

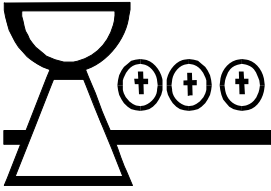
The Nativity of the Lord

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God."

Luke 1:35



*~ Corpus Christi Parish ~
Upper Gwynedd, Pennsylvania
December 25, 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
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CONVENT	215-368-0737
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Church: www.corpuschristilansdale.org

School: www.ccslansdale.org

CARING & SHARING

215-855-1311 ext 133

MASS SCHEDULE (changing in 2012!)

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
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Aid for Friends: Judy Jergensen 215-699-9196

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Boy Scouts: Joe Rakszawski 610-584-0333

Casserole Project: Kay Smerke 215-855-1783

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Charismatic Pr. Grp: Kathleen McCarthy 215-740-0349

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
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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

Merry Christmas

Each Christmas many parishes around the world will begin with these simple words from a much loved song, "In the little village of Bethlehem was born a child one day and the sky was bright with a golden light o'er the place where Jesus lay." There is a hush in the parish as the song is sung. It is both familiar and reassuring as we all sing together as a family. The words bring forth an image that is imprinted in our minds, the humble place where The Blessed Virgin Mary gave birth to the infant, Jesus.

Throughout the Advent season we have been immersed with new "words" of the Revised Translation of the Roman Missal for the Mass. Words that give us great images of holy Scripture and the essence of our faith. For many of us the change brought us closer to Christ and the deeper spiritual enlightenment.

For those who may have missed a few of the instructions or perhaps those who would like to reread some of the instructional leaflets that were in past bulletins during the advent season rest assured that you can go to our Archdiocesan website (www.archphila.org) and become better acquainted on the actual changes in the Mass texts, especially the people's parts. All these changes are positive and they help to convey many of the rich biblical images and allusions in the original Latin text. These changes help to emphasize God's unconditional love, goodness, power and glory for us. When we become immersed with the meanings of the revised text we can better understand the Eucharist as the sacrificial memorial of Christ's death, and the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The more we grasp the meaning of what we say and do at mass the better our encounter with Christ can be. The Liturgy will then be familiar and imprinted in our minds and hearts with the great images of holy Scripture and the essence of our faith. Then a month, six months or a year from now, when we sit together as the Body of Christ, as a family celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass we will be fully immersed as active participants.



PARISH CENTER OFFICE CLOSED . . .

The Parish Center Office will be closed until Tuesday December 27th at 9AM. Also, Monday January 2nd the office will again be closed, so please plan accordingly! Thank you and a Blessed Christmas from your parish center office staff!

NEW YEAR...NEW MASS SCHEDULE With the beginning of the year our mass schedule will change to Daily mass at 7:15AM and Weekend masses: Saturday at 4:30PM and Sunday 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30AM, and 6:00PM

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.

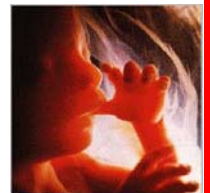
Cost for adults is \$38 for bus & dinner at Country Buffet. Cost for students is \$14 for dinner, bus is free for all students BUT an adult must accompany them. No change in cost. Everyone should bring a bag lunch and a drink. Bus returns to Corpus Christi by 9 PM. Sign-ups start now. Sign-up board is 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

THE NATIVITY of the LORD ~ CHRISTMAS ~

Saturday, December 24th
 4:30 PM Children's Liturgy (Church)
 4:45 Mass- Fr. Francis J. Loughran Hall
 8:00 Mass- Church
 12:00 AM Midnight Mass

Sunday, December 25th
The Nativity of the Lord
 7:00 AM All
 8:30 Masses on Christmas
 10:00 are for the Intentions of the
 11:30 **Corpus Christi Parish Family**
Please note: There is NO 6PM Mass today

Monday, December 26th
 6:30 AM Edwin M. Markel
 8:00 Marie Madden

Tuesday, December 27th
 6:30 AM Jane and James Whitford
 8:00 Marguerite Ferraro

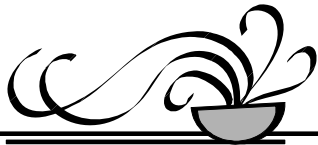
Wednesday, December 28th
 6:30 AM Emily, Joseph and John E. McShane
 8:00 Ida Scarfone

Thursday, December 29th
 6:30 AM Parishioners of Corpus Christi
 8:00 Carolyn Keen

Friday, December 30th
 6:30 AM Loretta Kochick
 8:00 Ida Scarfone

Saturday, December 31st
 8:00 AM Marguerite Ferraro
 4:30 PM John Melnick
 6:00 Thomas and Mary Hayes

Sunday, January 1st
Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God
 7:00 AM Bill Morrissey
 8:30 Todd Phifer
 10:00 Joseph Trave, Jr.
 11:30 Adam Fox
Please note: There is NO 6PM Mass today



We pray for the deceased members, relatives and friends of our parish family, especially Jeanne Davison, wife of William; Dennis Miller, husband of Mary Ann; Gabriele Eisenbichler.



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



WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

December 17/18	\$34,517
Envelopes mailed	2,842
Envelopes returned	989

Mortgage Reduction Collection	
December to date	4,950

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10
 Psalm: 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29
 Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6
Gospel: John 1:1-18

John describes how the Word came into the world in the form of Jesus. All those who accept Jesus become children of God by sharing in Jesus' love. No one has seen God, but through Jesus, God was revealed to us.



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).

www.loyolapress.com/sunday-connection.htm

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Christmas ~ Nativity of our Lord
Monday:	St. Stephen
Tuesday:	St. John
Wednesday:	The Holy Innocents
Thursday:	5 th Day in the Octave of Christmas; St. Thomas Becket
Friday:	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Saturday:	7 th Day in the Octave of Christmas; St. Sylvester/New Year's Eve

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



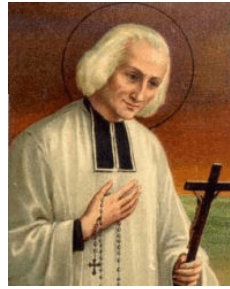
It's not for everyone...but it could be for you. Come & See how great life can be when you answer the ultimate call. Come & See if God is calling you to His priesthood. February 3-5, 2012, for men ages 18-40 at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. This is a free retreat. Weekend will include hanging out with 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.

A Retreat Weekend with the Sisters of the Holy Redeemer
Explore the presence and action of God in your life during a winter retreat weekend for young single women interested in discovering more about discernment and religious life. Friday, January 6-Sunday January 8. Sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Redeemer. For more information or to request a brochure, please contact: Sr. Ana Dura, CSR at 215-914-4109; vocations@holyredeemer.com or www.sistersholyredeemer.org
future retreat weekend: May 18-20, 2012.

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.

Ever thought about volunteering for a year?



Interested in making a difference in our world?

The SSJ Mission Corps is a year long volunteer program in the city of Philadelphia sponsored by the Sisters of Saint Joseph. Volunteers are invited to live in community with fellow volunteers and open themselves to God, as they work for justice and reach out to meet the needs of the poor and marginalized. The tagline for the program is "One Year to Change a Life," which encourages women to not only work for change in the lives of others but also their own life. The SSJ Mission Corps is for women, ages 21-35, looking to dedicate a year of their life to working for the mission of the Gospel and the Sisters of Saint Joseph in our world. During the year, volunteers focus on 4 core values: Justice, Simple Living, Spirituality, and Community. The program runs from August to June. For more information or questions, please contact: Colleen O'Grady, Director SSJ Mission Corps ssjmissioncorps@gmail.com
www.ssjphila.org/SSJMissionCorp2.html 215-248-7235

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

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, 2012

Tuesday, February 7, 2012

Tuesday, March 6, 2012

Tuesday, April 3, 2012

Tuesday, May 1, 2012

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

Tuesday, November 6, 2012

Tuesday, December 4, 2012

9:30 AM to 11:00 AM

Religious Education Room

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.

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Parish Center: Conference Room D

Facilitator: Deacon Frank Langsdorf

First Tuesdays of the month January, February, March, May,

Our Lady's Bible Study

Your mother wants to talk to you! So, join us as we ponder in our hearts and discuss the Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday's Mass. Bring your Bible. Children welcome! Contact Dick Pultorak for more information at 610-584-1583. Mondays, Beginning January 2, 2012 (except holidays) 8:15AM to 9:15AM Parish Library

Patricians Discussion Club

This discussion group for Catholics of all ages is sponsored by the Legion of Mary of Corpus Christi Parish. Each month a different topic is chosen for presentation and discussion in a friendly family atmosphere. Meetings provide participants with the opportunity to say what's on their mind and in their heart about the particular topic. Please refer to the parish bulletin for the selected monthly topic. For more information, contact Dick Pultorak at 610-584-1583.

Second Thursday of the Month

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Parish Center: Conference Room B

(unless otherwise noted in parish 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 members to our ministry are always welcome. Drop off your item at our Parish Center or Parish Library during regular hours. Please mark the bag "TLC" and don't forget to include your name. *"Love for Jesus and His Church must be the passion of our lives."*

Blessed John Paul II

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, Bonnie Handerhan, baby Paige Cunningham, J. Will Weigner, Angeline Famularo, Mary Genuardi, Florence Valent, 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, Dolores Waisman, Theresa Nayduch, Christine and baby Sylvester Smith, Bob Mazzola, Pamela Kahney, Katelyn Bonner, Hazel Cross.

CLUB 50 NEWS AND TRAVEL

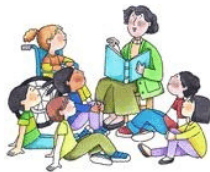
Resorts Casino AC, NJ Wednesday, January 18-\$44. Round trip motor coach, tax and tips included. \$15 in slot play and free buffet. Admission to the 3PM show *A Veteran's Musical Tribute* is included. Call 610-584-4926 *Mary Slater, 1195 Archer Lane, Lansdale PA 19446; or Ronni Blake 215-361-3823.

Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs Friday, February 17-\$35. Round trip motor coach, tax and tips included. \$32. slot play and lunch buffet at Timbers (must be seated by 3PM). Call 215-855-9429 *Joe and Ellie DeRaymond, 603 Keeler Road, Lansdale PA 19446. Departs 10:30AM returns approximately 8PM.

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

New Children's Liturgy of the Word Help Wanted!!



We are looking to start a Children's Liturgy of the Word during one of our Sunday masses. Of course to get such a thing off the ground we need volunteers to help plan and execute it! If you're interested in helping our children learn more about God's Word at their level, please e-mail or call Mary Medoff at mdmedoff@verizon.net or 215-412-2263.

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!

PUZZLER: How many boxes were sent to military men and women from Corpus Christi this year? Answer in codes: CDLXXX or DHJ or 000001111. Answer next week. Thank you and Merry Christmas to all our generous folks.

We've Got You Covered!

Need a good book for your spiritual reading or a devotional for your personal prayer? Check out our literature rack located in the narthex of our church near the long tables. New titles are added regularly. Simply follow the instructions on the payment envelope to make your purchase. Prices are usually marked on the books and pamphlets, if not, just make a donation as your means permit.

THE KNIGHT'S KORNER - UPDATES FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #9715 ~ Next



Officers' Meeting and General Council Meeting - Because of the Holidays, there will be no Officers' Meeting held on Monday, December 26th, and the General Council Meeting has been moved from Monday, January 2nd to Tuesday, January 3rd. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



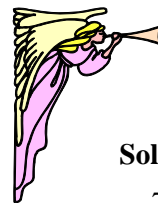
Volunteers needed to clean church some Saturday mornings. Light dusting and straightening duties. As much or as little work as you feel you can contribute. Volunteering takes as little as a half hour. The rewards are eternal!



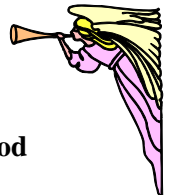
Please e-mail: jlindenfox@gmail.com

Attention All Organization and Ministry Leaders!

The staff of Corpus Christi Parish is in the process of planning for Lent and will be compiling information to include in a Lenten resource booklet. The booklet will include all spiritual, social, faith formation, and fund-raising events that will take place during the Lenten season here at the parish. This booklet will then be made available to parishioners. If you would like your group or ministry to be included, send your information to corpuschristiaff@yahoo.com. **The deadline is Monday, January 23, 2012.** Information should include name of event, a brief description, date, time, location, cost, and contact information. If there is a form or flyer for your event, please send that also as an attachment. If your organization is not sponsoring any special Lenten activity, you are welcome to highlight an ongoing activity that takes place all throughout the year since parishioners may have a heightened interest in participating in that program during Lent.



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



Treasures From Our Tradition

We have approached the darkest, longest night of the year. For centuries, people in the Northern Hemisphere have kindled fires against the dying of the light, turning away the dark of the winter solstice, and leading the imagination to hope and new beginnings. It is thus easy to understand why these solstice celebrations of non-Christian Europe attracted the annual remembrance of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. In time the solstice migrated away from December 25, but the Christmas Feast remained in place. From this day, a whole season of celebration developed, stretching from Advent through the days of Christmas, and even beyond to the February 2 blessing of the candles, and beyond that to March 25, the Annunciation, 9 months before the next Christmas. Centuries ago this was New Year's Day, and many reasoned that it was the date of Adam & Eve's fall, and the date of the Crucifixion. The message is clear: don't let your Christmas be over too soon. Keep the lights blazing into January, and savor the meaning of the feast!

YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

The High School Youth Ministry Program would like to wish you and all of your loved ones a very Blessed and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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. High School this weekend is our Christmas party! All are welcome!



High School Youth Group upcoming schedule!

- December 24th** set up luminaries at 2:30PM, meet during Midnight Mass for clean-up
- December 25th No Youth Group** (Merry Christmas!)
- January 1st No Youth Group** (Happy New Year!)
- January 8th** Night on Vocations (Father Wackerman)
- January 15th** YouCat and Pizza
- January 22nd** Once Upon a Time
- January 27-29th: Xanten 8 "Joyful Noise"**

All 9th-12th grade students are invited to join the youth groups of St. Norbert and Corpus Christi Jan. 27-29 for a weekend retreat! The weekend will include fellowship, dynamic talks, a t-shirt, games, snacks, small groups, Mass, Adoration, and we will be staying at the Daylesford Abbey in Paoli, home to the Norbertine Priests. This weekend is a very powerful one and one in which you will not want to miss out on! If interested or if you have any questions please contact Bobby Moren.

Steubenville Youth Conference

We are now accepting deposits and permission slips to solidify your spot on our trip to the Steubenville Youth Conference this summer! If you are interested please return a signed permission slip and a \$40 deposit to Bobby Moren. The deposit is non-refundable. Spots are limited so it is a first come first serve basis. Thank you! If you have any questions 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 will be on "break" until January 30th.

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.

"At The Well" with Fr. Stephen DeLacy

Time again for another exciting night "At the Well"! Join Father Stephen DeLacy and guests for a night of faith, fellowship, food and fun! **Tuesday, January 24th at 7:30 PM - EAST END ALEHOUSE, "Salford Square"** 712 Main Street, Harleysville (Rte. 63 across from Wal-Mart) January's topic is: What if Tomorrow Never Comes? This is a great way to find out more about the Catholic faith whether you are a practicing Catholic or curious about the faith, renewing your faith, thinking of converting, or just need an adult perspective about what you may have been taught as a child. Please RSVP to holycook1@gmail.com or ortinofamily@comcast.net.

Corpus Christi



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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 in Corpus Christi and St Rose of Lima Parishes are invited to participate in the 2012 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held on Thursday, January 12th 2011 from 7 to 9PM 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) or by contacting Mike Gavaghan (215-723-5193) for information.



SCRIP CORNER

The SCRIP office closed on Friday, December 23rd and will not reopen until Tuesday, January 3rd since school is not in session.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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 12/25 Team #7: Mary Medoff at 215-412-2263
Week of 1/1 Team #8: Bob Terchek at 215-393-5696

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: **January 16th, February 20th and March 19th.**

REQUIREMENTS FOR GODPARENTS

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

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

Baptism is administered at **12:30 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 7:15AM Mass, 3:15PM – 4:00PM, and also upon request at the Parish House

DAILY PRAYER CHAPEL OPEN: Visits to the Blessed Sacrament during the day may be made in the Church Chapel. The Chapel is open every day from 7:45AM to 3:30PM except Wednesday when it is open until 6:30PM. Please enter the chapel using the entrance walk on the side of the Parish House facing Supplee Road. The main Church is closed after the last morning Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WEDNESDAYS
7:45 AM TO 6:30 PM



Eucharistic Adoration is scheduled every **Wednesday, from 7:45 AM til 6:30 PM** in the Church Chapel. Benediction is at 6:30 PM. (Novena devotions immediately following, see 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 7:45AM to 1PM
 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.**