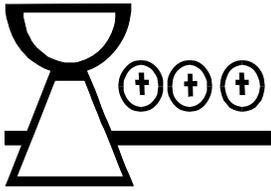


# THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT

*Joy ... Joy ... Joy ... Joy*  
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*Corpus Christi Parish ~ Upper Gwynedd, Pennsylvania  
December 15, 2013 ~ Gaudete Sunday*





**CORPUS  
CHRISTI  
PARISH**

**PASTOR**

**Reverend Monsignor Thomas P. Flanigan, Ed.D.**

**PAROCHIAL VICAR**

**Reverend Albert J. Santorsola**

**PERMANENT DEACONS**

**Deacon Francis E. Langsdorf**

**Deacon William W. Evans**

**PARISH STAFF**

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

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

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 To Visit Home Bound - Deacon Langsdorf 215-855-1311 ext. 125

Gift Certificate Program: Mary Ellen McCabe 215-362-0104  
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 Greeters: Henry Hartman 215-362-1463  
 The Guardians - Fathers' Support Group:  
 Deacon Frank Langsdorf 215-855-1311 ext. 125  
 Home & School Assn.: Beth Kress 267-613-8757 and Megan Montagna 215-699-0773

H.O.P.E.: Mary Medoff at 215-412-2263  
 Hospitality Ministry: Jean Van 215-855-5834  
 Knights of Columbus: John Atkins 215-412-2459  
 Lectors: Deacon Langsdorf 215-855-1311 ext. 125  
 Legion of Mary: Carol Romano 215-855-9832  
 M.A.S.S. Drivers: Paula Manchester 215-275-4943  
 The Mom Café - Mothers' Support Group:  
 Angela McClellan 215-855-1311 ext. 122

Music Ministry: Matthew Klenk 215-855-0670  
 Parish Library: Angela McClellan 215-855-1311 ext. 122  
 Prayer Garden: Don Janssen 215-361-8558  
 Prayer Line: Anna Marie O'Reilly 215-368-4672  
 Pre-Cana Program: Jack & Mary Ann McGowan 610-584-5569

Pre-Jordan Program: Deacon Langsdorf 215-855-1311  
 RCIA Program: Deacon Frank and Connie Langsdorf 215-855-1311 ext. 113

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

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

# PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

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,

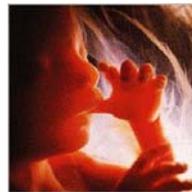
**Announcing the Parish 50th Anniversary Pilgrimage to Italy!** Corpus Christi parishioners and friends are invited to "Enchanting Italy" group tour with Msgr. Flanigan and Curran Travel, Inc. The tour will run from Wednesday, October 8th to Thursday October 16th, 2014. Some of the trip highlights include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

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

**The 41st Annual March for Life will be held on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 in Washington, DC. 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.

**Make checks payable to Respect Life** and send to Louise Mercurio, 3012 Valley View Way, Lansdale, PA 19446, 610-584-4008. **BUS #1, Respect Life, BUS #2, Knights of Columbus. You can go on either bus. Bring your gold scarf from previous year.**

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



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

*Of Special Note* ★

# MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK



- Saturday, December 14th**  
4:30 PM Dec'd Members of Rafferty Family  
by Eileen Schwartz
- Sunday, December 15th**  
7:00 AM Chick Kochick  
by Ruth Moran  
8:30 Sam DiMaria  
by Julia DiMaria  
10:00 Mary Ann Hagelin  
by Charles Hagelin  
11:30 Intentions of Lillian Scheetz  
by Lillian Scheetz  
6:00 PM Mary Ann Majors  
by Dana Bruckner
- Monday, December 16th**  
7:15 AM Mary Ann Major  
by Trish Keen
- Tuesday, December 17th**  
7:15 AM Leon Ofenloch  
by Donna and Bill Goepfrich
- Wednesday, December 18th**  
7:15 AM Mary Calarco  
by Joe and Jane Belcher
- Thursday, December 19th**  
7:15 AM Intentions of Lewis Family  
by Lewis Children
- Friday, December 20th**  
7:15 AM Pascuzzi Family
- Saturday, December 21st**  
7:15 AM Minnie Sullivan  
by Earl Sullivan  
4:30 PM Gerri O'Donnell  
by Patrick O'Donnell
- Sunday, December 22nd**  
7:00 AM William Walsh  
by Rev. Georges Thiers  
8:30 Carolyn Keen  
by Trish and Bob Keen  
10:00 David Craver  
by Joan Craver  
11:30 Kathleen Wilson  
by Dot Gillespie  
6:00 PM Carole Gladulich  
by Judy and Rusty Gladulich



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

## Prayer For Those Who Have Died



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

+Amen

## WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

December 7/8	\$27,260
Envelopes mailed	2,647
Envelopes returned	877
<b>Mortgage Reduction Collection</b>	
December to date	\$ 3,824

**First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6,10** 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: 146:6-7,8-9,9-10** The Lord will save His people.



**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.

## Family Connection

It is easy to look at our world and become discouraged by the apparent absence of God and signs of God's salvation. Advent, however, is a season of hope, in which we acknowledge that salvation is both mysteriously present, even in our world, and yet to be fulfilled.

Read together today's Gospel. Think about John's question to Jesus: Are you the One? Jesus does not answer directly, but points to the signs of the kingdom present in his midst.

Together as a family, look through the newspaper for signs of hope that God is at work in our world. Pray that the world will know God's salvation by praying together the Lord's Prayer.

[www.loyolapress.com/sunday-connection.htm](http://www.loyolapress.com/sunday-connection.htm)

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE of PHILADELPHIA

The first **Regional Kairos** will take place February 13-16, 2014 for high school juniors and seniors that do not have the opportunity to go on Kairos at their high school (i.e.. they attend public school, are being home schooled or any other circumstance). 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 \$250. If you are interested in signing up or learning more, please visit our website,

[www.paregionalkairos.weebly.com](http://www.paregionalkairos.weebly.com).

If you would like to donate or sponsor a retreatant, please email us at [paregionalkairos@gmail.com](mailto:paregionalkairos@gmail.com).

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

### Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!



The Retrouvaille Marriage Program offers help for struggling marriages. It gives you the chance to rediscover yourself and your spouse. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the six post sessions that follow it. Retrouvaille is not just a social gathering or series of seminars, but rather a way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. **The next program begins on the weekend of February 7th-9th at the Family Life Center in Malvern PA.** For more information, or to register for our upcoming weekend, visit our website at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call 800-470-2230 or 215-766-3944. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

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

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

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

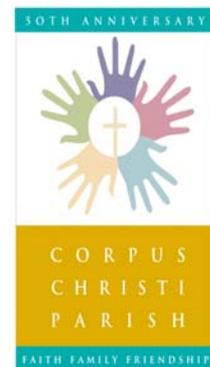


As we continue to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ-child at Christmas let us live in his love in all we do, especially in our marriage relationship. Strengthen, renew and rekindle your marriage sacrament; sign up today to attend the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend which are January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

Local Host Families needed for South Korean and Chinese international students attending Lansdale Catholic High School and Gwynedd Mercy Academy for the 2013/2014 school year, tuition paid. They are motivated learners with a wide variety of interests. These F-1 visa students speak English, are fully insured, & have their own pocket money for personal expenses. Host families provide room and board & receive a generous monthly hosting stipend & a fulfilling experience. Contact Cecelia LaPlaca with Nacel Open Door ([www.nacelopendoor.org](http://www.nacelopendoor.org)) at 215-584-7751 or [cecelaplaca@gmail.com](mailto:cecelaplaca@gmail.com).

### Corpus Christi Parish 50th Anniversary Activities

SAVE THESE DATES (be a part of the celebration)



2/22/14 - Trivia Night

Lent 2014 - Eucharistic Adoration

4/12/14 - Easter Egg Hunt/Easter Bunny

5/3/14 - Anniversary Celebration – “Taste of Philly”

6/22/14 – Anniversary Closing Mass – 11:30am

6/22/14 – Anniversary Banquet – 1:30pm

10/8/14 – 10/16/14 – “Enchanting Italy” Trip to Italy with Monsignor Flanigan

**Lansdale Catholic SCHOLARSHIP / FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** Program is sponsoring ‘Anything with a Plug Recycling’ day Sat. Jan 4 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. with an inclement day of Saturday January 11th, 2014. All proceeds from this event will go directly to the LC Scholarship and Financial Aid Fund that benefits LC families. Electronics will be recycled by eForce Compliance. All of your families’ old ‘plug’ items that will be replaced during this Christmas season are welcomed donations. If you have any questions please contact Lou Jurewicz at 215-362-6160x 113. Please note: A \$20 fee for ‘tube’ TV’s and monitors is required law.

**On Friday, December 20, join us for a free Christmas Movie Night in the Pope John Paul II High School Auditorium!** The Shakespeare Film Society, PJP’s film club, will present a holiday double feature. Beginning at 7:15 p.m., PJP will show A Charlie Brown Christmas! Following a short intermission and the distribution of some fun door prizes, PJP will play the main feature, the Christmas classic It’s a Wonderful Life. This is a free event and the entire PJP community and families from all local parishes are welcomed to attend! It will be a wonderful way to kick-off the Christmas week!

Archbishop Wood High School

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala

Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 ~ 6:00PM-11:00PM

(Doors open at 5:30PM)

For more information please contact: Tim Dunn 215-672-5050 ext. 227 [tdunn@archwood.org](mailto:tdunn@archwood.org)

The **Villa chance winners** were announced on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> and unfortunately we did not have a winner from Corpus Christi. The winner of \$10,000 was Bill & Robin Plante from Washington, DC. For a list of the other winners see the website, <http://www.ssphila.org>. Click on Support our Mission and then Events 2013. Thank you once again for your support. 2014 might be the year for a Corpus winner.



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

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION at CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH



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

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

**Mom Café** - Tuesday, January 7th

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

Visit us on the web at [www.corpuschristilansdale.org/aff](http://www.corpuschristilansdale.org/aff)

### PRE CANA TEAM

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

### Advent Caroling

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

### T L C Ministry

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

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

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

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

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

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



## ~CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE ~2013~



### Confessions

Wednesday, December 18th  
7:00-8:30PM

Thursday, December 19th  
3:30-4:30PM and 7:00-8:30PM



### MASSES

Tuesday, December 24th  
Christmas Vigil

*There will be caroling with a sing-a-long 15 minutes prior to each mass both on Christmas Eve and Day*  
4:30PM Church (Children's Liturgy)  
4:45PM School Hall  
8:00PM Church  
11:15PM Carols (Choir & Congregation)  
12:00AM Midnight Mass

Wednesday, December 25th Christmas Day  
7:00, 8:30, 10:00, and 11:30AM  
(No 6:00PM Mass)

Tuesday, December 31st  
7:15AM  
6:00PM

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
Wednesday, January 1st  
7:15AM, and 12:05PM



### Movie in the Morning #1

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

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



### Parish Library Open House & Video Sale

Our parish library is only as successful as the number of people who utilize its resources! The extensive book collection serves no purpose unless it is valued and appreciated as a means of growing in the interior life. Come and see the great treasures your library holds and enjoy a doughnut "on the house." We will be selling all our videos in order to make room for an expanded DVD collection. Take advantage of this opportunity to purchase any video for \$1.00.

**Sunday, February 9, 2014**  
Following All Masses until 1:00 PM  
The Parish Library is located next to the playground.



Please be praying  
for...

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

### CLUB 50 NEWS AND TRAVEL

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

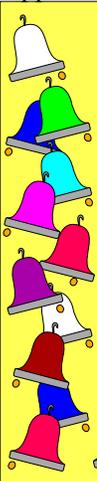
**Jersey Dreamers Production** - at the Stony Hill Inn in Hackensack, NJ. Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> Cost \$88. Round trip motor coach transportation, tax and tips included. Family-style luncheon, and Jersey Dreamers Production of "Moments to Remember" at the Stony Hill Inn (11AM). Departs 8:30AM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

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

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

**Corpus Christi School** is holding their First Annual Mega Ticket Raffle. The Grand Prize is \$10,000, Second Prize is \$5000, and Third Prize is \$3500. Please get your tickets early to be eligible for the \$500 Early Bird Drawings to be held on Jan. 13th, Feb. 13th and March 13th. The Grand Prize Drawing will be held on Saturday, March 22nd at Corpus Christi School. The cost of each ticket is \$100. To purchase a ticket please send your name, address, phone number, and email address along with your \$100 payment (checks made payable to Corpus Christi Home and School) to Corpus Christi School, 920 Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale, PA 19446. Once your payment is received, your ticket stub will be mailed back to you. For more information please contact Mauri Johnson at [mauri73@verizon.net](mailto:mauri73@verizon.net) or 215-699-4658. Thank you for your support.

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



### THE KNIGHT'S KORNER ... KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS JOHN E. DOYLE COUNCIL #9715

**Military Care Packages** - Thank you to everyone who took a box to mail a care package to a deployed soldier for Christmas. We distributed over 300 boxes this year. If you haven't mailed your package already, please do so as soon as possible so that the boxes can arrive by Christmas!

**Baby Bottle Campaign Results** - The second annual Corpus Christi Pro-life baby bottle campaign was a huge success thanks to your support. *More than 600 bottles were returned this year containing over \$10,000 in donations.* In addition to checks and bills, more than 90,000 coins were collected in that total. The Knights of Columbus and Corpus Christi Respect Life Group thank you for your support. Both groups will begin making donations on Corpus Christi's behalf this week to groups such as A Baby's Breath and the Pro-Life Union of Philadelphia.

**DEDICATION OF NEW HOLY FAMILY NATIVITY SET FOR CHURCH LAWN** - Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Dedication Ceremony, complete with Christmas Carols, courtesy of our Youth Ministry, when we lit our new Holy Family Nativity Set on the Sumneytown Pike Lawn on Sunday, December 1, 2013 after the 6 PM Mass. This 6' Tall White Silhouette Creche has been donated by The Knights of Columbus Council #9715 to the Clergy and Families of Corpus Christi Parish as part of our "Keep Christ in Christmas" initiative, and in recognition of our parish's 50 Anniversary. We hope to add additional figures to expand this Nativity Set in future years. If you are interested in making a donation in memory of a loved one towards the purchase of the additional pieces, please contact Tim Lescoe at [lescoe.tim@gmail.com](mailto:lescoe.tim@gmail.com) or 215-361-9693.

Merry Christmas to All!

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

### SUPPORT OUR PARISH

There are now several Corpus Christi families signed up for the Moyer Indoor/Outdoor Services incentive program. This is the program where Moyer makes a contribution to churches based on the amount of fuel oil purchased by parishioners for as long as they remain a customer.

Now that the winter heating season is upon us, this is when your purchase of fuel oil will be at its highest. 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.

This is an easy way to support your parish. Thank you for your consideration.

### "O Come All Ye Faithful"

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

# Youth News

## High School Youth Group

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

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

## Lifeteen Luminaries Sale

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



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

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

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

## Catholic HEART Workcamp July 27-August 1st, 2014

**\$330 per person.**

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

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

## LIFETEEN CALENDAR:

[www.corpuschristilansdale.org/youth/high-school-youth-mini-stry](http://www.corpuschristilansdale.org/youth/high-school-youth-mini-stry)

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

(7th-8th Grade Youth Group)

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

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

**December:** 9th - Christmas  
16th - Advent Prayer Service

Bobby Moren, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry  
Corpus Christi Parish, (215) 855-1311 ext. 118 or [corpus.ym@gmail.com](mailto:corpus.ym@gmail.com)

## METANOIA

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

## SCRIP CORNER



## SCRIP "URGENT CARD" CLINIC MONDAY (DEC. 16th) FROM 5:30pm to 7pm

Feeling tired and overwhelmed? Are you anxious that you have not found the perfect gift for everyone on your Christmas list? It sounds like you need a gift card check up, just in time for the last minute hustle and bustle of the holidays. **Stop by the SCRIP office between 5:30pm and 7pm on Monday, December 16, 2013; no appointment necessary.** Let our specialist save you time and money, and restore your sense of peacefulness during this Christmas season. If you have any questions, please call Mary Ellen McCabe at 215-362-0104 or e-mail her at [cc.scrip@yahoo.com](mailto:cc.scrip@yahoo.com). **No insurances accepted; cash or check only!!!**

**The absolute last date for Special Orders that would be received by Christmas is Monday, December 16th by 7:00pm.**

The SCRIP office will be closed on Monday, December 23rd and will not reopen until Thursday, January 2nd since school is not in session.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!*



## CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL NEWS

*A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence*

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

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

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

## eSCRIP ONLINE MALL ~ Earn SCRIP Tuition Credits ...when you do internet shopping!

**How:** Look under the SCRIP tab on the school website ([www.ccsilansdale.org](http://www.ccsilansdale.org)) for the link to [www.eSCRIP.com](http://www.eSCRIP.com). See the instructions to register under eScrip and link your account to Corpus Christi.

**Who:** You, your family, your friends.

**What:** What you earn as a tuition credit is 50% of the amount the retailer contributes to Corpus Christi based on your spending. (Every retailer is different!)

**When:** Anytime.

**Where:** Shopping in the comfort of your own home.

**Why:** Why not? This helps Corpus Christi AND you!!! If you do a lot of on-line shopping but do not want the credits, you can designate them to the Father Loughran Scholarship Fund. You are still shopping on the official store websites, you just click on them through the eScrip button first. Thanks for your support!!



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 12/15 Team #6: Sue Bones at 215-631-9526**

**Week of 12/22 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 in the RE Room (in the church), at **7:00 PM on the 3rd Monday of the month: i.e. December 16th or January 20th**.

**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 Monday prior to weekend of publication by 12 noon. It can be faxed or dropped off to the Parish Center but the preferred method is by e-mail to [corpuschristibulletin@yahoo.com](mailto: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

**DAILY PRAYER CHAPEL OPEN:** Those who wish to make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament during the day may do so in the Church Chapel. The Chapel is open every day until **3:30PM 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. The main Church is closed after the 7:15 Mass each morning.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WEDNESDAYS**  
**7:45AM TO 6:30 PM**



**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 below). **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, please call Anne DeSantis at 610-222-9778 or email [adesantis\\_1@comcast.net](mailto: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.

**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:**  
*Sundays 7:45AM to 1PM*

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

**PREGNANCY HOTLINE:** **800-CARE-002** Twenty-four hours/seven days per week hotline for individuals seeking assistance with a pregnancy. Offers assistance to explore pro-life option, supportive counseling and linkage with needed resources.

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