

# FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

*Peace ... Peace ... Peace ... Peace*



*Corpus Christi Parish ~ Upper Gwynedd, Pennsylvania  
December 21, 2014*





**CORPUS  
CHRISTI  
PARISH**

**PASTOR**

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

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**Reverend Albert J. Santorsola  
Reverend Shaji Silva**

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

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Edd Murphy	Business Manager
Sr. Mary Carroll McCaffrey, SSJ	Parish Minister
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<p align="center"><b>CARING &amp; SHARING</b> 215-855-1311 ext 133</p>
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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**DAILY MASSES:** 7:15AM

**SATURDAY MASSES:**

7:15 AM.....4:30 PM

(Vigil Mass for Sunday)

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

**HOLY DAY MASSES:** 7:30 PM (Vigil)

7:15AM, and 12:05PM

**CONFESSIONS:**

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

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 610-584-5569  
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# PASTOR'S MESSAGE

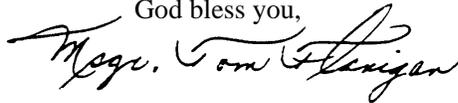
Dear Parishioners,

King David wanted to build God a beautiful house – a Temple – but God had dwelt with and among the people throughout their journeys and in the establishment of their nation. Instead of a house of brick and wood, God would establish a dynasty for David as an expression of God's love for Israel. Through this dynasty God promised to send an heir who would preserve the house and kingdom of David forever. This promise was fulfilled when Emmanuel – God is with us – entered the world through Mary. Mary was able to say, "May it be done to me according to your word," because she had absolute trust and confidence in the promises of God. After the Ascension of Jesus, Paul announced that the promises of God for an eternal kingdom were fulfilled in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We, too, should be steeped in God's word, just as Mary was. In Scripture, we read of God's promise to us of life eternal to all who believe in Him – a promise that is the bedrock of our faith and the foundation of our lives. God's promise should shape our thinking and guide our decisions. The more familiar we are with these words, the more we will experience God's healing, forgiveness, joy, and love.

God did not choose to take up residence solely in a Temple or in a Church, but became flesh through Mary and lived among us as Jesus. In this way Jesus taught us that there is no place or human that need be without God – for God is everywhere. God is not confined to our Churches, but can be found: in the poor and the suffering, and in those who seek to alleviate poverty and pain; in the weak, and in those who protect the weak; in those who are unjustly in prison, and in those who work for justice and fairness; and in those suffering from terminal illnesses, and in those who give comfort to the dying. As we sing our favorite carols during this season, let us celebrate the reality of Christmas, that is, God is with us, as we recognize God in all people and in every circumstance. Forever let us sing the goodness of the Lord.

God bless you,



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



## PARKING FOR CHRISTMAS

Extra parking for Christmas Eve and Day is available across Supplee Road in the parking lot of Gwynedd Square Elementary School. Do not park on our lawns. Please respect our request.

### December 2014: Chapter 2: The Mission of Love

Chapter 1 of the *World Meeting of Families* preparatory catechism taught that "*Love is Our Mission*" because love is our origin and destiny. God created us in His own image, which means that loving God and neighbor is the reason for our existence. Chapter 2 explains that the Bible bursts with images describing God's love – a father welcoming a prodigal son, a shepherd searching for lost sheep, a mother comforting her children, and many more (see paragraph #24 for details). But marriage is the dominant Biblical metaphor for God's covenant with Israel and the Church. The Bible is a love story between God and His people, and this love has all the dimensions of a good marriage: it is erotic and heart-felt, but it is also tough and sacrificial, weathering challenges and even betrayal. Jesus loves the Church like a groom loves his bride – even when we disappoint Him, even when we hurt Him. In this way, Christianity reveals hope for us all, including married couples and families. God commands forgiveness and service because He loves us; forgiveness and mutual service can transform any marriage into a parable of God's love. God is love, but there is nothing sentimental about this love. God is love – and when we love like He loves, it will cost us, but it is the only way to live authentically and avoid counterfeit loves. Contemplating Christ on the cross, we gaze on the miracle that created and sustains us. Next month, in chapter 3, we'll talk about God's love, the human body, and sex. ~ Dr. Christopher C. Roberts, editor, *Love is Our Mission* Preparatory Catechism

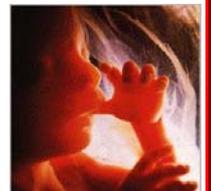
## CREATED, LOVED, REDEEMED BY GOD -- PRICELESS

### MARCH FOR LIFE 2015 – 42nd Anniversary

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

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

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



# MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

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- Saturday, December 20th**  
4:30 PM David Craver  
*by Joan Craver*
- Sunday, December 21st**  
7:00 AM Gerri O'Donnell  
*by The McCabe Family*  
8:30 Sam DiMaria  
*by Julia DiMaria*  
10:00 Kathleen Wilson  
*by Dot Gillespie*  
11:30 Joseph Dorzinsky  
*by Joe and Claire Carmody*  
6:00 PM Charles Haug  
*by Elaine Koza*
- Monday, December 22nd**  
7:15 AM Carolyn Keen  
*by Bob and Trish Keen*
- Tuesday, December 23rd**  
7:15 AM Special Intentions of  
David DiEmedio, III and Kathryn James  
*by Gloria DiEmedio*
- Wednesday, December 24th**  
7:15 AM Sgt. Allen O'Reilly, USMC  
*by Anna Marie O'Reilly*  
4:30 PM Children's Liturgy (Church)  
4:45 Mass- School Hall  
8:00 Mass- Church  
12:00 AM Midnight Mass
- Thursday, 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
- Friday, December 26th**  
7:15 AM Charles O'Reilly  
*by The Charismatic Prayer Group*
- Saturday, December 27th**  
7:15 AM Charles Breckley  
*by Marlene Borusiewicz*  
4:30 PM Loretta Gaunt  
*by Joe and Jane Belcher*
- Sunday, December 28th**  
7:00 AM Intentions of the Massi Family  
*by Anita Massi*  
8:30 Deceased Members of the Rafferty and  
Bradley Family  
*by Eileen Schwartz*  
10:00 Bill and Dolores McHale  
*by Fran McHale*  
11:30 John Melnick  
*by Pat and JoAnne Melnick*  
6:00 PM Paul Moretski  
*by The Marino Family*

## WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

December 13/14	\$ 31,903
Envelopes mailed	2,635
Envelopes returned	916
<b>Mortgage Reduction Collection</b>	
December to date	\$ 4,274

**First Reading:** *2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16* King David plans to build a temple to honor God. But God tells Nathan the Prophet that instead He will give David rest from his enemies, and ensure that both his house and community will be protected forever.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27-29* *Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*

**Second Reading:** *Romans 16:25-27* In this letter of Paul to the Romans, he explains that the gospel reveals the mystery that had been hidden for many ages. Now it has been made known to all, so that they may believe, obey, and give glory through Jesus Christ forever.

**Gospel:** *Luke 1:26-38* The Virgin Mary is approached by the angel Gabriel, who tells her that she has been chosen to bear the Son of God. Mary is first afraid, yet shows her unquestioning faith when she simply says, "Let it be done to me as you say."



*"The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; hence, the holy offspring to be born will be called Son of God...To Him who is able to strengthen you in the gospel which I proclaim when I preach Jesus Christ, the gospel which reveals the mystery hidden for many ages...to Him, the God who alone is wise, may glory be given through Jesus Christ unto endless ages. Amen."*

Gabriel's response to Mary's question of how this can happen, reveals the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in her life and in the lives of believers. We sometimes forget the existence of this gift and power in our lives. As we bring the season of advent to its climax with the birth of Christ, we ask that He be born anew, with new power in our lives. We not only recall the Bethlehem event, but live the Bethlehem experience today.

The concluding words of praise, the doxology or hymn of glory taken from the letter to the Romans, becomes a Christmas gift and greeting for all of us, as we are called to preach the Good News, glad tidings, the gospel, no longer hidden but made manifest in the Child of Bethlehem and in enthusiastic believers today.

*May the Word of God, and the Word which became flesh, take root in our lives.*

We pray for the deceased members, relatives and friends of our parish family especially Gregory Coppola, Sr., father of Gregory, Jr. and of Donna Frisch; John Atkins, husband of Barbara; Dolores Sharpe, mother of Susan Riepen.

## 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



## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE of PHILADELPHIA

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



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

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

**Thank you for your hospitality!**

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

Please visit:

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

### Catholic Social Services

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

**Food cupboard volunteers** needed at Catholic Social Services, 353 E. Johnson Hwy., Norristown PA. Hours of Food Cupboard: Monday and Thursday morning 9AM-11AM and Thursday evening from 5-6:30PM.

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



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

Church, Capernaum

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

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

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

**Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> ~ From 7:00-9:00PM**

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

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

Fee: Free Will Offering

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

<http://msbt.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2974491947061cf2b39893848&id=6e9e8ad15a&e=58941a8ae3>

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

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

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

### JOSEPH'S PEOPLE CHAPTER



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

### Archdiocese of Philadelphia Television Mass

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

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

**Supportive Services for Military Veterans:** Are you or do you know a military veteran who is currently homeless or at risk of becoming homeless? Catholic Social Services can help! The Veterans Multi-Service Center and Catholic Social Services have partnered to help veterans and their families locate and maintain permanent housing. We may also be able to provide temporary financial assistance as well. For more information, please contact Anna at Catholic Social Services in Coatesville, PA. Monday through Thursday, phone 610-384-8387 or call the Catholic Social Services Office in Norristown on Friday phone 610-279-7372.



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



### JOIN US FOR A FUNDRAISER!!

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

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

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

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION at CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH



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

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

### The Flame of Love Book Study

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

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

### Invisible Monastery

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

#### Why Pray?

**Reason #1** We need more priests and religious!

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

**Reason #2** We need the Eucharist

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

**Reason #3** Prayer is the "one thing necessary"

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

**Reason #4** Prayer works!

"If we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have obtained the requests made of Him." ~ 1 John 5:14-15

Now, more than ever, your prayers are needed!

### Man Up Philly ~ Save the Date for March 7, 2015

This year Man Up Philly will be holding the 7th Annual Men's Spirituality Conference in Philadelphia. We encourage all men to join us for an inspiring time of faith and sharing. Experience our area's largest Men's Spirituality Conference first-hand and join others who are ready to Man Up by living their true calling. Order your tickets online at [www.ManUpPhilly.com/Registration](http://www.ManUpPhilly.com/Registration) or pick up a registration form on the narthex tables.

Registration is \$40.00 per person (includes lunch) if you register before February 7th. After February 7, 2015 \$50.00

### 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 Aptitude 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://catholicapptitude.org/>, sign up for their emails and newsletters or check out some of the tabs for articles and resources.

## O Antiphons

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

**O 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.



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

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

**Walking Toward Eternity: Engaging the Struggles of Your Heart** is an inspiring DVD series with Jeff and Emily Cavins designed to help participants live their faith more fully. Through daily prayerful meditation with Scripture (Lectio Divina), you will be drawn into an intimate and life-changing encounter with Christ. Engaging the Struggles of Your Heart is a challenging study that can open our eyes to obstacles in our Christian walk such as greed, envy, fear and shame. Through prayer, reflection, discussion, guidance, and the aid of the Holy Spirit, we begin to engage these difficulties in a positive way as we continue toward our goal of union with Christ. Cost is \$16.00. To register, send check for \$16.00 along with your name, phone number, and e-mail address to Corpus Christi Parish Center, Adult Faith Formation, 900 Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale, PA 19446. Don't forget to include your session choice: Morning or Evening. **For further information or questions, please contact Eileen Dowling at [irisheileen@hotmail.com](mailto:irisheileen@hotmail.com).**

Wednesdays, February 4th through April 1st (No session on February 18th) 8:45-11AM or 6:45-9PM Corpus Christi Parish Center

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



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

### CLUB 50 NEWS AND TRAVEL

**Club 50 Meeting** - The General Meeting will be **Thursday, January 8th at 12 Noon** in the Parish Center, rooms A,B, and C. The Nominating Committee is looking for members to fill the positions of Treasurer, and Vice President(s). Following the meeting a member from the Upper Gwynedd Police Department will speak on Identity Theft. We will then have lunch.

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

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

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

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

### SUPPORT OUR PARISH

Moyer Indoor/Outdoor Services has an incentive program. This program makes a contribution to churches based on the amount of fuel oil purchased by parishioners for as long as they remain a customer. So, if you're currently a customer of Moyer Indoor Outdoor Services, now is the time to call and be included in this program. For details, call Bill Jurer at 215-237-3870.



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

During this season of giving, please don't forget your parish community. A gift to Corpus Christi postmarked by **December 31st** or placed in the collection basket prior to January 1st 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.

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES



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](http://www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org), email us at [cca@adphila.org](mailto:cca@adphila.org) or call us at 215-587-5650. Corpus Christi to date has reached **99%** of our \$130,144 goal! Just 1% more to reach goal!!!



**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. Even though there were four winners from Montgomery County, no one from Corpus Christi was among them. The grand prize winner was from Bayhead, NJ. We wish them well, but our turn is next year!**

### When you come to Mass is there an extra seat in the car?

One of our M.A.S.S. drivers has moved and we now have two Sundays with no drivers. Can you drive one or two people to the Mass you attend, either the 2nd or 4th weeks of the month? This can be a flexible arrangement in case something comes up and you can't make it. You will be doing a very special favor for someone who otherwise would not be able to attend Mass. If this is something you can do, please call Sister Mary Carroll at 215-368-5750 or email [ccpc.marycarroll@yahoo.com](mailto:ccpc.marycarroll@yahoo.com). Thank you.

### If You Can Cook Even One Meal, Please Read this !



**Aid for Friends** is in need of meals to take to the homebound. Please consider taking the tin meal plates home with you and sharing the meal you make for the family. You can put these in the freezers in the garage near the Prayer Garden.

### World Meeting of Families Preparatory Presentation at St. Stanislaus Parish

Saint Stanislaus Parish is pleased to welcome Bishop John McIntyre for a presentation on the 8th World Meeting of Families on **January 13th at 7:30PM** at the Parish Center, located behind the Church at Main Street (Route 63) and Lansdale Avenue in Lansdale. Bishop McIntyre will explain the event programming, content, and activities surrounding this monumental event. Receive the most up-to-date information as each of us plan for this coming event next Fall. All are welcome. There is no cost to attend, and registration is not required. Light refreshments will follow.



**The Knights of Columbus** thank you for your generous participation in the Chance of a Lifetime Contest (COAL). Congratulations to our local winner Don Gabriel who won \$100. in our special incentive parish drawing.

### 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](mailto: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!



# Youth News

## High School Youth Group

For more information contact Danielle, the youth minister [corpus.ym@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:corpus.ym@gmail.com).

## SCRIP CORNER

**SCRIP "URGENT CARD" CLINIC  
MONDAY (DEC. 22nd) FROM 5:30pm to 7pm**



Feeling tired and overwhelmed? Are you anxious that you have not found the perfect gift for everyone on your Christmas list? It sounds like you need a gift card check up, just in time for the last minute hustle and bustle of the holidays. Stop by the SCRIP office between

5:30pm and 7pm on Monday, December 22, 2014 - no appointment necessary. Let our specialist save you time and money, and restore your sense of peacefulness during this Christmas season. No insurances accepted; cash or check only!!! Please call Mary Ellen McCabe with any questions.

*The SCRIP office will be closed on Tuesday, December 23rd and will not reopen until Monday, January 5th since school is not in session.*

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!*

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

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

### Attention Corpus Christi School Alumni!

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



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



## CYO News

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



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

### Robotics News

On Saturday, December 6, 2014, the fourth and fifth grade Robotics team coached by Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy won a trophy for 1st Place in Best Robot Performance! Congratulations to: Keira Echeverria, Alexa Kennedy, Mary Eisenhard, Grace Forbes, Josh Reno, Connor Williamson and Olivia Farrell for a job well done!

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

## METANOIA ~ YOUNG ADULT GROUP

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

Our first event of 2015 is a Bible Study at Corpus Christi on January 13th. check out our Twitter link in the top corner of our homepage: <http://metanoiayoungadults.weebly.com/>  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/groups/MetanoiaYoungAdults](http://www.facebook.com/groups/MetanoiaYoungAdults)  
Email us at: [metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com)

I want to thank the Parishioners who helped get my Eagle Project done on the weekends of November 22-23 and 29-30. Your help supported Indian Creek Foundation very much. Peter Jaskiewicz.



We are excited to announce the **2nd and 3rd Regional Kairos retreats for public school and home school high school juniors and seniors** that will take place December 26-29, 2014 and February 12-15, 2015. Kairos is a 4 day, 3 night retreat helping high school aged kids to

grow deeper in their faith. The price for this retreat is usually \$300 but with the Philadelphia Education Fund grant, we are able to offer it for **\$60!** If you are interested in signing up or learning more, please visit our website, <http://paregionalkairos.weebly.com> or email us at [paregionalkairos@gmail.com](mailto:paregionalkairos@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 12/21 Team #2: Karen McFadden at 484-552-8129**  
**Week of 12/28 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 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. January 19th, February 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 married in the Catholic Church and celebrating the sacraments regularly. Ideally, this person should be registered and an active member of the parish for at least six (6) months.* Baptism is administered at **12:30 PM EVERY SUNDAY.**

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Please send your bulletin announcements to the Parish Center Office no later than the Friday 8 days prior to publication. The *preferred* method is by e-mail to [corpuschristibulletin@yahoo.com](mailto: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 (and Friday during Lent) when it is open until 6:30PM.** Please enter the chapel using the entrance walk on the side of the Parish House facing Supplee Road. The main Church is closed after the 7:15 Mass each morning.

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



**Eucharistic Adoration** is scheduled every **Wednesday, from 7:45 AM til 6:30 PM** in the Church Chapel. Benediction is at 6:30 PM. (Novena devotions immediately following, see below). **Please enter the chapel using the entrance walk on the side of the Parish House facing Supplee Rd.** (Please consider signing-up to be a weekly Adorer. There is a sign-up list in the Chapel if you would like to make a weekly commitment to a specific time each week. For more information, please call 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.

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

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

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

#### **PARISH LIBRARY Hours:** *Sunday 7:45AM to 1PM*

Our parish library is only as successful as the number of people who utilize its resources! The extensive book collection serves no purpose unless it is valued and appreciated as a means of growing in the interior life. Come and see the great treasures your library holds. The Parish Library is located next to the playground area and is open every Sunday from 7:45 AM to 1:00 PM. **Closed December 28th.**

**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.*