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*Corpus Christi Parish ~ Upper Gwynedd, Pennsylvania
~ December 31, 2017 ~*



**CORPUS
CHRISTI
PARISH**

PASTOR

Reverend Monsignor Thomas P. Flanigan, Ed.D.

PAROCHIAL VICARS

Reverend Albert J. Santorsola

Reverend Shaji Silva

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Deacon Francis E. Langsdorf

Deacon William W. Evans

Deacon Steve Currie

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ELECTRONIC GIVING LINK:

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

CHECK OUT OUR WEB SITES:

Church: www.corpuschristilansdale.org

School: 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.

COMMITTEES & ORGANIZATIONS

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

On the First Christmas, Jesus, the Son of God, was born of the Virgin Mary into a human family. During this holy season let us look to the Holy Family in order to see better how we can live a more Christian life within our own families.



If we read the Gospel carefully, we will find that the Holy Family had their share of troubles and difficulties. Joseph cared for and protected the Child and His mother by obeying the will of God without hesitancy. Mary, too, searched for God's will as she pondered the words spoken to her by Simeon in the Temple, as well as the various events in her life. Both Mary and Joseph obeyed God even when the future was uncertain. Jesus, too, had to learn obedience to His parents. They were worried and concerned about His whereabouts when they lost Him for three days in Jerusalem.

These events help us to realize just how human the Holy Family really was, and how much they have to teach our own families. Through the ups and downs of life, they stayed close to God, and so can we. We can remember that we have been chosen by God to be part of His family and have been promised the Holy Spirit to teach, guide, and comfort us. When we are in harmony with God's will, then we are at peace, and peace will flow into our dealings with each other – family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Our actions and our attitudes will reflect our Christian faith if we strive daily to search out and be open to the will of God in our lives.

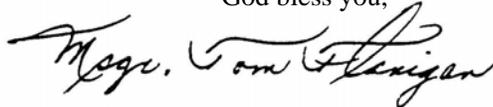
The Lord has given us guidelines to follow so that we will be able to live a truly Christian family life. We are asked to put on Christ by acting upon the graces given us as we reflect God's love to each other. We live out this ideal when we invite Christ into our homes through family prayer and shared scripture reading; when we enjoy each other in times of recreation in an atmosphere of love and acceptance.

Like the Holy Family, we, too, must lean upon God's love and providence to carry out the duties God has entrusted to us. For parents, these duties include comforting and caring for their children, teaching them to pray, loving them, supporting each other, being kind, patient, and forgiving. Children have a duty to honor their parents for which God has promised the reward of a long life. But most of all, we are asked to practice the virtues of patience and forgiveness. We are not perfect; each of us makes mistakes. God is always willing to forgive us when we are sincerely sorry and are willing to amend our lives. So, too, do we need to be understanding and forgiving toward others and give them a second chance to learn from their mistakes. This attitude will cultivate peace within our families, our neighborhoods, and our work places.

If we are going to have peace in our homes and in our world, our peace with God must come first. We may need to temper our selfish desires with virtue, for if we are in harmony with God's will, then we are at peace and it will flow into our interaction with others. It is true that a family cannot flourish when "I" is stronger than "we". This is also true of society, of cities or even of the world. It is the wholehearted surrender to goodness that marked the Holy Family, and our families can embrace that same goodness and experience true peace. May God grant you that peace!



God bless you,



PARISH CENTER OFFICE CLOSED . . .

The Parish Center Office will be closed until Tuesday, January 2nd! Thank you and a Happy, Holy New Year from your Priests, Deacons and Parish Center Office Staff!



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.

MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday,	December 30th
4:30 PM	Loretta Kochick <i>by Ruth Moran</i>
Sunday,	December 31st
7:00 AM	Jim Thompson <i>by Barbara Thompson and Families</i>
8:30	Thomas and Mary Hayes <i>by Ken and Mary Slater</i>
10:00	Al Barical <i>by George and Donna Frisch</i>
11:30	Gene McLaughlin <i>by Family</i>
6:00 PM	Jackie Gallo <i>by Ruth Spitzer</i>
Monday,	January 1st
7:15 AM	Dorothy Coleman <i>by Mark Moroz</i>
Tuesday,	January 2nd
7:15 AM	Pascuzzi Family
Wednesday,	January 3rd
7:15 AM	Marie Gernavage <i>by Pat and Pam Kendig</i>
Thursday,	January 4th
7:15 AM	Thanksgiving to St. Jude and Infant of Prague <i>by Betty Trongone</i>
Friday,	January 5th
7:15 AM	Jenna Burleigh <i>by Kelly Family</i>
Saturday,	January 6th
7:15 AM	Agnes Smith <i>by Erin Flannigan and Alana Hilsey</i>
4:30 PM	James and Margaret Butler <i>by John and Peg Butler</i>
Sunday,	January 7th
7:00 AM	Kathleen Girgenti <i>by Mary Kathleen Boyle</i>
8:30	Joseph and Frances Montisano <i>by Rose Mullaly</i>
10:00	David Trimbur <i>by The Marino Family</i>
11:30	Glenn P. Fulcher <i>by The Fulcher Family</i>
6:00 PM	Kenneth Morgan, Sr. <i>by Ken and Marianne Morgan</i>

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Target for Fiscal Year 2017-2018	\$1,716,000
Weekly Target for Fiscal Year 2017-18	\$ 33,000
Collection for December 23/24	not available at printing
Electronic Giving (148 participants) Jan. 20	\$ N/A
Over (Under) Target Week	\$ N/A
Over (Under) Target YTD Fiscal Week 25	\$ N/A
Facilities Improvement Accumulative	\$ 107,168
Total Envelopes Mailed	2,574
Total Envelopes Used	N/A
Balance Due on Mortgage	\$ 2,653,983

First Reading: Gn 15:1-6, 21: 1-3 Abram shows us the Lord keeps His promises, for his offspring were indeed many, like the stars in heaven. We, too, must trust in the Lord, so like Abram, our families might prosper.

Responsorial Psalm: PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
R. (cf. 1) Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in His ways.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 By faith Abraham and Sarah were blessed with Isaac, and through him, many descendants because they trusted in God's promise and believed in what they could not see. We see that faith, trust and prayer bring forth God's miracles in our lives.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 Jesus was brought to Jerusalem to be consecrated according to the law of Moses. A man named Simeon had learned he would not die until he had seen God's anointed. Upon seeing Jesus, he immediately declared he had witnessed "the glory of Your people of Israel." The prophetess Anna also gave thanks and spoke of Jesus to all who would listen. Both recognized the power of Jesus, although He was still an infant.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly



"They took Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of

the law in regards to Him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: 'Now Master You can let your servant go in peace.'"

How often we have attended a baptism, as parent, godparent, big brother or sister, relative or friend. Some assumed the role of Joseph and Mary, others that of Simeon, or Anna who prayed. Whatever our role, we are called to recognize the special presence of the Christ as they did. Joseph protected, Mary reflected, Simeon prayed and praised. We do too.

Pope Francis in his exhortation 'The Joy of Love' provides a terrific teaching as we bring one year to a close and turn the page to a new year of grace. He says, 'Family prayer is a special way of expressing and strengthening this paschal faith. A few minutes can be found each day to come together before the living God to tell him of our worries, to ask for the needs of our family, to pray for someone experiencing difficulty, to ask for help in showing love, to give thanks for life and for its blessings and to ask Our Lady to protect us beneath her maternal mantle. With a few simple words, this moment of prayer can do immense good for our families.'



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, Wynnewood, 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 or call 609-884-3829

Some financial aid is available

* Current Year High School Seniors are welcomed

Lansdale Catholic Shadow Program - LC's 8th 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 8th grader.



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

Husbands, give your wife the ultimate gift this Christmas! Help protect her from the increased risk of stroke, heart attack and cancer that accompanies hormonal contraceptive use. Make her health your number one priority by suggesting you learn Natural Family Planning.

To learn more visit: www.live-the-love.org OR Contact Helene Hallowell: 267-252-6207, hhallowell@ccli.org.

Learn Natural Family Planning in 2018 (4 Options):

1. Live Online (webinar with Alex and Enely Algarme): January 23rd, February 20th and March 20th all at 9pm
2. Live Onsite in King of Prussia (classroom with Jim and Jen Volpe): February 23rd, March 23rd and April 27th all at 6pm
3. Live Onsite in Meadowbrook (classroom with Mike and Lisann Castgno): March 19th, April 16th and May 14th all at 6:30pm
4. Any time...Anywhere...choose the Self-Paced Online course!

Don't Delay...Sign-Up Today! <https://ccli.org>

Suburban Community Hospital 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 2701 DeKalb Pike East Norriton, PA 19401. 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 or call 800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.



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.



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**

January General Meeting – This meeting will be held on Thursday, January 11 at 11:30 in the A-B-C meeting rooms.

ALL MEETINGS FROM NOW ON WILL START AT 11:30! Lunch will be served for a nominal donation. Our speaker will be Joel Weintraub who will discuss Sleep, Memory, and Positive Attitude - Any questions, please 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).

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.

RESPECT LIFE NEWS CORNER

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION UPDATE



Your spiritually adopted baby is now 3 months old. Your baby is quite active in the womb now - although his mother won't feel him for another couple of months. If his mother had a window, you could watch your spiritually adopted baby squint, swallow, and move his tongue. He can make a tight fist if you touch his palm. He weighs 1 ounce. What a miracle he is!

Thank you to everyone who is praying for a baby and their mother, so that the Mom and Dad will choose life for their baby. It is important to continue to pray, because “Prayer Changes Things”.

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



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

**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 2018 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition. *The local competition will be held on January 4th, 2018 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 Tom McHenry (215-513-0251) for information.

CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL NEWS

Many eighth grade students of Corpus Christi School have received academic recognition. Three students, Charlotte Brautlecht, Alex Kulp and Gabrielle Rampulla, have been named as **Neumann Scholars.**

Monsignor Schade scholarships to Lansdale Catholic have been awarded to Michael Aboud, Charlotte Brautlecht, Emily Durning, Emily Dvorchak, Alex Kulp, Sydney Okeke, Gabrielle Rampulla, and Nathan Woehr.

Scholarships to Pope John Paul have been awarded to Gabrielle Rampulla and Nathan Woehr.

Scholarships to Mount St. Joseph Academy have been awarded to Charlotte Brautlecht, Emily Dvorchak, Renee Dziennik, and Sydney Okeke.

Scholarships to Gwynedd Mercy Academy have been awarded to Charlotte Brautlecht, Sydney Okeke and Mia Tellers.

A Presidential scholarship to La Salle High School has been awarded to Nathan Woehr.

Corpus Christi School is very proud of our scholarship winners. We offer our congratulations to these students and their parents and commend them for their hard work.

Congratulations,
Mrs. Maureen Lafferty
Principal



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.**

Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School, an independent, all-girls Catholic college preparatory school sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, has an opening for a **short-term substitute position in the history department from April 9 until June 9, 2017.** Courses to be taught are AP US History, Honors Topics in US History, Topics in US History, and Modern World History. Qualified applicants with teaching experience and a degree in history are asked to submit their resumes and PA clearances to Anne Casavecchia at acasavecchia@gmahs.org by January 13, 2018.

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 Apptitude 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.



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.

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



Corpus Christi Parish Bingo

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY "45" YEARS

Every Tuesday, 50 weeks a year, now in our 45th year!!! Check website *Organizations* for further details! 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

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.



St. Charles Seminary

We are in the 11th 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, email us at 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.

Youth News

High School Youth Group

Check out our Youth Group table in the Narthex, visit us on **Facebook** at Corpus Christi Youth Minister **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

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 for questions and details.

Sign Ups are happening right now for two of our three summer trips! Contact the youth minister at corpus.ym@gmail.com for details.

Steubenville Youth Conference
June 22-24, 2018
Franciscan University of Steubenville
Total Cost: \$325
Only 7 spots remain

Catholic Heart Work Camp
July 22-27, 2018
North Haledon, NJ
Total Cost: \$360
Beach Retreat Details To Be Announced!

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.

SCRIP CORNER

The **SCRIP** office will be closed until School reopens on **Wednesday, January 3rd**. e-mail: cc.scrip@yahoo.com; on the web: 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

CYO News:

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.

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. 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) or Christine Roach (tigerss@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.

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/>.

****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.

CYO Positions 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

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.

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., Collegeville; 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) Or visit our website at www.metanoiayoungadults.weebly.com You can also reach us via email at metanoiayoungadults@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 12/31 Team #9: Helen Tobin at 610-584-5871 or Denise Garrigus at 215-256-6877

Week of 01/07 Team #1: Mary Medoff at 215-412-2263

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 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 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.**