

One who is more powerful than I will come, the  
straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.

Luke 3:16



*Corpus Christi Parish ~ Upper Gwynedd, Pennsylvania  
December 13, 2015 ~ Third 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**

**PARISH STAFF**

Edd Murphy	Business Manager
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**ELECTRONIC GIVING LINK:**

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

**CHECK OUT OUR WEB SITES:**

**Church:** [www.corpuschristilansdale.org](http://www.corpuschristilansdale.org)

**School:** [www.ccslansdale.org](http://www.ccslansdale.org)

**CARING & SHARING**

**215-855-1311 ext 133**

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Daily Masses:** 7:15AM

**Saturday Masses:** 7:15 AM.....4:30 PM  
(Vigil Mass for Sunday)

**Sunday Masses:** 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 (Children's Liturgy of  
the Word for Grades K,1,and 2 at 10AM Mass)  
11:30 AM, and 6 PM

**Holy Day Masses:** 7:30 PM (Vigil)  
7:15AM, and 12:05PM

**Confessions:**

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

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# PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

One of the major icons of the Advent Season is John the Baptist who served as the precursor to Jesus – calling upon the people to repent and prepare for the One the strap of Whose sandals “I am not worthy to loosen . . .” In response to John’s message, the crowd asked, “What then should we do?” He said to them in reply, “Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.” What a timely message for us during this Advent season as we prepare for Christ’s coming, both His imminent coming in the Christmas feast and His final coming in power and glory, given the unbridled commercialism that has become so associated with our observance of Christmas.



In his magnificent encyclical, *Centesimus Annus*, Pope John Paul II lamented such consumerism which he described as exhausting. He pointed out that we in the West, in particular, are sculpted and shaped from cradle to grave to live and act as consumers. We are bombarded incessantly with high powered advertising techniques that seek to define and create more and greater need. The superfluous becomes the convenient, the convenient becomes the necessary, and the necessary becomes the indispensable. Moreover, these high-powered advertising techniques seek not only to create and define more and greater needs, but to shape the attitude and personality of the consumer as well. The “self” becomes the center of the universe; other people, things to serve one’s needs; the norm, efficiency; the means, whatever suits one’s convenience: unethical business practices, abortion, adultery, euthanasia.

That is why we need to break away from the lifestyle of high consumption, of the wasteful depletion of resources, and of the affluent use of service and leisure which abound within our society. Then we can truly listen to what the gospel values have to say: gospel values that tell us that we are all God’s children and that with respect to the goods of this world we are stewards not masters; gospel values that remind us that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven; gospel values that tell us that we should be content to be fed and to be clothed. And while all would readily admit that these are gospel norms and values, there are far too few people who are willing to take the steps necessary or to make the sacrifices required to translate these evangelical teachings into lived realities.

Therefore we can make a valuable contribution in today’s Church and society by taking the initiative of offering an irrefutable counter witness to the consumerism of our day. We do so by adapting a lifestyle that enables one to live with what is sufficient; a lifestyle that is less dependent upon status, prestige, influence, and possessions, and that is more open and valuable in service to others. We need a lifestyle that is characterized by simplicity in clothing, diet, entertainment, and transportation, and by prayers for the poor, advocacy on their behalf, and service to them.

More specifically, as we approach the Christmas feast, there are all kinds of alternatives to the consumerism so associated with this season. For example, making our own gifts or holiday food. Donate a percentage of what we intend to spend on presents to a charity that serves the needy. Spend time with family in celebrating Christmas traditions or discussing the meaning of Christ’s coming in our own day or do some reading about the true spirit of Christmas.

John the Baptist continues to cry out today, “Make straight the way of the Lord.” Curbing the exorbitant spending on Christmas gifts and the parties accompanying this observance is a concrete way for us to respond to this exhortation of John the Baptist.

God bless you,



## GIVING TREE 2015

If anyone still has anything for the Giving Tree Project, please bring it to the narthex by **Monday, December 14th** 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.



### High School Youth Group

Our youth group is currently 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](mailto:corpus.ym@gmail.com).



### SPECIAL ATTENTION ~ HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINE INFORMATION

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

# MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK



# THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT

<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>December 12th</b>
4:30 PM	Nora Foster <i>by Len and Patty Aulett</i>
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>December 13th</b>
7:00 AM	The Pultorak Family <i>by Dick Pultorak</i>
8:30	Edward Gerald Regan, Jr. <i>by Ellen Barba</i>
10:00	Joseph Donnelly <i>by Kathleen Agnew</i>
11:30	Joan Kulaga <i>by Donna and Joe Dwyer</i>
6:00 PM	Patricia Goebel <i>by The Tausz Family</i>
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>December 14th</b>
7:15 AM	Patricia Britt <i>by Missy Miller</i>
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>December 15th</b>
7:15 AM	Nick Kochick <i>by Ruth Moran</i>
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>December 16th</b>
7:15 AM	Stephen DiPietro <i>by Cindy and John DeMerlis</i>
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>December 17th</b>
7:15 AM	Gerald Haftmann <i>by The Roberts Family</i>
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>December 18th</b>
7:15 AM	Ann Marie Everly Pelosi <i>by The Crotty Family</i>
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>December 19th</b>
7:15 AM	Intentions of the Lewis Family <i>by The Lewis Children</i>
4:30 PM	Nancy Hennessy <i>by Al and Eileen Spicer</i>
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>December 20th</b>
7:00 AM	Gregory Coppola, Sr. <i>by Bill and Terry Lodge</i>
8:30	David Craver <i>by Joan Craver</i>
10:00	Kathleen Wilson <i>by Dot Gillespie</i>
11:30	Personal Intentions <i>by Lillian Scheetz</i>
6:00 PM	Paul Nieman <i>by The Marino Family</i>

## WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

December 5/6	\$ 31,993
Envelopes mailed	2,440
Envelopes returned	991
<b>Mortgage Reduction Collection</b>	
December to date	\$ 2,632

**First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a** Zephaniah urges the people of Jerusalem to rejoice because the Lord is in their midst. He conveys the message that God will love and protect those who have remained faithful to Him.

**Responsorial Psalm: IS 12:2-3, 4, 5-6** *Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.*

**Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7** Paul encourages the Philippians to be ready for Christ. He tells them not to worry about their concerns, but to instead ask God's help and allow His peace to fill their hearts and minds.



## Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

John the Baptist answers people who ask him what they should do, leading some to believe he was the Messiah. John clearly states that he will be followed by One so powerful that "I am not fit to loosen His sandal strap."

## Family Connection

The theme of the season of Advent is sometimes described as a period of waiting for the birth of Jesus. However, today's Gospel reading suggests something different. John the Baptist did not tell the crowds to wait for the Messiah. He told them to prepare for the Messiah through acts of repentance. If Advent is a time of waiting, it is not the sitting in the doctor's office kind of waiting. It is a busy time of preparation, more like the waiting we might do when preparing for dinner guests. Our challenge is to not make this season a frenzied time, but rather a time of joyful anticipation and making ready for God who comes to dwell among us and changes our lives with the gift of salvation.

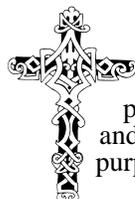
As you gather as a family, talk about the preparations your family is making during the season of Advent. Reflect together on these activities, not only on what you are doing but why you are choosing to do these things. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 3:10-18. Consider how Advent is a time for making ourselves ready to receive Jesus in our lives. Could your family make some changes in your Advent activities so that each person is well prepared to celebrate the gift of salvation at Christmas? Conclude in prayer together that your family will be able to live the spirit of Advent. Sing together an Advent song, such as "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" or pray together today's second reading, Philippians 4:4-7, as you light the third candle on your Advent wreath.

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

Monday	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
Friday	Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
Saturday	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25



We pray for the deceased members, relatives and friends of our parish family especially Joan T. Bier, mother of Jane Maslowski.



## Prayer For Those Who Have Died

Father of all, we pray to Thee for those we love, but see no longer. Grant them Thy peace, let light perpetually shine on them; and in Thy loving wisdom and Almighty power, work in them the same good purpose of Thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

+Amen

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE of PHILADELPHIA

**Lansdale Catholic 8th Grade Shadow Program** – All area eighth graders are encouraged to shadow a current LC ninth grader for a day. Please have a parent/guardian contact Mrs. Allen at 215-362-6160 x 194 or email [amallen@lansdalecatholic.com](mailto:amallen@lansdalecatholic.com) to set up a shadow appointment.

### Gaudeamus Music Ministry Annual Candlelight Christmas Concert

The musicians of Gaudeamus will perform their annual Candlelight Christmas Concert on **Sunday, December 13, 2015** at Epiphany of Our Lord Church in Plymouth Meeting, PA. The concert starts at 7:30 PM and will feature traditional, classical and sacred songs of the season. The ensemble includes Constance Steuer, Pianist; Vocalists Sarah Agnew and Kelly Brobson; as well as professional instrumentalists. Concerts are free and open to the public. A free will donation will benefit Angel Flight East, a local non-profit organization that provides free air transportation for critically ill patients. If you would like additional information, please call 610-291-4255 or visit [www.letusrejoice.org](http://www.letusrejoice.org).

**Join St. Agnes Parish, Sellersville** for a very special **Christmas Concert . . . We are proud to announce that Emily Righter will be performing at St. Agnes on Thursday, December 17!** Accomplished Mezzo Soprano, Emily Righter has been enchanting audiences "...with her gorgeously controlled mezzo voice and emotive, physically adept presence to match." (The Star-Ledger). The multi-talented Ms. Righter is gifted not only in opera, but in jazz, musical theater, art song and chamber music. We are blessed to have her perform at St. Agnes. Proceeds benefit our St. Agnes Teen Youth Group to help with the cost of World Youth Day and Steubenville. For tickets and other information, call 215-804-7975 and visit our parish Facebook page. (St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church – Sellersville)

**Flame of Love Rosary Cenacle:** A devotion of reparation to meet the pleas of Our Lord and His Blessed Mother to assist in the spiritual battle to save souls. The book from which this devotion is modeled has an imprimatur by Archbishop Chaput. Includes brief foundational teaching followed by a holy hour: Flame of Love Rosary, Prayers to Father, Son and Holy Spirit, our heavenly advocates Mary, Joseph and St Michael. Find out what it means to Blind Satan. **Join us each Friday 7pm – 8pm, in the Corpus Christi Parish Library, Lansdale, PA.** Contact: Diana 215-855-5494 or [flameoflovelansdale@gmail.com](mailto:flameoflovelansdale@gmail.com) for more information.

### Registration is OPEN for our 22nd Annual MOM-Heart of the Home

**Day of Renewal February 13, 2016 • 9AM - 3:30PM**  
**Sts. Simon and Jude Meehan Center, West Chester.**

Calling moms of all ages and types: new moms, seasoned moms, grandmothers, step-mothers. Even if you're not a mom, you are still welcome! Start your Lenten season by replenishing your spirit. Come listen to two amazing, inspirational morning and afternoon speakers Renee Eells and Kathi Clapham. See our registration form for all details at [www.mom-heartofthehome.org/events.html](http://www.mom-heartofthehome.org/events.html) or contact Deb Mackenzie at [dmackenzie@schubertb2b.com](mailto:dmackenzie@schubertb2b.com).



### Rediscover the Love in your Marriage!

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

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



### PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE, PORTUGAL AND SPAIN 2016 – 13 Days with Father Al Santorsola

Dear Friends, I will be leading a pilgrimage to France, Portugal and Spain in 2016! Pilgrimages are designed to enhance our spiritual lives, increase our devotion and faith, and to bond with our fellow Christians on the journey. The trip will include the cities of Paris, Lourdes, Lisieux, Fatima, the Shrine of Montserrat and Barcelona. **The trip will be hosted by Proximo Travel.** As you know, I have been to Italy and the Holy Land through Proximo Travel and the pilgrims and I have had truly safe, excellent, exciting and wonderful experiences. The hotels and accommodations are superb. I hope you will join me in what will be a memorable trip. **The trip will be from April 21 through May 3, 2016. The cost of the trip is \$4,699 per person, airfare and ALL inclusive.** For more information and/or registration you can call **Proximo Travel's toll-free number at 855-842-8001.** You can access their website at [www.proximotravel.com](http://www.proximotravel.com). Flyers can be located on the information desk in the back of church. Many blessings to you now and always as we live the journey!

### Malvern Retreat House

Please visit [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com) to see the available retreat weekends or twilight evening mini-retreats. Register or call 610-644-0400 for more information.

**Join us for a night of Prayerful Celebration!**-Every First Friday - First Saturday of the Month an all night vigil in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary is celebrated at: St. Titus Catholic Church, 3006 Keenwood Rd., East Norriton, PA 19403. It begins at 8:00 PM Friday through 2:30 AM Saturday. Mass to the Sacred Heart - 9:00 PM & Mass to the Immaculate Heart - 12:00 AM. For more information, Contact Bella at 215-820-1995.

**Do you have any friends or family members planning to marry in the Catholic Church in the next 12-18 months? - St. Jude Parish offers a fun, engaging and instructional one day Pre-Cana marriage preparation day for engaged couples.** The objective of this day is to assist couples prepare for a strong, successful, lifelong marriage in a joy-filled, welcoming, and non-threatening environment. The sessions are held at St. Jude Catholic Education Center located at 323 West Butler Avenue, Chalfont, PA 18914. The one-day St. Jude PreCana sessions are scheduled for: Saturday Feb. 20th and April 23rd. For questions and registration contact the St. Jude Rectory at 215-822-0179.

**Catholic Social Services** Volunteer drivers needed to pick up donated food from local grocery stores. For more information, please call Catholic Social Services, Elizabeth Peteraf at 610-279-7372.

**Food cupboard volunteers needed** at Catholic Social Services, 353 E. Johnson Hwy., Norristown PA. Hours of Food Cupboard: Monday and Thursday morning 9AM-11AM and Thursday evening from 5-6:30PM. For more information, please call Elizabeth Peteraf at 610-279-7372.

**Personal Care Apartments and Rehabilitation Available** St. Mary Center for Rehabilitation & Healthcare Continuing Care Retirement Community, 701 Lansdale Avenue, Lansdale, currently has personal care apartments as well as rehabilitation care available. Our community is attached to a beautiful, historic chapel where residents can attend daily Mass. For more information, call 215-368-0900.

**Supportive Services for Military Veterans:** Are you or do you know a military veteran who is currently homeless or at risk of becoming homeless? Catholic Social Services can help! The Veterans Multi-Service Center and Catholic Social Services have partnered to help veterans and their families locate and maintain permanent housing. We may also be able to provide temporary financial assistance as well. For more information, please contact Anna at Catholic Social Services in Coatesville, PA. Monday through Thursday, phone 610-384-8387 or call the Catholic Social Services Office in Norristown on Friday, phone 610-279-7372.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION at CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH



**Mom Café - Tuesday, January 5th**— 9:30 to 11AM  
Religious Education Room in Church

**The Guardians -Tuesday, January 5th**— 7PM  
Religious Education Room in Church. For more information or to register for your first meeting, please contact Deacon Frank Langsdorf at [deaconlangsdorf@gmail.com](mailto:deaconlangsdorf@gmail.com).

**The Brother House**, a work of the Legion of Mary, the largest lay organization in the Catholic Church, is seeking new *male* members to work with homeless men at 510 Green Street, Norristown, PA. Come and ring our doorbell on any Monday evening between 6:45 and 7:00, or contact Leo Couchara at 484-614-0055 for more information. It is a very rewarding spiritual work.

*"for I was hungry and you gave me food..."* (Matthew 25: 35)

### Sacred Relics of the Saints DVD

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

### Do You Knit or Crochet?

The TLC Ministry of our parish is in desperate need of prayer shawls and small blankets (for shoulders or lap). Our shelves are almost empty! This ministry is served from your own home; there are no meetings to attend or dues to pay. Your stewardship is in the giving of your time, talent, and the cost of yarn. If you knit or crochet, and would like to donate an item, simply drop it off at our Parish Center (weekdays 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM) or at our Parish Library located next to the playground area (most Sundays 7:45 AM to 1:00 PM). Please mark the bag "TLC" and don't forget to include your name, phone number, and e-mail address so that we can add you to our ministry list. If you are looking for a few fresh ideas, a prayer shawl book and a binder of ideas are available for ministry members in the Parish Library.



### Be Inspired! Grow in your Faith!



Observance of the *Jubilee Year of Mercy In the Archdiocese of Philadelphia began on December 8, 2015*, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, continuing through November 20, 2016, The Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

The image, created by Jesuit Fr. Marko Rupnik, also shows one of Jesus' eyes merged with the man's to show how "Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ."

Principle Dates for Observance of the Jubilee Archdiocesan and Parish

Observance of 24 Hours for the Lord- Friday, March 4 - Saturday March 5, 2016 We will join parishes, dioceses and communities worldwide and the Holy Father in prayer and penance. The Vatican is encouraging all churches to be open during this time, with reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration available, ending with Mass on Saturday afternoon. Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3, 2016. Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saturday, April 23, 2016

Additional information can be found at:

<http://archphila.org/mercy/> and

<http://www.im.va/content/gdm/en.html>

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE ~2015

### Confessions

**Monday, December 21st**  
3:00–4:30 and 7:00-8:00PM

**Tuesday, December 22nd**  
7:00–8:00PM

*No Confessions on Saturday, December 26th*



### MASSES

**Thursday, 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

**Friday, December 25th Christmas Day**

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

(**No** 6:00PM Mass)



**Thursday, December 31st**

7:15AM

6:00PM (Vigil)

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

**Friday, January 1st**

7:15AM, and 12:05PM

### Prayer Life in a Rut?

Is your prayer less than inspiring?

Do you find yourself longing for a deeper connection with God?

Maybe it's time to turn to a doctor for help...a Doctor of the Church, that is.

This five week course on the four stages of prayer is based on the teaching of the great mystical Doctor of the Church, Saint Teresa of Avila. Classes include instruction (and practice) in mental prayer, meditation, and contemplation. Tips on how to discern the voice of God, how to handle distractions and dryness in prayer, and how to recognize signs of advancing prayer are also included.

Wednesdays, February 17 and 24

March 2, 9, and 16, 2016

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Corpus Parish Center: Conference Rooms B and C  
Cost \$35.00 ~ Facilitator: Ms. Susan Brinkmann, OCDS

Plan Ahead

Please be praying for...

Florence Linfante, Will Weigner, Dolores Lynch, Bill Flear, Daniel MacDonald, Joan Buchler, Joanne McDonald, Maureen McGowan, Sara Welsh Krebs, Katelyn Bonner, James Donnelly, Joe Swaim, Kathy Hayman, Kathy Donia, Bonnie Maday, Annamarie Hutchinson, Samuel Smith, Joe Dwyer, Anthony Famularo, Wayne Richards, Jim Thompson, Hayden Spratt, Angelo Rosato, Thomas Roy, Rich Kupniewski, Elaine Deimeyer, Dave Clark, Debbie Scott, Peter Schumacher, Rosemary Bauerle, Kathy Popiny, Frank Griffith, Mary Hanisco.



Corpus Christi is in need of more **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** to bring Holy Communion to those who are unable to attend Mass, including those in their homes and in nursing facilities. If you believe that God is calling you to serve your brothers and sisters, please call the Parish Office, 215-855-1311, and leave a message for Deacon Steve Currie.

### CLUB 50 NEWS AND TRAVEL

**Hunterdon Hills Playhouse**-Wednesday, February 17, 2016 cost- \$94. Round trip motor coach transportation tax and tips included. Full course sit-down luncheon, *Your choice of:* Fried Shrimp Platter, Yankee Pot Roast, Grilled Salmon Filet, Special of the Day, or Chicken Piccata. The matinee performance of "Spreading it Around" follows. Payment due at sign-up, no refunds after the vendor is paid in full. \*Contact 215-513-1026, Alex and Betty Korsch, 1307 Brittany Pointe, Lansdale PA 19446.

**Southern Caribbean Cruise**- Royal Caribbean's Grandeur of the Seas, Monday, February 13, 2017 to Saturday February 25, 2017. Please pick up a brochure in the Narthex. **Important:** Deposit of \$500 due at sign-up with 2<sup>nd</sup> payment of \$300 due June 10, 2016 and balance November 5, 2016

**Villa Roma Resort, Calicoon, NY (Catskills)** - Sunday, April 24, 2016 to Thursday April 28, 2016. Round trip motor coach. 4 nights accommodations at the Villa Roma Resort. Meal package includes 4 breakfasts, 3 lite fare lunches, 4 full course dinners. Complete schedule of daily activities. For full details pick up a BROCHURE in the Narthex of Church or at Club 50 meetings. Cost dbl \$509; single \$649; triple \$509 optional insurance pp \$80. Deposit - \$50 balance due by March 10, 2016. Contact: \* 215-368-0945 Peggy and John Butler, 1500 Berkley Way, Lansdale, PA 19446

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

### Connect with other parents of children with special needs!

Please join us for a monthly meeting, to share ideas, resources, and support. As we begin to meet monthly, we will create topics for each meeting based on your interests and needs. Below are meeting dates and times for the next several months. We will post upcoming meeting times/dates in the church bulletin and Wednesday envelope. We look forward to meeting you! Please call or email Kathi with any questions: 215-260-1783 or [kathi0908@verizon.net](mailto:kathi0908@verizon.net), Dec. 14 7-8:30PM Room A; Jan. 11 7:00-8:30PM Rm A; February 15 7:00-8:30 Room A; March 15 7:00-8:30 Room A; April 11 7:00-8:30 Room A; May 16 7:00-8:30 Room A.



### 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.

### KNIGHTS CORNER #9715

#### Knight of Columbus #9715 Receives Top International "STAR COUNCIL Award"



Knights of Columbus Council #9715, serving Corpus Christi and St. Rose of Lima parishes, has earned the distinction of Star Council, one of the organizations top awards. The Council was recognized for overall excellence in the area of membership recruitment and retention, sponsorship of service oriented activities, and promotion of the fraternal insurance program. Rick Ray, Grand Knight, accepted the award on behalf of the Council's 125 members.

The Knight of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic lay organization. It provides members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Church and their communities. With more than 1.8 million members in over 15,000 councils around the world, the Knights of Columbus annually donates more than \$170 million and 70 Million hours of service to charitable causes.

To learn more about and how to join the Knights of Columbus please ask a Council Member or visit [www.kofc9715.org](http://www.kofc9715.org)

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH -

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!** - Breakfast with Santa in the Fr. Loughran Hall at Corpus Christi School. Two seatings are offered: 9:30-10:30AM and 11:00AM-12:00 p.m. The price of \$6.00 per person includes Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausages, Juice & Coffee and a special photo with Santa.

For additional information contact Mike Kelly at 484-994-5850 or [wlsmkelly@comcast.net](mailto:wlsmkelly@comcast.net).



### SAVE the DATE! Saturday, February 27, 2016 TRIVIA NIGHT

- Start studying, dust off your Thinking Caps and plan to join us for the Knights of Columbus Council #9715 Annual Trivia Night on Saturday, February 27, 2016 at 6 PM in the Father Doyle Social Hall. Put together your best team of eight players; cost is \$15 per person. Individuals are also welcomed and will be match up with other players at the event. To reserve your table please contact Tom McHenry @ 215-513-0251 or at [tpmchenry@verizon.net](mailto:tpmchenry@verizon.net)



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

[Donnafrisch@gmail.com](mailto:Donnafrisch@gmail.com)

### MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION



The monthly food collection for local food cupboards takes place this weekend, December 12/13, after all the Masses. Please leave your donations of non-perishable goods in the room next to the restrooms in the back of church. This room is open after all the Masses.

### Chances - Thank You



Thank you very much to all of you who helped sell chances for St. Joseph Villa in Flourtown and to those of you who bought chances. One Flourtown resident was a winner, but no one from Corpus Christi this year. Good things happen to those who wait, so our turn is coming!

# Youth News

## High School Youth Group



Our youth group is 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](mailto:corpus.ym@gmail.com). Check out our Youth Group table in the Narthex or visit us on Facebook or the parish web at <http://corpuschristilansdale.org/youth/>

**LIFETEEN CALENDAR:** For details regarding each week's activities, visit the youth section of Corpus Christi's website. [www.corpuschristilansdale.org/youth/high-school-youth-ministry](http://www.corpuschristilansdale.org/youth/high-school-youth-ministry)



### (7th-8th Grade Youth Group)

7th and 8th graders are invited to join our middle school youth group on Monday nights, from 4:30-5:45PM, or 6:45-8PM (the same session is done twice). Our middle school youth group learns about making the Catholic faith an exciting part of daily life, and it gets them pumped to join our high school group when they reach the age. For more information, contact Danielle Gallo, our youth minister: Corpus Christi (215) 855-1311 ext. 118 or [corpus.ym@gmail.com](mailto:corpus.ym@gmail.com).

## SCRIP CORNER

**SCRIP OFFICE HOURS: Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9am to 12:30pm (when school is in session)**

**Monday evenings 5:30pm to 8:00pm (when REC is in session).**

### Can't think of what to buy certain love ones for Christmas? Let SCRIP help you!!

☆☆☆ If your husband replied "surprise me," when asked what he wants for Christmas may I suggest: GOLF GALAXY, GOLFSMITH, Brooks Brothers, Men's Wearhouse, Sears, Lowes, Home Depot, Best Buy, Cabelas or Bass Pro Shops.

☆☆☆ For the hard to buy for teen/preteen in your life how about Aeropostal, Gap, American Eagle, Under Armor, Sports Authority, Ulta, Sephora, Movie Tickets, Xbox and Play Station.

☆☆☆ When Grandma and Grandpa say they don't want anything for Christmas there is always Shutterfly, so you can make them a personal calendar (don't forget to get Shutterfly for your Christmas cards too!)

☆☆☆ And last but not least if you find yourself shopping for your own Christmas gifts, we have Groupon, Budget Car rental, Hyatt Hotels, and Royal Caribbean Cruise Line for the well deserved "girls getaway!"

Check out [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://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.ccslansdale.org](http://www.ccslansdale.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](mailto:cc.scrip@yahoo.com)!

## CYO News

**Basketball Fundraiser** – Parents night out, January 23rd, volunteers needed for planning committee, contact Brian Lasky [laskybt@gmail.com](mailto:laskybt@gmail.com).

**Cheerleading** – We are in the process of restarting our Cheerleading program. As a first step we will be offering clinics for 4th and 5th graders this winter/spring. We are looking for parents with cheerleading experience to help. Please contact us at [cc-cyo@verizon.net](mailto:cc-cyo@verizon.net).

■ **CYO Open Positions** – Boys Athletic Director, Scheduler, Snack Bar Coordinator

**Create an Account** in our system so you will receive our emails for other youth events throughout the year. Set-up your account at <https://corpus-christi-cyo.sportssignup.com/site> **Additional Information** can be found at our website at <http://corpuscyo.wordpress.com/>

## CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL NEWS

*A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence*



Corpus Christi Catholic School is celebrating an important milestone this year. The school has been serving the community for 50 years. We are so proud of the school and the academic excellence it represents. We offer PK3 through grade 8. As you prepare your child for his or her academic journey beginning in September of 2016, we invite you to visit the school and see firsthand what we have to offer your child.

Mrs. Barbara Casee, our enrollment coordinator, can arrange a tour which would include an opportunity to visit and observe a class in preschool through grade 8. Shadowing days are available. She can review the faith-filled educational curriculum, the typical day for a student, and review our commitment to the community through our outreach initiatives. You can contact Mrs. Casee by phone at 215-368-0582. Her email is [barb.casee@corpuschr.org](mailto:barb.casee@corpuschr.org). She can work with your schedule and set up a day and time convenient for you.

### Corpus Christi Catholic School Celebrating 50 years of Excellence Preschool and Kindergarten Open House



It's not too early to think about preschool registration for next year. Corpus Christi Catholic School (CCS) offers a faith-filled and educational enriched early childhood preschool program for 3 and 4 year olds. Half-day or full day options are available. Recognized as a "Blue Ribbon School of Excellence", a prestigious designation awarded by the U.S. Department of Education, CCS also offers a rigorous academic curriculum for children in grades K through 8.

CCS will host a second Open House for those interested in our preschool program on **Sunday, December 13, 2015 from 10:00AM – 12:30PM**. Have any questions??? ... Or if you would like a private tour, please call the school office and ask to speak to Mrs. Casee at 215-368-0582. We look forward to seeing you soon.

## METANOIA ~ YOUNG ADULT GROUP

**Metanoia Young Adults** is an active community of Catholic young adults in Montgomery County, Pa. The group supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. Our Ministry includes: Theology on Tap, faith based meetings, community service, retreats, and outdoor events and activities. For more information and events please visit [www.metanoiayoungadults.weebly.com](http://www.metanoiayoungadults.weebly.com). Check out our Twitter link on homepage: <http://metanoiayoungadults.weebly.com/> or email [metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com). Facebook: [www.facebook.com/groups/MetanoiaYoungAdults](http://www.facebook.com/groups/MetanoiaYoungAdults).

# Welcome

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

Sandy Koza  
Robert Lee and Samantha Wright-Lee and Family  
John Mistretta

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 12/13 Team #6: Sue Bones at 215-631-9526**

**Week of 12/20 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 21st, January 18<sup>th</sup>**.

## 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.

**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.

## **PARISH LIBRARY: Sundays 7:45AM to 1PM**

Our Parish Library can always use volunteers. Individuals or couples volunteer for 2 hours one Sunday a month. If you are interested in helping, please contact our Director of Adult Faith Formation at [corpuschristiaff@yahoo.com](mailto:corpuschristiaff@yahoo.com)

**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.**