

THEY SHALL NAME HIM

# *Emmanuel*

*Matthew 1:23*



*Corpus Christi Parish ~ Upper Gwynedd, Pennsylvania  
December 18, 2016 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent*



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CHRISTI  
PARISH**

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

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Daily Masses: 7:15AM**

**Saturday Masses: 7:15 AM.....4:30 PM**

(Vigil Mass for Sunday)

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

11:30 AM, and 6 PM

**Holy Day Masses: 7:30 PM (Vigil)**

7:15AM, and 12:05PM

**Confessions:**

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

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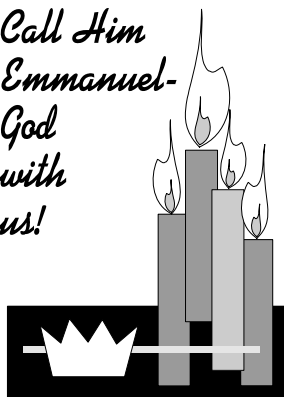
# PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

One of the most joyful sounds in the world is children's laughter in the midst of their play. In their laughter they reflect the joy which fills their hearts. It moves adults to remember their own childhood. Laughter lifts heavy hearts and it gives hope – hope for the world. It gives a hope which looks forward to the future. For a community it offers the knowledge that a new generation grows. It offers a future to that community.

By the same token, one of the saddest things of the world is children unable to laugh or to play because they are in pain. Be it hunger, war, abuse or a lack of love, such injustice is most clearly seen on the faces of the children it touches.

*Call Him  
Emmanuel-  
God  
with  
us!*



Ahaz, in today's first reading, was faced with a situation which seemed to offer no future. It appeared that Syria was about to invade and destroy Judea. He was the king, and sought a way to offer Judea a future. His answer was to appeal to the Assyrians. Isaiah, the prophet, strove to make Ahaz understand that Judea did not need to rely upon a foreign power. They were God's people. Their future rested upon their faith in God. God offered the surest sign of hope and a future. He offered the promise of a child. In that child is offered joy, hope, and the promise of the continuation of God's covenant – a future.

This same powerful gift of hope is offered to the people of Israel, indeed to all people, in the promise of another child—Jesus, Emmanuel, the Son of God. A child is conceived by a woman through the power of the Holy Spirit. This child offers God's greatest gift to humanity. The hope that the birth of Jesus brings reflects a future of eternal happiness and unity with God.

As we look forward to the celebration of the coming of Jesus into the world as an infant, we too are filled with great hope. This child is to offer us the gift of salvation. He is to give glory to God and invites us to join Him in the love of Father and Son. Today we hear of the promise of a child, of hope, of happiness, of a future of eternal salvation. Our hearts are filled with joy.

God bless you,



The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, December 26th and again on Monday January 2nd.



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



## CREATED, LOVED, REDEEMED BY GOD -- PRICELESS MARCH FOR LIFE 2016 – 44th Anniversary

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



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

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

One restroom stop on I95. Continue on to Washington where bus driver will drop us off as close to the beginning of the March as possible (near 7th and Constitution Ave.). March begins about 1PM and we will join in and walk up Constitution (about 1 mile) toward the Capital and continue on to the Supreme Court where we pray for the end of legalized abortion (Roe vs. Wade). We then regroup at the corner and when we have all our people together, we walk to Union Station, where our bus will pick us up (4PM). We leave Washington, and stop on I95 at the Maryland House, which has been newly renovated, has plenty of seating room, and everyone will purchase their dinner from the various food places. (Old Country Buffet has closed.) We will not go to the Shrine and we will not take the Metro train. Cost for adults is \$24 for bus. Cost for students is 0, bus is free for all students BUT an adult must accompany them. Everyone should bring a bag lunch and a drink. Bus returns to Corpus Christi by 9 PM. Sign-ups start now. Sign-up board is in the Narthex of Church and you must pay in full to reserve your seat. All deposits are transferrable, but not refundable. Make check payable to Respect Life and send to Ellie Hentschel, 2045 Pheasant Hill Road, Lansdale, PA 19446, 215-362-0160. Bring your gold scarf from previous year. New signups will get a scarf.

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

# MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

<b>Saturday,</b> 4:30 PM	<b>December 17th</b> Miranda Ward	
<b>Sunday,</b> 7:00 AM	<b>December 18th</b> Marion Peleggi <i>by Joseph and Susan Baker</i>	
8:30	Deceased Members of the Bradley and Rafferty Families <i>by Eileen Swartz</i>	
10:00	Kathleen Wilson <i>by Dot Gillespie</i>	
11:30	Special Intention of Lillian Scheetz	
6:00 PM	Robert McGuire <i>by John Steinhauser</i>	
<b>Monday,</b> 7:15 AM	<b>December 19th</b> Kathleen Hayman <i>by Ed Caufield and Family</i>	
<b>Tuesday,</b> 7:15 AM	<b>December 20th</b> Frank Navarro <i>by Peggy Fitzpatrick</i>	
<b>Wednesday,</b> 7:15 AM	<b>December 21st</b> Agnes Baker <i>by Mary Beth Dunsmore</i>	
<b>Thursday,</b> 7:15 AM	<b>December 22nd</b> Carolyn Keen <i>by Bob and Trish Keen</i>	
<b>Friday,</b> 7:15 AM	<b>December 23rd</b> Alphonso and Mary Trecroce <i>by The Sotak and Bono Family</i>	
<b>Saturday,</b> 7:15 AM	<b>December 24th</b> Charles J. O'Reilly <i>by Anna Marie O'Reilly</i>	
4:30 PM	Children's Liturgy (Church)	
4:45	Mass- School Hall	
8:00	Mass- Church	
12:00 AM	Midnight Mass	
<b>Sunday,</b> 7:00 AM	<b>December 25th</b> <b>The Nativity of the Lord</b>	
8:30	All Mass Intentions	
10:00	are for the	
11:30	Corpus Christi Parish Family	

Please note: There is **NO 6:00PM Mass**



We pray for the deceased members, relatives and friends of our parish family, especially Mary Lorenc, mother of Joanne Koenig; Paula Mairead Agnew, mother of Kathleen and Jennifer.



### 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

# FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

## WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

<b>Target for Fiscal Year 2016-2017</b>	<b>\$1,560,000</b>
<b>Weekly Target for Fiscal Year 2016-17</b>	<b>\$ 30,000</b>
Collection for December 10/11	30,197
Electronic Giving (107 participants) December	\$ N/A
Over (Under) Target Week	<u>197</u>
Over (Under) Target YF Fiscal Week 24	8,633
Facilities Improvement Year To Date	\$ 31,989
Through December 11th	
Total Envelopes Mailed	2,525
Total Envelopes Used (December 11)	812
Balance Due on Mortgage	\$ 2,733,376

**First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14** Ahaz receives from Isaiah a prophecy that he will be successful in war and is urged to ask for a sign that the prophecy is true. The sign is "The virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and shall name Him Emmanuel."

**Responsorial Psalm: PS 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6**

**R. (7c and 10b) Let the Lord enter; He is king of glory.**

**Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7** Paul greets the Romans by pointing out that Jesus is the Christ Who was promised to them in Scripture. He, Paul, is the apostle favored with the task of spreading the name of Christ to all.



**Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24** In a brief, straightforward, simple narrative, Matthew recounts the events leading to Jesus' birth. He details the appearance of the angel in a dream to Joseph and stresses that "All this happened to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophets."

## HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

**"Greetings from Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart to proclaim the gospel of God which He promised long ago... the gospel concerning His Son who was descended from David... Through Him we have been favored with apostleship, that we may spread His name and bring to obedient faith all the Gentiles among whom are you who have been called to belong to Jesus Christ."**

Not a Christmas card, but the beginning of a special inspired letter which Paul sent to the Roman community. He knew who he was, no identity problem. He knew his role as both servant and apostle. His greeting is directed to us, and like the many cards we receive and send, we realize we are servants and apostles too.

We are to spread His name because we have been invited to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We have the same mission to bring others to the Lord. It might be someone in my family who has wavered in the practice of the faith. It might be someone weighed down with a hurt or problem, asking us to help lift them in this time of need. It might be that person next to us, curious because I belong to Christ, and they only need our simple invitation. Our response can be a Christmas card and gift for them.

**'Come Lord Jesus.'**



~CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE ~2016~

Confessions

**Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

**2:30 – 4:00**

**Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

**3:00–4:30 and 7:00-8:00PM**

*No Confessions on Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>*



MASSES

**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Christmas Vigil**

4:30PM Church (Children's Liturgy)

4:45PM School Hall (Gym)

8:00PM Church

11:15PM Carols (Choir & Congregation)

12:00AM Midnight Mass

**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day**

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

(No 6:00PM Mass)



**Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

7:15AM

4:30PM (Vigil)

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

**Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

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

and 6:00PM



## 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.



Upcoming  
Events

### **The Guardians - Tuesday, January 3rd- 7PM**

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

### **Mom Café - Tuesday, Tuesday, January 3rd- 9:30-11AM**

**The Mom's Cafe** is back! If you've been looking for a way to meet other moms in the parish, or have wondered what this group is about, come join us at any or all of our meetings. All are welcome, including the children. Have coffee and talk with a supportive group of women discussing all kinds of topics! Questions may be directed to Jess at

[jesswoehr@hotmail.com](mailto:jesswoehr@hotmail.com)

## **CLUB 50 NEWS AND TRAVEL**

### **NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!**



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

### **Doolan's Spring Lake, NJ - Thursday, March**

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

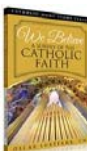


### **Virginia International Tattoo, Norfolk & Virginia Beach, VA - Friday, April 28, 2017 to Monday, May 1,**

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



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



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

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

Please be praying  
for...

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



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

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



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

**Annual Nativity Advent Calendar, Greeting Cards, and "Keep Christ in Christmas" Car Magnet Sale** – Plan now to "Keep Christ in Christmas" in your

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

Also available are "Keep Christ in Christmas" Silhouette Nativity Car Magnets for \$5 and Advent Ring/Wreath with Candles and 11" Advent Calendars, each for \$10. Proceeds earned from this fundraiser will benefit the school children of our Sister Parish, Visitation of the B.V.M. in the Kensington Section of Philadelphia. Please contact Tim Lescoe for Pre-Orders at 215-361-9693 or [lescoe.tim@gmail.com](mailto:lescoe.tim@gmail.com).

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

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

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

### Join others to pray the Rosary over the phone.

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

Any questions contact Diana at [diana.kinggates@gmail.com](mailto:diana.kinggates@gmail.com).



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### 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

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

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

We pray daily for our benefactors. God bless your generosity!!

### CORPORATE MATCHING GIFTS FOR SCHOOL

Many companies have a Matching Gift program that is available for schools. If you've thought about making a donation to Corpus Christi School, and are employed at one of these companies, obtaining a form from the Human Resources Department could add on to your personal gift and would be a great way to support our school. Ask your employer if they have a Matching Gift or similar type program for schools.

### PAPER RETRIEVER ~ RECYCLING

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



### Evangelization Newsletter ~ Archdiocese of Philadelphia

To be informed about what presentations are being offered at parishes around the Archdiocese please visit [www.phillyevang.org/inform](http://www.phillyevang.org/inform) There you can sign up for a monthly email that provides information about many events being sponsored at various parishes and institutions around the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.



# Youth News

## High School Youth Group



Our youth group will be selling luminaries after all of the Masses during Advent. Purchase a luminary, and have a candle lit in honor of a loved one (living or deceased), or for a special intention. The youth group will be praying for your intentions during Advent! Luminaries are \$5 a candle, or you can purchase 3 candles for \$10. They will be placed throughout the parish grounds on Christmas Eve, and remain there

until Midnight Mass begins. Thank you in advance for your support!

Check out our Youth Group table in the Narthex, visit us on **Facebook** or on the parish website: <http://corpuschristilansdale.org/youth/>

**LIFETEEN CALENDAR:** For details regarding each week's activities, visit the youth section of Corpus Christi's website. [www.corpuschristilansdale.org/youth/high-school-youth-ministry](http://www.corpuschristilansdale.org/youth/high-school-youth-ministry)  
Contact Danielle Gallo, Youth Minister at [corpus.ym@gmail.com](mailto:corpus.ym@gmail.com)

## METANOIA ~ YOUNG ADULT GROUP

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

**Tuesday, December 20:** Theology on Tap at Appalachian Brewing Company, Collegetown, 7:30pm (If you wish to eat dinner beforehand please arrive at 7pm)  
**Tuesday, December 27:** No Event

## CYO News

**Open Positions** –Registrar, Uniform Manager, and others. If interested contact [cc-cyo@verizon.net](mailto:cc-cyo@verizon.net)

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

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

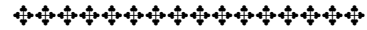
**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE \* JUNE 10TH - 20TH, 2017**  
Includes Round Trip Motor Coach Transportation From Holy Martyrs Church In Oreland to JFK Airport. Round Trip Non Stop Air Service On El Al, JFK To Tel Aviv. Accommodations In Tiberias At The Pilgerhaus Guest House Or Ron Beach. Accommodations In Jerusalem At Notre Dame Center. English Speaking Guide Throughout. All Meals. All Gratuities & More! \$2985.00 Per Person, Based On Double Occupancy. \$3605.00 Single. Space Is Limited. Please Contact Pat Wurster At The Travel Station In Oreland To Reserve: 215 884 2130 or [thetravelstation@comcast.net](mailto:thetravelstation@comcast.net) If interested, please contact the travel agent above at 215-884-2130.

**Evangelization Newsletter ~ Archdiocese of Philadelphia**  
To be informed about what presentations are being offered at parishes around the Archdiocese please visit [www.phillyevang.org/inform](http://www.phillyevang.org/inform) There you can sign up for a monthly email that provides information about many events being sponsored at various parishes and institutions.

## CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL NEWS

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

12/21 Wednesday - Strings Concert - 7:00 (Church)



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

## SCRIP CORNER

**SCRIP OFFICE HOURS: Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9am to 12:30pm (when school is in session)**  
**Monday evenings 5:30pm to 8:00pm (when REC is in session)**

**Remember to use Scrip Shopping cards for your Christmas Shopping!** Make sure you have SCRIP cards to go with that long Christmas list. Don't get caught at midnight, at Toys R Us or Walmart without SCRIP in your wallet.

Before you head out to go grocery shopping make sure you stock up on your supermarket SCRIP cards. Don't forget Lansdale Meat Market gives you 10% back!!

Check out [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) for a complete list of SCRIP stores available to you.

We are in the season of giving but remember to give back to yourself and please remember IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO START SCRIP!!! If your children are not old enough for school yet, you can accumulate tuition/REC credits that can be saved in your account until the time you would need them. To see a complete list of retailers that are offered, please visit our website at [www.ccslandsdale.org](http://www.ccslandsdale.org) and click on the SCRIP button.

If you have any questions or would like more information about this major fund raising program, you can reach Erin Miller at 215-362-0104 during office hours, or send an e-mail to [cc.scrip@yahoo.com](mailto:cc.scrip@yahoo.com)!



*Soon and very soon.*

*We are going to see the King ...*



# HOPE

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

**Week of 12/25 Team #3: Jane Hartman at 215-272-0784**

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 19th, January 16th.**

## REQUIREMENTS FOR GODPARENTS

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

## 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](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. The next pre-cana session is October 1st and 2nd, 2016. Please contact [johnmcfowan3@gmail.com](mailto:johnmcfowan3@gmail.com) for more information.

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

**OUR LADY OF HOPE PRAYER LINE:** The Prayer Line may be called if you are in need of prayer. Call Anna Marie 215-368-4672.

**PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS:** Weekdays from **9AM to 12:00PM** (during Lent) 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.

## 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 ~ 2016**

**Alexandra Bisol and Kevin Jarvis**

**Congratulations and Prayers  
from your Parish Family!**

**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.**