

*Corpus Christi Parish ~ Upper Gwynedd Pennsylvania
December 17, 2017 ~ Third Sunday of Advent*

*And to the earth
it gave great light...*

*Third Sunday
of Advent*





**CORPUS
CHRISTI
PARISH**

PASTOR

Reverend Monsignor Thomas P. Flanigan, Ed.D.

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Church: www.corpuschristilansdale.org

School: www.ccsllansdale.org

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Masses: 7:15AM

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

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

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

Confessions:

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

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

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,

YOUTH GROUP



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



MARCH FOR LIFE 2018 CREATED, LOVED, REDEEMED BY GOD – PRICELESS

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

The schedule is as follows:

Arrive at Corpus Christi Parish prepared for the day and attend a special 6:30am Mass, then board the Perkiomen Tour Bus on the REC side of the church. **The bus will depart the church parking lot at 7:15 AM. Please be prompt.** Dress warmly, and bring a bag lunch, water and snacks. There is a restroom on the bus and we will make one brief restroom stop on I-95. We will be dropped off at Union Station and walk to the start of the March. **There will be approximately 2 to 3 miles of walking in total, where we will follow the CC Respect Life Banner and the K of C Banner.** We hope to arrive in time to hear some of the speeches. The March for Life begins about 1 PM. We will pray at the Supreme Court for an end to legalized abortion. We will board the bus for home at 4 PM. The sooner we leave Washington the better chance we will have of being able to stop to eat at the Maryland House on I-95. It is the first and largest stop for us to get some dinner. The cost for the trip is \$25 per adult. Students go for free, but they must be accompanied by an adult. After dinner we board the bus and hope to return to Corpus Christi by 9 PM.

Sign-ups start now.

The sign-up board is in the Narthex of the church. Please pay in full to reserve your seat. Make checks payable to Corpus Christi Respect Life and send to Mary Ellen McCabe, 2136 Old Forde Way, Lansdale, PA 19446. (Home #215-368-1422). Checks may also be dropped off at the Parish Office in an envelope labeled Respect Life Bus Trip.

REMEMBER: Payment for your seat is transferable, but not refundable. A new bright yellow scarf will be given to everyone.

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



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 was requested: The bulletins of **December 24/25 and December 31/January 1** announcements were due **Friday, December 15th** by noon. Thank You!

MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK



THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT

- Saturday, December 16th**
4:30 PM John Atkins
by John and Peggy Butler
- Sunday, December 17th**
7:00 AM Jim Thompson
by Karen and Ed Price
8:30 Kathleen Wilson
by Dot Gillespie
10:00 Bill and Delores McHale
by Fran McHale
11:30 Fred Scheetz
by Lillian Scheetz
6:00 PM Alphonso and Mary Trecroce
by The Sotak and Bono Family
- Monday, December 18th**
7:15 AM Robert Pride
by Barbara MacFarland
- Tuesday, December 19th**
7:15 AM Gerald Hornick
by The Powers Family
- Wednesday, December 20th**
7:15 AM Richard Tiver
by Pat and Pam Kendig
- Thursday, December 21st**
7:15 AM Anna Marie Taraska
by Frank and Cindy Weiss
- Friday, December 22nd**
7:15 AM Carolyn Keen
by Bob and Trish Keen
- Saturday, December 23rd**
7:15 AM Glenn P. Fulcher
by The Fulcher Family
4:30 PM The Venezia Family
by Bill and Lisa Diliberto
- Sunday, December 24th**
7:00 AM Peggy Snyder
by Joe and Jane Belcher
8:30 Gerri O'Donnell
by Pat and Joanne O'Donnell
10:00 Rachel Hoekstra
by Beth Lentz
11:30 Deceased Members of the O'Reilly
and Callahan
Families
by Anna Marie O'Reilly
4:30PM, 4:45PM, 8:00PM, 12:00AM

Christmas Vigil



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



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

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Target for Fiscal Year 2017-2018	\$1,716,000
Weekly Target for Fiscal Year 2017-18	\$ 33,000
Collection for December 09/10	\$ 26,392
Electronic Giving (148 participants) Dec. 20	\$ N/A
Over (Under) Target Week	\$ (6,608)
Over (Under) Target YTD Fiscal Week 24	\$ (33,665)
Facilities Improvement Accumulative	\$ 105,884
Total Envelopes Mailed	2,574
Total Envelopes Used	690
Balance Due on Mortgage	\$ 2,653,983

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
R. (Is 61:10b) My soul rejoices in my God.

Second Reading: 1 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.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

"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."

Remember when Jesus read this passage in His synagogue in Nazareth? St. Luke tells us He said 'Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearings.' We often associate this passage at the time of ordination or confirmation. Today it is directed to me and tells me what to expect when the longed for Savior comes. He was 'anointed', the name Christ means the anointed one. He had a mission, He was sent. He had a message 'good news.' He looked for the lowly, the hurting, those bound by addictions and desperation. He came to free and form missionary disciples.

The mission of Jesus is our mission, the mission of the entire church. We are comfortable, but consider fellow Christians throughout the world suffering from poverty, political oppression. Consider missionaries serving the most pitiable people, like Doctors with Borders, the Catholic Near East Welfare Society Workers, Medical Mission Sisters bringing Isaiah's prompting to fulfillment.

Yes, the spirit of the Lord is upon all of us as we begin week three of Advent. Jesus has gifted us with His mission.

'Come Lord Jesus.'



~CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE ~2017~

Confessions

Monday, December 18th

3:00–4:30 and 7:00–8:00PM

Tuesday, December 19th

7:00–8:00PM

No Confessions on Saturday, December 23rd



MASSES

Sunday, 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

Monday, December 25th Christmas Day

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

(No 6:00PM Mass)



Sunday, December 31st

7:00, 8:30, 10:00, and 11:30AM and 6:00PM

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Monday, January 1st

7:15AM

Not a Holyday of Obligation this Year

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE of PHILADELPHIA



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

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

Epiphany of Our Lord Church ~ Plymouth Meeting

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

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

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

Winter 2018 Tobacco Treatment Program

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

College-Age* Retreat January 5 – 7, 2018

Marianist Family Retreat Center Cape May Point, NJ 08212

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

Cost: \$130 per person, double occ.

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

* Current Year High School Seniors are welcomed

Natural Family Planning Course

Have you ever thought about what unnatural birth control methods really do to your body? To your marriage? The Couple to Couple League has the answers and more. Attend a short Self-Paced Online course and learn a natural method of family planning that is safe, effective, and morally acceptable. Great for achieving as well as postponing pregnancy. The course starts when it's most convenient for you and you can learn from any device that has a wi-fi connection! Simply visit register. ccli.org and register for a Self-Paced Online course today. For more information, please contact Helene Hallowell: 267-252-6207, hhallowell@ccli.org

Mark your calendar. . . **PONY NITE, JANUARY 27, 2018**
St. Titus Social Hall, 3000 Keenwood Rd, E. Norriton
Doors open 6pm; Post Time 7:15pm
Contacts: Bud Munro 610-275-8853; Dave Dempsey 610-348-3536.

⊕ 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.





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

CLUB 50 NEWS AND TRAVEL

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

Millennium Theater, Lancaster, PA Sight and Sound "Jesus"

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

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday in our chapel. The Reconciliation Rooms provide the opportunity for either face-to-face confession or anonymity behind the screen. Make room in your heart for the Lord to enter. Take the time to ask God's forgiveness and receive His mercy, unconditional love, and peace. Saturdays, *except 12-23-17* following the 7:15 AM Mass and 3:15 PM to 4:00 PM in the Chapel. (See the enclosed Christmas Schedule also.)



There are various types of examinations of conscience but regardless of which one you use to prepare yourself for the Sacrament it should be rooted in Scripture; particularly, the Ten Commandments and Beatitudes. A few examples of Examinations of Conscience that can help you prepare for the Sacrament are listed at the United States Bishops website. Just follow this link <http://tinyurl.com/glsot98> there are several types of examen listed suited to your stage in life.

RESPECT LIFE NEWS CORNER

Liberal columnist and atheist Nat Hentoff saw nothing theological about the medical fact that obstetric textbooks teach that obstetricians treat two patients, and the one not yet born "should be given the same meticulous care by the physician that we long have given the pregnant woman." For his opposition to infanticide and then abortion, Hentoff endured much criticism from liberal colleagues. NRL News Online 1/9/17

Recently the U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services (HHS) called for the public to submit comments regarding providing exemptions to the contraceptive, abortifacient (abortion inducing drugs such as hormonal birth control) and sterilization mandate for religious and moral objectors. They do not prevent disease or illness and can cause adverse health risks such as breast cancer. Rather, they impair the healthy, normal reproductive condition known as fertility! The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has repeatedly pointed to upholding the religious and moral objectors exemption required under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. This Act has been a longstanding tradition to protect conscience in this country. More information can be obtained at HLA, Human Life Action (info@nchla.org) and the November 21, 2017 letter written by United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB.org).

For more information call Ellie Hentschel 215-362-0160.



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

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

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

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



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. Every Sister of St. Joseph, especially those who live at the Villa, gratefully acknowledge the generosity of our parishioners. Even though there were two winners from Montgomery County, no one from Corpus Christi was among them. Good things happen to those who wait, so our turn is coming!



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

There's An App for That!

In the rising use of "apps" in our day to day life, for Catholics "there's an app for that!" Catholic Appitude may be the one stop resource you have been looking for to find the most comprehensive list of the best Catholic apps in the marketplace in a variety of formats. Check out their website at <http://catholicappitude.org/>, sign up for their emails and newsletters or check out some of the tabs for articles and resources.



Holy Holiday Hours for the Parish Center Office

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, December 25th and Tuesday December 26th until it reopens at 9AM on Wednesday, December 27th. Again we will close on Friday, December 29th at 2PM and reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd at 9AM.

Prepare
the
way of the
Lord





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

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

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



Corpus Christi Parish Bingo

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY "45" YEARS

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

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

Engaged Couples



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

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

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



St. Charles Seminary

We are in the 10th week for the 2017-18 Appeal and Corpus Christi has reached \$25,960 with 209 donors as of December 7th. If you have not as yet made a contribution you may do so by visiting <http://stcharlesseminaryappeal.org/#>. Thank you for helping to support the formation and education of our future priests, deacons and lay faithful.



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

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

Patrician Society
121 E. Chestnut Street
Norristown, PA 19401

Msgr. Flanigan and Parish of Corpus Christi,

Thanksgiving season seems like a good time to remind you how much your support means to the Patrician Society all through the year!

On behalf of the Patrician Society Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and clients, I thank you for your ongoing contributions to our Emergency Food cupboard.

We work with nearly 1,400 families throughout the year and we can only do it with your help.

With all best wishes to the entire Corpus Community for a happy holiday season (ed.) I am,
Joseph Maccolini, Executive Director



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

All are welcome!

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

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

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



2017 GIVING HOPE to All: You may contribute

to the Catholic Charities Appeal in many ways: • Pledge Gift• Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT)• Gifts of Securities• Planned Gifts• One Time Gift• Credit Card Gifts• Matching Gifts. For more information on any of these options please visit our website at

www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org, email us at cca@adphila.org or call us at 215-587-5650. Corpus Christi with 682 contributors is at \$126,811, 83% of our \$152,684 goal for 2017.

Youth News

High School Youth Group

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

YOUTH GROUP

On Saturday March 24, 2018 The Knights of Columbus invite you on a bus trip to see the show *"Jesus - Live On Stage,"* a Broadway-quality musical at the Millennium Sights and Sounds Theater. Tickets are \$135/adult, and \$85/child 12 years and under. Price includes bus transportation from Corpus Christi, dinner at Shady Maple Smorgasbord, and the show ticket. Bus leaves at 2:30pm, return is expected around 11pm. Proceeds benefit Corpus Christi Youth Ministry. Please contact the youth minister at corpus.ym@gmail.com for questions and details.

CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL NEWS



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC SCHOOL
~ a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence ~
WELCOMES YOU



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

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

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

SCRIP CORNER

LET THE HOLIDAY MADNESS BEGIN!

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

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

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

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

Corpus Christi SCRIP Office 215-362-0104
Monday - Friday 9am - 12:30pm (when school is in session)
Mondays - 5:30pm - 7:00pm (when REC is in session)
Erin Miller

CYO News:

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

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

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

Swim Team Registration is Still Open

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

Beef & Beer – Beef & Beer & Karaoke Feb 3rd– Mark your calendars for Feb 3rd for our Annual CYO Beef & Beer. Featuring live music and live Karaoke. You can order tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/corpus-christi-cyo-beef-beer-tickets-40750819799>. If you are interested in helping, contact cc-cyo@verizon.net.

****New Sport** Field Hockey** – We are looking to start a Field Hockey program at Corpus Christi. We are planning a clinic this Spring and would like to have JV and Varsity teams for Fall 2018. If you would like to help coach and/or organize please email cc-cyo@verizon.net.

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

METANOIA ~ YOUNG ADULT GROUP

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

December 2017:

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

January 2018

Saturday, January 6: Rock Climbing @ Philadelphia Rock Gym in Oaks, PA - \$10/person arrive by 11:45am

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

For more details, check us out on Facebook

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

HOPE 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 12/17 Team #7: Mary Medoff at 215-412-2263
Week of 12/24 Team #8: Bob Tercheck at 215-393-5696 h
Cell 267-644-6022

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 18th, January 15th.**

REQUIREMENTS FOR GODPARENTS

- must be a registered member of a Catholic Parish and receive a Certificate of Eligibility* from that Parish and have attended the Pre-Jordan Baptism class
- must have completed his/her 16th birthday
- must have been Baptized - Confirmed - 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 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 EVERY SUNDAY.**

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please send your bulletin announcements to the Parish Center Office no later than the Friday 8 days prior to publication. The preferred method is by e-mail to corpuschristibulletin@yahoo.com with the word "bulletin" in the subject line but it can be faxed or dropped off to the Parish Center. 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 6:30PM 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.



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. To check on the next session at Corpus Christi— Contact ccprecanateam@gmail.com for information. Please confirm your date with the church before booking your reception.

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

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

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

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