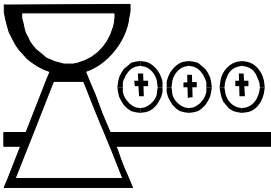


*Corpus Christi Parish
~ Upper Gwynedd, Pennsylvania ~
Second Sunday of Advent*



**CORPUS
CHRISTI
PARISH**

PASTOR

Reverend Monsignor Thomas P. Flanigan, Ed.D.

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Reverend John F. Wackerman

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Deacon Francis E. Langsdorf

Deacon William W. Evans

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Edd Murphy	Business Manager
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Angela McClellan	Director, Adult Faith Formation
Bobby Moren	Youth and Young Adult Minister

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CARING & SHARING

215-855-1311 ext 133

MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASSES: 6:30 and 8AM

SATURDAY MASSES:

8:00 AM.....4:30 and 6 PM

(Vigil Mass for Sunday)

SUNDAY MASSES: 6:30, 8:00, 9:30,

11:00 AM, 12:30 and 6 PM

HOLY DAY MASSES: 7:30 PM (Vigil)

6:30, 8:00, 12:05 and 7:30 PM

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday, after 8AM Mass, 3:15 to 4 PM,
and also upon request at the Parish House.

COMMITTEES & ORGANIZATIONS

Pastoral Council: Mary Halinski 215-368-2559

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To Visit Home Bound - Deacon Langsdorf
215-855-1311 ext. 125

Gift Certificate Program: Mary Ellen McCabe 215-362-0104

Girl Scouts: Tracy Okeke 215-362-5562

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The Guardians - Fathers' Support Group:
Deacon Frank Langsdorf 215-855-1311 ext. 125

Health & Wellness Ministry: Rae Ann Mayer 215-368-4995

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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: Sister Eleanor McNichol 215-368-5750

REC Parents Gr: Trish Keen 215-362-2292

Respect Life: Ellie Hentschell 215-362-0160

Louise Mercurio 610-584-4008

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Youth and Young Adult Ministries: Bobby Moren
215-855-1311 ext. 118

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

Most of us don't like to wait. Even when it is something as simple as a stop light, many are ready to go, tapping the steering wheel, muttering, "come on, come on" and generally working themselves into a small frenzy as they wait for that miraculous green to replace the awful red.

Consider waiting several thousand years. Further consider, what it must have been like for people in exile to wait for the coming of their Savior, or the opportunity to return to their lands. Imagine their feelings as they listened to Isaiah proclaim the coming of the Lord. Consider, too, the point of Saint Peter who said, "One day is as a thousand years and a thousand years are as a day."

Were these people crazy? How can they wait? We can't wait for the mail, especially at this time of year. I am sure that some people, especially children, are anxiously waiting. A thousand years? Wait in patience? Yet, when we speak of the Lord, what are we talking about?

When the mission of Jesus was about to start, God sent John to prepare the way for His Son. John was pointing out how the Lord has shown His kindness and salvation. Even in his preaching, he would point out that "one more powerful than I is to come after me."



The physical revelation of God's kindness and salvation was about to be made manifest and to proclaim the kingdom of God to all His people. The promise made to the patriarchs would be fulfilled. The waiting would be over. The "kindness of God" would be revealed, and freedom would be restored. The life that we have, because of God's mercy, would be revealed totally in us, and all would be fine in the future.

When we are impatiently going about our business during these hectic days of Advent, when we are wondering whether the mail or UPS would get our package to its destination on time, why don't we all consider the importance of the presence of God who is still with us?

It is really too bad that the world has joined its Christmas shopping season with our Advent season. This season lends itself to so much reflection in today's world. It would be wonderful if we were able to take the time out to really experience the "kindness" and "salvation" of the Lord in our lives.

When we are stopped at a red light, when we are mired in a traffic jam near the mall, when we are last in line at the checkout counter, those are opportunities for each of us to take some time and "be patient," as we reflect on the "kindness" and "salvation" of the Lord. This season is a special blessing to all of us. May we use it wisely this year as we continue to "wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ."

God bless you,

Thank you for any contributions you made for Father Chuck's Challenge in last weekend's second collection. We appreciate also your special prayers! If you "missed last week's second collection," please place the yellow envelope that was provided in a future collection or mail the white envelope, found in the pamphlet directly to *Father Chuck's Challenge*. Every dollar – and every prayer counts!!! Copies of the pamphlet may be found in the narthex.

"Whatever you do for the least of My brothers, you do unto Me."

THE FEAST of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Full of Grace, overflowing grace: Pius IX, in the document, *Ineffabilis Deus*, defining the Immaculate Conception in 1854 wrote: "He [God] attended her with such great love, more than all other creatures, that in her alone He took singular pleasure. Wherefore He so wonderfully filled her, more than all angelic spirits and all the Saints, with an abundance of all heavenly gifts taken from the treasury of the divinity, that she, always free from absolutely every stain of sin, and completely beautiful and perfect, presented such a fullness of innocence and holiness that none greater under God can be thought of, and no one but God can comprehend it."

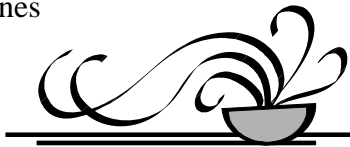


**Reminder: December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation.
The Mass schedule is as follows: Wednesday, December 7th vigil 7:30PM;
Thursday, December 8th-6:30, 8:00AM, 12:05PM, 7:30PM**

MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK



- Saturday, December 3rd**
 4:30 PM Lillian Felecitti and Lena Venezia
 6:00 Kathleen Dougherty
- Sunday, December 4th**
 6:30 AM Thelma Stanek
 8:00 Deceased Members of the Glica Family
 9:30 Rose Belfatto
 11:00 Dieu Vinh Nguyen
 12:30 PM Robert Duffy
 6:00 Joseph Hines
- Monday, December 5th**
 6:30 AM Pascuzzi Family
 8:00 Casey Serany
- Tuesday, December 6th**
 6:30 AM Josephine Quinn
 8:00 Frances Viozzi
- Wednesday, December 7th**
 6:30 AM Dot Shafer
 8:00 Felicia Kulaski
 7:30 PM Joseph Rosko, Jr.
- Thursday, December 8th**
 6:30 AM Jane G. Whitford
 8:00 Vincent Straka
 12:05 PM Ellen Smaldon
 7:30 James Gibbons
- Friday, December 9th**
 6:30 AM Souls in Purgatory
 8:00 Ida Scarfone
- Saturday, December 10th**
 8:00 AM Anthony DiNatale
 4:30 PM Charles DiLiberto
 6:00 Albert Fennell
- Sunday, December 11th**
 6:30 AM Kathleen Atkins
 8:00 James J. Mullaly
 9:30 Sam DiMaria
 11:00 Gene Schall
 12:30 PM Eleanor and Bernard Bendsen
 6:00 Joseph Hines



We pray for the deceased members, relatives and friends of our parish family especially Mary Jane Smith, mother of Barbara Fallon; Allan Kane.



Prayer For Those Who Have Died

Father, hear our prayer and welcome our loved ones into paradise with You and all of Your saints. Help us as we comfort one another in the faith that one day we will all meet together again in Christ. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

+Amen

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

November 19/20	\$30,210
Envelopes mailed	2,837
Envelopes returned	967
November 26/27	\$29,180
Envelopes mailed	2,837
Envelopes returned	994
Mortgage Reduction Collection	
November to date	4,388

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Psalm: Ps 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8 In this passage, John the Baptist stressed the importance of the coming of the Messiah. He acknowledged that he was only the messenger, and unfit to "stoop and untie His sandal straps." John urged them to prepare for one far holier than he, who would walk among them.



Family Connection

The season of Advent invites us to renew our lives in preparation for the coming of Jesus. The people who heard the message of John the Baptist repented for their sins and were baptized as a sign of God's forgiveness. In Baptism, our sins are forgiven, and we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, who helps us in our life of discipleship. Led by the Holy Spirit, we use this Advent season to renew our lives so that we, like John the Baptist, might prepare the way for Jesus.

As you gather together as a family, talk about ways in which the example of others has called you to be a follower of Jesus. Name the people who have been examples to you of Christian discipleship and describe their characteristics that you have tried to emulate. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 1:1-8.

As John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, Baptism commissions us to prepare the way of the Lord. The gift of the Holy Spirit leads us to continually renew our lives so that we might lead others to Jesus. As a family, identify at least one action that you will take this week to try to be more faithful followers of Jesus. Conclude in prayer together that God will receive this action and use it to lead others to Jesus. Pray the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Loyola Press www.loyolapress.com/sunday-connection.htm

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent
 Tuesday: St. Nicholas
 Wednesday: St. Ambrose
 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
 Thursday: The Immaculate Conception
 of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Friday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

AROUND the ARCHDIOCESE of PHILADELPHIA

POPE BENEDICT XVI's PRAYER INTENTIONS for the Month of December

General Intention: That the nations of the earth, through knowledge and mutual respect, may grow in harmony and peace.

Missionary Intention: That children and young people may be messengers of the Gospel and that their dignity may always be respected and preserved from all violence and exploitation.

Advent Wreath Prayers I

The Advent Wreath is a great tradition to implement in all homes, classrooms, organizations during the Advent Season. These prayers accompany the lighting of the Advent Wreath candles. The prayers take just a minute, but help us focus on dedicating ourselves to Christ during this season of preparation.

The Meaning of the Advent Wreath

Obscure in origin it is believed that the Advent Wreath may have had its beginnings in the pagan fire wheel. In Christian symbolism the wheel or wreath stands for eternity. Its use is especially fitting during Advent the season of the anticipation of the coming of our Lord.

Children love the beauty of the simple traditional ceremony. Lighting candles in an Advent Wreath is a simple way to start a tradition of family worship in the home. Those who participate will cherish the experience all their lives.

(The head of the household is the one designated to say the prayers following which various members of his family light the candles. If the group is not a family then a leader may be selected to say the prayers and others appointed to light the candles.)

Then follows the prayer which is said before the evening meal each night of each week in Advent.

The Second Week

Father: O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the eldest child lights not only the first but a second purple candle. Both candles burn during the evening meal as before.

The Third Week

The joyful Sunday in Advent (known as Gaudete) is represented by rose (or pink) instead of the penitential purple color. Each night during the third week the mother of the family lights the pink as well as the two previously burned purple candles after the following prayer has been said.

Father: O Lord, we beg Thee incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
The three candles are extinguished immediately following the meal.

The Fourth Week

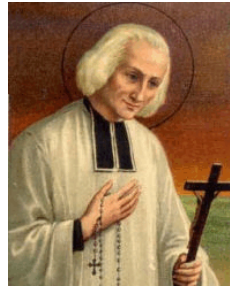
The father of the household lights all four candles in proper sequence during the fourth week after repeating the following prayer.

Father: O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Candles can be replaced as necessary during a particular Advent Season without reblessing the wreath.

NEW Opportunity for Young Adult Men from the Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood!

Fraternity of St. John Vianney Men's Prayer Group!



A men's prayer group that meets on the first Sunday of every month for those men interested in deepening their faith and discerning a possible vocation to the Priesthood. Gatherings begin at 5:00PM in the Neumann Room of the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul Rectory and conclude at 6:30PM with Evening Mass celebrated by His Excellency Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.

For: Men, Ages 21-31

Dates: December 4th, January 8th, February 5th, March 4th, April 1st and May 6th.

If you would like to attend a gathering, please contact Fr. Kevin Gallagher at 610-667-5778 or by e-mail, frkgall@adphila.org.

Father James Martin Jesuit priest, renowned author, speaker, TV commentator and member of PW Class of '78 Will be speaking at St. Philip Neri Parish in the Church 437 Ridge Pike, Lafayette Hill, PA **Friday, December 16th at 7:30PM** Book signing to follow Admission: One non-perishable food item for local food banks Free Will Offering. Seating is limited so arrive early!

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

Lansdale Catholic High School Admissions – Lansdale Catholic is now accepting applications for the Class of 2016. If you are interested in receiving an Application Packet, please contact Mrs. Cope at 215-362-6160 ext 194 or e-mail your request to kcope@lansdalecatholic.com or visit our website at www.lansdalecatholic.com for information regarding the application process.

Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School - Visitation Days (Grade 8)- now until December 14th. Call 215-646-8815, ext. 306 to schedule a visit. Visit Gwynedd Mercy Academy's website at www.gmahs.org.

Archbishop Wood High School - Registration fee for scholarship exam December 10th at 8AM for more information, please contact: Patty Roschetz, Director of Admissions, proschetz@archwood.org or 215-672-5050 ext. 268. Visit us at www.archwood.org.

Christmas Shopping Spectacular at LaSalle College High School

Sunday, December 4, 2011 from 12:00-4:00PM

Ladies - this event is open to all shoppers, so call your girlfriends and come and join us. Come join the fun and catch the holiday spirit. Walk-ins welcomed. \$25 includes spectacular shopping and a spectacular lunch. Any questions contact Joanne Quinn at joannequinn@verizon.net or 215-793-9934.

Bless the Baby Jesus Devotion ~ 4th Sunday of Advent December 18th ~ 11AM Mass

Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul

Join Bishop Timothy Senior, Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia for the annual Bless the Baby Jesus Devotion and Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass. Bring your family statues and images of Baby Jesus to be blessed. Live out the vocation of the Christian family to be the "little church of the home" by celebrating Advent together. Be inspired with beautiful Advent music from the Cathedral Basilica Choir. Share your blessings with others: you are invited to bring infant formula or diapers to support families in need. For more information call the Archdiocesan Family Life Office at 215-587-5639 OR (email) famlife@adphila.org. (Cathedral Parking Available)

ADULT FAITH FORMATION at CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH



Parish Library News - The Parish Library will be CLOSED Christmas weekend, and on January 1, 2012.

Beginning Sunday, January 8, 2012 our library hours will change to coincide with the new Sunday Mass schedule.

The library will open at 7:45AM and close at 1:00PM.

Our Lady's Bible Study - Mondays 9-10AM
Parish Library

Mom Café - Tuesday, January 3rd
Religious Education Room of church 9:30-11AM

The Guardians - Tuesday, January 3rd
Parish Center Conference Room D
7-8:30PM

Parish Library Book Donations

At the present time, the library is accepting no more donations of used books for our parish library. Please do not drop books off at the Parish Center, Parish Library, Narthex, or Religious Education Room. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Mom Café

The Mom Café is a monthly support group for women of all stages of motherhood. A typical meeting includes morning refreshments, prayer, and a discussion of selected topics and pertinent readings. Participants of the Mom Café receive an issue of "Take Out" (a family faith full-colored newsletter) each month at no cost. Children are always welcome to accompany their mothers to the meetings. Books, toys, and a play area are provided. Free child care is also available at most meetings in a separate space if you choose this option.

Tuesday, January 3, 2011

9:30 AM to 11:00 AM

Religious Education Room

Enter on the right side of the church.

This entrance has ramp access for strollers.

The Guardians

The Guardians take their name from Saint Joseph, Guardian of the Redeemer. They strive to model his example and call upon him as their powerful intercessor. This monthly support group, for fathers of all ages, provides opportunities for members to learn from one another by sharing their insights about challenges they face in married and family life, in the workplace, and in their spiritual life. Through fellowship, prayer, and discussion of relevant issues, participants come to a deeper understanding of the richness of their Catholic faith and their identity as husbands and fathers.

**Next meeting is Tuesday,
January 3, 2011**

**7-8:30PM, Parish Center Offices
Conference Room D**



HOLD THE DATE FOR THE MARCH FOR LIFE

The 39th Annual March for Life will be held on Monday, January 23, 2012 in Washington, DC. Corpus Christi Parish will send 2 buses to this prayerful and peaceful demonstration to bear witness to the dignity of human life from conception to natural death. More details in next bulletin.



TLC Ministry

Participants of the TLC Ministry create handcrafted items, such as, shawls and blankets, and then offer them as an act of stewardship to anyone in our parish who needs a little Tender Loving Care. These items embrace and comfort the wearer with the tender loving care and prayers of the maker and the faith community. Recipients may be experiencing a difficult time in their life, undergoing medical procedures, grieving, or family members of fallen soldiers. If you know someone who needs a little TLC, our ministry would be happy to offer you one of our handcrafted items. Simply contact us at corpuschristiaff@yahoo.com. New crafters to our ministry are always needed. If you would like to donate an item you have knitted or crocheted, please drop it off at our Parish Center or Parish Library during regular hours. Please mark the bag "TLC" and don't forget to include your name.

"Light" Lunch

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

12:00PM to 1:30PM

Corpus Christi Church

Religious Education Room

Luncheon Cost: \$10.00 per person

On the feast day of Saint Lucy, enjoy lunch by candlelight, some hot chocolate, and a variety of sweet treats while viewing the movie, *Beyond Christmas*. The month of December is often fast-paced and hectic. So why not slow down and take time to ponder what Christmas is really about and to experience the faith journey of three businessmen and two kind-hearted strangers in this "holy-day" classic. Pre-registration and pre-payment are necessary for this event.

Please make check payable to Corpus Christi Parish.

Mail bottom portion of this flyer and payment to:

Corpus Christi Parish Center

c/o Angela McClellan

900 Sumneytown Pike

Lansdale, PA 19446



"Light" Lunch

Name _____

Address _____ City/Zip _____

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Parish _____

E-Mail _____

CORPUS CHRISTI PATRICIANS, our monthly Catholic Discussion Club will meet on December 8th, 2011 in Meeting Room "B", Corpus Christi Office Center to discuss the topic: "CIVIL LAW versus CANON LAW"

The Meeting will begin promptly at 7 PM and run until 9 PM with a coffee/tea break in the middle. We want to hear what YOU have to say in a friendly family atmosphere. So you should bring another Catholic and come. Spiritual Director: Fr. John Wackerman. Information: Dick Pultorak, 619-584-1583.

Please be praying **THE SICK:** Conrad Melton, Bob Boyle, Robert Thomas, Arthur Vassallo, Danny Elsharaiha, Louis Romanet, Veronica Thompson, Bill Trimarco, Agnes Cunningham, Eileen Murphy, Skip Lentz, Ken Slater, Matthew Taylor, Coleen Schurr, Lillian Cooper, Allan Kane, Bonnie Handerhan, baby Paige Cunningham, J. Will Weigner, Angeline Famularo, Mary Genuardi, Florence Valent, Charles Policastro, Anne Morris, Helen Wagner, Rose Caracciolo, Francis Vidinski, Robert Smith, Richard Brown, John Stagliano, Mary Kozlowski, Diana Martin, Michael Dauerbach, Alice Heaney, John Murphy, Hailey Tamango, Sharon Littlefield.

CLUB 50 NEWS AND TRAVEL

Resorts Casino AC, NJ Wednesday, January 18-\$44. Round trip motor coach, tax and tips included. \$15 in slot play and free buffet. Admission to the 3PM show *A Veteran's Musical Tribute* is included. Call 610-584-4926 *Mary Slater, 1195Archer Lane, Lansdale PA 19446; or Ronni Blake 215-361-3823.

The Millennium Theatre, Lancaster PA Wednesday, March 21-\$99pp, *Jonah*. Round trip motor coach, tax and tips included. Lunch at 1:30PM at Bird-n-Hand. Admission to Sight and Sound's show at 4:30PM. Call 215-368-0198 *Bob Pecharo, 813 Lombardy Drive, Lansdale PA 19446, or Ann Butler 215-368-7783. Departs 11:30AM returns 8:45PM approximately.

*All checks should be made payable to "Club 50 of Corpus Christi." Brochures are located on the ministry tables in the Narthex

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

The monthly food collection for local food cupboards takes place next weekend, December 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. We are always in need of drivers to take the monthly collection to the Patrician Society in Norristown. Interested drivers can call Patty Donnelly at 610-584-0860. Thank you!



PARISH HOUSE VOLUNTEER GROUP HELP WANTED

~Can you give 4 hours of your time a month?~

Would you like to become a part of "The Parish House Volunteer Group"? Training will be provided which would take approximately 45 minutes. Call Sr. Eleanor McNichol at 215-368-5750.



Box Tops and Campbell's Soup Labels Needed!!



Corpus Christi continues to collect General Mills Box Tops and Campbell's Soup Labels/UPC codes as a fundraiser for our school. Last year alone we collected over 24,000 boxtops which translated into \$2400 for our school. Box



Tops for Education coupons can be found on many items produced by General Mills or its subsidiaries including Progresso Soups, Pillsbury, Betty Crocker, Ziploc, Hefty and others. Campbell's Labels for Education are not only soups but also on ALL Pepperidge Farms products (including bread bags), and products from GLAD, Emerald Nuts, BIC stationery, Dannon, and others. A cardboard box is located on one of the tables in the Narthex for the collection of your box tops coupons and Campbell's UPC codes. Please take a minute before you toss out that can or box and cut out the coupon or the UPC!!! Thank you for supporting our school!!

Retirement Fund for Religious



Share in the Care
Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Retired Religious need your support. By 2019, it is projected that retired religious will outnumber wage-earning religious by nearly four to one. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps ensure that elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests receive the care they so richly deserve, now and in the future. Please give generously to today's second collection.

THE KNIGHT'S KORNER - UPDATES FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #9715 ~ WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A KNIGHT?



Interested in becoming more active in our parish but not sure how? Perhaps you should think about joining the Knights of Columbus! Contact Matt Lendzinski (kofc9715@gmail.com or 215-917-7774) to learn more about becoming an active Knight!

CHRISTMAS SEASON CRAB CAKE SALE!



All orders must be picked up BETWEEN 4:30PM AND 7:30PM ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2011 outside the Fr. Doyle Social Hall at Corpus Christi School. Profits from this fundraiser support seminarians at St. Charles Borromeo, the ARC, Right to Life, MS Society and many other worthy charities.

CASSEROLE PROJECT

PLEASE BE SURE TO MARK THE CONTENTS AND DATE YOUR CASSEROLE WAS PREPARED ON THE COVER OF THE CASSEROLE



Casseroles for St John's Hospice will be picked up **Thursday, December 8th**. Pick-up day is always the second Thursday of the month. Each day St. John's provides between 500 and 700 meals to the homeless. Won't you help with this project by taking a pan and filling it with a recipe of your choice? The recipe should have a meat, poultry, or fish base. Please use only the pans that are provided by St John's and are available on the tables with the burgundy covers in the narthex of the church. They are also available in the gray garage next to the freezers. Do not overfill the pans. **Please bring your solidly frozen casseroles to the three-bay gray garage near the convent by Wednesday, Dec.7th.** The truck has been arriving very early on the second Thursday. Be sure that the freezers are turned on before leaving your casserole. If you have any questions about this project, please call Kay Smerke, (215) 855-1783.

Volunteers needed to clean church some Saturday mornings. Light dusting and straightening duties. As much or as little work as you feel you can contribute. Volunteering takes as little as a half hour. The rewards are eternal!



Please e-mail: jlindenfox@gmail.com



SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH THANK YOU

A special "Thanks" to all who gave of their time and talent to help sell chances for the retired Sisters of St. Joseph at St. Joseph Villa in Flourtown, PA. We are deeply grateful for all who supported the sale of chances. **As of today we collected \$4,133 here at Corpus Christi.** The drawing of winners is December 4th, 2011. We'll keep you posted on the winners. Gratefully, your SSJ sisters at Corpus Christi Convent.

YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

High School Youth: All 9th - 12th Grade Youth are invited to join us after 6 PM Sunday Mass for our "Life Nights" in the RE room. The night concludes by 9PM. Our discussion will be on the Sacraments. Come join us every Sunday!



Luminary Fundraiser

Are you trying to think of a way to keep your deceased loved one(s) in memory over the Christmas holiday? Well, the youth group is conducting a Luminary sale so that as a parish community we can remember all of our family members and friends during the holiday season. The high school youth group is accepting donations for luminaries at \$3 each or 2 for \$5 after all the masses on the weekend. The luminaries will be placed on the walkways approaching the Church on Christmas eve. This fundraiser will go toward the cost of the youth group's program to attend the Steubenville youth conference and to improve other parts of the ministry program. If you have questions please call or email Bobby Moren at corpus.ym@gmail.com or (215)855-1311 ext 118.

Steubenville Youth Conference

All 8th-12th grade students! You are invited to join the Corpus Christi youth group this summer for the Steubenville youth conference! Sign ups are taking place now. This is a wonderful time with 3 thousand young teenagers, great speakers, and a great opportunity to check out a wonderful Catholic University in Ohio! If interested please contact Bobby Moren at corpus.ym@gmail.com or (215)855-1311 ext. 118.



Middle School Youth Ministry!

MD REC/ Modern Disciples grades 7 and 8:

ALL 7th-8th grade students, Catholic school and public school, are welcomed to join us every Monday for either session 1 from 4:30-5:45pm or Session 2 from 6:45-8pm we meet at church for reconciliation on December 5th then in the faculty room in the school! *Our topic will be on Jesus the Savior.* All are welcome and we hope to see you there!

For information about all of our youth/young adult ministry programs contact our Youth Minister, Bobby Moren at ☎ 215-855-1311 ext 118 ☎ or Corpus.ym@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS BOXES FOR TROOPS OVERSEAS

There are still a few boxes left in the narthex and Religious Education Room. If we run out, here's the procedure: Pick up Military Box and Customs form at Post Office. Use one of these three addresses:

LT (Chaplain) Marlin Williams
HQ BTRY 2/11
Unit 40459
FPO AP 96427-0459

Major John C Bowes
VMGR-152, DET B
Unit 78038
APO AE 09510

Capt. Jonathan Chunn, Deputy FRO
HMH-363
Unit 44165
FPO-AP 96607-4165

If the box is for a woman, write "LADY" on the outside of the box. Fill the box. Take the box and forms back to the Post Office. You pay postage. If you mail by Dec. 10, it should get there by Christmas. Thank you, pray for the recipients. Merry Christmas!"

Upcoming Corpus Christi School Events

Please join us as we prepare for Christmas.

Band Concert : Monday, December 12th 1:30PM in the gym
7:00PM in the Social Hall
Our Jazz Cats will perform at the evening performance only

Christmas Pageant: Wednesday, December 14th 1:30PM. and 7:00PM (Both in the church)

Strings Concert: Wednesday, December 21st at 7:00PM in the gym

SCRIP CORNER

Christmas Shopping made easy! If you give out gift cards for Christmas, you have to check out our extensive collection of retailers, both those that are in stock and those that the SCRIP Office can order for you. Or you can use the cards yourself to do your shopping for gifts. Please check out www.ccslansdale.org under the SCRIP tab (see the SCRIP Order Form button).

We now have a new E-MAIL option available for ordering SCRIP. You can e-mail your order any time of the day/night to cc.scrip@yahoo.com. I will prepare your order and have it ready for pick up at the Parish Business Office on the weekdays or the Parish Rectory on Sunday mornings. You ask for the envelope with your name on it and give them your cash/check (made payable to Corpus Christi Parish).

The SCRIP office hours are 9:00AM – 12:30AM every day that school is in session, and 4:15PM – 7PM on Monday evenings when REC is in session. **THE OFFICE IS CLOSED DECEMBER 8TH FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLY DAY.**

Even if you do not have children who attend Corpus Christi's school or REC program, you can earn tuition credits that you can give to anyone (even yourself) at any Catholic grade school, Catholic high school or Catholic college. You could donate your credits to our scholarship fund. If you have any questions or would like more information about this major fund-raising program, you can reach Mary Ellen McCabe at 215-362-0104 during office hours, or send an e-mail!

GIVING TREE 2011



Our annual Giving Tree Project continues this weekend, **December 3rd and 4th.** There is a bag marked **Gift Certificates** under each tree. Drop certificates in the bag. Do not wrap them. Please return gifts and certificates by next weekend to ensure their timely delivery to Visitation and the SSJ Welcome Center. This also allows the committee to evaluate what we may still need and then go out and purchase and wrap any needed gifts. Thank you for your support and cooperation with this project!



If anyone has any questions or would like to help with the sorting, packing, and /or delivering, please contact Kate Motley at 610-584-0510.

The Upper Gwynedd Police Department is hosting a **Family Fun Night at Friendly's Restaurant on Thursday, December 8, 2011.** Enjoy a meal anytime throughout the holiday (Feast of the Immaculate Conception), and 20% of your check will be donated to the Upper Gwynedd Police DARE Program. This is a valuable program that is offered to fifth grade students in our parish school as well as local elementary schools. Pick up a voucher which is located on the table in the Narthex of the church and take it with you. A voucher must be used to obtain the donation to their program. We thank you for your support of the D.A.R.E. Program.



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

Week of 12/04 Team #3: Jane Hartman at 215-855-4117
Week of 12/11 Team #5: Carolyn Bergey at 215-855-1754
 If you have any questions please call Hope Coordinator, **Toby Glaccum at 215-855-6752.** Thank You!

BAPTISM INSTRUCTION SESSIONS: Parents and Godparents must attend **Pre-Jordan Sacramental Preparation** before the Baptism takes place. Prior to attendance, *parents are required to pre-register those attending the session by contacting the Parish Center Office, 215-855-1311.* Although instruction sessions are mandatory for both Parents and Godparents, you are required to attend one time only. If you have attended previously you are not required to come again. Ideally, attendance at the preparation session should occur before the child's birth. Upcoming sessions are scheduled in the RE Room (in the church), **at 7:00 PM on the 3rd Monday of the month: Pre-Jordan will be cancelled for December 19 and will continue with January 16th and February 20th.**

REQUIREMENTS FOR GODPARENTS

- must be a registered member of a Catholic Parish and receive a Certificate of Eligibility from that Parish and have attended the Pre-Jordan Baptism class
- must have completed his/her 16th birthday
- must have been Baptized - Confirmed - and has received First Holy Communion - and actively practicing their faith - e.g., attending Mass, receiving Holy Communion - receiving the Sacrament of Penance
- if married - must be living in a valid sacramental marriage
- cannot be the parent of the child to be baptized
- the godparents are to be one male and one female
- one godparent may be a non-Catholic Christian witness with proper proof of his/her baptism — if a non-Catholic is asked to be a Christian witness - the other godparent **MUST** be Catholic
- a person who has left the Catholic Faith for any reason, may not be asked to carry out this responsibility

Please note: **The paperwork for the child's baptism and certificates of eligibility MUST be completed at least two weeks prior to scheduling a baptism date.** Certificates of eligibility must have a parish seal and cannot be faxed; they must be the original.

Baptism is administered at **1:30PM Every Sunday.**

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send your bulletin announcements to the Parish Center Office no later than the Monday prior to publication by 12 noon. 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!

DAILY PRAYER CHAPEL OPEN: Those who wish to make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament during the day may do so in the Church Chapel. The Chapel is open every day from **9AM to 3:30 PM except Wednesday when it is open until 6:30PM.** Please enter the chapel using the entrance walk on the side of the Parish House facing Supplee Road. The main Church is closed after the last Mass each morning.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WEDNESDAYS

8:30 AM TO 6:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration is scheduled every **Wednesday, from 8:30 AM til 6:30 PM** in the Church Chapel. Benediction is at 6:30 PM. (Novena devotions immediately following, see

below). **Please enter the chapel using the entrance walk on the side of the Parish House facing Supplee Rd.** (For more 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. All are welcome to attend.

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 LIBRARY: *Sunday* 7:15AM to 2PM

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

The Sacrament of Baptism

We wish to extend a warm welcome to the newest members of our parish community. Our congratulations and best wishes go out to all the families.



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- Emily Theresa Holdsworth, daughter of Kimberly and Frederick
- Anthony Gianni Cusanno, son of Jennifer and Stephen
- Landon Thomas Gladulich, son of Lauren and Craig
- Brian Charles McGovern, son of Jeanine and Brian
- Dominic Michael Testa, son of Khristy and Charles
- John Patrick Shea, son of Lisa and Justin
- Dylan James Abercrombie, son of Kathleen and George
- Sidney Hayden Kershaw, daughter of Kristen and Matthew
- Veronica Claire Lendzinski, daughter of Amy and Matthew
- Sarah Rae McElaney, daughter of Lynnette and Daniel
- Samuel Anthony Mikolajczyk, son of Melissa and Lukas
- Tyler Patrick Sheeran, son of Swanny and Brian