

# JESUS

*Son of the Most High*



*Corpus Christi Parish, ~ Upper Gwynedd, Pennsylvania  
December 24, 2017 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent*



**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**

**Deacon Steve Currie**

**PARISH STAFF**

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<http://corpuschristilansdale.org/welcome/registration/>

**CHECK OUT OUR WEB SITES:**

**Church:** [www.corpuschristilansdale.org](http://www.corpuschristilansdale.org)

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

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Daily Masses:** 7:15AM

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

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

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

**Confessions:**

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

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# PASTOR'S MESSAGE

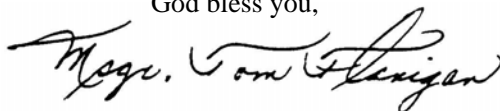
Dear Parishioners,

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.



## MARCH FOR LIFE 2018

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

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

#### The schedule is as follows:

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

#### Sign-ups start now.

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

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

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

## Holy Holiday Hours for the Parish Center Office

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



# MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK



# FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

**Saturday, December 23rd**  
4:30 PM The Venezia Family  
by Bill and Lisa Diliberto

**Sunday, December 24th**  
7:00 AM Peggy Snyder  
by Joe and Jane Belcher

8:30 Gerri O'Donnell  
by Pat and Joanne O'Donnell

10:00 Rachel Hoekstra  
by Beth Lentz

11:30 Deceased Members of the O'Reilly  
and Callahan Families  
by Anna Marie O'Reilly

### Christmas Eve

4:30 PM Children's Liturgy (Church)  
4:45 Mass- School Hall  
8:00 Mass- Church  
12:00 AM Midnight Mass

**Monday, December 25th**  
7:00 AM **The Nativity of the Lord**

8:30 All Mass Intentions  
10:00 are for the  
11:30 Corpus Christi Parish Family



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

**Tuesday, December 26th**  
7:15 AM Sr. Elizabeth Powell, RSM  
by Bernard and Mary Heffernan

**Wednesday, December 27th**  
7:15 AM Intentions of The Maule Family  
by Janice Yaworski

**Thursday, December 28th**  
7:15 AM Michael Swarr  
by Bob and Ellie Hentschel

**Friday, December 29th**  
7:15 AM George Paluda  
by Marianne and Ken Morgan

**Saturday, December 30th**  
7:15 AM James Hale, Sr.  
by Kurfuerst Family

4:30 PM Loretta Kochick  
by Ruth Moran

**Sunday, December 31st**  
7:00 AM Jim Thompson  
by Barbara Thompson and Families

8:30 Thomas and Mary Hayes  
by Ken and Mary Slater

10:00 Al Barical  
by George and Donna Frisch

11:30 Gene McLaughlin  
by Family

6:00 PM Jackie Gallo  
by Ruth Spitzer

### WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

<b>Target for Fiscal Year 2017-2018</b>	<b>\$1,716,000</b>
<b>Weekly Target for Fiscal Year 2017-18</b>	<b>\$ 33,000</b>
Collection for December 16/17	\$ 34,672
Electronic Giving (148 participants) Dec. 20	\$ 17,669
Over (Under) Target Week	\$ 1,672
Over (Under) Target YTD Fiscal Week 25	\$ (14,294)
Facilities Improvement Accumulative	\$ 107,168
Total Envelopes Mailed	2,574
Total Envelopes Used	760
Balance Due on Mortgage	\$ 2,653,983

**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**  
**R. (2a) For ever 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."

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

**"Do not fear, Mary. You have found favor with God. You shall conceive and bear a son, and give Him the name Jesus. Great will be His dignity and He will be called Son of the Most High."**

The great moment in the history of salvation, began with the visit of the angel Gabriel and the invitation to be the mother of Jesus. It is not surprising that Mary hesitated, questioned and then consented. Wouldn't you? Her response 'I am the maidservant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say' redirected the course of human history.

The celebration of the Bethlehem event tonight, allows us not just to recall what happened, but to imitate Mary and permit the Lord to touch our lives in a truly special way. Our traditions and customs are rich as we relive Jesus' entering our lives again. The Simbang Gabi celebration of Filipino Catholics or Las Posadas of Latin Catholics lead us to the stable cave to meet and adore the Lord of history, the Lord of today. We have been praying 'Come Lord Jesus' for the four weeks of advent. Today, we welcome Him with joy.

As we celebrate this special night, may we be ready to open our door not just to Joseph and Mary, but Christ who comes to us.



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



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

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE of PHILADELPHIA



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



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



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

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

### College-Age\* Retreat January 5 – 7, 2018 Marianist Family Retreat Center Cape May Point, NJ 08212

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

Cost: \$130 per person, double occ.

Register at: [www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org) or call 609-884-3829

Some financial aid is available

\* Current Year High School Seniors are welcomed

### What Can I do?



The Bible commands us to help “the least of these, my brothers and sisters...” Matthew 25:45. In our culture of death, no doubt the “least of these our brothers and sisters” are the defenseless, innocent children in the womb who are so incredibly vulnerable. So, here are some ideas of what we can do to make a real difference:

- ◆ Join or Support the Respect Life Committee in your Parish
- ◆ Start or Support a Gabriel Project in Your Parish
- ◆ Meet with and write to your Legislators as a Constituent, Communicating the Catholic Church Position on Life Issues
- ◆ Support Local Pregnancy Centers by Donating Your Time, Talents, and Treasure
- ◆ Tell Others about Project Rachel, a Post- Abortion Reconciliation/Counseling
- ◆ Pray for Those Who Have Been Involved in an Abortion
- ◆ Pray for the Life of All, Particularly Giving Witness Outside Our Local Abortion Clinics

*“From the first moment of existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person—among which is the inviolable right of every innocent human being to life.”*

-Catechism of the Catholic Church

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

### Natural Family Planning Course

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

### Winter 2018 Tobacco Treatment Program

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

### Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!



Is your marriage going down the right road ... or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? *Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship.* Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you to learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and

Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. *The next program begins on the weekend of February 16 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.* Additional weekends will be in April and August. For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our website at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call 800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

**Lansdale Catholic Shadow Program** - LC's 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Shadow Program is now open for reservations. Please contact Mrs. Elaine Maginnis at 215-362-6160 x133 to set up a date for your 8<sup>th</sup> grader.



**Remain in My Love:**  
**Archdiocese of Philadelphia Initiative**  
**for the Renewal of Marriage and Family Life**  
Visit the Remain in My Love website at: <http://archphila.org/remain>

### Men & Women of Malvern

Malvern Retreat House offers traditional weekend retreats throughout the year with our Men & Women of Malvern programs. Each retreat has a name based on the history of their formation, but all teens and adults are invited to attend any group weekend that works with their schedule. The retreats include Mass, confession, presentations and much needed time for reflection. For a list of traditional retreats, visit [www.malvernretreat.com/malvern](http://www.malvernretreat.com/malvern).

**PARISH JOB OPENING** Saint Genevieve Parish is seeking to hire a part time rectory cook to grocery shop and prepare dinners for our priests 3-4 nights per week, days and hours flexible. Approximately 12-15 hrs. weekly. Availability to serve an occasional rectory staff lunch and cook special occasion dinners a plus. Experienced men or women interested in working in a friendly parish team environment should send resume with introductory letter to Fr. Mulligan at [rectory@stgensparish.com](mailto:rectory@stgensparish.com).



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

### CLUB 50 NEWS AND TRAVEL

#### NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

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

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

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

#### About Malvern Retreat House

Owned and operated by Catholic lay leadership since 1912, Malvern is the oldest and largest Catholic retreat house in the country - hosting 20,000 people annually at 250 retreats on 125 acres in beautiful Chester County, Pennsylvania. We invite you to come to Malvern to reflect, refresh and rejoice in your faith. To find an evening, weekday or weekend spiritual retreat that's right for you, call 610-644-0400 or visit us online at [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com).



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#### RESPECT LIFE NEWS CORNER

Blatantly Inconsistent ~ Americans are bi-polar when it comes to abortion.

On the one hand, 74% of the states in America have laws defending the unborn, at some stage of gestation, against acts of violence. These states declare it an act of homicide if the child is killed. Twenty-one of these states consider a non-fatal attack on the unborn a criminal offense. Fully half of the states also have passed Born Alive Infant Protection Acts, requiring that physicians treat an infant that is born alive at any stage of development.

These are but a few of the many laws that protect the unborn and treat them as human beings with "inalienable rights." That is, if they are "wanted".

If they are not wanted (or "unplanned") abortion at any point in pregnancy is considered an acceptable means of "terminating a pregnancy."

What could be more schizophrenic than deciding someone's worth (and life) solely on the basis of subjective opinion? If the child is killed when the mother intended to keep it, it is considered homicide and the perpetrator is a criminal. If the child is terminated when the mother does not intend to keep it, the abortionist in question can use the most brutal means imaginable, and no one (except us pro-lifers) bats an eye.

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



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

#### Annual Nativity Advent Calendar, Greeting Cards, and "Keep Christ in Christmas" Car Magnet Sale

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

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

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

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

#### There's An App for That!

In the rising use of "apps" in our day to day life, for Catholics "there's an app for that!" Catholic 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.

#### 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!



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

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

**Mom Café -Tuesday, January 9th- 9:30-11AM.** The Moms' Café is a monthly group for women of all ages and all stages of motherhood. A typical meeting includes morning refreshments, prayer, and a discussion of selected topics and pertinent readings. Children are always welcome to accompany their mothers to the meetings. The Religious Ed Room is located inside Corpus Christi Church. Please use the doors on the far right side of our church to enter the room. This location also provides ramp access for strollers. Questions may be directed to Jess at [jesswoehr@hotmail.com](mailto:jesswoehr@hotmail.com)



## Corpus Christi Parish Bingo

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY "45" YEARS

Every Tuesday, 50 weeks a year, now in our 45<sup>th</sup> year!!! Check website *Organizations* for further details! [www.corpuschristilansdale.org](http://www.corpuschristilansdale.org)

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

### Engaged Couples



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

### St. Charles Seminary



We are in the 11<sup>th</sup> week for the 2017-18 Appeal and Corpus Christi has reached \$26,940 with 218 donors as of December 14th. If you have not as yet made a contribution you may do so by visiting <http://stcharlesseminaryappeal.org/#>. Thank you for helping to support the formation and education of our future priests, deacons and lay faithful.

### 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!



### 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.



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

**All are welcome!**

- MMR offers monthly morning bereavement sessions on the second Thursday of the month from 10:00-11:30 AM in the Parish Conference Room. Please contact Mary Coakley at 215-646-4192
- St. Stanislaus offers monthly evening bereavement session on the second Thursday of the month from 7:00 -8:30 PM in the Parish Center. Please contact Jennifer Breen at 215-699-0803
- St. Rose Bereavement Group is held on third Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Father Murphy room. As always, all those who are mourning the loss of a loved one are welcome. Please contact Larry Hill at 215-540-0650
- St. Alphonsus offers one-day grief workshops just prior to the holidays on Sunday afternoons. For more information or to register, please contact Dolores Urban at 215-646-8556 or check out their website. <http://www.urbanfuneralhome.com/2017-holiday-grief-worksops/>  
<http://www.urbanfuneralhome.com/staying-healthy-grief-loss/>



**2017 GIVING HOPE to All:** You may contribute to the Catholic Charities Appeal in many ways: • Pledge Gift• Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT)• Gifts of Securities• Planned Gifts• One Time Gift• Credit Card Gifts• Matching Gifts. For more information on any of these options please visit our website at

[www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org), email us at [cca@adphila.org](mailto:cca@adphila.org) or call us at 215-587-5650. Corpus Christi with 696 contributors is at \$130,086, 85% of our \$152,684 goal for 2017.

**AFFINITY PROGRAM** If you do your banking at TD Bank, and are a member of Corpus Christi, you can help raise money for your parish. Through the bank's Affinity Program, they will make a donation to our parish based on the number of accounts participating in the program. For further details or to participate in this program, call TD Bank at 215-412-4159 and ask for Barbara, or email her at [barbara.peacher@td.com](mailto:barbara.peacher@td.com).

# Youth News

## High School Youth Group

Check out our Youth Group table in the Narthex, visit us on Facebook at CorpusChristi YouthMinister

**LIFETEEN CALENDAR:** For details regarding each week's activities, visit the all new and fresh Corpus Christi youth group website at: <http://corpuschristiyouthgroup.weebly.com/> check out the Promo Video!!!

Contact Danielle at: [corpus.ym@gmail.com](mailto:corpus.ym@gmail.com)

### YOUTH GROUP

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

## CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL NEWS



**CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

*~ a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence ~*

**WELCOMES YOU**



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

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

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

## CYO News:

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

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

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

### Swim Team Registration is Still Open

• Open for Basketball, Swim Team and Cheerleading at

<https://corpus-christi-cyo.siplay.com/site/>

• Additional information for each sport is available at <https://corpuscyo.wordpress.com/>.

**Beef & Beer** – Beef & Beer & Karaoke Feb 3rd– Mark your calendars for **Feb 3rd for our Annual CYO Beef & Beer.** Featuring live music and live Karaoke. You can order tickets at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/corpus-christi-cyo-beef-beer-tickets-40750819799>. If you are interested in helping, contact [cc-cyo@verizon.net](mailto:cc-cyo@verizon.net).

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

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

## METANOIA ~ YOUNG ADULT GROUP

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

### January 2018

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

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

**Tuesday, January 16:** Theology on Tap @ Appalachian Brewing Co., Colledgeville; Doors open at 7:00pm, Talk Starts at 7:30pm

**Tuesday, January 23:** Holy Hour @ Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales

For more details, check us out on Facebook

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

## SCRIP CORNER

*The SCRIP office will be closed until School reopens on Wednesday, January 3rd.*

e-mail: [cc.scrip@yahoo.com](mailto:cc.scrip@yahoo.com); on the web: [www.ccslandsdale.org](http://www.ccslandsdale.org)

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9am to 12:30pm (when school is in session);

Monday evenings 5:30pm to 7pm (when REC is in session)

Erin Miller (215) 362-0104

*Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year!!!*

*Thank you for using SCRIP to support Corpus Christi!*



**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 12/24 Team #8: Bob Tercheck at 215-393-5696 h Cell 267-644-6022**

**Week of 12/31 Team #9: Helen Tobin at 610-584-5871 or Denise Garrigus at 215-256-6877**

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 15th, February 19th.**

#### **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](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 when it is open until 6:30PM.** Please enter the chapel using the entrance walk on the side of the Parish House facing Supplee Road. The main Church is closed after the 7:15 Mass each morning.

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



**LEGION OF MARY:** Wednesday evenings, 7:30 to 9:00 PM, in the Ministry Room of Corpus Christi Church. New members are sincerely welcomed at all meetings.



**MARRIAGES:** Couples who are planning to be married are required to notify one of the parish priests no less than six months prior to the marriage and attend a Pre-Cana session. To check on the next session at Corpus Christi— Contact [ccprecanateam@gmail.com](mailto:ccprecanateam@gmail.com) for information. Please confirm your date with the church before booking your reception.

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

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

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

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

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

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