

*Corpus Christi Parish
Upper Gwynedd, Pennsylvania
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 28, 2018*



Catholic Schools

Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

Mission Statement for the Parish of Corpus Christi

We, the people of Corpus Christi, are blessed to be called the "Body of Christ". May we always strive to fulfill His teaching in how we live our lives. We envision our Parish Mission as promoting and improving the community of God by proclaiming the Good News through:

- ✘ *Participating actively in the liturgy and sacraments;*
- ✘ *Living the Gospel message and practicing conversion in our daily lives;*
- ✘ *Welcoming and nourishing new and inactive members, as well as educating all groups;*
- ✘ *Practicing respect for all life: the unborn, youth, aged, sick, disabled, poor and needy;*
- ✘ *Evangelizing and promoting social justice and harmony among all peoples.*



MAY GOD BLESS US AND BE WITH US AS WE GO FORTH TO FULFILL OUR PARISH MISSION.



**CORPUS
CHRISTI
PARISH**

PASTOR

Reverend Monsignor Thomas P. Flanigan, Ed.D.

PAROCHIAL VICARS

Reverend Albert J. Santorsola

Reverend Shaji Silva

PERMANENT DEACONS

Deacon Francis E. Langsdorf

Deacon William W. Evans

Deacon Steve Currie

PARISH STAFF

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| Edd Murphy | Business Manager |
| Sr. Mary Carroll | |
| McCaffrey, SSJ | Parish Minister |
| Maureen Lafferty | School Principal |
| Danielle Gallo | Youth/Young Adult Minister |

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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

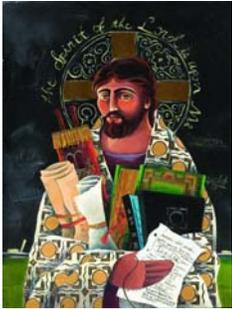
Dear Parishioners,

Sometimes we hear the expression, "Less is more." The New Testament was written in a similar lean style. The reader who looks for details commonly found in modern historical or even fictional writings is doomed to frustration. What color was Jesus' eyes? How tall was He? What did He wear? What kind of tools did Joseph have in his workshop? We look in vain for these answers.

The Divine Author who inspired the evangelists to write saw no need for details that would not add anything of importance to the message. We were told all that we really needed to know. The gold is there. The Church must mine the gold.

Mark's Gospel, which is probably the earliest of the four Gospels, is also the shortest of the four Gospels. Mark uses only thirteen words to describe the Resurrection, the most momentous event in the history of humanity: "Jesus rose from the dead early on the first day of the week."

The Gospel for this Sunday is a good example of brevity. Christ has called some apostles and begins to teach in the synagogue. The most frequent title for Christ in the New Testament is teacher / master / rabbi. No title for Christ is used more frequently. Mark says quite simply: "On the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught." Synagogue worship of that time included a commentary on the Scripture. Mark does not give the Scripture text which Jesus chose, but we can only imagine how profound the teaching of the Son of God expounding on the Word of the Father would have been.



Mark moves quickly to give us the response of the congregation: "The people were astonished at His teaching." A scriptwriter for a movie would undoubtedly write Christ's scriptural reflection and show the astonishment of the people at the words of Christ but Mark at least gives us more than a hint of the reason for the astonishment of the people: "He taught them as one having authority." This authority is further emphasized when Christ immediately expelled the unclean spirit from one of the congregants.

Throughout human history, God has sent teachers with the message. The prophets foretold the coming of the Messiah. They challenged their students and they encouraged them. Some refused to hear the teachings. And then, when the time was fulfilled, Christ the great Divine Teacher, came to earth with "a new teaching with authority." He, too, had good students who quickly embraced the truth. He encouraged, sometimes reprimanded, and faced the disappointment of students who left and listened no more to Him.

Is Christ still teaching today? Christ did not leave us orphans, nor did He leave us as students without a teacher. The Church is Christ on earth, and it could not be Christ on earth if it did not teach with the authority of Christ. The word "Magisterium" refers to that teaching authority, which is protected by the Holy Spirit Who was sent upon the apostles and their successors on Pentecost Sunday.

To men and women of faith, there is a great comfort in knowing that we will not be taught error. God will not permit His Church to betray the truth. This is an article of faith. But human nature really has not changed since the time of Christ. There are people today, who as in Christ's time, hear the Word and embrace it with joy. The seeds of truth develop deep roots and grow into sturdy plants. There are also those who, for many reasons, reject the teachings. They find the Church's teachings too challenging or demanding. They are the hard soil and rocks on which the seed cannot grow.

The voice of Christ the Teacher is still with us today. The Church speaks with the voice of Christ. We must listen with open hearts.

God bless you,



We will celebrate the *start of Catholic Schools Week at the 10am liturgy this Sunday, January 28.* Afterwards, please join us for an Open House at Corpus Christi School from 11am-12:30pm to learn more about our school community and see all the great things happening at Corpus Christi!

You can also keep up with CCS events and activities by liking us on Facebook  (Corpus Christi School - Lansdale) and following us on Twitter  (@corpuschristi_s) or visiting our website at www.ccsllansdale.org

A CALL TO COURAGE AND COMMITMENT

Join us for **The Stand Up for Life Rally** today, Sunday January 28th 2:00 - 3:00 PM at Epiphany of Our Lord Church, 3050 Walton Road, Plymouth Meeting , PA 19462. Reception to follow in the school.

"We will stand up and proclaim that no one has the authority to destroy unborn life" (St. John Paul II Washington, DC 10/7/79)
Hear inspiring messages and learn how you can build the Culture of Life. Featured Speakers: Delia Larrauri, MD OBGYN, Pastor Bill Devlin Vietnam Veteran, Presbyterian Minister and Registered Nurse.



BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

Corpus Christi Cub Pack 303 and Boy Scout Troop 303 are celebrating their annual Scout Sunday by attending the **8:30am Mass** next week, **Sunday, February 4th.** Members from other units are also invited and welcome. Mark your calendars! For more information contact Joe Rakszawski 610-584-0333.

MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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| Saturday, | January 27th |
| 4:30 PM | Theresa Nayduck <i>by Pat and Pam Kendig</i> |
| Sunday, | January 28th |
| 7:00 AM | Rosemary Marks <i>by Karen and Ed Price</i> |
| 8:30 | Mary Ann Hagelin <i>by Charles Hagelin</i> |
| 10:00 | Josephine and Samuel Breida <i>by Dan and Elaine Gansz</i> |
| 11:30 | Rosemary Marks <i>by Bea Ferullo</i> |
| 6:00 PM | Thomas Miller <i>by Danielle Snyder</i> |
| Monday, | January 29th |
| 7:15 AM | Judy Cullen <i>by Bob and Ellie Hentschel and Family</i> |
| Tuesday, | January 30th |
| 7:15 AM | Martha Fitzpatrick <i>by Gary and Shelly Geib</i> |
| Wednesday, | January 31st |
| 7:15 AM | Raymond Walsh <i>by Carol Colonnello</i> |
| Thursday, | February 1st |
| 7:15 AM | Kathleen Doughery <i>by Joe and Diane Radvansky</i> |
| Friday, | February 2nd |
| 7:15 AM | Thanksgiving to St. Jude and Infant of Prague <i>by Betty Trongone</i> |
| Saturday, | February 3rd |
| 7:15 AM | John Gabriel <i>by Dan and Gloria DiEmedio</i> |
| 4:30 PM | Clara McGrath <i>by Maureen Branigan</i> |
| Sunday, | February 4th |
| 7:00 AM | Patricia Furin <i>by The Marinari Family</i> |
| 8:30 | Deceased Members of the McAleer Family <i>by Ray and Kathy King</i> |
| 10:00 | Peg Harrington <i>by The Harrington Family</i> |
| 11:30 | John and Nellie Koza <i>by Elaine Koza and Family</i> |
| 6:00 PM | William Mooney <i>by Gary and Shelly Geib</i> |

WEEKLY COLLECTION FINANCIAL UPDATE

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| Target for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 | \$1,716,000 |
| Weekly Target for Fiscal Year 2017-18 | \$ 33,000 |
| Collection for January 20/21 | \$ 26,273 |
| Electronic Giving (151 participants) Jan. 20 | \$ 18,459 |
| Over (Under) Target Week | \$ 11,732 |
| Over (Under) Target YTD Fiscal Week 30 | \$ (15,184) |
| Facilities Improvement Accumulative | \$ 113,265 |
| Total Envelopes Mailed | 2,580 |
| Total Envelopes Used | 787 |
| Balance Due on Mortgage | \$ 2,653,983 |

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Moses explains to the people that a prophet will come from among them, and that they should listen to this prophet's words, for God has told him of this prophet. God also tells Moses that anyone who pretends to speak in His words, or speaks in the name of other gods shall die.

Responsorial Psalm: PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 *If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.*

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Paul tells the Corinthians how an unmarried man or woman is able to devote themselves fully to God without concern for the needs of a spouse. Paul explains that God wants to help them promote good and devote themselves more fully to God.



Gospel: Mark 1:21-28 As Jesus was teaching, a man with an unclean spirit came to the synagogue and asked if Jesus had come to destroy them. Jesus ordered the spirit out of the man, who shrieked violently as the spirit departed. The people were amazed at the authority He had over the spirit.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

"And the Lord said to me: This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among your kin, and will put My words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to My words which he speaks in My name, I Myself will make him answer for it. ...All were amazed and asked one another, 'What is this? A new teaching with authority.'"

Maybe we are not accustomed to read the book of Deuteronomy, but we find Moses, the prophet the spokesperson for God, who requested others to speak and the assembly to listen. As we read the Old Testament, we meet many others who responded to God's call, sometimes reluctantly, to speak in His behalf. Can you name some?

Prophetic voices continue to be heard today, as God calls leaders to teach and guide us. There are the well known teachers as the Holy Father, and our local bishops, assuming the role of teacher. There are others who through baptism assume the role of catechists and teachers of the faith. But there are countless others too who speak through their actions, bringing the mercy and message of the Lord to others.

As we begin this New Year may we open our ears to hear the message, our hearts to carry it out, and discover ways the Lord wishes to use us to do His ministry.



We pray for the deceased members, relatives and friends of our parish family, especially Donald Thomas, husband of Marlene; Rita Beinke, mother of Janet Stankus.



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.

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

SUMMARY OF THE PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT For the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2017 & 2016

| | <u>2017</u> | <u>2016</u> |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| ORDINARY INCOME | 2,182,464 | 1,892,211 |
| Parish collections, Interest, Socials & donations, Bingo, School tuition & fees, REC fees | | |
| ORDINARY EXPENSES | 1,318,106 | 1,444,203 |
| Salaries & benefits, Parish administration, Maintenance & utilities, Taxes & insurance | _____ | _____ |
| EXCESS ORDINARY INCOME (EXPENSE) | 864,358 | 448,008 |
| OTHER INCOME | 24,171 | 23,827 |
| Interest Income, Bequests | | |
| EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES | 51,801 | 55,528 |
| Interest Expense | | |
| SCHOOL SUBSIDY (incl. interest expense) | <u>256,121</u> | <u>596,185</u> |
| TOTAL EXCESS INCOME (EXPENSE) | 580,607 | (179,878) |
| As reported to Archdiocese of Phila. | | |
| TOTAL EXCESS INCOME (EXPENSE) | 580,607 | 147,000 |
| Adjusted to account for the change from cash basis to accrual accounting in FY 2016 | | |
| MORTGAGE – PRINCIPAL PAYMENT | 97,022 | 114,495 |
| Balance Remaining on Mortgage | 2,696,710 | 2,782,271 |
| ADDITIONS TO PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT | -- 0 -- | 11,898 |

For Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2017, Corpus Christi Parish's Excess Operating Income was \$580,607 as compared to a loss of \$179,878 for Fiscal Year 2016, an increase of approximately \$760,000. However, the loss in 2016 was the result in a change from cash to accrual accounting as mandated by the Archdiocese for all parishes. The comparable 2016 Operating Income was approximately \$147,000. On a consistent basis, 2017 Operating Income was approximately \$433,000 higher than 2016.

The improvement in financial performance was the direct result of increased contributions by our parishioners. Specifically, Sunday offerings increased approximately 10% or \$153,000. In addition, the Facilities Improvement collections increased by \$54,000. These contributions continued into fiscal year 2018 with our Facilities Improvement Fund exceeding \$100,000 as of November 30, 2017. This fund will be used for capital improvements and repairs to the parish physical plant and not for annual operating expenses. Proceeds from socials and special donations were also higher in 2017 by almost \$60,000.

The 2017 expenses were lower than 2016 largely from reductions in payroll expenses, primarily by not filling open positions. In addition, because of increased enrollment and an approximate 6% tuition increase, the parish subsidy to the school was lower in 2017 than in 2016.

In 2017, we refinanced the mortgage on the Parish Center. The refinancing extends the maturity date of our \$2.7 million debt until February 2027 and will result in lower annual payments.

In closing, the Parish Finance Council extends their thanks to all of the parishioners who increased their weekly offering, contributed to the Facilities Collection and made the cost reductions possible through their efforts, insights and sacrifices. Together, we can confidently continue our parish programs supporting our mission.

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!

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.

Liturgy Series: Saint Maria Goretti Parish, Hatfield www.stmariagoretti.net

This three part series includes the history of Liturgy and the Introductory Rite of Mass, the Liturgy of the Word, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Each session will include time for questions and discussion. There is no cost to attend these presentations, but a free will offering is greatly appreciated. Refreshments will be served. Registration is recommended. For more information or to register contact Angela McClellan at: angela.mcclellan@stmariagoretti.net or 215-721-0199 (ext. 202).

Mondays, February 5, 12, and 19, 2018
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Saint Maria Goretti Church

Guest Presenter: Father Louis Bellopede
Pastor, Saint Mary Parish, Schwenksville

Mount Saint Joseph Academy

The Mount, a Catholic preparatory school for girls, invites all interested 7th grade girls to The Pre-HSPT to be given on **Saturday, March 24, 2018, 8:00 – 11:30AM**. The Pre-HSPT is a 7TH grade edition of the actual Scholarship/Entrance Exam given to eighth grade applicants. Registration is available online only. Register at: www.msacad.org/practicetest You will receive registration confirmation via email.

Pre-Cana Workshop at St. Jude Parish

St. Jude Parish offers a fun, engaging and instructional one day Pre-Cana marriage preparation day for engaged couples. Our day is designed to assist couples prepare for a strong, successful, lifelong marriage in a joy-filled, welcoming, environment. The sessions are held at St. Jude School located at 323 West Butler Avenue, Chalfont, PA 18914. Our next session is scheduled for **Saturday, February 17th, 2018**. Please contact St. Jude Rectory 215-822-0179 or office@stjudechalfont.org.

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>

First Thursday Breakfast Club Saint Maria Goretti Parish, Hatfield www.stmariagoretti.net

The Breakfast Club is held in the narthex of Saint Maria Goretti Church following the 8:30 AM Mass on designated First Thursdays. It provides a way for people to gather in faith-filled friendship and fellowship following their time spent together in worship and prayer. It's as simple as that! Coffee, tea, juice, and nutritious breakfast refreshments are served along with lots of laughter and conversation. There is no cost to participate in the Breakfast Club and no registration is required. Parishioners and non-parishioners are always welcome to attend. For more information, please contact: Angela McClellan at angela.mcclellan@stmariagoretti.net or 215-721-0199 (ext. 202).

Thursdays: February 1, April 5, May 3, September 6, and October 4, 2018 Saint Maria Goretti Church Narthex
Following the 8:30 AM Mass

*The Breakfast Club is automatically cancelled when a funeral is scheduled for the same morning.

Catholicism: Adult Faith Formation Program

Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish would like to invite you to join us in a journey around the world and deep into the Catholic faith. VIEW an award winning film series, JOIN in fellowship and refreshments, LEARN about Catholic teaching and tradition! Come and experience the Catholicism film series! This 10-part series was split into two sessions. Session 2: Begins April 10th and runs for 6-weeks. The 2nd session will be offered at 9:30AM and 4:40PM on Tuesdays, and 7:30PM on Wednesday. To enroll, please send your name, phone number and email address along with a \$10 check (per person) made payable to MMR, and mail to: MMR-Catholicism, 1325 Upper State Road, No. Wales, PA 19454. For more information, please contact Gary Zimak at garyzimak@mmredeemer.org or call 215-362-7400 ext 104.

For Married Couples – A Dinner to Celebrate Your Marriage on Friday, February 9, 2018

Come celebrate your marriage with a catered dinner followed by a spiritually enriching talk led by Fr. Michael Mullen of St. Agnes Parish in West Chester. This event will be fun & inspiring, sure to be a blessing for your marriage! Make it an early Valentine for your valentine! We expect it to be a sell out, so don't delay and register today. **Friday, February 9, 2018 in the Mater Dei School Cafeteria/Gym, 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm. The cost is \$35.00 per couple / Dinner is B.Y.O.B.** Questions? Contact chiggins290@gmail.com or call (215) 939-6732. Make checks payable to St. Stanislaus Parish, attention "Marriage and Dinner Date Night," and may be sent or dropped off to St. Stanislaus Parish Center, 51 Lansdale Avenue, Lansdale PA, 19446.

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!



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.

TMIY-That Man Is You!

Saint Maria Goretti Parish, Hatfield www.stmariagoretti.net
TMIY is a morning program for men organized around a central theme each year and presented through the lens of 7 steps that make it simple for men to follow. Each morning session has three components: a social gathering over breakfast refreshments, a 30 minute DVD presentation, and opportunity for discussion. The program honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers, although single men benefit, as well. For more information or to register contact: Bill Wynne at TMIYSMG@gmail.com or 215-721-0199 (ext. 254). Wednesdays: Spring and Fall Semesters 6:00–7:30 AM OR Saturdays: Spring and Fall Semesters 7:00–8:30 AM ~ Saint Maria Goretti Parish Center: Lower Level

MOTHER BONIFACE SPIRITUALITY CENTER, 3501 Solly Avenue in northeast Philadelphia is offering a Women's Retreat entitled **SPIRIT-FILLED EVANGELIZERS** on February 23-25, 2018 beginning 7 pm Friday and concluding Sunday following Noon dinner. "Spirit-filled evangelizers means evangelizers fearlessly open to the working of the Holy Spirit. At Pentecost, the Spirit made the apostles go forth from themselves and turned them into heralds of God's wondrous deeds. In this retreat, we will look at what it means to be "fearlessly open to the workings of the Holy Spirit" in the life of every baptized Christian. Basically, if you are breathing you are called! Presenter: Anne Trufant is a wife, mother, recording artist, dynamic speaker and faith-filled retreat presenter. She is a lay missionary and member of the Missionary Cenacle Apostolate, the lay group founded by Fr. Thomas A. Judge in the early 1900's. Fee: \$170 (includes a \$40 non-refundable deposit). Registrations received prior to Feb. 13th receive a \$20 discount.



Bill Flear, Daniel MacDonald, Joanne McDonald, Maureen McGowan, Sara Welsh Krebs, Katelyn Bonner, James Donnelly, Kathy Donia, Annamarie Hutchinson, Thomas Roy, Frank Griffith, Pat Mozi, Leonard Balk, Luca Paciente, Mike McGonigle, Patricia Wright, 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, Jeff Kerns.

**CLUB 50 NEWS AND TRAVEL
NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME**

February General Meeting – This meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 8 at 11:30 in the Social Hall.** ALL MEETINGS FROM NOW ON WILL START AT 11:30!! Lunch will be served for a nominal donation. Our speaker will be Retired Lieutenant Colonel Dick Barnett who will speak about his experiences in the Nixon White House. We also will be collecting for the March 8 retreat. (Choices and prices for the box lunches to be determined.) 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.

Vermont Sound of Music Trappe Family Lodge Tuesday, May 15–Friday, May 18. Round trip motor coach transportation, 3 night's accommodations at the Hampton Inn, White River Junction, VT. 3 Expanded Continental Breakfasts with hot choices. Trappe Family Lodge Austrian luncheon. Full dinners at area restaurants. Many more exciting activities and tours. Pick up a Brochure in the Narthex of Corpus Christi Church or at Club 50 meetings. Deposit of \$50. at sign-up, final payment due March 26th. 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."*

RESPECT LIFE NEWS CORNER

The Pro-Life Union and Guiding Star Ministries say "Thank you!!" to the very generous parishioners of Corpus Christi for the gifts given through your Christmas Giving Tree. The moms and babies at Guiding Star received the much-needed items of diapers, clothes, formula, cleaning supplies and bedding and this would not have been possible without the charity of your wonderful Church Community!

Spiritual Adoption Update:

Well, your spiritually adopted baby is now 4 months old and weighs 6 ounces. He has fingernails and eyelashes. He has his own unique fingerprints which will remain the same until he dies. His taste buds are working. His sense of hearing is developing and present at 14 weeks. 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".



It will not be long before we have the Mini diapers ready for the "Valentine Baby Shower" the weekend of February 10-11. Please call Ellie Hentschel (215-362-0160) to volunteer after the Mass you attend. It takes about 10 to 15 minutes to lend a helping hand.



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

Annual Trivia Night for Fun and \$\$\$ – Saturday February 24, 2018 –

"How many moons are in our Solar System?" "Who were the two people on the first telephone call?" "If it is 7 PM in Philadelphia today, what time is it in Tokyo?"



If you know the answers to these kind of Trivia Questions, do not waste your useless knowledge! Please join the Knights of Columbus for our annual Trivia Night on Saturday, February 24th beginning at 6 PM in the Corpus Christi School Gym. Snacks will be provided, but BYO Beverages and Dinners are encouraged.

Cash Prizes based on a percentage of the Admission Revenues will be awarded. Teams may have a maximum of 8 people per table; cost is \$15 per person. (If you do not have a full team, we will help match you with other players.)

For reservations contact Jim Rebarchark @ 215-872-7924 or at Lrebarchak@comcast.net.

Please make checks payable to "Knights of Columbus - 9715" and mail them to Jim Rebarchark, 327 Huckleberry Ln, Harleysville, PA 19438

Father John E Doyle Knights of Columbus Council #9715 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. This will take place on **Saturday, March 24, 2018.** Bus leaves Corpus Christi Parish at 2:30pm, return is expected around 11pm. 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. Proceeds benefit Corpus Christi Youth Ministry. Please contact Danielle Gallo, the youth minister at Corpus Christi Parish, at corpus.ym@gmail.com for questions and details. Details are also available at the youth group's website: <https://corpuschristiyouthgroup.weebly.com/jesus-live-on-stage-fundraiser.html>.

Annual Basketball Free Throw Contest Rescheduled for February 8, 2018 at 6 PM -



The Annual Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Competition at Corpus Christi Parish, postponed on January 4th due to the poor weather conditions, has been rescheduled for **Thursday, February 8, 2018 in the School Gym at 6 PM.**

February 8th will also still be the date of the District Competition (for all the winners from the councils in the area), following the Knights of Columbus Council 9715 Free Throw Competition on that same night.

Engaged Couples



Corpus Christi Pre Cana team is planning their next Pre-Cana 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.



Visit 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.

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



Upcoming
Events

The Guardians - Tuesday, February 6th- 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, February 6th- 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



"Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John"

Following Christ takes more than simply believing in him or doing what he asks of us. Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer — He wants you to be his disciple and friend. **Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John** is your guide to a personal encounter with Christ. Participants will receive a workbook and will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of **lively group discussion and fellowship**. The eight 30-minute videos will guide you through the **Gospel of John**.

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2JTsUlwzIDM>

Wednesdays: March 21 - May 9, 2018 Conference Rooms B/C \$16.95

***Choose **one** **REGISTRATION** link for **Gospel of John**:

- Morning 9:30am-11:30am <https://ascensionpress.com/studies/25933/registrations/new>
- Evening 7:00pm-9:00pm <https://ascensionpress.com/studies/25935/registrations/new>
- Online only <https://ascensionpress.com/studies/25936/registrations/new>

For more information: IRISHEILEEN@HOTMAIL.COM

****EXTRA** SEPARATE, ONLINE STREAMING ONLY**

Epic: A Journey Through Church History. 20 50-min videos Available for online streaming starting 3/10/18 through 3/10/20

24 months to view at your own pace at home. Workbooks included. \$29.95

Church History Taught from a Solid Catholic Perspective

REGISTER online only: <https://ascensionpress.com/studies/25939/registrations/new>



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LWF2EnaDNY>

Do you want your marriage to last a lifetime? Do you never want to fall out of love? Many couples who have learned Natural Family Planning discover it helps their marriage in many more ways than they anticipated. Show her you would marry her again every day of your life and enroll in a class today. To learn more visit: www.live-the-love.org OR Contact Helene Hallowell: 267-252-6207, hhallowell@ccli.org Make a Resolution to Learn Natural Family Planning in 2018 (4 Upcoming Options):

1. Live Online (webinar with Alex and Enely Algarme): 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://register.ccli.org/>



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. As of January 19th, Corpus Christi with **745** contributors ended with **\$140,346, 92%** of our 2017 \$152,684 goal.



St. Charles Seminary
We are at the **16th** week for the 2017-18 Appeal and Corpus Christi has reached **\$38,510** with **275** donors as of January 18th. 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.

SAVE THE DATE

**CORPUS CHRISTI BINGO ~ BRUNCH & BINGO
SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018**

DOORS OPEN: 8:30AM ~ BINGO STARTS: NOON

ADMISSION \$20.00 INCLUDES BRUNCH & BINGO, CASH PRIZES; FOR ADVANCED SALES AND TABLE RESERVATIONS CALL: LAURIE PONTICELLO at 610-584-5694 or email: geraldponticello@comcast.net



JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED AFTERNOON
AND MOST OF ALL . . .
SUPPORT YOUR PARISH AND SCHOOL

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT
RE: YEAR END STATEMENTS**

Contribution tax statements have been emailed, *some have been returned due to a change in provider or a change in work address*. If you haven't received an email, in order to add, or update your email address please send a request to: corpuschristilansdale@gmail.com with the notation of "Tax Statement" in the subject bar. Thank you for your co-operation! If you do not have an email address and wish to receive a contribution statement, simply fill in the necessary information below and either place it into the collection basket, or drop off or mail it to the Parish Center Office attn. Ruth.



If you have any questions please call the Parish Center Office at 215-855-1311 ext. 121. Thank you!

1. Name as it appears on your weekly envelopes:

2. Address if different than what is on your weekly envelopes:

3. Envelope number: _____

You may cut this out and place in the collection basket on the weekends.

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://corpuschristiyounggroup.weebly.com/> check out the Promo Video!!!
Contact Danielle at: corpus.ym@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP

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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. **CCS is hosting an Open House on Sunday, January 28, 2018 from 11:00AM – 12:30PM.** There will be representatives from the school and student ambassadors available to show you around and answer your questions. Please mark your calendar.

If you are unable to visit us on this date, and 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.

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY



Corpus Christi Cub Pack 303 and Boy Scout Troop 303 are celebrating their annual Scout Sunday by attending the **8:30am Mass** next week, **Sunday, February 4th.** Members from other units are also invited and welcome. Mark your calendars! For more information contact Joe Rakaszawski 610-584-0333.

SCRIP CORNER

The SCRIP Office (located in the school gym) is open 9AM - 12:30PM every day that school is in session, plus 5:30PM - 7PM every Monday that REC is in session. Phone: 215-362-0104; E-mail: cc.scrip@yahoo.com; Order form: www.ccslandsdale.org. Contact: Erin Miller (215) 362-0104
Thank you for using SCRIP to support Corpus Christi!

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.

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

- 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 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

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.

February 2018

Friday, February 2: Movie Night (Wreck It Ralph) @ Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales; 7:30 pm

Tuesday, February 13: Bible Study @ St. Rose of Lima, North Wales @ 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 20: Theology on Tap @ Appalachian Brewing Co., Collegeville; Doors open at 7:00pm, Talk Starts at 7:30pm Speaker: Megan Mastroianni

Tuesday, February 27: Holy Hour @ Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales; 7:30pm

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



ANTHEM Ministries' New Website
Archdiocesan Outreach to Youth and Young Adults. Our Archdiocesan department for the evangelization of youth and young adults, now called ANTHEM Ministries, has recently launched their new website. Check it out at: <https://anthemphilly.com>.



Our Corpus Christi **H.O.P.E.** volunteers perform **WORKS OF MERCY** for our parishioners. We appreciate it if you make your appointments 2 weeks in advance:

Week of 01/28 Team #5: **Patty Donnelly at 215-687-3779**
 Week of 02/04 Team #6: **Sue Bones at 215-631-9526**

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 requested to pre-register for 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. February 19th, March 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 almost EVERY SUNDAY.**

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send your bulletin announcements to the Parish Center Office no later than the Friday 8 days prior to publication. It can be faxed or dropped off to the Parish Center but the preferred method is by e-mail to corpuschristibulletin@yahoo.com with the word "bulletin" in the subject line. Thank you for your cooperation!

Confessions: Saturday after 7:15AM Mass, 3:15PM – 4:00PM, and also upon request at the Parish House.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WEDNESDAYS



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 under **Novena**). 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. The next pre-cana session is October 1st and 2nd, 2016. Please contact johnmcfowan3@gmail.com for more information.

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

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

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

1601 "The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament."~CCC



**Marriages Celebrated at Corpus Christi
December ~ 2017**

Alexandra Schoener and Douglas Kochel

**Congratulations and Prayers
from your Parish Family!**

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.**