

# THE • HOLY • FAMILY



OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



*Corpus Christi Parish, Upper Gwynedd,, Pennsylvania  
~ December 27, 2015 ~*



**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**

Edd Murphy	Business Manager
Sr. Mary Carroll McCaffrey, SSJ	Parish Minister
Maureen Lafferty	School Principal
Trish Keen	Director, Religious Education for Children
Angela McClellan	Director, Adult Faith Formation
Danielle Gallo	Youth/Young Adult Minister

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900 Sumneytown Pike ~ Lansdale, Pa 19446

**ELECTRONIC GIVING LINK:**

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

**CHECK OUT OUR WEB SITES:**

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

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

**CARING & SHARING**

**215-855-1311 ext 133**

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Daily Masses:** 7:15AM

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

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

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

**Confessions:**

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

**COMMITTEES & ORGANIZATIONS**

Pastoral Council: Barbara Atkins 215-412-2459  
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 Children's Liturgy of the Word: Trish Keen 215-362-2292  
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 CYO Program: Mary Bagnell 215-272-2618  
 Eucharistic Adoration: Barbara Atkins 215-412-2459  
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 215-855-1311

Gift Certificate Program (Scrip): Erin Miller 215-362-0104  
 Girl Scouts: Cathy Roberts 215-393-7891  
 Greeters: Henry Hartman 215-362-1463  
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 H.O.P.E.: Mary Medoff at 215-412-2263  
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 Lectors: Deacon Evans 215-855-1311  
 Legion of Mary: Helen Walker at 484-681-4868  
 M.A.S.S. Drivers: Joanne McDonald at 215-855-5307  
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 Angela McClellan 215-855-1311 ext. 122  
 Music Ministry: Matthew Klenk 215-855-0670  
 Parish Library: Angela McClellan 215-855-1311 ext. 122  
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 Prayer Line: Anna Marie O'Reilly 215-368-4672  
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 610-584-5569  
 Pre-Jordan Program: Deacon Langsdorf 215-855-1311  
 RCIA Program: Deacons Langsdorf and Currie  
 215-855-1311

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# PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

One of the minor classics of American literature is the short story by Bret Harte entitled The Luck of Roaring Camp. Bret Harte is famous for exploiting the local color of early California, the dialects of the Forty-Niners, and the tales of the mining camps. In this story a pregnant, sick Indian woman stumbles into a camp of gruff, hard-drinking, fiercely competitive gold diggers. She dies, but the baby who is a half-breed boy, survives.

Death was common enough in Roaring Camp, but a birth was a new experience. Immediately, these roughneck campers assume responsibility for the baby. They take turns working to build a clean shack to house him, even hanging curtains on the windows. They begin to shed their roughness, anger, and selfishness. They consider it a privilege to hold the baby and sing to him.

The men begin to demand unheard of things from one another, like cleanliness, quietness and morality. They name the boy "Luck, Thomas Luck". The baby boy transforms these rough, crude miners into a community of generosity and of tender, loving care. Thomas Luck calls forth from reckless characters and criminal types dignity, worth, wonder, and a sense of beauty.

This is by no means the first true story of how the birth of a baby can change a whole environment and the people in it. The birth of Jesus certainly changed Mary and Joseph. It created a family that had God in it! The example given by Jesus, Mary, and Joseph should affect every Christian family. Christ is born; and God-with-us, the Word, the Light dwells in us! The Incarnation, true God becoming true man, makes our humanity sacred. Our world, its soil, its air, its water is all made sacred because of the presence of the Son of God.



We do not find many stories of the Holy Family in the Scriptures. Today we hear of the journey to Jerusalem which places twelve-year-old Jesus among the teachers in the Temple. His questions and answers to these learned men were astonishing, but He returned with Mary and Joseph to Nazareth and "was obedient to them". Other Gospels tell of the care Joseph had for his family's safety by taking Mary and Jesus to Egypt to escape the terror of Herod and the devotion this family had for the Jewish law in presenting their firstborn son in the Temple for the required rituals. It seems appropriate that within our joyous celebration of the birth of the Savior we also celebrate the Family in which this child grew in "wisdom and age and favor before God and man".

Long after the Christmas decorations are packed away and the lights turned off, may Christ remain in our midst in our homes. He will transform souls and attitudes from darkness to light, from despair to promise, from cynicism to hope, from death to life.

God bless you,

## CREATED, LOVED, REDEEMED BY GOD -- PRICELESS MARCH FOR LIFE 2016 – 43rd Anniversary



The 43rd Annual March for Life will be held on **Friday, January 22, 2016 in Washington, DC**. Corpus Christi Parish will send 2 buses to Washington to attend this peaceful and prayerful demonstration bearing witness to the dignity of human life from conception to natural death.

Schedule for the day is as follows: Leave Corpus Christi parking lot at 6:00 AM promptly.

Arrive in Washington, DC and attend 10 AM Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, celebrated by Archbishop Charles J. Chaput. After Mass, you can tour the Shrine and eat lunch. At the given time, we will take the Metro (tickets provided) to the site of the March. If physically able, we would like you to walk in the March (approximately one mile). Return to Shrine and leave by 4 PM.

Cost for adults is \$24 for bus & \$14 for dinner at Country Buffet (\$38 total). Cost for students is \$14 for dinner, bus is free for all students BUT an adult must accompany them. No change in cost. Everyone should bring a bag lunch and a drink. Bus returns to Corpus Christi by 9 PM. Sign-ups start now. Sign-up board is in the Narthex of Church and you must pay in full to reserve your seat. All deposits are transferrable, but not refundable. Make checks payable to Respect Life and send to Ellie Hentschel, 2045 Pheasant Hill Road, Lansdale, PA 19446, 215-362-0160. BUS #1, Respect Life, BUS #2, Knights of Columbus. You can go on either bus. Bring your gold scarf from previous year.

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

### High School Youth Group



From the teens and leadership team of Corpus Christi's Youth Ministry, THANK YOU for your extraordinary support for the youth group during our Advent Luminary Sales. The proceeds from this fund-raiser will make workshops, conferences, and summer trips affordable for our participants. Thank you so much for providing our youth with opportunities to draw nearer to Christ. God bless you all and have a wonderful Christmas Season.

Sincerely, Danielle Gallo, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

### **PARISH CENTER OFFICE CLOSED . . .**

The Parish Center Office will be closed on Thursday December 31st and New Year's Day, so please plan accordingly!



# MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>December 26th</b>
4:30 PM	Walter Pasko <i>by Joe and Ellie DeRaymond</i>
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>December 27th</b>
7:00 AM	John Atkins <i>by Anita and Arthur Massi</i>
8:30	Barbara Seneko <i>by George, Jr. and Patty Seneko</i>
10:00	Joan Kulaga <i>by Mae Veneziale</i>
11:30	William Donohue <i>by The Donohue Family</i>
6:00 PM	Roger Kirk <i>by John and Trudy Duardo</i>
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>December 28th</b>
7:15 AM	William J. Friel <i>by E. Spicer</i>
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>December 29th</b>
7:15 AM	John F. Horan <i>by The Moretski Family</i>
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>December 30th</b>
7:15 AM	Loretta Kochick <i>by Ruth Moran</i>
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>December 31st</b>
7:15 AM	The Pultorak Family <i>by Dick Pultorak</i>
6:00 PM	Thomas and Mary Hayes <i>by Ken and Mary Slater</i>
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>January 1st - Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</b>
7:15 AM	June Zummo <i>by The Raffaele Family</i>
12:05 PM	Intentions of Elzbieta Gedek <i>by Krzysztof and Teresa Gedek</i>
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>January 2nd</b>
7:15 AM	Special Intention of the Maher Family
4:30 PM	Robert Bulger <i>by Cathy and Rich Robbins</i>
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>January 3rd</b>
7:00 AM	Mary Pacifico <i>by Jerry and Patti Tozzi</i>
8:30	Roger Kirk <i>by Walt and Carolyn Kohler</i>
10:00	Ann Bryers <i>by Mr. &amp; Mrs. Joseph Constable Family</i>
11:30	Rita DiLiberto <i>by Cathy Mandracchia</i>
6:00 PM	Kevin Fitzgerald <i>by Pat Tenta</i>



We pray for the deceased members, relatives and friends of our parish family especially Rosemarie Carson, mother of Colleen Seal; Mary Biecker, wife of Wayne.



## Prayer For Those Who Have Died

Father of all, we pray to Thee for those we love, but see no longer. Grant them Thy peace, let light perpetually shine on them; and in Thy loving wisdom and Almighty power, work in them the same good purpose of Thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. +Amen

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## WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

December 19/20	not available at time of publishing
Envelopes mailed	2,440
Envelopes returned	N/A
<b>Mortgage Reduction Collection</b>	
December to date	\$ 5,108

**First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14** Sirach emphasizes the importance of honoring one's parents. He explains that spiritual riches will come to those who are kind to their mother and father.

**Responsorial Psalm: PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5** *Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.*

**Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21** Paul advises us to treat each other with kindness and mercy and to forgive as God forgives us. His words remind families to always love and respect one another and let Christ's peace reign in their hearts and in their homes.

**Gospel: Luke 2:41-52** When Jesus was twelve years old, the Holy Family traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate the feast. Jesus did not return with the company. Instead, He stayed in Jerusalem, sitting among the teachers while amazing them with His understanding and questions. When found by His concerned parents, Jesus reminded them that He must be in the house of His Father. Returning together, Mary kept these things in her heart.

### Family Connection

*"Not finding Him, they returned to Jerusalem in search of Him. On the third day they came upon Him in the temple sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. All who heard Him were amazed at His intelligence and His answers. 'Why did you search for Me? Did you not know I had to be in My Father's house?' But they did not grasp what He meant....His mother kept all these things in her memory."*

How appropriate that today's celebration follows so closely on the Bethlehem event of Christmas. We jump from the stable to the temple, twelve years, in just a few days. We will return to Bethlehem, but first we reflect on this search and rescue..

Anxious parents, seeking a lost child, for three days. Where can He be? At last in a second home, the temple, and in conversation with teachers in His Father's house. A harried mother's question and a clear concise answer 'did you not know that I had to be?'

As parents we too worry about our children, where ever they are on their journey of growth. We try to feed, clothe and teach them well. By word and example, we bring them closer to the Lord.

As disciples, we too search for the Christ. We encounter Him at worship, where we offer prayer and praise. We encounter Him in the words of the bible. I might even decide to join a bible group, as well as read the scriptures at home alone or with my family. We encounter Him in our community of faith. It is not just me at mass or prayer, it is my 'Holy Family' where I share the values of the gospel in a challenging world.

The picture of our families might be quite distinct. A single parent, an elderly couple, a widow or widower, a single person or extended family of relatives and friends. We are family through our baptism and faith. May we look to the family which settled in Nazareth as a model, with trials and tribulations, challenges, hurts and sorrow, but centered on the Person of Christ.

Monday	1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday	1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday	1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40
Thursday	1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
First Friday	Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
First Saturday	1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE of PHILADELPHIA

**Lansdale Catholic 8th Grade Shadow Program** – All area eighth graders are encouraged to shadow a current LC ninth grader for a day. Please have a parent/guardian contact Mrs. Allen at 215-362-6160 x 194 or email [amallen@lansdalecatholic.com](mailto:amallen@lansdalecatholic.com) to set up a shadow appointment.

### **TMIY: That Man Is You!**

That Man Is You! is an interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of a man fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, That Man Is You! seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society. The program consists of a 13 week Fall and Spring "semester." Each session has three essential elements: a social gathering over breakfast refreshments, a 30 minute DVD presentation, and opportunity for discussion. Become a man after God's own heart and join us. That Man Is You! To register send name, address, phone number, and e-mail address to [directoraff@stmariagoretti.net](mailto:directoraff@stmariagoretti.net) or call 215-721-0199 ext. 202. Wednesdays, January 6, 13, 20, 27, 2016; February 3, 10, 17, and 24; March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 at Saint Maria Goretti Parish Center: Lower Level; 6:00 AM to 7:30 AM; Cost - \$20.00



Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for your spouse? Time away to reconnect on a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Rediscover the romance in your marriage as you improve communication and get to know each other at a deeper level. What you learn on the Weekend offers positive and lasting benefits for your family. **The next Weekend in this area is February 12-14 at Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown.** Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [www.wmme-philly.org](http://www.wmme-philly.org). You can also contact Al & Mary Liz Heumann at [Applications@wmme-philly.org](mailto:Applications@wmme-philly.org) or call 610-449-1859.

**Flame of Love Rosary Cenacle:** A devotion of reparation to meet the pleas of Our Lord and His Blessed Mother to assist in the spiritual battle to save souls. The book from which this devotion is modeled has an imprimatur by Archbishop Chaput. Includes brief foundational teaching followed by a holy hour: Flame of Love Rosary, Prayers to Father, Son and Holy Spirit, our heavenly advocates Mary, Joseph and St Michael. Find out what it means to blind Satan. **Join us each Friday 7pm – 8pm, in the Corpus Christi Parish Library, Lansdale, PA.** Contact: Diana 215-855-5494 or [flameoflovelansdale@gmail.com](mailto:flameoflovelansdale@gmail.com) for more information.

### **Rediscover the Love in your Marriage!**

The Retrouvaille Marriage Program offers help for struggling marriages. *If you are struggling in your marriage, attending a Retrouvaille program could be the best gift you give to your spouse, and family, this Christmas!* Tens of thousands of couples have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the six post sessions that follow it. Retrouvaille is a way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. **The next program begins on the weekend of February 12 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.** For more information, or to register for our upcoming weekend, visit our website at [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com) or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.



**The Jubilee Year of Mercy** began on December 8 and the faithful are encouraged to pilgrimage to Holy Doors of churches throughout the world. St. Anthony Parish will be traveling to the Holy Land in April of 2016 and will visit 2 of the designated basilicas: Basilica of Gethsemane in Jerusalem and the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth. The pilgrimage will also include all of the major sites of Jesus life and ministry from the Galilee to Jerusalem. St. Anthony parish has been traveling successfully to the Holy Land since 2009 and has shepherded pilgrims with the utmost care and safety. No one returns from the land where Jesus walked unchanged by this once in a lifetime spiritual experience. Please call St. Anthony Parish 215-646-4742 for more information. Deposits should be received by January 3, 2016.

### **PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE, PORTUGAL AND SPAIN 2016 – 13 Days with Father Al Santorsola**

Dear Friends, I will be leading a pilgrimage to France, Portugal and Spain in 2016! Pilgrimages are designed to enhance our spiritual lives, increase our devotion and faith, and to bond with our fellow Christians on the journey. The trip will include the cities of Paris, Lourdes, Lisieux, Fatima, the Shrine of Montserrat and Barcelona. **The trip will be hosted by Proximo Travel.** As you know, I have been to Italy and the Holy Land through Proximo Travel and the pilgrims and I have had truly safe, excellent, exciting and wonderful experiences. The hotels and accommodations are superb. I hope you will join me in what will be a memorable trip. **The trip will be from April 21 through May 3, 2016. The cost of the trip is \$4,699 per person, airfare and ALL inclusive.** For more information and/or registration you can call **Proximo Travel's toll-free number at 855-842-8001.** You can access their website at [www.proximotravel.com](http://www.proximotravel.com). Flyers can be located on the information desk in the back of church. Many blessings to you now and always as we live the journey!

### **Malvern Retreat House**

Please visit [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com) to see the available retreat weekends or twilight evening mini-retreats. Register or call 610-644-0400 for more information.

**Join us for a night of Prayerful Celebration!**-Every First Friday - First Saturday of the Month an all night vigil in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary is celebrated at: St. Titus Catholic Church, 3006 Keenwood Rd., East Norriton, PA 19403. It begins at 8:00 PM Friday through 2:30 AM Saturday. Mass to the Sacred Heart - 9:00 PM & Mass to the Immaculate Heart - 12:00 AM. For more information, Contact Bella at 215-820-1995.

**Do you have any friends or family members planning to marry in the Catholic Church in the next 12-18 months?**- St. Jude Parish offers a fun, engaging and instructional one day Pre-Cana marriage preparation day for engaged couples. The objective of this day is to assist couples prepare for a strong, successful, lifelong marriage in a joy-filled, welcoming, and non-threatening environment. The sessions are held at St. Jude Catholic Education Center located at 323 West Butler Avenue, Chalfont, PA 18914. The one-day St. Jude Pre-Cana sessions are scheduled for: Saturday Feb. 20th and April 23rd. For questions and registration contact the St. Jude Rectory at 215-822-0179.

➤ Also, **St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Phoenixville, PA. Saturday – April 23, 2016.** Program begins at 8:00 AM and ends 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 our website [www.stmaryassumption.org](http://www.stmaryassumption.org) - click on Parish Information and then Sacraments/PREP.

**Catholic Social Services** Volunteer drivers needed to pick up donated food from local grocery stores. For more information, please call Catholic Social Services, Elizabeth Peteraf at 610-279-7372.

**Food cupboard volunteers needed** at Catholic Social Services, 353 E. Johnson Hwy., Norristown PA. Hours of Food Cupboard: Monday and Thursday morning 9AM–11AM and Thursday evening from 5–6:30PM. For more information, please call Elizabeth Peteraf at 610-279-7372.

**Personal Care Apartments and Rehabilitation Available** St. Mary Center for Rehabilitation & Healthcare Continuing Care Retirement Community, 701 Lansdale Avenue, Lansdale, currently has personal care apartments as well as rehabilitation care available. Our community is attached to a beautiful, historic chapel where residents can attend daily Mass. For more information, call 215-368-0900.

# ADULT FAITH FORMATION at CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

**Mom Café - Tuesday January 5<sup>th</sup> - 9:30 to 11AM**



Religious Education Room in Church  
**The Guardians - Tuesday January 5<sup>th</sup> - 7PM**

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

**The Brother House**, a work of the Legion of Mary, the largest lay organization in the Catholic Church, is seeking new *male* members to work with homeless men at 510 Green Street, Norristown, PA. Come and ring our doorbell on any Monday evening between 6:45 and 7:00, or contact Leo Couchara at 484-614-0055 for more information. It is a very rewarding spiritual work.

*for I was hungry and you gave me food...(Matthew 25:35)*

## Do You Knit or Crochet?

The TLC Ministry of our parish is in desperate need of prayer shawls and small blankets (for shoulders or lap). Our shelves are almost empty! This ministry is served from your own home; there are no meetings to attend or dues to pay. Your stewardship is in the giving of your time, talent, and the cost of yarn. If you knit or crochet, and would like to donate an item, simply drop it off at our Parish Center (weekdays 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM) or at our Parish Library located next to the playground area (most Sundays 7:45 AM to 1:00 PM). Please mark the bag "TLC" and don't forget to include your name, phone number, and e-mail address so that we can add you to our ministry list. If you are looking for a few fresh ideas, a prayer shawl book and a binder of ideas are available for ministry members in the Parish Library.

## Be Inspired! Grow in your Faith!

Observance of the **Jubilee Year of Mercy In the Archdiocese of Philadelphia began on December 8, 2015**, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, continuing through November 20, 2016, The Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

The image, created by Jesuit Fr. Marko Rupnik, also shows one of Jesus' eyes merged with the man's to show how "Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ."

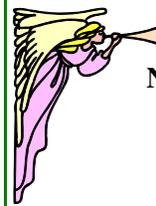
Principle Dates for Observance of the Jubilee Archdiocesan and Parish Observance of 24 Hours for the Lord- Friday, March 4 - Saturday March 5, 2016 We will join parishes, dioceses and communities worldwide and the Holy Father in prayer and penance. The Vatican is encouraging all churches to be open during this time, with reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration available, ending with Mass on Saturday afternoon. Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3, 2016. Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saturday, April 23, 2016. Additional information can be found at: <http://archphila.org/mercy/> and



<http://www.im.va/content/gdm/en.html>

## There's An App for That!

In the rising use of "apps" in our day to day life, for Catholics "there's an app for that!" **Catholic Aptitude** may be the one stop resource you have been looking for to find the most comprehensive list of the best Catholic apps in the marketplace in a variety of formats. Check out their website at <http://catholicaptitude.org/>, sign up for their emails and newsletters or check out some of the tabs for articles and resources.



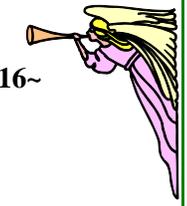
## NEW YEAR SCHEDULE ~2016~

**Thursday, December 31st**

7:15AM  
6:00PM (Vigil)

**Friday, January 1st**  
**Solemnity of Mary,**  
**The Holy Mother of God**

7:15AM  
12:05PM



Plan  
Ahead

## Prayer Life in a Rut?

Is your prayer less than inspiring? Do you find yourself longing for a deeper connection with God? Maybe it's time to turn to a doctor for help ... a Doctor of the Church, that is.

This five week course on the four stages of prayer is based on the teaching of the great mystical Doctor of the Church, Saint Teresa of Avila. Classes include instruction (and practice) in mental prayer, meditation, and contemplation. Tips on how to discern the voice of God, how to handle distractions and dryness in prayer, and how to recognize signs of advancing prayer are also included.

Wednesdays, February 17 and 24; March 2, 9, and 16, 2016  
7:00PM to 8:30PM ~ Corpus Christi Parish Center  
Conference Rooms B and C

Cost \$35.00 ~ Facilitator: Ms. Susan Brinkmann, OCDS

## Help Needed

Our Director of Adult Faith Formation is searching for a woman of our parish who is willing to offer child care during our Mom Café meetings for children of the moms who attend the meetings. Meetings are 90 minutes and are held on the First Tuesday of each month from October through May. Anyone volunteering must possess or be willing to obtain all Safe Environment Credentials. If you think you can help, please contact Angela McClellan at [corpuschristiaff@yahoo.com](mailto:corpuschristiaff@yahoo.com).

**momcafé**

## Sacred Relics of the Saints DVD

Available at the Parish Center, \$10. The veneration of relics is a communion with the heroes of our Christian Faith and a way for us to ask their powerful intercession. This DVD presentation summarizes the Church's use of relics and is scriptural, catechetical, and devotional in nature. It also includes a virtual exposition of over 160 relics and a complete biography of Saint Maria Goretti. Please stop by the Parish Center during regular office hours to purchase a copy. Proceeds from the sale of this DVD benefit the saint maria Goretti Shrine in Nettuno, Italy and the house of Martyrdom.



Please be praying for... Florence Linfante, Will Weigner, Dolores Lynch, Bill Flear, Daniel MacDonald, Joan Buchler, Joanne McDonald, Maureen McGowan, Sara Welsh Krebs, Katelyn Bonner, James Donnelly, Joe Swaim, Kathy Hayman, Kathy Donia, Bonnie Maday, Annamarie Hutchinson, Samuel Smith, Joe Dwyer, Anthony Famularo, Wayne Richards, Jim Thompson, Hayden Spratt, Angelo Rosato, Thomas Roy, Rich Kupniewski, Elaine Deimeyer, Dave Clark, Debbie Scott, Peter Schumacher, Rosemary Bauerle, Kathy Popiny, Frank Griffith, Mary Hanisco.

 Corpus Christi is in need of more **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** to bring Holy Communion to those who are unable to attend Mass, including those in their homes and in nursing facilities. If you believe that God is calling you to serve your brothers and sisters, please call the Parish Office, 215-855-1311, and leave a message for Deacon Steve Currie.

### CLUB 50 NEWS AND TRAVEL

**January General Meeting** will be held on **Thursday, January 14, at 12:00 noon** in Mtg rooms A-B-C. We will have speakers from SAAC and PEAK presenting such topics as programs for seniors, and Meals on Wheels. Any questions, please contact Janet Stankus at 215-368-1785, or Kathy Kemp at 215-368-4075

### NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!

Hunterdon Hills Playhouse-Wednesday, February 17, 2016 cost- \$94. Round trip motor coach transportation tax and tips included. Full course sit-down luncheon, *Your choice of:* Fried Shrimp Platter, Yankee Pot Roast, Grilled Salmon Filet, Special of the Day, or Chicken Piccata. The matinee performance of "Spreading it Around" follows. Payment due at sign-up, no refunds after the vendor is paid in full. \*Contact 215-513-1026, Alex and Betty Korsch, 1307 Brittany Pointe, Lansdale PA 19446.

**Southern Caribbean Cruise-** Royal Caribbean's Grandeur of the Seas, Monday, February 13, 2017 to Saturday February 25, 2017. Please pick up a brochure in the Narthex. **Important:** Deposit of \$500 due at sign-up with 2<sup>nd</sup> payment of \$300 due June 10, 2016 and balance November 5, 2016

**Villa Roma Resort, Calicoon, NY (Catskills)** - Sunday, April 24, 2016 to Thursday April 28, 2016. Round trip motor coach. 4 nights accommodations at the Villa Roma Resort. Meal package includes 4 breakfasts, 3 lite fare lunches, 4 full course dinners. Complete schedule of daily activities. For full details pick up a BROCHURE in the Narthex of Church or at Club 50 meetings. Cost dbl \$509; single \$649; triple \$509 optional insurance pp \$80. Deposit - \$50 balance due by March 10, 2016. Contact: \* 215-368-0945 Peggy and John Butler, 1500 Berkley Way, Lansdale, PA 19446

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



### 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.

### KNIGHTS CORNER #9715



**SAVE the DATE! Saturday, February 27, 2016 TRIVIA NIGHT** - Start studying, dust off your Thinking Caps and plan to join us for the Knights of Columbus Council #9715 Annual Trivia Night on Saturday, February 27, 2016 at 6 PM in the Father Doyle Social Hall. Put together your best team of eight players; cost is \$15 per person. Individuals are also welcomed and will be matched up with other players at the event. To reserve your table please contact Tom McHenry @ 215-513-0251 or at [tpmchenry@verizon.net](mailto:tpmchenry@verizon.net)

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP



All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 in Corpus Christi and St Rose of Lima Parishes are invited to participate in the 2016 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition. The local competition will be held on **Saturday, January 9th 2016 from 9AM to 12noon** 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](http://www.kofc9715.org)) or by contacting Mike Gavaghan (267-222-8938) for information.**

### YEAR END TAX STATEMENTS

This year, in a further attempt to save on postage costs we will be emailing year end tax statements to those who have an email address on their parish records. In order to add, update or be sure your email address is on our records please send a request to [corpuschristilansdale@gmail.com](mailto:corpuschristilansdale@gmail.com) with the notation of "**Tax Statement**" in the subject bar. If you have been in touch with the parish during the year by email no need to reconfirm! Thank you for your co-operation!



### 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.

### SUPPORT OUR PARISH

Moyer Indoor/Outdoor Services has an incentive program. This program makes a contribution to churches based on the amount of fuel oil purchased by parishioners for as long as they remain a customer. So, if you're currently a customer of Moyer Indoor Outdoor Services, now is the time to call and be included in this program. For details, call Bruce Limbert at 215-799-2000 ext 3005.

**Connect with other parents of children with special needs!** Please join us for a monthly meeting, to share ideas, resources, and support. As we begin to meet monthly, we will create topics for each meeting based on your interests and needs. Below are meeting dates and times for the next several months. We will post upcoming meeting times/dates in the church bulletin and Wednesday envelope. We look forward to meeting you! Please call or email Kathi with any questions: 215-260-1783 or [kathi0908@verizon.net](mailto:kathi0908@verizon.net). **Jan. 11 7:00-8:30PM Rm A**; February 15 7:00-8:30 Room A; March 15 7:00-8:30 Room A; April 11 7:00-8:30 Room A; May 16 7:00-8:30 Room A.

# Youth News

## High School Youth Group

For more information contact Danielle, our youth minister [corpus.ym@gmail.com](mailto:corpus.ym@gmail.com). Check out our Youth Group table in the Narthex or visit us on Facebook or the parish web at <http://corpuschristilansdale.org/youth/>

**LIFETEEN CALENDAR:** For details regarding each week's activities, visit the youth section of Corpus Christi's website. [www.corpuschristilansdale.org/youth/high-school-youth-ministry](http://www.corpuschristilansdale.org/youth/high-school-youth-ministry)



### (7th-8th Grade Youth Group)

7th and 8th graders are invited to join our middle school youth group on Monday nights, from 4:30-5:45PM, or 6:45-8PM (the same session is done twice). Our middle school youth group learns about making the Catholic faith an exciting part of daily life, and it gets them pumped to join our high school group when they reach the age. For more information, contact Danielle Gallo, our youth minister: Corpus Christi (215) 855-1311 ext. 118 or [corpus.ym@gmail.com](mailto:corpus.ym@gmail.com).

## SCRIP CORNER

**SCRIP OFFICE HOURS:** Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9am to 12:30pm (when school is in session)  
Monday evenings 5:30pm to 8:00pm (when REC is in session).  
The Scrip Office will reopen on Monday January 4, 2016

*Happy New Year!!!*

Check out [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) for a complete list of SCRIP stores available to you.

We are in the season of giving but remember to give back to yourself and please remember IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO START SCRIP!!! If your children are not old enough for school yet, you can accumulate tuition/REC credits that can be saved in your account until the time you would need them. To see a complete list of retailers that are offered, please visit our website at [www.ccslansdale.org](http://www.ccslansdale.org) and click on the SCRIP button.

*If you have any questions or would like more information about this major fund raising program, you can reach Erin Miller at 215-362-0104 during office hours, or send an e-mail to [cc.scrip@yahoo.com](mailto:cc.scrip@yahoo.com)!*

### Safe Environment Announcement

Trish Keen, our Director of Religious Education will be offering the safe environment class in January. This class is called "Protecting God's Children, Awareness Sessions for Adults". This is one of the clearance requirements you need if you wish to volunteer at school. She will be offering two sessions which are listed below. Please register at [www.Virtus.org](http://www.Virtus.org).

Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. in meeting room B/C  
Monday, January 25, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in meeting room B/C

**Congratulations** to the 4th Grade robotics team "Technical Overloads" who won the "Gracious Professionalism Award" this past weekend on Saturday, December 12th at the FLL (First Lego League) competition held in Kennett Square. This award was given because of how well the kids worked together and were respectful of each other's ideas. Such an honor for CCS and great news for the Corpus Robotics Club. Way to go team!



### From Corpus Christi Boy Scout Troop 303

Congratulations to Troop 303 scouts Kevin Rossi and Peter Jaskiewicz for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout! Interested in scouting? Contact Mr. Joe Rakaszawski 610-584-0333.

## CYO News

**Basketball Fundraiser** – Parents night out, January 23rd, volunteers needed for planning committee, contact Brian Lasky [laskybt@gmail.com](mailto:laskybt@gmail.com).

**Cheerleading** – We are in the process of restarting our Cheerleading program. As a first step we will be offering clinics for 4th and 5th graders this winter/spring. We are looking for parents with cheerleading experience to help. Please contact us at [cc-cyo@verizon.net](mailto:cc-cyo@verizon.net).

■ **CYO Open Positions** – Boys Athletic Director, Scheduler, Snack Bar Coordinator, Cheerleading Coach, Publicity Manager

**Create an Account** in our system so you will receive our emails for other youth events throughout the year. Set-up your account at <https://corpus-christi-cyo.sportssignup.com/site>  
**Additional Information** can be found at our website at <http://corpuscyo.wordpress.com/>

## CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL NEWS

*A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence*



Corpus Christi Catholic School is celebrating an important milestone this year. The school has been serving the community for 50 years. We are so proud of the school and the academic excellence it represents. We offer PK3 through grade 8. As you prepare your child for his or her academic journey beginning in September of 2016, we invite you to visit the school and see firsthand what we have to offer your child. Mrs. Barbara Casee, our enrollment coordinator, can arrange a tour which would include an opportunity to visit and observe a class in preschool through grade 8. Shadowing days are available. She can review the faith-filled educational curriculum, the typical day for a student, and review our commitment to the community through our outreach initiatives.

Have any questions??? ... Or if you would like a private tour, please call the school office and ask to speak to Mrs. Casee at 215-368-0582 or email [barb.casee@corpuschr.org](mailto:barb.casee@corpuschr.org). She can work with your schedule and set up a day and time convenient for you. We look forward to seeing you soon.

### Corpus Christi Catholic School Celebrating 50 years of Excellence



It's not too early to think about preschool registration for next year. Corpus Christi Catholic School (CCS) offers a faith-filled and educational enriched early childhood preschool program for 3 and 4 year olds. Half-day or full day options are available. Recognized as a "Blue Ribbon School of Excellence", a prestigious designation awarded by the U.S. Department of Education, CCS also offers a rigorous academic curriculum for children in grades K through 8.

## METANOIA ~ YOUNG ADULT GROUP

**Metanoia Young Adults** is an active community of Catholic young adults in 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 and activities. For more information and events please visit [www.metanoiayoungadults.weebly.com](http://www.metanoiayoungadults.weebly.com). Check out our Twitter link on homepage: <http://metanoiayoungadults.weebly.com/> or email [metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com). Facebook: [www.facebook.com/groups/MetanoiaYoungAdults](http://www.facebook.com/groups/MetanoiaYoungAdults).

**Theology on Tap** is held every third Tuesday (January 18th) of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Appalachian Brewing Company in Collegeville, PA. Each month features a different speaker.

# Welcome

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

Ben and Caridad Dy Carlos  
Brian and Maureen Goedu  
James and Mariela Iwankovitsch

Eric Kelly and Family  
John and Megan Kostyak and Family  
Aaron and Katelyn Lampley

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 12/27 Team #8: Bob Tercheck at 215-393-5696 h  
Cell 267-644-6022**

**Week of 01/03 Team #9: Helen Tobin at 610-584-5871  
or Denise Garrigus at 215-256-6877**

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

**BAPTISM INSTRUCTION SESSIONS:** Parents and Godparents must attend **Pre-Jordan Sacramental Preparation** before the Baptism takes place. Prior to attendance, *parents are required to pre-register those attending the session by contacting the Parish Center Office 215-855-1311.* Although instruction sessions are mandatory for both Parents and Godparents, you are required to attend one time only. If you have attended previously you are not required to come again. Ideally, attendance at the preparation session should occur before the child's birth. Upcoming sessions are scheduled at **7:00 PM RE Room (in the church) on the 3rd Monday of the month i.e January 18th, February 15th.**

## 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.

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

**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. (For information, please call 215-855-1311).



**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.

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

**OUR LADY OF HOPE PRAYER LINE:** The Prayer Line may be called if you are in need of prayer. Call Anna Marie 215-368-4672.

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

## PARISH LIBRARY: Sundays 7:45AM to 1PM

Our Parish Library can always use volunteers. Individuals or couples volunteer for 2 hours one Sunday a month. If you are interested in helping, please contact our Director of Adult Faith Formation at [corpuschristiaff@yahoo.com](mailto:corpuschristiaff@yahoo.com)

**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.**