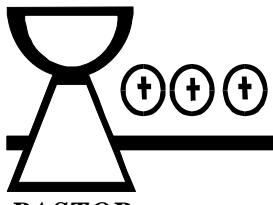


THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT

Joy ... Joy ... Joy ... Joy

Corpus Christi Parish ~ Upper Gwynedd, Pennsylvania
December 7, 2014





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CHRISTI
PARISH**

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Reverend Monsignor Thomas P. Flanigan, Ed.D.

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Edd Murphy	Business Manager
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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

CONFESIONS:

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

COMMITTEES & ORGANIZATIONS

Pastoral Council: Barbara Atkins 215-412-2459

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Gift Certificate Program: Mary Ellen McCabe 215-362-0104

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

As we listen to the Gospel this weekend, we again hear about the great Advent figure of John the Baptist. His entire life and mission were caught up in preparing his generation for the coming Messiah. John was not sure who this Messiah would be or exactly when He would come. However, John felt a call by God to preach repentance of sin marked by a baptism with water. So firm was John's faith in the coming Messiah that he would give his life for it.



At our baptism, each of us was also anointed. As the sacred chrism was placed upon our heads, the words, "As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of His body, sharing everlasting life," were spoken. We become Christ-like through this great sacrament of initiation. Reflecting upon this bit of our sacramental heritage and in light of the readings today, we can each discover our own vocation as a Christian in the world.

As Christ's followers in the world, we are to act for Him in our world – liberating, freeing, forgiving, and loving. We can do this daily: in a kind word, lending a helping hand, assisting the needy, feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, or perhaps including an elderly relative or friend in our celebration of Christmas. There are ways we can invite Christ to come among us today. In doing such things we are also preparing the world for Christ's final return at the end of time. We have a mission – a vocation. Like John, may we be faithful witnesses, serving Christ in all we say and do.

God bless you,
Fr. Tom Flanigan

We would like to thank both Huff and Lakjer and William R. May Funeral Homes for sponsoring the cost of our yearly calendars.



The **World Meeting of Families** will take place in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in September of 2015. Join us for a presentation on the World Meeting of Families Catechism that will assist us in our spiritual preparation for this grace-filled event in the life of our local and universal Church. The presentation will consist of two parts: a teaching on the Preparatory Catechism, *Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive* and an update on planning including registration information for the various events that will be held. **Tuesday, April 21, 2015**, Religious Education Room, 7:00PM to 8:30PM, Guest Presenter: Dr. Jessica Murdoch, Assistant Professor, Fundamental and Dogmatic Theology, Villanova University.

In order to help us prepare for the World Meeting of Families and the anticipated visit from Pope Francis, a catechism on family life entitled, *Love is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive*, has been prepared. Each month for the next ten months, our parish will reflect on one chapter from this catechism. You can order a copy of this beautifully illustrated catechism and learn about the World Meeting of Families at WorldMeeting2015.org.

December 2014: Chapter 2: The Mission of Love

Chapter 1 of the World Meeting of Families preparatory catechism taught that "*Love is Our Mission*" because love is our origin and destiny. God created us in His own image, which means that loving God and neighbor is the reason for our existence. Chapter 2 explains that the Bible bursts with images describing God's love – a father welcoming a prodigal son, a shepherd searching for lost sheep, a mother comforting her children, and many more (see paragraph #24 for details). But marriage is the dominant Biblical metaphor for God's covenant with Israel and the Church. The Bible is a love story between God and His people, and this love has all the dimensions of a good marriage: it is erotic and heart-felt, but it is also tough and sacrificial, weathering challenges and even betrayal. Jesus loves the Church like a groom loves his bride – even when we disappoint Him, even when we hurt Him. In this way, Christianity reveals hope for us all, including married couples and families. God commands forgiveness and service because

He loves us; forgiveness and mutual service can transform any marriage into a parable of God's love. God is love, but there is nothing sentimental about this love. God is love – and when we love like He loves, it will cost us, but it is the only way to live authentically and avoid counterfeit loves. Contemplating Christ on the cross, we gaze on the miracle that created and sustains us. Next month, in chapter 3, we'll talk about God's love, the human body, and sex. ~ Dr. Christopher C. Roberts, editor, *Love is Our Mission* Preparatory Catechism

CREATED, LOVED, REDEEMED BY GOD -- PRICELESS

MARCH FOR LIFE 2015 – 42nd Anniversary

The 42nd Annual March for Life will be held on **Thursday, January 22, 2015** in Washington, DC. Corpus Christi Parish will send 2 buses to Washington to attend this peaceful and prayerful demonstration bearing witness to the dignity of human life from conception to natural death.

Schedule for the day is as follows: Leave Corpus Christi parking lot at 6:00AM promptly. Arrive in Washington, DC and attend 10AM Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, celebrated by Archbishop Charles J. Chaput. After Mass, you can tour the Shrine and eat lunch. At the given time, we will take the Metro (tickets provided) to the site of the March. If physically able, we would like you to walk in the March (approximately one mile). Return to Shrine and leave by 4PM.

Cost for adults is \$24 for bus & \$14 for dinner at Country Buffet (\$38 total). Cost for students is \$14 for dinner, bus is free for all students BUT an adult must accompany them. No change in cost. Everyone should bring a bag lunch and a drink. Bus returns to Corpus Christi by 9PM. Sign-ups start now. Sign-up board is in the Narthex of Church and you must pay in full to reserve your seat. All deposits are transferrable, but not refundable. **Make checks payable to Respect Life** and send to Ellie Hentschel, 2045 Pheasant Hill Rd., Lansdale, PA 19446, 215-362-0160. BUS #1, Respect Life, BUS #2, Knights of Columbus. You can go on either bus. Bring your gold scarf from previous year. Will you join us this year in our efforts to save our unborn children?



Bulletin notices for the December 28th bulletin are due by December 16th because of the printing and delivery holy day deadlines!! New Year's January 4th bulletin also is due by December 19th. Thank YOU!!

MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

Saturday,	December 13th
4:30 PM	Thomas and Patricia Britt <i>by Missy Miller</i>
Sunday,	December 14th
7:00 AM	Andre Mandato <i>by Robert Buda</i>
8:30	Peter Illari <i>by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Danze</i>
10:00	Robert Blake <i>by Ronni Blake</i>
11:30	Carolyn Keen <i>by The Illari Family</i>
6:00 PM	Gary Tyson <i>by Angela Tyson</i>
Monday,	December 15th
7:15 AM	Nicholas Kochick <i>by Ruth Moran</i>
Tuesday,	December 16th
7:15 AM	Eleanore Coppola <i>by George and Donna Frisch</i>
Wednesday,	December 17th
7:15 AM	Charles O'Reilly <i>by Joe and Ellie DeRaymond</i>
Thursday,	December 18th
7:15 AM	Mary Colarco <i>by Joe Colarco</i>
Friday,	December 19th
7:15 AM	Intentions of the Lewis Family <i>by The Lewis Children</i>
Saturday,	December 20th
7:15 AM	Dorothy Dolan <i>by Joe and Jane Belcher</i>
4:30 PM	David Craver <i>by Joan Craver</i>
Sunday,	December 21st
7:00 AM	Gerri O'Donnell <i>by The McCabe Family</i>
8:30	Sam DiMaria <i>by Julia DiMaria</i>
10:00	Kathleen Wilson <i>by Dot Gillespie</i>
11:30	Joseph Dorzinsky <i>by Joe and Claire Carmody</i>
6:00 PM	Charles Haug <i>by Elaine Koza</i>



We pray for the deceased members, relatives and friends of our parish family especially Joanne Gibbons, sister of Donna Goepfrich, Elizabeth Tonkinson mother of Betty Olden; Mary Ann DeNardo, mother of Kathy Cianciulli.



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

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WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

December 6/7	\$ 32,942
Envelopes mailed	2,635
Envelopes returned	938
Mortgage Reduction Collection	
December to date	\$ 4,063

First Reading: *Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11* Isaiah describes the joy and salvation which will accompany the coming of Christ. He compares the plants which spring from a garden to the justice that will spring from all nations.

Responsorial Psalm: *LK 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 My soul rejoices in my God.*

Second Reading: *I Thessalonians 5:16-24* Paul reminds the Thessalonians to constantly ready themselves for Christ's arrival. He tells them to "avoid any semblance of evil" so that they may be found irreproachable when Jesus does arrive.

Gospel: *John 1:6-8, 19-28* John explains that he is only a messenger to the people for One more powerful than himself. John stresses to them that they must make a path for the One so powerful that he is not fit to unfasten the strap of His sandal.



"The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and release to prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the Lord and a day of vindication by our God...Do not stifle the spirit. Do not despise prophecies. Test everything, retain what is good. Avoid any semblance of evil."

Isaiah's statement written six centuries before the time of Christ, is the statement Jesus used as He revealed His mission in His hometown of Nazareth. Today, the mission of Christ the Redeemer is no different, and in the words of Saint John Paul II, has been entrusted to the church. May we make it real and relevant.

By baptism we have been anointed, Christened. The name Christ means the Anointed One. I have a mission, I have been sent, to bring glad tidings to others, the 'Joy of the Gospel' of Pope Francis. I can and will ease the suffering of someone else, a sick friend, a lonely neighbor, through a card this year, or better a telephone call or visit. I can assist freeing someone from an addiction or habit that weighs them down, as we find in A.A. sponsors. Prisoners, are not only the incarcerated, but refugees from war torn countries living in camps, separated from families cared for by Catholic Relief Services, Doctors without Borders, or Lamp For Haiti. In this way we announce a year of favor, we say 'A Blessed Christmas.'

Decide today how the spirit will speak through you. Let the prophet Isaiah speak again through your actions. Test everything, but above all do something.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE of PHILADELPHIA

Many local families have inquired about how they can **Host a Family** during the week of September 22-27, 2015



Host families can offer visitors a spare bedroom or vacated apartment. Visiting individuals and families can then search the Host Family database to find hosts to be matched with. When registering as a Host Family, you will include information on your hosting situation (bedrooms, family languages, pets, allergies, access to public transportation, etc.). Additionally, each visiting family will pay a small nightly fee to the Host Family. Your role, as a Host Family, is pivotal in enabling many families to make this trip affordable.

If you would like to open your home to a World Meeting of Families visitor, please visit the website, WorldMeeting2015.org under "Get Involved" and follow links for "Host a Family."

Thank you for your hospitality!

Registration is now open for the **World Meeting of Families!**

Please visit:

<http://www.worldmeeting2015.org/plan-your-visit/register/>

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.

Travel with Fr. Albert Santorsola, Parochial Vicar from Corpus Christi Parish, Lansdale, PA on a Holy Land trip.



Travel with Fr. Albert Santorsola, Parochial Vicar from Corpus Christi Parish, Lansdale, PA on a Holy Land trip. Where: Jerusalem, Bethlehem Nazareth, Galilee, Via Crucis, Last Supper Gethsemane, Dormition, Nativity

Church, Capernaum

Trip Dates: April 08-18, 2015; Cost: \$3,999.00 Airfare and ALL-Included. To register, please contact (855) 842-8001 or (508) 340-9370. You can also register online at www.proximotravel.com! Proximo Travel - Your Catholic Tour Company. If there are any questions or concerns, you can also contact Linda Delvy at 610-585-0561. Trip brochures are located on the ministry tables in the lobby of the church!

**** Regarding safety concerns and issues, people have been traveling to and from the Holy Land without incident. Proximo travel would never compromise or jeopardize the safety of the tourists who travel with them! There have been flights on a daily basis to Israel from Philadelphia airport and other airports without incident! ****

YOUNG ADULT EVENT: "I'M SINGLE AND I KNOW IT..." WHAT NOW?

Wednesday, January 14th ~ From 7:00-9:00PM

In the Gospel of St. Matthew, Jesus asks "Have you not read that from the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female...for this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh (Mt. 19:3-5)?" If that is the case, then why are many of us single? What is God asking of us in our current single state? What can we do to ensure that we are following God's will in this day and age? Come join fellow young adults at this evening event and dig into the meaning of living the single vocation in relation to God's divine plan for us.

Presenter: Carolina Soares, M.A., Team Member: Youth and Young Adult Ministry, holds a Master's Degree in Theology from Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology at Seton Hall University.

Fee: Free Will Offering

Please phone or e-mail to register at least 3 days prior to program date.

<http://msbt.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2974491947061cf2b3989384&id=6e9e8ad15a&e=58941a8ae3>

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.

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

Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School - 8th Grade Visitations - Spend the day with a current Gwynedd Girl and learn why they chose Gwynedd! October through December 2014. **Registration** is available online at www.gmahs.org for all upcoming events!

JOSEPH'S PEOPLE CHAPTER

 Are you Unemployed? Underemployed? Want to learn more about networking? How to create an effective resume? Talk to others who are sharing the same experience as you are? At Joseph's People we offer support and guidance to those who are unemployed or underemployed. Join us on the **first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30pm in the St. Maria Goretti Parish Center Library.**

Archdiocese of Philadelphia Television Mass

Watch the television mass Sunday mornings at 5:30AM on WPVI-TV Channel 6. It is rebroadcast each Sunday at the following times: 9AM DT-2 Channel 6 digital

10AM LaSalle University 56
5PM DT-2 Channel 6 digital

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.



As you travel be sure to check the time of Masses at your destination.



JOIN US FOR A FUNDRAISER!!

The Friends of The Jeff Miller Family are hosting a continental breakfast on December 21, 2014, at St. Maria Goretti Parish in Drexel Hall, after all the masses. The proceeds from this event will be donated to Jeff and family to assist with expenses, due to illness. Your \$5 admission donation will include beverages, bagels and muffins. We invite you to join us at this fundraiser. Please call Cecelia at 215-723-2783 or Mary at 215-256-9211 or email: ssypawka@gmail.com with questions

New Year's Eve Retreat: Welcome 2015 at St. Raphaela Center

Ring in the New Year a little differently by joining us for this unique event. Enjoy dinner and opportunities for prayer and reflection on the evening of December 31, and celebrate the New Year with Midnight Mass and a delightful brunch on the morning of January 1. For more details and registration, visit our website at www.straphaelacenter.org or give us a call: 610-642-5715.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION at CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH



Mom Café - Tuesday, January 6 – 9:30 to 11AM
Religious Education Room in Church

The Guardians -Tuesday, January 6 – 7PM Religious Education Room in Church. For more information or to register for your first meeting, please contact Deacon Frank Langsdorf at deaconlangsdorf@gmail.com.



The Bereavement Ministry of Corpus Christi supports the family and friends of those who have lost a loved one. As part of our care and support, we will again be offering Bereavement Sessions starting in the Spring 2015 in the Parish House. Please feel free to join us and there is never any pressure to share. Registration Eileen McCullough, eemccullough@gmail.com, 215-361-0978 or Eleanor Rinedoller, momdoller99@verizon.net at 215-699-1858.

The Flame of Love Book Study

What is the gift from heaven (The Flame of Love) that can blind Satan? Why has the Flame of Love been called the Noah's Ark of our time? Discover these answers as we read: *The Flame of Love Of The Immaculate Heart Of Mary; The Spiritual Diary*. The diary contains heavenly communications, which perfectly support and specifically amplify the urgency of the message of Fatima. Be consoled by the many promises to parishes, families and individuals who are devoted to the cause of the Flame of Love. Join us to learn more about this devotion and read the diary. Contact Diana King Gates to register at diana.kinggates@gmail.com.

Tuesdays, January 13th, 20th, and 27th ~ 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
Corpus Christi Church ~ Religious Education Room (side room of church/ramp entrance)

Invisible Monastery

Will you pray for vocations? Our Church desperately needs more priests and religious. Join thousands of Catholics by pledging to pray daily or weekly at www.invisiblemonastery.com

Why Pray?

Reason #1 We need more priests and religious!

The Church's need for priests is growing. As priests die and retire, not enough men are being ordained to replace them. Meanwhile, the Catholic population is growing. This leads to painful parish closings, mergers, and over-worked priests. Likewise, the number of religious sisters has plummeted by nearly 70% in the past 50 years, which means fewer sisters in schools, hospitals, and other critical Catholic missions.

Reason #2 We need the Eucharist

"Considering that the Eucharist is the greatest gift our Lord gives to his Church, we must ask for priests since the priesthood is a gift for the Church. We must pray insistently for this gift. We must ask for it on our knees." ~ Pope John Paul II

Reason #3 Prayer is the "one thing necessary"

"I often think that prayer is the one aspect of vocations work which we tend to forget or to undervalue." – Pope Benedict XVI

Reason #4 Prayer works!

"If we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have obtained the requests made of Him." ~ 1 John 5:14-15
Now, more than ever, your prayers are needed!

H.O.P.E.— is a Corpus Christi Parish outreach ministry, linking parishioners with needs and parishioners willing to respond to these needs. What kind of services are provided by H.O.P.E. volunteers? □ Telephone reassurance □ Shopping/running errands □ Transportation to appointments □ Home Visits, delivery of meals to homebound □ Messages of Concern...cards to the sick and to families who have lost a loved one. Are you able to join our H.O.P.E. volunteers by providing one of these much needed services to a Corpus Christi parishioner? This would be an excellent 2015 resolution. We are in great need of more volunteers at this time. Thanks for considering this.

O Antiphons

December 17 marks the beginning of the O Antiphons, the seven jewels of our liturgy, dating back to the fourth century, one for each day until Christmas Eve. These antiphons address Christ with seven magnificent Messianic titles, based on the Old Testament prophecies and types of Christ. The Church recalls the variety of the ills of man before the coming of the Redeemer.

O Wisdom December 17

Come, O divine Wisdom, teach us the way of knowledge. We are unwise; we judge and speak according to the vain standards of the world, which is foolishness in the eyes of God. Give us the true knowledge and the taste for what is eternal and divine. Inspire us with a thirst for God's holy will, help us seek God's guidance and direction, enlighten us in the teachings of the holy gospel, make us submissive to Thy holy Church. Strengthen us in the forgetfulness of self, and help us to resign ourselves to a position of obscurity if that be Thy holy will.

O Adonai (O Almighty God) December 18

As Moses approached the burning bush, so we approach the divine Savior in the form of a child in the crib, or in the form of the consecrated host, and falling down we adore Him. "Put off the shoes from thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground . . . I am Who am." "Come with an outstretched arm to redeem us." This is the cry of the Church for the second coming of Christ on the last day. The return of the Savior brings us plentiful redemption.

O Root of Jesse December 19

Christ the King, the Lord! Divine Wisdom, Adonai, the powerful God, is at the same time man with flesh and blood of the house of Jesse, the father of King David. Truly, the right of kingship has now passed from the house of David.

O Key of David December 20

"Come, lead the captives from their prison." With the key of His almighty power, the Redeemer has opened the prison in which poor, sinful man was languishing in darkness and in the shadow of death. Key of David, come and deliver the captives from their prison. By Thy coming free us from all that separates us from God. Bring us freedom and redemption; incline us to surrender ourselves completely to God. So all pray for each, and each for all.

O Radiant Dawn December 21

O eternal Sun, come and enlighten us, for where Thou art not, there is darkness, death, and wickedness. "Come and enlighten all who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death."

O King of the Gentiles December 22

"Come and save man, whom Thou hast made out of dust."

O Emmanuel December 23

Come to save us, O Lord our God. O Emmanuel, God with us, our King and Lawgiver, the expected of the nations and their Savior: Come to save us, O Lord our God.

Please be praying Florence Linfante, Alice Mirynowski, Will Weigner, Dolores Lynch, Mary for... Schnee, Bill Flear, Daniel MacDonald, Joan Buchler, Joanne McDonald, Maureen McGowan, Sara Welsh Krebs, Katelyn Bonner, James Donnelly, Joe Swaim, Brian Aquilante, Aggie Susack, Kathy Hayman, Kathy Donia, Bonnie Maday, Holly and Jeff Miller, Israel Beterra, Mary Schnell, Annamarie Hutchinson, Mimi Hudachek, Samuel Smith, Willard McKennon.

CLUB 50 NEWS AND TRAVEL

Jersey Dreamers Production - "Vegas" Haledon NJ, Wednesday, February 4th, 2015, cost \$93. Round trip motor coach transportation, tax and tips included. Family style luncheon, and Jersey Dreamers Production of "Vegas" at La Neves (11AM). Payment due at sign-up no refunds after the vendor is paid in full. *Call 215-368-0421 Rose Wilson, 1377 Pickwick Lane, Lansdale PA 19446 or 610-584-4926 Mary Slater.

Caesars Casino, NJ - George Casey Show, Monday, March 16, 2015, Cost \$45. Package includes \$20 slot play, and admission to the 3PM *George Casey Show*. Departs 11AM return approximately 9PM . Payment due at sign-up no refunds after the vendor is paid in full. *Call 215-513-1026 Alex and Betty Korsch, 1307 Brittany Pointe, Lansdale PA 19446.

Pinegrove Ranch & Family Resort, New York State - Sunday, April 19-Friday April 24, 2015. Round trip motorcoach transportation, 5 night's accommodations at Pinegrove Resort Ranch. So much activity you need to pick up a brochure at the ministry table in the Narthex or at Club 50 meetings for full details! Initial deposit \$50 balance due by February 27, 2015. For reservations and information *call 215-393-8786, John and Mary Woodcock, 261 Beth Drive, Lansdale PA 19446

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

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 Bill Jurer at 215-237-3870.



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.

4th Annual Youth Group Luminary Fundraiser



Last weekend! December 13th/ 14th is the last weekend the youth group will be offering Luminaries for Christmas Eve! All proceeds go into funding our summer trips which includes Steubenville and a summer retreat trip! This is a great way to help the youth of this Parish and to remember all of our loved ones during the Christmas season!



~CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE ~2014~



Confessions

Wednesday, December 17th
4:00–5:00 and 7:00-8:00PM

Thursday, December 18th
7:00–8:30PM

No Confessions on Saturday, December 20th



MASSES

Wednesday, December 24th
Christmas Vigil

4:30PM Church (Children's Liturgy)
4:45PM School Hall
8:00PM Church
11:15PM Carols (Choir & Congregation)
12:00AM Midnight Mass

Thursday, December 25th Christmas Day

7:00, 8:30, 10:00, and 11:30AM
(**No** 6:00PM Mass)



Wednesday, December 31st

7:15AM
6:00PM (Vigil)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

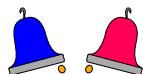
Thursday, January 1st
7:15AM, and 12:05PM



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 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



The Parish Offices will be closed from Noon on Christmas Eve until it reopens at 9AM on Monday, December 29th.



Youth News

High School Youth Group

Luminaries will be sold after all of the Masses this last weekend of **December 14th**. 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://corpuschristilansdale.org/youth/>

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



(7th-8th Grade Youth Group)

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

SCRIP CORNER

The deadline to receive a Special Order (something we don't carry in the inventory) before the Christmas break is Monday, December 15th by 7pm.

Christmas Shopping made easy! If you give out gift cards for Christmas, you have to check out our extensive collection of retailers, both those that are in stock and those that the SCRIP Office can order for you. Or you can use the cards yourself to do your shopping for gifts. Please check out www.ccslandsdale.org under the SCRIP link.

We also have an E-MAIL option available for ordering SCRIP. You can e-mail your order any time of the day/night to cc.scrip@yahoo.com. I will prepare your order and have it ready for pick up at the Parish Business Office on the weekdays or the Parish Rectory on Sunday mornings. You ask for the envelope with your name on it and give them your cash/check (made payable to Corpus Christi Parish).

The SCRIP office hours are 9:00am – 12:30pm every day that school is in session, and 5:30pm – 7pm on Monday evenings when REC is in session.

Even if you do not have children that attend Corpus Christi's school or REC program, you can earn tuition credits that you can give to anyone at any Catholic grade school, Catholic high school or Catholic college. You could donate your credits to our scholarship fund. This is a win-win program for us since it is the retailers that are providing all the fundraising money! If you have any questions or would like more information about this major fundraising program, you can reach Mary Ellen McCabe at 215-362-0104 during office hours, or send an e-mail!

Attention Corpus Christi School Alumni!

In anticipation of the school's 50th Anniversary next year, a committee has been working on gathering contact information on our graduates so that we can send them invitations to our celebration events. If you or your children graduated from Corpus Christi, please send your name (maiden name, if applicable), year of graduation, address, phone and email address to CorpusChristiLansdaleAlumni@yahoo.com or call the parish office at 215-855-1311. We look forward to hearing from you!

We are asking your help in collecting the Campbell's points for education **UPC labels** from the red cans AND the Progresso **Box Top Coupons** from the blue cans. Please don't throw those labels in the trash!! We are also looking for Box Tops that are on the mashed potato, cookie, cake or muffin boxes...and the rolls of biscuits! Please put them in an envelope marked Box Tops/Labels for Education and drop them in the collection basket or the parish center office during the week.

CYO News

- **CYO Winter Mass** - The CYO Winter Mass will be Sunday January 11th at 10am. All Basketball teams will attend with their players, coaches and assistant coaches.
- **CYO Open Positions** – Gym Scheduler, Website Coordinator, Publicity Director, Spirit Wear Manager, Social Event Managers, Board Positions and more. If interested contact marybagnell@verizon.net.
- **Get our Emails** - Set-up an account in our online system so you receive all of our emails for CYO sponsored events and CYO sports. There is no cost to create an account. You can set-up an account at <https://corpus-christi-cyo.sportsignup.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

 Computer Science Education Week, December 8th – 14th with an Hour of Code. All grades K-8 participated in the Week of Code hosted by code.org during the month of December. This month is dedicated to inspire kids to learn computer science. Code teaches simple logic. Learning to code is important because it teaches problem-solving, digital confidence, digital literacy and understanding the world around them. Students participate in solving a problem and by creating a solution through their programs. The students will learn simple commands, loops and they will be exposed to basics of coding during this month.

Congratulations to the following 8th grade students who were recipients of the Monsignor Schade Merit Scholarship award! You have worked very hard for this achievement!

Patrick Coyne, Ryan Flanagan, Kevin Kelly, John McCabe, Michael Moffa, Thomas O'Mara, Keira O'Sullivan, Jessica Velicer, Alison Zywalewski.

If you are interested in sending your child to Corpus Christi School please call Mrs. Barb Casee, the school secretary, at 215-368-0582 to arrange a tour or set up a time to come in and register your child.

METANOIA ~ YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Metanoia Young Adults is an active community of Catholic young adults in Montgomery County, Pa. Our Ministry includes: Theology on Tap, faith based meetings, community service, retreats, and outdoor events and activities.

Here is our schedule for the remainder of 2014.

Dec. 16: Christmas party & quiz!

 @ Appalachian Brewing Co. @ 7:30pm

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Our first event of 2015 is a Bible Study at Corpus on January 13th check out our Twitter link in the top corner of our homepage: <http://metanoiayoungadults.weebly.com/>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/MetanoiaYoungAdults

Email us at: metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com



We are excited to announce the **2nd and 3rd Regional Kairos retreats for public school and home school high school juniors and seniors** that will take place December 26-29, 2014 and February 12-15, 2015. Kairos is a 4 day, 3 night retreat helping high school aged kids to grow deeper in their faith. The price for this retreat is usually \$300 but with the Philadelphia Education Fund grant, we are able to offer it for **\$60!** If you are interested in signing up or learning more, please visit our website, <http://paregionalkairos.weebly.com> or email us at paregionalkairos@gmail.com.



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

Week of 12/14 Team #1: Carlene Moran at 215-855-6877
Week of 12/21 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 requested to pre-register for the session by contacting the Parish Center Office 215-855-1311.*

Although instruction sessions are mandatory for both Parents and Godparents, you are required to attend one time only. If you have attended previously you are not required to come again. Ideally, attendance at the preparation session should occur before the child's birth. Upcoming sessions are scheduled in the **RE Room (in the church), at 7:00 PM on the 3rd Monday of the month i.e. December 15th, January 19th.**

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 - and has received First Holy Communion --- and actively practicing their faith - e.g., attending Mass, receiving Holy Communion - receiving the Sacrament of Penance
- if married - must be living in a valid sacramental marriage
- cannot be the parent of the child to be baptized
- the godparents are to be one male and one female
- one godparent may be a non-Catholic Christian witness with proper proof of his/her baptism — if a non-Catholic is asked to be a Christian witness - the other godparent MUST be Catholic
- a person who has left the Catholic Faith for any reason, may not be asked to carry out this responsibility

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

***CERTIFICATES OF ELIGIBILITY:** A certificate of eligibility is asking for a priest to sign and acknowledge that the person is 16 years of age or more, confirmed and married in the Catholic Church and celebrating the sacraments regularly. Ideally, this person should be registered and an active member of the parish for at least six (6) months.

Baptism is administered at **12:30 PM EVERY SUNDAY.**

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send your bulletin announcements to the Parish Center Office no later than the Friday 8 days prior to publication. It can be faxed or dropped off to the Parish Center but the preferred method is by e-mail to corpuschristibulletin@yahoo.com with the word "bulletin" in the subject line. Thank you for your cooperation!

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

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, see under Novena). Please enter the chapel using the entrance walk on the side of the Parish House facing Supplee Rd.

Please consider signing-up to be a weekly Adorer. There is a sign-up list in the Chapel if you would like to make a weekly commitment to a specific time each week. For more information: Anne DeSantis at 610-222-9778 or adesantis_1@comcast.net.



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 Hours

Sunday 7:45AM to 1PM

Our parish library is only as successful as the number of people who utilize its resources! The extensive book collection serves no purpose unless it is valued and appreciated as a means of growing in the interior life. Come and see the great treasures your library holds. The Parish Library is located next to the playground area and is open every Sunday from 7:45 AM to 1:00 PM.

REGISTRATION: Our diocese requires that all Catholics should be registered in the parish of their residence. If you have moved into our parish and have not registered with us, it is important that you call the Parish Center Office (215-855-1311) and make arrangements to do so as soon as possible. Certificates of Eligibility to act as a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, **cannot be issued** unless you are already (preferably for 6 months) registered with us.
Please be aware that young adults over 21 (25 if in college) should register separately.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

1601 “The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament.”~CCC

Marriages Celebrated at Corpus Christi
November ~ 2014
Caitlyn Horcher and Michael Musselman
Emily Tilden and Jonathan Aquilante

Congratulations and Prayers
from your Parish Family!