 to Monday, May 1, 2017. Please pick up a brochure in the Narthex of the church. Round trip motor coach transportation, tax and tip for the driver is included, except chambermaids. 3 night's accommodations at an oceanfront property in Virginia Beach. 3 deluxe continental breakfasts at the hotel. 3 dinners in area restaurants. Admission and tram tour of the Norfolk Botanical Gardens. Reserved seating to the International Nato Festival and Azalea Festival Parade. Many, many more attractions. Departs 7:30AM Friday, April 28th returns approximately 8:00PM Monday, May 1st. Call 610-584-1366 Colette Kearns, 807 McIntosh Way, Lansdale, PA 19446. Cost ranges between \$679.pp double, triple to \$869.pp single, optional insurance \$80pp. 

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

Join others to pray the Rosary over the phone. The Rosary Line offers you the means of calling into a phone number and joining others, whom are praying the rosary. You call the phone number, dial the code number and you'll be able to hear (only) the leader; and pray along. Every participant can hear the leader, all others are muted. You can join in prayer any day during these times: 6am, 12noon, 6pm and 12 midnight. There is no session Saturday midnight. Dial: 712-770-4005; when prompted press; 331973#. Enjoy praying with others!
Any questions contact Diana at diana.kinggates@gmail.com.



 **CATHOLIC HOME STUDY**
Brochures can be found in the Narthex on the table in the Knights of Columbus display. Or on line at: <http://www.catholichomestudy.org/>

 Start with We Believe – A survey of the Catholic Faith. Do you have any questions? Contact Randy Pagnotta theevangelist@mctus.net

Please be praying
for...

Bill Flear, Daniel MacDonald, Joan Buchler, Joanne McDonald, Maureen McGowan, Sara Welsh Krebs, Katelyn Bonner, James Donnelly, Kathy Donia, Bonnie Maday, Annamarie Hutchinson, Samuel Smith, Joe Dwyer, Anthony Famularo, Jim Thompson, Thomas Roy, Peter Schumacher, Frank Griffith, Mary Hanisco, Pat Mozi, Leonard Balk, Luca Paciente, Sean Walsh, James Herron, Sr., Mike McGonigle, Sue Kunze, Patricia Wright, Joseph Bintner, Frederick Scheetz, Susan Miholovich, Robert Shea, Drew Fantozzi, Ken Slater, James Stento, Antonio Jacinto, Michael Rafter, John Motley.



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* 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. Please contact Tim Lescoe for Pre-Orders at 215-361-9693 or lescoe.tim@gmail.com.

Available this Year.....Home Version of the Silhouette Style Holy Family Lawn Nativity Set for \$169.99

This year the Knights of Columbus will sell a smaller home version of the silhouette style Holy Family Lawn Nativity Set

- Each set includes the Creche topped with the Christmas Star, and silhouette images of Jesus, Mary, Joseph and two Sheep
 - Assembled dimensions measure 46.5" W x 50" L x 23" Deep
 - Entire set breaks down to store in compact box or area 45" x 30" x 2"
 - Marine grade plastic designed for marine environment - will not rot or delaminate
 - Staking kit (included) allows set to stand up to any inclement weather
 - Simply Slide Together, Assembly Takes Less than 5 Minutes
- Please contact Tim Lescoe for Pre-Orders at 215-361-9693 or lescoe.tim@gmail.com.



The Knights of Columbus **Crab Cake Sale** is back! The attached order form must be returned by **Monday, December 12th**. (Click or Copy and Paste:)

<http://tinyurl.com/hryfrd3>



Breakfast with Santa, Sunday December 11th!! Click or cut and paste this link for the form:

<http://tinyurl.com/jydrzwp>



Visit www.CatholicPhilly.com for Catholic news in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia every day. Sign up for a free, weekly email newsletter at: www.catholicphilly.com/newsletter.



The **Corpus Christi Youth Choir** is still open to new members as we get ready for Christmas season! Students in grades 3 - 8 are welcome at **any** upcoming rehearsals, and parents can contact **Matt Klenk** at cclansdalemusic@gmail.com for more information.

12/11/16 - Rehearsal in Parish Center Rm A (9:00 - 9:45 AM)
12/18/16 - Rehearsal in Parish Center Rm A (9:00 - 9:45 AM)
12/24/16 - Rehearsal in Church (3 PM) and Mass (4:30 PM)
1/1/17 - No rehearsal



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 of 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. If you plan to play for this Mass please contact Mrs. Frisch so a seat can be set for you.

SUPPORT OUR PARISH

Moyer Indoor/Outdoor Services has an incentive program. This program makes a contribution to churches based on the amount of fuel oil purchased by parishioners for as long as they remain a customer. So, if you're currently a customer of Moyer Indoor Outdoor Services, now is the time to call and be included in this program. For details, call June Baker at 215-799-2000 ext 3102.

The Brother House, a work of the Legion of Mary, works with homeless men in the Norristown area on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. About 30 men take showers and need clean clothes after their shower. We need your donation of the following items: **T-shirts, white athletic socks, underwear, and work pants.** Clothing does not have to be new, just clean. These items are needed **all year round**. Bring donations to the Church and leave them in the **Church Ministry Room** next to the restrooms. We pray **daily** for our benefactors. God bless your generosity!!



MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

The monthly food collection for local food cupboards takes place this weekend, December 10/11, 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.

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.

PAPER RETRIEVER ~ RECYCLING

Don't forget to keep bringing your old newspapers, magazines etc. to our paper recycling bins in the back of the school parking lot. **Paper recycling** is a year round event for which the parish again receives income. By continuing to use our bins for recycling, you're not only helping the environment, but you're also supporting your parish!



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!

Check out our Youth Group table in the Narthex, visit us on **Facebook** or on the parish website: <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
Contact Danielle Gallo, Youth Minister at corpus.ym@gmail.com

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, or visit our Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults) for more details.

Tuesday, December 13: Bible Study at Corpus Christi Parish, Lansdale, 7:30pm

Tuesday, December 20: Theology on Tap at Appalachian Brewing Company, Collegetown, 7:30pm (If you wish to eat dinner beforehand please arrive at 7pm)

Tuesday, December 27: No Event

CYO News

Open Positions –Registrar, Uniform Manager, and others. If interested contact cc-cyo@verizon.net

Get our Emails – Set up a free account in our online system to receive all of our emails for CYO sponsored events and CYO sports: <https://corpus-christi-cyo.sipalay.com/site/>.

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

Thanksgiving Dinner for our Seniors ~ Thank You!

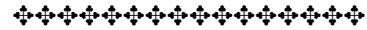
- 300+ Meals Prepared
- 85+ Aid for Friend Meals
- 50+ Parent Volunteers
- 42 Fantastic 8th Graders
- 30 Turkeys
- 28 Pies Donated
- 25 Year CYO Tradition
- 16 Serving Stations
- 11 Hours of Prep/Cooking
- 5 Tired Cooks
- 1 Thankful Parish Community

Thank you to everyone who was a part of this great CYO event in any way. We had tremendous pie and dress down day donations. We had volunteers for every aspect of the night come out to assist. We don't want to miss anyone, but want to thank everyone for all of the cooperation into making the night a resounding success.

CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL NEWS

As Corpus Christi Catholic School prepares for the holiday season, they will hold their **Winter Holiday Concerts**. Please join us for some wonderful entertainment:

- 12/12 (Mon) - Winter Band and Jazz Cat Performance - 7:00 (school gym)
- 12/14 (Wed) - Christmas Pageant - 7:00 (Church)
- 12/21 (Wed) - Strings Concert - 7:00 (Church)



Corpus Christi Catholic School has 2 *Neumann Scholars!* Corpus Christi Catholic School (CCS) proudly announces that Edward Dolan, CCS '17 and Jason Fennell, CCS '17 have been named Neumann Scholars. Over 800 students sat for the Neumann Scholarship exam. Only 39 students from 29 Archdiocesan schools were chosen for this prestigious award, and CCS had 2 winners! Neumann Scholars are awarded four-year scholarships to the Archdiocesan high school of their choice. Congratulations gentlemen on all of your hard work and achievements! CCS is extremely proud of you!

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 Thursday, 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.ccsllansdale.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!



CYO Sunday Brunch at Pizza Time Saloon - Every Sunday from 9am till 1 pm for the month of December, Pizza Time will donate 10% of your bill to Corpus Christi CYO. Enjoy a great meal and help out our athletes at the same time! Just tell your server you're from Corpus Christi.

Welcome

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

Casey and John O'Leary and Family
Emily and David Witherington
Marie Wolsky
Marc and Julie Schoettle and Family

Kevin Barry
James and Mary Jane Barry
Michael and Kelly Wise
Michael and Maria Skubisz

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 12/11 Team #1: Mary Medoff at 215-412-2263

Week of 12/18 Team #2: Karen McFadden at 484-552-8129

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 19th, January 16th**.

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.

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

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

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 215-368-4672.

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

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.*

