

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Luke 2:13-14

*Glory to God
in the highest...*

*Corpus Christi Parish ~ Upper Gwynedd, Pennsylvania
Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ December 20, 2015*



**CORPUS
CHRISTI
PARISH**

PASTOR

Reverend Monsignor Thomas P. Flanigan, Ed.D.

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Reverend Shaji Silva**

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**Deacon Francis E. Langsdorf
Deacon William W. Evans
Deacon Steve Currie**

PARISH STAFF

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Church: www.corpuschristilansdale.org

School: www.ccslansdale.org

CARING & SHARING

215-855-1311 ext 133

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Masses: 7:15AM

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

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

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

Confessions:

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

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

In our Advent preparation for Christmas, we have heard from the prophets, Jeremiah, Baruch, Zephaniah, and today Micah. They have told us of Israel's hopes for the Messiah to come. Since the Second Sunday of Advent and right up to yesterday, the message of John the Baptist, preparing the way of the Lord, has been the gospel reading five times. Today's gospel gives the witness of Saint Elizabeth, cousin of Mary and mother of Saint John the Baptist.

At the visit of her young, pregnant cousin, Elizabeth felt the infant in her own womb leap and was "filled with the Holy Spirit." Elizabeth then proclaims those three "Blesseds" and what meaning they have for us on this last Advent Sunday.



"Blessed are you among women" are the first Advent words Elizabeth spoke, and we repeat them often in the Hail Mary. They tell us how special Mary was, chosen out of all women, all men, even all the angels, to be the instrument of God in the Incarnation. When the angel proposed the divine motherhood to her, Mary did not fully understand all that her consent involved. But her answer was, YES. This would later cancel out the NO that our first mother, Eve, gave to God. Eve, the mother of all the living, said No; Mary said Yes and became the mother of all the redeemed.

"Blessed is the fruit of your womb" are the further Advent words of Elizabeth. They are also included in the Hail Mary. The fruit of Mary's womb is Jesus the Christ, Son of God from all eternity, and through Mary the Son of Man also. The supreme privilege of Mary is that, in the working out of the Incarnation, she carried Christ in her own body. Each one of us who is baptized, and all who receive Holy Communion, carry in our bodies and in our daily lives the Christ that Mary first carried. He is our Prophet, Priest and King; and by His dwelling in us we are all Christ-bearers. We are privileged vessels, shaped for the service of carrying Christ to others.

The third Advent "Blessed" Elizabeth uttered at the Visitation of Mary was, "Blessed are you who believed what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." This acknowledged that Mary was the first believer in Jesus, the first person to have the Christian faith. It was for this reason that the Second Vatican Council calls her the first member of the Church. For this reason we honor her as the first and the highest of all the Saints.

The life of the Blessed Virgin Mary shows us that when Christ comes to us in the Word and the Sacrament tomorrow, amazing things happen. What is nothing becomes something. What is poor becomes rich. What is empty becomes filled. What is small becomes great. What was cursed and lost becomes blessed and found. Mary's greatest words to us were the words she spoke to the waiters at the wedding feast at Cana, "Do what He (Jesus) tells you," and when at last He comes again as our welcomed, vindicating Judge, we will be caught up in the Advent chorus of history, "Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord."

God bless you,

CREATED, LOVED, REDEEMED BY GOD -- PRICELESS MARCH FOR LIFE 2016 – 43rd Anniversary



The 43rd Annual March for Life will be held on *Friday, January 22, 2016 in Washington, DC*. Corpus Christi Parish will send 2 buses to Washington to attend this peaceful and prayerful demonstration bearing witness to the dignity of human life from conception to natural death.

Schedule for the day is as follows: Leave Corpus Christi parking lot at 6:00 AM promptly.

Arrive in Washington, DC and attend 10 AM 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 4 PM.

Cost for adults is \$24 for bus & \$14 for dinner at Country Buffet (\$38 total). Cost for students is \$14 for dinner, bus is free for all students BUT an adult must accompany them. No change in cost. Everyone should bring a bag lunch and a drink. Bus returns to Corpus Christi by 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 checks payable to Respect Life and send to Ellie Hentschel, 2045 Pheasant Hill Road, Lansdale, PA 19446, 215-362-0160. BUS #1, Respect Life, BUS #2, Knights of Columbus. You can go on either bus. Bring your gold scarf from previous year.

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

High School Youth Group

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



MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK



FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

December 12/13	\$ 29,412
Envelopes mailed	2,440
Envelopes returned	867
Mortgage Reduction Collection	
December to date	\$ 5,108

Saturday,	December 19th	
4:30 PM	Nancy Hennessy	<i>by Al and Eileen Spicer</i>
Sunday,	December 20th	
7:00 AM	Gregory Coppola, Sr.	<i>by Bill and Terry Lodge</i>
8:30	David Craver	<i>by Joan Craver</i>
10:00	Kathleen Wilson	<i>by Dot Gillespie</i>
11:30	Personal Intentions	<i>by Lillian Scheetz</i>
6:00 PM	Paul Nieman	<i>by The Marino Family</i>
Monday,	December 21st	
7:15 AM	Ann Gartner	<i>by John and Judy Cullen</i>
Tuesday,	December 22nd	
7:15 AM	Carolyn Keen	<i>by Bob and Trish Keen</i>
Wednesday,	December 23rd	
7:15 AM	Nicholas Spross	<i>by The Patterson Family</i>
Thursday,	December 24th	
7:15 AM	Charlie 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	
Friday,	December 25th	
7:00 AM	The Nativity of the Lord	
8:30	All	
10:00	Mass Intentions are for the	
11:30	Corpus Christi Parish Family	
Saturday,	December 26th	
7:15 AM	The Pultorak Family	<i>by Dick Pultorak</i>
4:30 PM	Walter Pasko	<i>by Joe and Ellie DeRaymond</i>
Sunday,	December 27th	
7:00 AM	John Atkins	<i>by Anita and Arthur Massi</i>
8:30	Barbara Seneko	<i>by George, Jr. and Patty Seneko</i>
10:00	Joan Kulaga	<i>by Mae Veneziale</i>
11:30	William Donohue	<i>by The Donohue Family</i>
6:00 PM	Roger Kirk	<i>by John and Trudy Duardo</i>



First Reading: Micah 5:1-4a Micah speaks of the ruler Who will come from Bethlehem. He discusses how the people of Israel will be saved from corruption and live in peace.

Responsorial Psalm: PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 *Lord, make us turn to You; let us see Your face and we shall be saved.*

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10 Paul describes to the Hebrews how Jesus came into the world and offered to do God's will. We were saved through His sacrifice, the only offering sufficient for the sins of the world.



Gospel: Luke 1:39-45 Mary paid a visit to Elizabeth, whose baby stirred in her womb upon hearing Mary's greeting. Elizabeth filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Elizabeth was deeply overjoyed that the words God had spoken to Mary had now been fulfilled.

Family Connection

"Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, but who am I that the mother of my Lord should come to me? The moment your greeting sounded in my ears, the baby stirred in my womb for joy. Blessed is she who trusted that the Lord's words to her would be fulfilled."

At this time of the year people fill the airports, travel the highways, and spend time visiting relatives and friends. It is a time to come together to share special moments, life and love. How true it was with the visitation of Mary to the house of Zechariah and the meeting of the two pregnant women. A special moment takes place with the encounter of John and the unborn Christ. We continually recite the recorded words of Elizabeth when we pray the Hail Mary. We honor her with a scripture quote. Her question of awe and wonder follows... "But who am I that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"

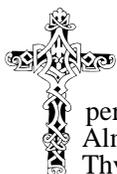
Pope Francis insists that to be a disciple, we must, like John, encounter Jesus. We find Him in history, but He lives history with us today. We too turn to Him, learn more about Him, and then we too go out to announce our experience to others.

This is the joy of the gospel which we will celebrate before this week ends. Go back to the home of Elizabeth, listen to the conversation, reflect on its meaning in our present day, in your home, and make this fourth week of advent memorable.

Monday	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45
Tuesday	1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
Thursday	Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79
Friday Vigil:	Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Night:	Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn:	Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day:	Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Saturday	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22



We pray for the deceased members, relatives and friends of our parish family especially John A. Kozloski, brother of Bob; Dolores A. McGauley, mother of Kathleen Nieman; Margaret Lafferty; John Hines, Sr. husband of Virginia.



Prayer For Those Who Have Died

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

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE of PHILADELPHIA

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

TMIY: That Man Is You!

That Man Is You! is an interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of a man fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, That Man Is You! seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society. The program consists of a 13 week Fall and Spring "semester." Each session has three essential elements: a social gathering over breakfast refreshments, a 30 minute DVD presentation, and opportunity for discussion. Become a man after God's own heart and join us. That Man Is You! To register send name, address, phone number, and e-mail address to directoraff@stmariagoretti.net or call 215-721-0199 ext. 202. Wednesdays, January 6, 13, 20, 27, 2016; February 3, 10, 17, and 24; March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 at Saint Maria Goretti Parish Center: Lower Level; 6:00 AM to 7:30 AM; Cost - \$20.00



Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for your spouse? Time away to reconnect on a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Rediscover the romance in your marriage as you improve communication and get to know each other at a deeper level. What you learn on the Weekend offers positive and lasting benefits for your family. **The next Weekend in this area is February 12-14 at Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown.** Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: www.wmme-philly.org. You can also contact Al & Mary Liz Heumann at Applications@wmme-philly.org or call 610-449-1859.

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

Rediscover the Love in your Marriage!

The Retrouvaille Marriage Program offers help for struggling marriages. *If you are struggling in your marriage, attending a Retrouvaille program could be the best gift you give to your spouse, and family, this Christmas!* Tens of thousands of couples have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the six post sessions that follow it. Retrouvaille is a way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. **The next program begins on the weekend of February 12 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.** For more information, or to register for our upcoming weekend, visit our website at www.helpourmarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.



The Jubilee Year of Mercy began on December 8 and the faithful are encouraged to pilgrimage to Holy Doors of churches throughout the world. St. Anthony Parish will be traveling to the Holy Land in April of 2016 and will visit 2 of the designated basilicas: Basilica of Gethsemane in Jerusalem and the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth. The pilgrimage will also include all of the major sites of Jesus life and ministry from the Galilee to Jerusalem. St. Anthony parish has been traveling successfully to the Holy Land since 2009 and has shepherded pilgrims with the utmost care and safety. No one returns from the land where Jesus walked unchanged by this once in a lifetime spiritual experience. Please call St. Anthony Parish 215-646-4742 for more information. Deposits should be received by January 3, 2016.

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

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

Malvern Retreat House

Please visit www.malvernretreat.com to see the available retreat weekends or twilight evening mini-retreats. Register or call 610-644-0400 for more information.

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

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

➤ Also, **St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Phoenixville, PA. Saturday – April 23, 2016.** Program begins at 8:00 AM and ends after the 4:00 PM Mass. It includes lunch, snacks and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This one-day program meets all the requirements of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. A certificate is provided upon completion. Call the Parish Office for an application: 610-933-2526 or visit our website www.stmaryassumption.org - click on Parish Information and then Sacraments/PREP.

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

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

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

ADULT FAITH FORMATION at CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH



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

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

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

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

Sacred Relics of the Saints DVD

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

Do You Knit or Crochet?

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



Be Inspired! Grow in your Faith!



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

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

Principle Dates for Observance of the Jubilee Archdiocesan and Parish

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

Additional information can be found at:
<http://archphila.org/mercy/> and

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

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE ~2015

Confessions

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

Tuesday, December 22nd
7:00—8:00PM

No Confessions on Saturday, December 26th



MASSES

Thursday, December 24th
Christmas Vigil

4:30PM Church (Children's Liturgy)

4:45PM School Hall (Gym)

8:00PM Church

11:15PM Carols (Choir & Congregation)

12:00AM Midnight Mass

Friday, December 25th Christmas Day

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

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



Thursday, December 31st

7:15AM

6:00PM (Vigil)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Friday, January 1st

7:15AM, and 12:05PM

Prayer Life in a Rut?

Is your prayer less than inspiring?

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

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

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

Wednesdays, February 17 and 24

March 2, 9, and 16, 2016

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

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

Plan Ahead

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

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

 The Parish Office will be closed from Thursday, December 24th until it reopens at 9AM on Monday, December 28th.

KNIGHTS CORNER #9715

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

CLUB 50 NEWS AND TRAVEL

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

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

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

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

 **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

YEAR END TAX STATEMENTS

This year, in a further attempt to save on postage costs we will be emailing year end tax statements to those who have an email address on their parish records. In order to add, update or be sure your email address is on our records please send a request to corpuschristilansdale@gmail.com with the notation of "**Tax Statement**" in the subject bar. If you have been in touch with the parish during the year by email no need to reconfirm! Thank you for your co-operation!



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

Chances – Thank You

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

 **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.

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.

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 Bruce Limbert at 215-799-2000 ext 3005.

Youth News

High School Youth Group



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

For more information contact Danielle, our youth minister corpus.ym@gmail.com. Check out our Youth Group table in the Narthex or visit us on Facebook or the parish web at <http://corpuschristilansdale.org/youth/>

LIFETEEN CALENDAR: For details regarding each week's activities, visit the youth section of Corpus Christi's website.

www.corpuschristilansdale.org/youth/high-school-youth-ministry



(7th-8th Grade Youth Group)

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

SCRIP CORNER

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).

The SCRIP office will be closed on Wednesday, December 23rd and will not reopen until Monday, January 4th since school is not in session.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Check out www.shopwithscrip.com for a complete list of SCRIP stores available to you.

Do you buy groceries? Or do you prefer to go out to restaurants to eat? Do you shop at CVS, Lowe's or Target? Do you drive a car that needs an endless supply of gas? Any of these purchases that you are already making can become the catalyst for actual cash back in your own pocket. Check out the full list of retailers at www.ccskansdale.org.

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.ccskansdale.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!*

CYO News

Basketball Fundraiser – Parents night out, January 23rd, volunteers needed for planning committee, contact Brian Lasky laskybt@gmail.com.

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

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

Create an Account in our system so you will receive our emails for other youth events throughout the year. Set-up your account at <https://corpus-christi-cyo.sportssignup.com/site>

Additional Information can be found at our website at <http://corpuscyo.wordpress.com/>

CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL NEWS

A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence



Corpus Christi Catholic School is celebrating an important milestone this year. The school has been serving the community for 50 years. We are so proud of the school and the academic excellence it represents. We offer PK3 through grade 8. As you prepare your child for his or her academic journey beginning in September of 2016, we invite you to visit the school and see firsthand what we have to offer your child. Mrs. Barbara Casee, our enrollment coordinator, can arrange a tour which would include an opportunity to visit and observe a class in preschool through grade 8. Shadowing days are available. She can review the faith-filled educational curriculum, the typical day for a student, and review our commitment to the community through our outreach initiatives.

Have any questions??? ... Or if you would like a private tour, please call the school office and ask to speak to Mrs. Casee at 215-368-0582 or email barb.casee@corpuschr.org. She can work with your schedule and set up a day and time convenient for you. We look forward to seeing you soon.

*Corpus Christi Catholic School
Celebrating 50 years of Excellence*



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

METANOIA ~ YOUNG ADULT GROUP

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

From Corpus Christi Boy Scout Troop 303



Congratulations to Troop 303 scouts Kevin Rossi and Peter Jaskiewicz for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout! Interested in scouting? Contact Mr. Joe Rakszawski 610-584-0333.

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 12/20 Team #7: Mary Medoff at 215-412-2263
Week of 12/27 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 21st, January 18th.**

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. For more information, please call Barbara Atkins 215-412-2459.)

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 March 5 and 6, 2015. Please contact johnmcgowan3@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 12:30PM and 1:30PM to 5PM.** Please come in or telephone during these hours concerning documents, registration, Mass cards, baptismal arrangements, etc.

PARISH LIBRARY Hours:

Sunday 7:45AM to 1PM

Library Volunteers Needed

Our Parish Library is need of volunteers. Individuals or couples volunteer for 2 hours one Sunday a month. If you are interested in helping your parish family, please contact our Director of Adult Faith Formation at corpuschristiaff@yahoo.com.

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.