

Those who act in truth
shall come into the

Light

*Corpus Christi Parish ~ Upper Gwynedd, Pennsylvania
March 11, 2018 ~ Fourth Sunday Of Lent*



**CORPUS
CHRISTI
PARISH**

PASTOR

Reverend Monsignor Thomas P. Flanigan, Ed.D.

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Reverend Shaji Silva

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Deacon William W. Evans

Deacon Steve Currie

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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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 215-855-1311
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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

The scenario of both the first reading today and the responsorial psalm is the Babylonian exile of the Jewish people. Because of their many sins of idolatry and immorality committed through the centuries, God decided to punish them through this exile of seventy years. When God saw that this punishment had served the purpose intended by Him, namely the conversion of the people, He decided to use Cyrus, King of Persia, as His tool to allow them to return to Palestine and rebuild it. The king did not forcibly transport the Jewish people to their homeland. He gave them permission and allowed each individual or family to make their own decision. We know from both biblical and secular sources that not all of them returned.

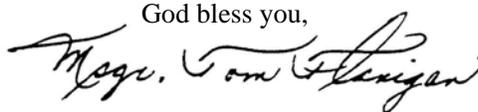
Who were the ones who went back and went back happily? People like the author of the responsorial psalm. They never forgot Zion and wept whenever they talked about it. People who could say, "If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand be forgotten. May my tongue cleave to my palate if I remember you not." People like the great prophet of the exile, Ezechiel and his followers. People like the priest Ezra and his disciples who would be the first to return. They were realists. They knew from their own experience that Babylon was a much richer land than Palestine, that their material well-being and their financial situation here would be far superior to that in poor little Palestine. But their patriotism, their fidelity to their traditions, their loyalty to Yahweh was too strong to let material superiority smother their desire for their homeland, for Jerusalem, and for the temple of the Lord. However, those whose loyalty to God and to the land was not that strong, gave in to the allurements of the economic and political superiority of the land of their exile. They did not consider themselves exiles any more. Babylon was their home.

The remarks of Jesus in the gospel today about the serpent Moses lifted up in the desert reminds us of the forty year long journey of the Jews on their way to Palestine, the home promised to them by God. From what the books of the Torah tell us about the pilgrimage to the promised land, we know that it was a very difficult journey. At times they were without sufficient food; at times they did not have enough water for themselves and for their cattle. A desert is never a hospitable surrounding. On many such occasions of want the people complained against God and against Moses. On one occasion of such bitter complaining God decided to punish His people with poisonous snakes, which killed many. In their misery, they repented and turned to the Lord. God ordered Moses to make a serpent of bronze and raise it on a pole. Whoever looked upon that serpent would be saved and enabled to get to the promised land. Those who did not convert and did not get their encouragement from the bronze serpent never got a chance to reach the goal.

Our sojourn on earth is our Babylon and our Egypt. Here we are exiles and live away from our real home. The appeal of this world, of its riches, of its pleasures, and of its joys is so strong that many people give in. They get so involved in the here and now that they forget what is eternal. They come to concentrate so much on what is here below that they lose sight of what is above. Even the best of us might get attached just a little too much – unless we are careful. We are body and soul. We are citizens of the earth and citizens of heaven. The two must be well balanced in our lives. However, in this balance the spiritual, the eternal, must always be the dominant element.

Our life here on earth is a journey, a pilgrimage toward our heavenly home. Here we have no permanent home. Our domicile here is transitional. The journey is a difficult one and it costs a lot of sacrifices. It is a narrow gate – a winding road with many obstacles. People who are allergic to sacrifices, who want an easy and comfortable trip, will never make it. One must really believe in life everlasting and must be convinced of the joy of seeing God forever as He is, face to face, before he or she is willing to carry the cross of Christ on the bumpy road and enter eternity through the "eye of the needle".

God bless you,



PART-TIME COOK WANTED

Our Parish House (Rectory) is in search of a part-time cook for Monday through Thursday. Although some flexibility is needed, you will normally spend 3–4 hours each day starting between 2:30 - 3:00PM. Job duties include dinner preparation, clean-up and food shopping. **For more information, please call Edd Murphy at 215-855-1311.**

THE EASTER BASKET PROJECT~Families United in Faith~CORPUS CHRISTI & VISITATION BVM



Several years ago our parish began a donation program called the Easter Basket. Through your generosity, many families in Visitation Parish, Kensington, are given food vouchers; help with rent, heating bills and tuition. These are the working poor; the ones who do not make enough money to live on, but too much to qualify for public assistance. Please return the cards this weekend, **March 10th/11th**. If you enclose a check please make it payable to "Visitation BVM Church".

Corpus Christi Catholic School New Student Registration Information

Registration for the 2018-2019 School Year is currently taking place. Please call Mrs. Barb Casee in the school office at 215-368-0582 to arrange a time to come in and register your child. For your convenience evening appointments for tours and registration are available.

Items Needed for Registration:

- ❖ Original Birth Certificate
- ❖ Baptismal Certificate
- ❖ Immunization Records
- ❖ \$100.00 non-refundable registration fee

Corpus Christi Religious Education Program is looking for a volunteer with *Special Education experience* to work with a small group of children who are participating in the Religious Education Program on Monday afternoons between 4:30 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. If interested please contact the Religious Education Office at 215-362-2292.

MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

Saturday,	March 10th	
4:30 PM	Intentions of Ed and Sharon Drach	
Sunday,	March 11th	
7:00 AM	Robert Tozzi	<i>by Jerry and Patti Tozzi</i>
8:30	Rita and John Rafferty	<i>by Eileen Swartz</i>
10:00	Renee Mizdail	<i>by Al and Eileen Spicer</i>
11:30	Patrick and Jimmy McNally	<i>by Michael and Carol Pasella</i>
6:00 PM	Otto Fischer	<i>by The Patterson Family</i>
Monday,	March 12th	
7:15 AM	Robert Boyle	<i>by Mike and Kate Hagarty</i>
12:05 PM	John Gabriel	<i>by Mike and Pat Gavaghan</i>
Tuesday,	March 13th	
7:15 AM	Sarah Convery	<i>by Anna O'Donnell</i>
12:05 PM	Frank White	<i>by Margaret White</i>
Wednesday,	March 14th	
7:15 AM	Judy Cullen	<i>by Joe and Sue Linaugh</i>
12:05 PM	James T. Murphy	<i>by Donna McDermott</i>
Thursday,	March 15th	
7:15 AM	Joseph Savadel	<i>by Dick Miller</i>
12:05 PM	Josephine Salvo	<i>by The Reedinger Family</i>
Friday,	March 16th	
7:15 AM	Intentions of Patricia Savadel	<i>by Dick Mills</i>
12:05 PM	Stefanie Wojcik	<i>by Jeanette Wojcik and Family</i>
Saturday,	March 17th	
7:15 AM	John Cunningham	<i>by Joan Cunningham</i>
4:30 PM	Gene McLaughlin	<i>by The Crotty Family</i>
Sunday,	March 18th	
7:00 AM	Pat Davis	<i>by Bob and Trish Keen</i>
8:30	Sr. Elizabeth Powell, RSM	<i>by Steve and Ann Marie Finley</i>
10:00	Gino Strippoli	<i>by Anthony and Donna Radice</i>
11:30	Jenna Burleigh	<i>by The Johnson Family</i>
6:00 PM	John Cunningham	<i>by Joan Cunningham and Family</i>

We pray for the deceased members, relatives and friends of our parish family, especially Anna Blanch, mother of James; Kathleen McCollough, wife of John; Lois McGinty; Frances Ruggiero.



Prayer For Those Who Have Died

Into Your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters. In this life You embraced them with Your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and bid them enter eternal rest. +Amen

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

WEEKLY COLLECTION FINANCIAL UPDATE

Target for Fiscal Year 2017-2018	\$1,716,000
<i>Weekly Target for Fiscal Year 2017-18</i>	\$ 33,000
Collection for March 3/4	\$ 33,281
Electronic Giving (156 participants) Mar. 20	\$ N/A
Over (Under) Target Week	\$ 281
Over (Under) Target YTD Fiscal Week 36	\$ (20,144)
Facilities Improvement Accumulative	\$ 123,761
Total Envelopes Mailed	2,573
Total Envelopes Used (3/4)	817
Balance Due on Mortgage (as of 3/1)	\$ 2,631,758

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 The people of Judah practiced many abominations, even polluting God's temple in Jerusalem. They mocked the messengers He sent among them, until He grew so angry He delivered them to the King of the Chaldeans. Those who weren't killed were exiled and became servants for seventy years. Cyrus, King of Persia, was ordered to build a temple to God in Jerusalem, and he freed the servants as God had inspired him to do.

Responsorial Psalm: PS 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6.
R. (6ab) Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10 Paul declares that God brought us to life in Jesus, though we had been dead from our sins. He reminds us that it was not a reward for our good service so no one should take credit. Instead, we must remember that it was not our doing, but a sign of God's mercy and love for us.



Gospel: John 2:13-25 John 3:14-21

God so loved the world, He sent us His only Son so that all who believed would have eternal life in Him. The light came into the world, but those who were wicked avoided it, for fear that their evil deeds would be exposed. But those who believed were unafraid of the light, where it would be clear that their deeds were done in God.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

"God who is rich in mercy, because of the great love He had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ – by grace you have been saved, raised us up with Him and seated us with Him...for by grace you have been saved, and this is not from you it is the gift of God."

Perhaps a great difficulty for us, is to appreciate the need we had for Jesus' saving work. Because we have been redeemed by Him, and experience His presence and love, we forget the great need which existed for all time for a Savior. Maybe we should change the words of St. Paul, and write 'the great love He has for us.'

We might place on a back burner, the effects of Superstorm Sandy, the earthquake in Mexico, the hurricanes of last fall, the California wild fires, while the devastating effects are still being felt. So too our sinfulness and need for redemption today.

Our Lenten practices call us to acknowledge our need today and through prayer, good works, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist, we are to move ourselves closer to the Lord. Remember, it is God's gift to us and we open our hearts today to receive it. May we seek forgiveness and grace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, making it to confession before Easter.

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!

Corpus Christi Pre-Cana



Corpus Christi Pre-Cana sessions are being scheduled for **September 22, 2018 and February 23, 2019**. These are one day sessions (8AM until mass at 4:30PM) that will be held in the Meeting Rooms at Corpus Christi Parish. Please contact Jack McGowan at 610-733-3133 or

ccprecanateam@gmail.com.

If there are any couples in the parish who would be interested in joining the team in our effort to assist the engaged couples to prepare for their upcoming marriage, we look forward to hearing from you to help support them in their journey together. Please contact Jack McGowan: 610-733-3133 or ccprecanateam@gmail.com.

St. Mary's will hold a pre-cana workshop on **Saturday April 14, 2018, from 9AM-ending after the 4:00 PM Mass**. It includes lunch, snacks and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This one-day Program meets all the requirements of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. A certificate is provided upon completion. Call the Parish Office for an application: 610-933-2526 or visit www.stmaryassumption.org click Forms/PRE CANA.

Gwynedd Mercy Academy Upcoming Admissions Events for Girls in 5th, 6th and 7th grades



Morning Tours: 5th, 6th and 7th grade students are invited along with at least one parent. Select dates in March and April - 8:00 - 10:30 am Tour and Q&A

Evening Tours: 5th, 6th and 7th grade along with at least one parent. Select dates March-May: 6:30 - 8:00pm Tour and Q & A
7th Grade Practice Test: Saturday or Sunday - April 28th or 29th
Information and registration available at www.gmahs.org.

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.msjacad.org/practicetest You will receive registration confirmation via email.

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 reserve a date for your 8th grader.

Martin Saints, A new Catholic high school, now accepting ninth and tenth grade applications for our second year.
Information Evening: Thursday, March 15, at 7pm on our campus at Holy Martyrs Church (120 Allison Road in Oreland)

At MSC, we offer a classical education with small classes. Think Plato and Aristotle, Augustine and Aquinas, Dante and Shakespeare, integrated with mathematics and natural sciences. We also provide regular outdoor adventures and opportunities for service. Come and learn more at our information evening. To RSVP or for more information, contact Mr. Adam Dickerson, adickerson@martinsaintsclassical.org.

St. Philip Neri Catholic Family Life Center Presents: Bus trip to Museum of the Bible, Washington, DC, **Saturday, April 14**. Cost: \$57 includes ticket and transportation. Call 215-679-2237 for details and registration.

Saint Patrick's Cathedral & Saint Frances Cabrini Shrine

There is no better way to travel than to travel as a pilgrim! Join fellow parishioners and friends from other parishes across the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for this one day pilgrimage to New York City. We will first tour Saint Patrick's and then celebrate the noon Mass at the Cathedral. Following Mass, we will depart for the Saint Frances Cabrini Shrine where we will enjoy lunch and a tour. Free time will be allotted for personal prayer and visits to the gift shops at each sacred place. **Tuesday, April 3, 2018; Bus Departure: Saint Maria Goretti Church Parking Lot 7AM; Approximate Return Home: 7:00 PM**
Cost: \$70.00 per person (includes lunch); Register using the form at www.stmariagoretti.net.

Saints for Life

Each week of Lent we will explore the life of a saint who spearheaded the Church's rebirth after the turbulence and confusion caused by the Protestant Reformation. You'll want to stay friends with these saints for life, even into eternity, as you discover that their call to follow Christ is just as compelling today as it was 55 years ago. Each session includes breakfast refreshments, a 30 to 40 minute DVD presentation, and a brief time of discussion. **Sessions begin at 9:30 AM in the lower level of Saint Maria Goretti Parish Center and conclude by 11:00 AM**. Please join us for all the sessions or for as many sessions as you would like. Please register at angela.mcclellan@stmariagoretti.net or 215-721-0199 (ext. 202).

Tuesday, March 13, 2018: Saint Teresa of Avila

~ A Study in Perseverance

Tuesday, March 20, 2018: Saint Francis de Sales

~ Pastor of Souls

Morning Joe

Celebrate the Solemnity of *Saint Joseph's Day* with a hot cup of coffee and the traditional "**Saint Joseph Table**" of bread and pastries while enjoying good friends and good conversation. A special gift will be given to anyone with the name "Joseph" (while supplies last)! Are you on your way to work? Don't worry! Have your "Morning Joe" to go! There is no cost for this event and no registration is necessary.

Monday, March 19, 2018

Following the 8:30 AM Mass

Saint Maria Goretti Church Narthex

www.stmariagoretti.net

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? The annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on **Saturday, April 28, 2018** at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at the 5:15 pm Vigil Mass with Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M., Cap. Presiding. This mass is to pray for and with all married couples who are newlyweds, or who have been married 25 years or more, or 50 years or more. Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Registration Required, visit: www.phillycatholiclife.org or call: 215-587-0500.

Spring 2018 Freedom Retreat for Catholic Women

You Are Made New Ministry invites women of all ages to the Spring 2018 Freedom Retreat, **Friday evening April 27th and Saturday, April 28th**, at Pope John Paul II High School in Royersford, PA. The theme is based on Rev 21:5 'Behold, I Make All Things New', and includes inspirational talks, music, adoration, healing prayer, personal reflection, food, and more. Our plan is to unleash the power of God through the Holy Spirit and give Him permission to change our lives! **Registration is \$65 before March 15 and \$75 afterward**. For more information and to register, visit www.YouAreMadeNew.com or contact De Yarrison at 610-287-2989.



Bill Flear, Daniel MacDonald, Joanne McDonald, Maureen McGowan, Sara Welsh Krebs, Katelyn Bonner, James Donnelly, Kathy Donia, Annamarie Hutchinson, 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, Bernard Kunz, Jr., Jeff Kerns, Dorothy Mostowtt, Ann DiLucia, Patrick May.

CLUB 50 NEWS AND TRAVEL

March Meeting – Retreat - This meeting will be held on Thursday, March 15th (3rd Thursday) The retreat will start with 11:00 Mass in the Chapel (please arrive quietly, as the school children will still be in the main church). Lunch and the rest of the retreat will be in the ABC Meeting rooms. Father Keith Chylinski will conduct the retreat, and will touch on his walking pilgrimage to Santiago d' Compostella. Choices for the box lunches are Roast Beef, Ham and Cheese, or Tuna Fish Salad. Price is \$9.00 each. **Please mail your check by Monday March 12** to either 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).

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

Annapolis, MD Thursday, April 19, cost-\$110. **All passengers must carry a valid Government Issued Photo I.D.** Round Trip motor coach transportation, tax and tip for the driver are included. Sit-down luncheon at the Black Wall Hitch (1:00PM), guided riding and walking tour of Annapolis, MD and the U.S. Naval Academy, 40 minute narrated cruise (3-3:40) aboard the Harbor Queen. **Payment due at Sign-Up** *No refunds after the vendor is paid in full. Entree Selections: 1) Lump Crab Linguine Skillet, 2) Eastern Shore Chicken and Grits Skillet 3) Shrimp and Risotto Skillet. Departs 7:30AM, return approx. 7PM. *Call 215-393-6779- Mary Slater, 512 Dock Dr., Lansdale, PA 19446 or Rose Wilson at 215-368-0421.

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

As we journey through Lent, it is time to seize the opportunity. Repent, draw near to the heart of God – and fast. Yes, fast. It is an effective means to transform us inside and to change the world outside. Fasting to end abortion is essential. It humbles us and conforms us to the loving heart of God and causes us to weep over what He weeps over. Fasting also defeats the enemy. In Mark 9:29 Jesus says, "Some demons can only be driven out by prayer *and fasting*." ending abortion requires a spiritual victory. Let's give the battle everything we have, aim for the most effective prayer – with fasting.

Legislators in the Pa. House and Senate are preparing to introduce bills to protect children diagnosed in the womb with Down Syndrome. Having developmental delays – being "different" – should not be a reason to abort an unborn child, yet here in Pennsylvania it is permitted by law. As many as 90% of these children are being aborted in the United States. This legislation, being introduced in the House by Rep. Mike Turzai and in the Senate by Sen. Scott Martin, would stop any child from being aborted solely due to a diagnosis of possible Down Syndrome. Please contact your Pa. Representative and Senator and urge them to co-sponsor this life-saving legislation. For your legislators info visit: www.legis.state.pa.us/

"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=2JTsUlwIDM>

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

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LWF2EnaDNrY>

CORPUS CHRISTI LIBRARY

Ash Wednesday has launched the **Lenten and Easter seasons** for 2018. As an aid to your spiritual journey please take advantage of some helpful books and DVDs from our Parish Library. For your convenience, select titles will be transferred to the Narthex until the middle of March. Self-Checkout details are posted near the materials. **You are also most welcome to browse in the library before or after the Masses on Sunday.**



Stations of the Cross Every Friday at 7:00PM with practice for the Good Friday Passion Play immediately following.



Passion Play 2018: Calling all actors, musicians, stage hands and anyone open to trying something new! Casting has begun for all roles for this year's Passion Play. All are welcome to participate; we are open to all ages and encourage family participation. We do ask that children 5th grade and younger have a parent present for all rehearsals and performances. Rehearsals will



begin during Lent, and will take place on Friday evenings in the Church after Stations of the Cross. Our presentation of the Passion Play is on Good Friday at noon in the Church. If you are interested in joining the cast or crew, or would like more details, please contact Amanda Deo at Amanda.g.deo@gmail.com.

SCRIP CORNER

Do you find yourself scrambling for your meatless meal ideas on Fridays during **Lent**? If so, SCRIP has you covered! Consider stocking up on Pizza Time Saloon, Dominos, Pizza Hut, Red Lobster or Olive Garden gift cards. You can also make using SCRIP one of your **Lenten** promises. You can earn tuition money for your child, grandchild, neighbor etc. while also giving back a donation to the church. If you would like to learn more about our SCRIP program please stop in to the SCRIP office M-F 9:00-12:30 in the school gym. You can also call 215-362-0104 or email cc.scrip@yahoo.com with any questions or to place an order. Please remember to support Corpus Christi by using www.amazonsmile.com (Corpus Christi Lansdale, PA). Using this portal when you shop Amazon will automatically donate .5% of your purchase back to our parish. View Scrip order form <http://tinyurl.com/ybzt8x32>
Corpus Christi SCRIP Office 215-362-0104
 Monday - Friday 9am - 12:30pm (when school is in session)
 Mondays - 5:30pm - 7:00pm (when REC is in session)



Upcoming Events **The Guardians - Tuesday, April 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, April 10th- 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

PAPER RECYCLING DISCONTINUED

Our current paper recycling company has been unreliable in emptying our paper bins. Consequently, this has caused us problems and numerous complaints. Unfortunately, we will have to discontinue this project. We are asking our parishioners to please **DO NOT DROP OFF ANYMORE PAPERS ON OUR PREMISES.** The parish and school will continue to recycle papers through our regular waste disposal company (Mascaro). However, this service will be "in-house" only and will not be available to our parishioners.

We thank everyone for participating in paper recycling and hope you will continue to do so through other means. Unfortunately, this can no longer be done at our parish.

The Sensational Soul Cruisers Live in Concert!

Our Lady of Peace Parish Presents *The SENSATIONAL SOUL CRUISERS*, coming **April 28th, 2018**. Dance down memory lane with your family and friends. The concert takes place at Nelson Hall, Notre Dame de Lourdes School, 990 Fairview Road, Swarthmore PA, from 7:00 to 11:00 pm. Tables can be reserved. Tickets are \$35 per person. Call the OLP Rectory (610) 328-9330 or Debbie Hanna (215) 520-2097 for tickets.



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 215-896-2720
- 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
- Urban Funeral Home offers Tuesday evening monthly grief sessions from 7-8PM. For more information or to register, please contact Dolores Urban at 215-646-8556 or check out their website.

<http://www.urbanfuneralhome.com/staying-healthy-grief-loss/>

March 16, 2018 Ladies Auxiliary Lenten Pasta and Fish Bake Dinner "Knight" -



Come together with your other parishioners during the Season of Lent! The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus Father Doyle Council #9715 will host a LENTEN PASTA and FISH BAKE DINNER "KNIGHT" at 5:30pm on Friday March 16th, 2018 in the Corpus Christi School Gymnasium. The menu includes penne pasta with a choice of Clam Sauce, Alfredo Sauce, or Marinara Sauce (Gluten-Free Pasta will be available); Choice of Beer-Battered Filet of Cod Fish (Baked) or Eggplant Parmigiana; Salad with choice of dressing; Roll & Butter; Dessert; Fruit Salad; and Assorted Sodas and Water (BYOB). Tickets will be sold in advance in the Church Narthex after Masses this weekend March 10-11. \$15.00 for Adults in Advance and \$17.00 At the Door, and \$7.00 for Children (11 years of age and under) in Advance and \$9.00 At the Door. For more information please contact Wendy Kelly at 610-564-6221 or LadiesKofC9715@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your support of our Parish!"

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Corpus Christi Athletic Fields Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus Council # 9715. The Easter Bunny will arrive at 10:00 a.m. sharp to start the egg hunt. Please bring your own basket or bag to collect the eggs and camera for photos with the Easter Bunny! Children will be divided into four age groups and will line up by age group at 9:45 a.m. Ages 1 and under Ages 2 through PreK Grades K, 1st and 2nd Grades 3rd and Up. Please contact Stacy Ray at stacy_ray@verizon.net or Ann Marie Finley at atammara@yahoo.com with any questions.

Do You Have 3 1/2 Hours a Month to Volunteer Some Time?

A *Weekend Volunteer* offers to cover the phone and door of the Parish House for 3.5 hours a month either on a Sat. or Sun. morning or afternoon. The times are from 9:00-12:30 or 12:30 to 4:00. We are in need of several volunteers who can help us out one of these times a month. Most of the mornings are covered but we need more people to help with the afternoons. Each month you can pick your own day and time based on your calendar for that month. No experience is needed. Someone has offered to show you what to do. Thanks for considering this. Please contact Sr. Mary Carroll at 215-368-5750.

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION



The monthly food collection for local food cupboards takes place this weekend, **March 10th and 11th**, after all the

Masses. Please leave your donations of non-perishable goods in the room next to the restrooms in the back of church. This room is open after all the masses each weekend. Thank you for your participation!



Please join **St. Charles Borromeo Seminary's Legion of Mary** for "Marian Day", to be held at St. Charles Seminary on **Saturday, March 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Includes: morning and afternoon presentations by Tim Staples from Catholic Answers, Mass, box lunch and Holy Hour. Donation request for box lunch is \$10. To RSVP, please email advancement@scs.edu or (610) 685-6270.

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 215-361-9300 and ask for Deb Bailey, or email her at debra.bailey@td.com.

Welcome

We would like to extend a sincere welcome to the people who have recently joined our Corpus Christi Parish Family:

James and Shana Barlieb and Family
Blane and Carol Barton and Family
Michael Coccio and Elizabeth Kuhn

Christine Mastrangelo
James and Kathryn Ramsey
Patricia Rench
Jonathan and Jennifer Sweet

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 03/11 Team #2: Jessica Woehr at 215-260-2143

Week of 03/18 Team #3: Jane Hartman at 215-272-0784

If you have any questions, please call Hope Coordinator, **Mary Medoff at 215-412-2263**. Thank you!

BAPTISM INSTRUCTION SESSIONS: Parents and Godparents must attend **Pre-Jordan Sacramental Preparation** before the Baptism takes place. Prior to attendance, *parents are required to pre-register those attending the session by contacting the Parish Center Office 215-855-1311*. Although instruction sessions are mandatory for both Parents and Godparents, you are required to attend one time only. If you have attended previously you are not required to come again. Ideally, attendance at the preparation session should occur before the child's birth. Upcoming sessions are scheduled at **7:00 PM RE Room (in the church) on the 3rd Monday of the month i.e. March 19th, April 16th**.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GODPARENTS

- must be a registered member of a Catholic Parish and receive a Certificate of Eligibility from that Parish and have attended the Pre-Jordan Baptism class
- must have completed his/her 16th birthday
- must have been Baptized - Confirmed - 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.

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

DAILY PRAYER CHAPEL OPEN: Visits to the Blessed Sacrament during the day may be made in the Church Chapel. The Chapel is open every day from 7:45AM to 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.

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). Please enter the chapel using the entrance walk on the side of the Parish House facing Supplee Rd.

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. Contact ccprecanateam@gmail.com for information.

NOVENA DEVOTIONS: Continuing through April 25th a Novena to St. Peregrine, Patron saint of cancer patients is being conducted. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place from 7:45AM to 6:30PM concluding with benediction and the novena begins immediately after benediction. **On the last night of the Novena, April 25th, at 7:30PM there will be a Mass of Anointing of the Sick** in the Church Fr. Pio Mandato will be the main celebrant. For more information please call the Parish Office Center at 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 12:00PM** (during Lent) 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 8PM.

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.**