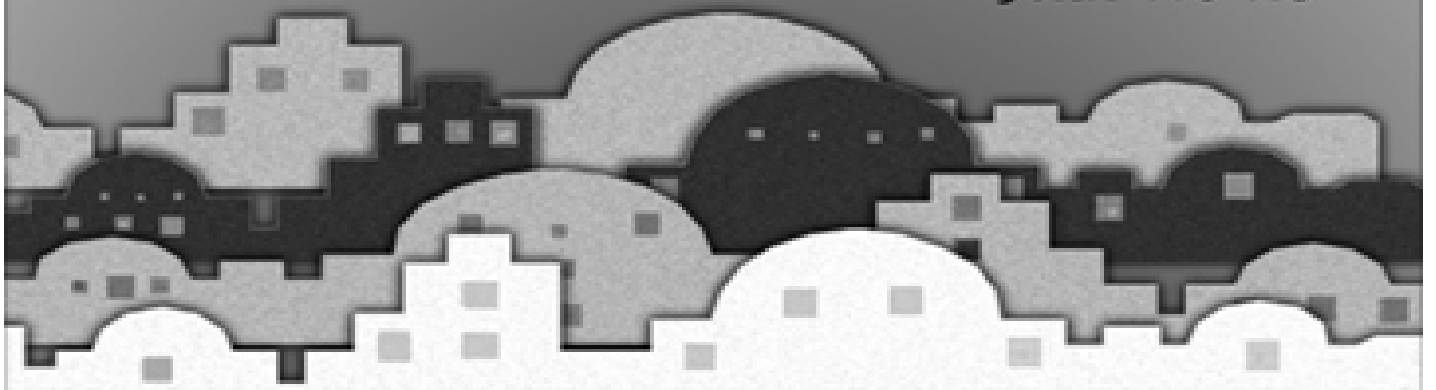


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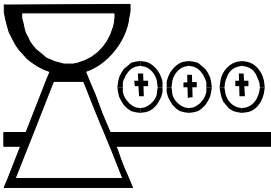
John 1:6-28



Corpus Christi Parish

Upper Gwynedd, PA

Third Sunday of Advent ~ December 11, 2011



**CORPUS
CHRISTI
PARISH**

PASTOR

Reverend Monsignor Thomas P. Flanigan, Ed.D.

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Reverend John F. Wackerman

PERMANENT DEACONS

Deacon Francis E. Langsdorf

Deacon William W. Evans

PARISH STAFF

Edd Murphy	Business Manager
Sr. Eleanor McNichol, SSJ	Parish Minister
Wanda Costello	School Principal
Trish Keen	Director, Religious Education for Children
Angela McClellan	Director, Adult Faith Formation
Bobby Moren	Youth and Young Adult Minister

PARISH CENTER OFFICE	215-855-1311
PARISH CENTER FAX	215-855-3631
SCHOOL	215-368-0582
SCHOOL FAX	215-361-5927
CONVENT	215-368-0737
REL. ED. OFFICE	215-362-2292
MINISTRY OFFICE	215-368-5750

MAILING ADDRESS

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CHECK OUT OUR WEB SITES:

Church: www.corpuschristilansdale.org

School: www.ccsllansdale.org

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

Finance Com: Rev. Msgr. Thomas Flanigan 215-855-1311

Adult Faith Formation: Angela McClellan 215-855-1311
ext. 122

Aid for Friends: Judy Jergensen 215-699-9196

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Bereavement Support Gr: Martha Simelaro Custer
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Boy Scouts: Joe Rakszawski 610-584-0333

Casserole Project: Kay Smerke 215-855-1783

Catholic Charities: John Smerke 215-855-1783

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Club 50 of Corpus Christi: Ron Joyce 215-855-4503

Cub Scouts: Mike McCabe 215-368-1422

CYO Program: Jim Herron 215-696-9000

Eucharistic Adoration: Paula Manchester 215-275-4943

Evangelization Committee: Michael & Margaret Burger
215-393-8077

Extraordinary Ministers:

Schedules Masses - 215-855-1311 ext. 133

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

Greeters: Henry Hartman 215-362-1463

The Guardians - Fathers' Support Group:

Deacon Frank Langsdorf 215-855-1311 ext. 125

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

Home & School Assn.: Kathleen Currie 215-256-3105

H.O.P.E.: Toby Glaccum 215-855-6752

Hospitality Ministry: Jean Van 215-855-5834

Knights of Columbus: Matt Lendzinski 215-917-7774

Lectors: Deacon Langsdorf 215-855-1311 ext. 125

Legion of Mary: Carolyn Chiodo 215-368-8658

Life Teen: Maria Richardson 610-584-0928

M.A.S.S. Drivers: Richard Ray 267-446-8533

The Mom Café - Mothers' Support Group:

Angela McClellan 215-855-1311 ext. 122

Music Ministry: Toni Pultorak 610-584-1583

Parish Library: Angela McClellan 215-855-1311 ext. 122

Prayer Garden: Don Janssen 215-361-8558

Prayer Line: Anna Marie O'Reilly 215-368-4672

Pre-Cana Program: Jack & Mary Ann McGowan

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

Sanctuary Cleaners: Jeanne Linden-Fox 215-513-0347

Ushers: Deacon Langsdorf 215-855-1311 ext. 125

Youth and Young Adult Ministries: Bobby Moren

215-855-1311 ext. 118

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

As we listen to the Gospel this weekend, we again hear about the great Advent figure of John the Baptist. His entire life and mission were caught up in preparing his generation for the coming Messiah. John was not sure who this Messiah would be or exactly when He would come. However, John felt a call by God to preach repentance of sin marked by a baptism with water. So firm was John's faith in the coming Messiah that he would give his life for it.



At our baptism, each of us was also anointed. As the sacred chrism was placed upon our heads, the words, "As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and king, so may you live always as a member of His body, sharing everlasting life," were spoken. We become Christ-like through this great sacrament of initiation. Reflecting upon this bit of our sacramental heritage and in light of the readings today, we can each discover our own vocation as a Christian in the world.

As Christ's followers in the world, we are to act for Him in our world – liberating, freeing, forgiving, and loving. We can do this daily: in a kind word, lending a helping hand, assisting the needy, feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, or perhaps including an elderly relative or friend in our celebration of Christmas. There are ways we can invite Christ to come among us today. In doing such things we are also preparing the world for Christ's final return at the end of time. We have a mission – a vocation. Like John, may we be faithful witnesses, serving Christ in all we say and do.

God bless you,

We would like to thank both Huff and Lakjer and William R. May Funeral Homes for sponsoring the cost of our yearly calendars.

RCIA=Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



This weekend, at the 11:00AM Mass on Sunday, we will celebrate the **Rite of Welcome into the Catechumenate** for those adults who have expressed interest in the Catholic Church. **Amy Lendzinski** is preparing for the reception of the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Let us support them by our prayers as they continue their journey of faith in the RCIA process.

If you would like to inquire about the RCIA process or if you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic, please contact Sr. Eleanor McNichol in the Ministry Office 215-368-5750.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2012

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 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 **6:00AM promptly**.

Arrive in Washington, DC and attend 10AM 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 4PM.

Cost for adults is \$38 for bus & dinner at Country Buffet. 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:

Louise Mercurio; 3012 Valley View Way; Lansdale, PA 19446 (610-584-4008)

BUS #1, Respect Life,

BUS #2, Knights of Columbus, you can go on either bus. Bring your gold scarf from last year.



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

MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

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
Monday,	December 12th
6:30 AM	Ho Tan Tran
8:00	Kevin McDevitt
Tuesday,	December 13th
6:30 AM	Mary Ann Hagelin
8:00	Dr. Albert J. Kraft, Jr.
Wednesday,	December 14th
6:30 AM	Agnes Burke
8:00	Charles Prediger, Sr.
Thursday,	December 15th
6:30 AM	Nicholas Kochick
8:00	Patricia Britt
Friday,	December 16th
6:30 AM	Herman Bobb
8:00	Betty Wojtas
Saturday,	December 17th
8:00 AM	Katherine Krout
4:30 PM	Kathy Bradley
6:00	Edmund J. Malak
Sunday,	December 18th
6:30 AM	Harry Pomrunk
8:00	Bernard Kunz, Sr.
9:30	Kathleen Wilson
11:00	David Craver
12:30 PM	Annie Madden
6:00	Joseph Hines



WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

December 3/4	\$30,568
Envelopes mailed	2,842
Envelopes returned	1,006

Mortgage Reduction Collection

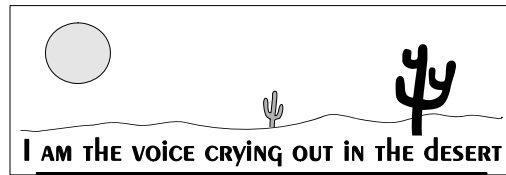
December to date	3,909
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First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Psalm: Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

Second Reading: I Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28 John explains that he is only a messenger to the people for one more powerful than himself. John stresses to them that they must make a path for the one so powerful that he is not fit to unfasten the strap of his sandal.



Family Connection

In family life, we learn to trust other people for protection and care. This experience of trust within the family enables children to believe us when we testify about our faith in Jesus. John the Baptist was believed by those who heard him because he helped them to recognize Jesus in their midst. In our family life, we hope and pray that we lead one another to recognize Jesus' presence in our world.

As you gather as a family, recall that during the Advent season we are invited to pay particular attention to the signs of Jesus' presence in our world. Consider some of the signs of Jesus' presence that you have experienced. During Advent, we remember how John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus. Read together today's Gospel, John 1:6-8,19-28. Discuss the signs of Jesus' presence in our world that you named and explain what these signs tell us about God and God's love for us. Pray together that your family will be led to recognize that Jesus is present among us. Read and pray together the psalm for today's Mass, the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55).

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Third Sunday of Advent- Gaudete Sunday
Monday:	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tuesday:	St. Lucy
Wednesday:	St. John of the Cross

On December 13 people in Sweden celebrate St. Lucy's Day. They remember how Lucia, a young girl, brought food to persecuted Christians hiding in the catacombs in Rome during the time of Emperor Diocletian. In order that she could carry the food and see where she was going in the dark, Lucia wore candles on her head. On St. Lucy's Day each year by tradition one of the daughters of the family is chosen to be St. Lucy. She gets up early and takes coffee and 'Lucia' buns (Saffronsbrod) to the rest of the family who are still in bed. She dresses in a white robe with a scarlet sash and wears on her head a crown of green leaves with five candles in it. Sometimes she is escorted by boys dressed in long white shirts and pointed hats, called star boys.



We pray for the deceased members, relatives and friends of our parish family.



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



AROUND the ARCHDIOCESE of PHILADELPHIA

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

After the holidays, do something for your relationship. Worldwide Marriage Encounter's mission of renewal in the Church and change in the world is to assist couples to live fully intimate and responsible relationships by providing them with a "Catholic" experience and ongoing community support for such a lifestyle. For information, check out the website, www.wvme-philly.org or please call 800-456-8330. The next couples experience will be January 29th-31st



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!

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

Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul

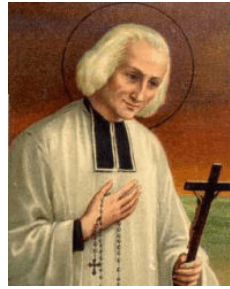
Join Bishop Timothy Senior, Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia for the annual Bless the Baby Jesus Devotion and Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass. Bring your family statues and images of Baby Jesus to be blessed. Live out the vocation of the Christian family to be the "little church of the home" by celebrating 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) familife@adphila.org. (Cathedral Parking Available)

It's not for everyone...but it could be for you. Come & See how great life can be when you answer the ultimate call. Come & See if God is calling you to His priesthood. February 3-5, 2012, for men ages 18-40 at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. This is a free retreat. Weekend will include hanging out with seminarians and hearing vocation stories, playing sports, going to Mass. You will have the opportunity for Confession and Eucharistic Adoration as well as Morning, Afternoon and Evening prayer. Contact the Vocation Office at 610-667-5778 or kzampier@adphila.org

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing. We will also be accepting small household goods (bed and bath linens, pots & pans, dishes, cooking utensils, toys and books). No baby equipment please, clothing only at St. Stanislaus Parish, 51 Lansdale Ave. & Main St. On Saturday, January 14th, from 9AM-2PM

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: 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.

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 - 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.

Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary Library Art Exhibit



Fine and Folk Art: The Christmas Crèche



Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary
100 East Wynnewood Road
Wynnewood, PA 19096
www.scs.edu

For more information or large groups, please contact the Ryan Memorial Library at (610) 785-6274.

The Ryan Memorial Library at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary is sponsoring an art exhibit, free and open to the public. This display features more than 50 crèches from the finest porcelain to the simplest cloth from countries all over the world. The collections, which are on loan from Reverend Monsignor Louis D'Addezio and Ms. Dorothy Ann Gleason, show how the Nativity is viewed through the eyes of artists around the globe. The exhibit, which is on view in the Ryan Library, lower level, will be available during regular Ryan Library hours through the end of January, 2012.

*Library Hours:

Sunday:	1:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Monday/Tuesday:	8:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Wednesday/Thursday:	8:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Friday:	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday:	9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

*Please note that from December 24, 2011 to January 15, 2012 the Library will be open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and closed weekends.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION at CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH



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

The Parish Library

When individuals strive to grow in the interior life, one of the essential spiritual exercises is spiritual reading. The Parish Library functions as part of the Adult Faith Formation Ministry at Corpus Christi Parish and provides individuals the opportunity to borrow Catholic books and resources that might not be available in public libraries or a typical bookstore. The library is located on parish grounds next to the playground area. It is a fully heated and air-conditioned modular unit with ramp access. It is comprised of unique areas for the faith formation of adults, teens, and children. Books, games, DVDs, and CDs may be borrowed for a period of three weeks and can be renewed upon request. View our library policies and procedures and obtain a complete listing of more than 1,500 books and resources by logging onto our parish website at www.corpuschristilansdale.org.

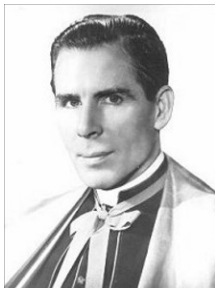
Sundays:
7:45 AM to 1:00 PM
(Beginning January 8, 2012)

Closed:
New Year's Day,
Memorial, Independence,
and Labor Day Weekends,
Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and
Thanksgiving and Christmas Weekends

Open House
Sunday, January 8, 2012
Come and see the great treasures your library holds
and enjoy a doughnut "on the house."

Movie In The Morning #1

Servant of All: Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



View the acclaimed new film that documents the life and spirituality of this "loyal son of the church" whose radio show, television program, writings, and missionary activity reached millions of Catholics and non-Catholics alike. In 2002, the cause for his canonization was opened and the title, Servant of God, was conferred on him. Give a boost to all those New Year's resolutions by attending the 7:15 AM Mass, staying for Eucharistic Adoration, and then gathering for breakfast refreshments and this "movie in the morning."

Wednesday, January 18, 2012
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

Religious Education Room
"Show me your heart.
Have you left a place for Divine Love?"
Archbishop Fulton Sheen

Antiphons

December 17 marks the beginning of the O Antiphons, the seven jewels of our liturgy, dating back to the fourth century, one for each day until Christmas Eve. These antiphons address Christ with seven magnificent Messianic titles, based on the Old Testament prophecies and types of Christ. The Church recalls the variety of the ills of man before the coming of the Redeemer.

O Wisdom December 17

Come, O divine Wisdom, teach us the way of knowledge. We are unwise; we judge and speak according to the vain standards of the world, which is foolishness in the eyes of God. Give us the true knowledge and the taste for what is eternal and divine. Inspire us with a thirst for God's holy will, help us seek God's guidance and direction, enlighten us in the teachings of the holy gospel, make us submissive to Thy holy Church. Strengthen us in the forgetfulness of self, and help us to resign ourselves to a position of obscurity if that be Thy holy will.

~CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE ~2011~

Confessions

Monday, December 19th
3:30-5:00PM and 7:00-8:30PM

Tuesday, December 20th
7:00-8:30PM



MASSES

Saturday, December 24th
Christmas Vigil

There will be caroling with a sing-a-long 15 minutes prior to each mass both on Christmas Eve and Day

4:30PM Church (Children's Liturgy)
4:45PM School Hall
8:00PM Church
11:15PM Carols (Choir & Congregation)
12:00AM Midnight Mass

Sunday, December 25th Christmas Day

7:00, 8:30, 10:00, and 11:30AM
(No 6:00PM Mass)



Saturday, December 31st

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

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, January 1st
7:00, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30AM
No 6:00PM

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, John Geoghegan.

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 this 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!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE NOVEMBER 25TH RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE! - A "heartfelt" thank you is extended to all participants in the Black Friday Blood Drive. Because of your efforts, we collected 61 units of blood for the Red Cross, which believes "...each donation can help save up to three lives." Therefore, we potentially helped over 180 people! If you did not donate this time, we hope you will consider doing so at a future drive.

ADVENT NATIVITY CALENDAR SALES RESULTS - The Knights of Columbus thank everyone who purchased Advent Calendars or made contributions during our annual fundraiser. This year we sold exactly 300 calendars and yielded over \$1300 in net proceeds. This amount will be donated to our Sister Parish: Visitation of the B.V.M in the Kensington section of Philadelphia, to benefit their school children.

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
Thanks to all who so generously participated in the Chance Drive to benefit the sick and elderly Sisters at St. Joseph Villa in Flourtown PA. The winner of the \$10,000 prize is Jim Gower, Glyndon, MD. Thanks again for your participation in the Chance Drive.

GIVING TREE 2011

If anyone still has anything for the Giving Tree Project, please bring it to the narthex by Monday, 12/12 as the delivery process will begin this week!

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.

YEAR-END GIVING

During this season of giving, please don't forget your parish community. A gift to Corpus Christi Church 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. Thank You!

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 "Why Be Catholic?". 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? Last chance, the youth group Luminary sale will end this weekend! 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! *Gaudete Party!* 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

Christmas Boxes for Military men and women overseas are still available. They are located next to the TV in the REC room on the right side of the church (as you enter). Mail **ASAP**. Thank you, Merry Christmas!"

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. 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

SCHOOL NEWS NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

All of our CURRENT students including pre-school and kindergarten will receive re-registration packets through the school. You do not need to attend registration for NEW students on Wednesday, February 8, 2012.

If your child will be a NEW student in September 2012 for any grade you will need to attend NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION on Wednesday, February 8, 2012. The following documents are required:

- Birth Certificate
- Baptismal Certificate
- Immunization Records
- A one-time, non-refundable \$50.00 registration fee

Only those students who will be new to our school need to be registered on Wednesday, February 8th. Registration will take place in the Science Lab next to the school's main office from 9:00AM until Noon.

We look forward to meeting you on the 8th of February!

OPEN HOUSE

Corpus Christi Catholic School will be hosting our annual Open House on Sunday, January 29, 2012 from 10:30AM until noon. Please join us for a tour of our facilities. Our faculty and staff will be available to answer any questions you may have regarding our outstanding educational program.

Please come for a visit to see what Corpus Christi Catholic School has to offer your family.

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.ccslandsdale.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 15TH FOR A TEACHER-IN-SERVICE DAY. THE LAST DAY TO PLACE A SPECIAL ORDER IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS IS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16TH.** 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!



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 12/11 Team #5: Carolyn Bergey at 215-855-1754
Week of 12/18 Team #6: Sue Bones at 215-631-9526

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 is cancelled for December 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 **1:30 PM EVERY SUNDAY.**

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please send your bulletin announcements to the Parish Center Office no later than the Monday prior to weekend of 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!

Confessions: Saturday after 8AM 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 **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 morning Mass.

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 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 Hours:

Sunday 7:15AM to 2PM

Parish Library News - the Parish Library will be **CLOSED** on 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 7:45 AM and close at 1:00 PM.

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

PREGNANCY HOTLINE: 800-CARE-002 Twenty-four hours/seven days per week hotline for individuals seeking assistance with a pregnancy. Offers assistance to explore pro-life option, supportive counseling and linkage with needed resources.

REGISTRATION: Our diocese requires that all Catholics should be registered in the parish of their residence. If you have moved into our parish and have not registered with us, it is important that you call the Parish Center Office (215-855-1311) and make arrangements to do so as soon as possible. Certificates of Eligibility to act as a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, **cannot be issued** unless you are already (preferably for 6 months) registered with us. *Please be aware that young adults over 21 should register separately.*