A Christmas tree decorated with a gold cross, white doves, a red ornament, and a poinsettia. The background is dark green with white lights and red berries. A white dove in the center has the word "Joy" written on its chest. A white speech bubble in the upper right contains the text: "I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." Luke 2:10.

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of great joy, which shall
be to all people."

Luke 2:10

*Corpus Christi Parish ~ Upper Gwynedd, Pennsylvania
December 25, 2016 ~ The Nativity of the Lord*



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CHRISTI
PARISH**

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Reverend Shaji Silva

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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.

COMMITTEES & ORGANIZATIONS

Pastoral Council: Steve Finley 267-648-0027

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Louise Mercurio 610-584-4008

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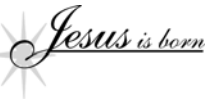
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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

We have prepared for Christmas now for four weeks. For many it has been a mad rush to find gifts, wrap presents, decorate their homes and squeeze in a dozen parties. It is almost as if we cannot trust that Christmas will happen without our work and effort. But, Christmas has come whether or not we were ready. Jesus does not ask us to make all kinds of preparations for His coming. All He asks is that we trust in Him and open ourselves to Him as the Son of God.



What a Christmas this is if our preparations have consisted in trusting in the providence of God and looking for others who needed our care, and have taken time to be with our families instead of running to parties and activities we may have discovered that Jesus was already in our midst. If we looked for the hungry to feed or the homeless to shelter, we have found Jesus is already there in the hearts and souls of the poor. If we have cut our gift buying in half and shared the other half with parentless children or refugees, we have found some peace in the madness of the season.

On this Christmas day we can be doing more than remembering the birth of a baby two thousand years ago. This Christmas we can tell each other the stories we have of meeting Jesus in the experience of everyday lives. We may be recounting stories of redemption we have witnessed when people have been given hope in the midst of despair, faith in a world without trust, and love in a society riddled with alienation and loneliness. If we have trusted in God's will, as Mary did, we have begun to live in a world where Christmas never ends and Jesus is discovered daily in a million human disguises. Happy and Everlasting Christmas to all!

God bless you,



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



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

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

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

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

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

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



We now offer our parishioners Electronic Giving as a method of making regular monthly offerings to our church. The way this is done is that you would make your monthly offerings by way of direct payments (ACH debits) from your checking/savings account on the 20th of each month (unless on a weekend or holiday in which case it will be deducted on the next business day).

You will continue to receive envelopes which will include special second collections as well as Christmas and Easter. The weekly envelopes will allow you to mark that you have chosen the electronic method for your offerings to Corpus Christi.

If you are interested in Electronic Giving you can pick up a form on the ministry table in the narthex or stop by the Parish Center Office during business hours. You can also get a form on our website at:

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

MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

CHRISTMAS ~ THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Saturday, December 24th
7:15 AM Charles J. O'Reilly
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

Sunday, 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

Monday, December 26th
7:15 AM Peggy Snyder
by Ruth Spitzer

Tuesday, December 27th
7:15 AM Charles J. Rath
by The Sponseller Family

Wednesday, December 28th
7:15 AM Sam Castorina
by Maryann and Al Kaminskas

Thursday, December 29th
7:15 AM Rod MacLean
by Dee and Dan Ungvarsky

Friday, December 30th
7:15 AM Loretta Kochick
by Ruth Moran

Saturday, December 31st
7:15 AM Henriette Killian
by Dee and Dan Ungvarsky

**Vigil Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God**
4:30 PM Mary and Tom Hayes
by Ken and Mary Slater

**Sunday, January 1st Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God**
7:00 AM Peggy Snyder
by The Bader Family
8:30 John V. Gottschall
by Mike and Pat Gavaghan

10:00 Marjorie Peterson
by Dave and Kiersten Hafer

11:30 Joseph Trave, Jr.
by Lois Trave

6:00 PM Christine Viggiano
by Joanne Wallin Adams

We pray for the deceased members, relatives and friends of our parish family, especially John Motley, husband of Kate; Samuel Doughty, Jr.; John Pinder, father of Joseph.



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

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Target for Fiscal Year 2016-2017	\$1,560,000
Weekly Target for Fiscal Year 2016-17	\$ 30,000
Collection for December 17/18	\$ 31,321
Electronic Giving (107 participants) Dec. 20	\$ 14,295
Over (Under) Target Week	<u>1,321</u>
Over (Under) Target Yr Fiscal Week 25	7,312
Facilities Improvement Year To Date	\$ 32,278
Through December 18th	
Total Envelopes Mailed	2,525
Total Envelopes Used (December 18)	766
Balance Due on Mortgage	\$ 2,733,376

(Christmas Day Readings)

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10 Isaiah rejoices that God is bringing His exiled people home to Jerusalem. He calls out to the people to be glad because God will restore Jerusalem.

Responsorial Psalm: PS 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6

R. (3c) All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6 Paul explains to the Hebrews that although God had spoken through the prophets, people could not always completely understand the message. Now God has spoken to us by sending Jesus, the Son, a reflection of God's glory and forgiver of our sins.



Gospel: John 1:1-18 John describes how the Word came into the world in the form of Jesus. All those who accept Jesus become children of God by sharing in Jesus' love. No one has seen God, but through Jesus, God was revealed to us.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

"The grace of God has appeared, offering salvation to all men. It trains us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and live temperately, justly and devoutly in this age as we await our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of the great God and of our Savior Christ Jesus... to redeem us and to cleanse for himself a people of his own... eager to do what is right."

Why this passage from St. Paul's letter to Titus as part of our worship on this great Christmas day? It is easy for us to be so caught up in many distractions that we overlook some basic points. Do I realize that there were centuries of waiting for the Messiah and people grew weary and forgetful? Paul tells them, the savior has appeared.

If the coming of the redeemer speaks to me today, my Christmas joy reminds me that godless ways and worldly desires are not the focus. Gifts, consumerism, travel and visits are ours because the gift, Jesus, who traveled to earth and Bethlehem, placed salvation at our disposal. God did His part, we now must do ours.

He has redeemed and purified us and claims us as His. My response is eager acceptance of what He has come to offer me. As I look around, who needs to know of my experience of this redeeming savior? The books, the songs, the traditions can tell me of Him and this day. They encourage me to seek Him. Prayer is where I meet Him.

The virtues of temperance, justice and piety reflect our serious and joy filled acceptance of Jesus Christ this Christmas of 2016.

May you be blessed.

CONGRATULATIONS



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC SCHOOL PROUDLY SALUTES MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2017

Congratulations to **Edward Dolan** and **Jason Fennell** who have been named Neumann Scholars.

Over 800 students sat for the Neumann Scholarship exam and only 39 students from 29 Archdiocesan Schools were chosen for this prestigious award. Neumann scholars are awarded full 4-year scholarships to the Archdiocesan High School of their choice.

Corpus Christi Catholic School also congratulates:

Michael Davis

Edward Dolan

Natalia Donia

Jason Fennell

Connor Flanegan

Connor Mangan

Devon Reing

Joseph Rees

Olivia Small

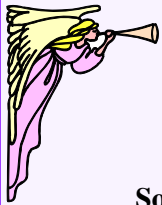
Liam Wall

These students have been awarded partial or full 4-year academic scholarships to continue their education in Archdiocesan and private Catholic high schools. Scholarships have been awarded from Lansdale Catholic High School, Pope John Paul II High School, Gwynedd Mercy High School, LaSalle College High School, and St. Joseph Preparatory School.

Congratulations! The Corpus Christi Community is extremely proud of you and all of your hard work. We wish you continued success as you take the next step on your academic journey!

CORPUS CHRISTI
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Over \$525,000 awarded in academic scholarships!

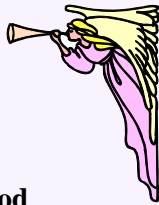


Saturday, December 31st

7:15AM
4:30PM (Vigil)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, January 1st
7:00, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30AM
and 6:00PM



Treasures From Our Tradition

We have approached the darkest, longest night of the year. For centuries, people in the Northern Hemisphere have kindled fires against the dying of the light, turning away the dark of the winter solstice, and leading the imagination to hope and new beginnings. It is thus easy to understand why these solstice celebrations of non-Christian Europe attracted the annual remembrance of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. In time the solstice migrated away from December 25, but the Christmas Feast remained in place. From this day, a whole season of celebration developed, stretching from Advent through the days of Christmas, and even beyond to the February 2 blessing of the candles, and beyond that to March 25, the Annunciation, 9 months before the next Christmas. Centuries ago this was New Year's Day, and many reasoned that it was the date of Adam & Eve's fall, and the date of the Crucifixion. The message is clear: don't let your Christmas be over too soon. Keep the lights blazing into January, and savor the meaning of the feast!



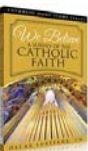
Upcoming Events **The Guardians - Tuesday, January 3rd- 7PM**
Religious Education Room in Church. For more information or to register for your first meeting, please contact Deacon Frank Langsdorf at deaconlangsdorf@gmail.com.

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

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



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



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

CLUB 50 NEWS AND TRAVEL

January General Meeting – The meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 12** in the Social Hall. We will be entertained by the Corpus Christi School strings. The \$2 lunch is back! Thanks to Bill Kausher for stepping up to be our Hospitality Chairman! Also, we will be collecting for the February Retreat. Any questions, contact Janet Stankus, (215-368-1785), or Kathleen Kemp (215-368-4075).

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!

February Annual Retreat – Our retreat will be held on **Thursday, February 9**, in the Social Hall. It will be conducted by Father Pio Mandato, and open to all parishioners. A pre-ordered box lunch will be available. The choices of sandwiches are: Roast Beef, Turkey, or Tuna Salad \$10. Money will be collected at the January meeting, or you can send a check – must be received by 2/1/17. Any questions, contact Janet Stankus, 1670 Wagon Wheel Lane, Lansdale, PA 19446 (215-368-1785), or Kathleen Kemp, 2141 Old Forde Way, Lansdale, PA 19446 (215-368-4075)

Virginia International Tattoo, Norfolk & Virginia Beach, VA - Friday, April 28, 2017 to Monday, May 1, 2017. Please pick up a brochure in the Narthex of the church.

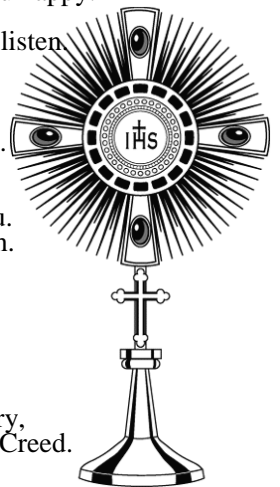
Round trip motor coach transportation, tax and tip for the driver is included, except chambermaids. 3 night's accommodations at an oceanfront property in Virginia Beach. 3 deluxe continental breakfasts at the hotel. 3 dinners in area restaurants. Admission and tram tour of the Norfolk Botanical Gardens.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



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

25 Ways to Spend An Hour with Jesus

- ❖ Slowly read Scripture until something hits you. Then listen.
- ❖ Pray the Rosary.
- ❖ Let God look at you.
- ❖ Tell Him something that made you happy. Then listen.
- ❖ Tell Him what angers you. Then listen.
- ❖ Speak about your loved ones.
- ❖ Pray for an enemy.
- ❖ Talk to Him about work.
- ❖ Sing a song for Him in your heart.
- ❖ Promise to trust Him.
- ❖ Imagine Mary sitting next to you, praying with you.
- ❖ Renew your loyalty to His Church.
- ❖ Lean on Him.
- ❖ Tell Him you love Him.
- ❖ Thank Him for the Sacraments.
- ❖ Tell Him your failures.
- ❖ Ask for help. Then listen.
- ❖ Slowly recite the Beatitudes.
- ❖ Say one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and the Creed.
- ❖ Pray for vocations.
- ❖ Ask Him to show you the next step.
- ❖ Look at yourself. Count your gifts.
- ❖ Then thank Him.
- ❖ Pray for the world.
- ❖ Enjoy just being in His presence.



Please be praying
for...

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



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

2016 "Coats for Kids" Collection – The Knights of Columbus thank our parish for the generous support of this year's Coats for Kids campaign.

Because of your help, we were able to deliver dozens of coats, scarfs, sweaters and gloves to the Visitation Parish of the B.V.M. in the Kensington section of Philadelphia.

If you would still like to contribute either clothing or money to this effort, please contact Kevin Conroy at (215) 872-8747 or visit the Fr. John E. Doyle Council website at: <http://www.kofc9715.org>

November 25, 2016 "Black Friday" Annual Parish Blood Drive - Once again our Black Friday Blood Drive was a great success! With over 50 donors, the blood collected will benefit over 150 patients. The Red Cross and the Knights of Columbus thank you!

ANNUAL "TRIVIA NIGHT" – FEBRUARY 25, 2017! - SAVE THE DATE: The Knights of Columbus will host their annual Trivia Night on February 25, 2017. Teams of up to 8 players may participate. Cost is \$15 per player. Additional details and ticket information is coming soon!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP



All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 in Corpus Christi and St Rose of Lima Parishes are invited to participate in the 2016 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition. The local competition will be held on **Thursday, January 5th 2017 from 7PM to 9PM** in the Corpus Christi School Gym. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. **Entry forms can be accessed on the**

Fr John E. Doyle Council's Web Site (www.kofc9715.org) or by contacting Mike Gavaghan (267-222-8938) for information.

Visit www.CatholicPhilly.com for Catholic news in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia every day. Sign up for a free, weekly email newsletter at: www.catholicphilly.com/newsletter.



On January 8, 2017, the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord the Bell Choir will be assisting at the celebration of the Eucharistic Liturgy.

The **Prayer Garden Gazebo Project** was completed in early December and we would like to thank *Joey Donatucci* and his Boy Scout Project team for their dedication and hard work. This was a huge project that started on September 17th. The completion of this project should earn him his Eagle Scout Badge. Thanks also goes out to all those organizations and people who provided financial support for the project.



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

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

SUPPORT OUR PARISH

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

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

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

CORPORATE MATCHING GIFTS FOR SCHOOL

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

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. Even though there were four winners from Montgomery County including the grand prize winner, no one from Corpus Christi was among them. Good things happen to those who wait, so our turn is coming!

Evangelization Newsletter ~ Archdiocese of Philadelphia

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



Looking for that special gift? If you want something that brings lasting joy, why not consider giving each other a **Marriage Encounter Weekend**? The world we live in seems to get busier each year, to taking the time to focus on each other and to grow in our understanding and love is so important. The next Weekends in this area are February 10-12 at Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown and March 31-April 2 at the Sheraton Great Valley. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: www.wme-philly.org. You can also contact Al and Mary Liz Heumann at Applications@wme-philly.org or call 610-449-1859.

Youth News

High School Youth Group

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

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

METANOIA ~ YOUNG ADULT GROUP

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

www.metanoiayoungadults.weebly.com. Check out our Twitter link on homepage: <http://metanoiayoungadults.weebly.com/> or visit our Facebook Page:

(www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults) for more details.

Tuesday, January 3: Metanoia Game Night, Location TBA, 7:30pm

Tuesday, January 10: Bible Study @ Corpus Christi Parish, Lansdale, 7:30pm

Tuesday, January 17: Theology on Tap @ Appalachian Brewing Co., 50 West Third Avenue Collegeville; Doors open at 7:00pm; Talk Starts at 7:30pm; Speakers – Sandy and Denise MacMurtrie

Tuesday, January 24: Holy Hour @ Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales; 7:30pm

CYO News

Open Positions –Registrar, Uniform Manager, and others. If interested contact cc-cyo@verizon.net

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

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

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!



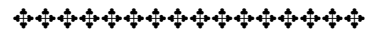
CATHOLIC CHARITIES

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, email us at cca@adphila.org or call us at 215-587-5650. Corpus Christi to date has reached \$104,278, **75%** of our \$138,803 goal!



CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL NEWS

Please see our Christmas special newsletter on pg. 5 of this bulletin!



PART TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Position available to supervise the students during lunch in the cafeteria and in the school yard. The hours of employment are 11:00AM to 1:15PM each day the students are in school. Corpus Christi School parents are not eligible for this position. If interested, please call 215-368-0582.

SCRIP CORNER

CORPUS CHRISTI SCRIP PROGRAM

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

e-mail: cc.scrip@yahoo.com; on the web: www.cclsansdale.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!



GIRL SCOUTS

Calling all K thru 5th grade girls to join Girl Scouts please visit

<http://tinyurl.com/j6w5vd>

Why join the Boy Scouts?



Scouts learn many useful skills, including first aid, fire-building, knot-tying, canoeing, wilderness survival, pioneering, life-saving, personal management, environmental science, citizenship, cooking and much more. These skills build confidence and can be used for years to come. For more info contact: Joe.Rakszawski 610-584-0333 or joerak@aol.com.

Attention 6th, 7th, and 8th grade boys: Check out the 12 reasons to join Corpus Christi Boy Scout Troop 303:

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/40f616aa7243a9fe62b4cc15b/files/2016_08_17_Corpus_Christi_Boy_Scouts.pdf

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 12/25 Team #3: Jane Hartman at 215-272-0784
Week of 01/01 Team #5: Patty Donnelly at 215-687-3779

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 16th, February 20th.**

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. To check on the next session at Corpus Christi— Contact ccprecanateam@gmail.com for information.

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 every Tuesday at 7:30 pm. The schedule is as follows: *First Tuesday-* Social Event (not always on a Tuesday); *Second Tuesday-* Bible Study at Corpus Christi (920 Summeytown, Lansdale); *Third Tuesday-* Theology on Tap at Appalachian Brewing Company; (Collegeville). *Fourth Tuesday-* Holy Hour at Mary Mother of the Redeemer (North Wales) Contact: metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com or visit our Facebook pages: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/metanoiayoungadults>

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.

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.**