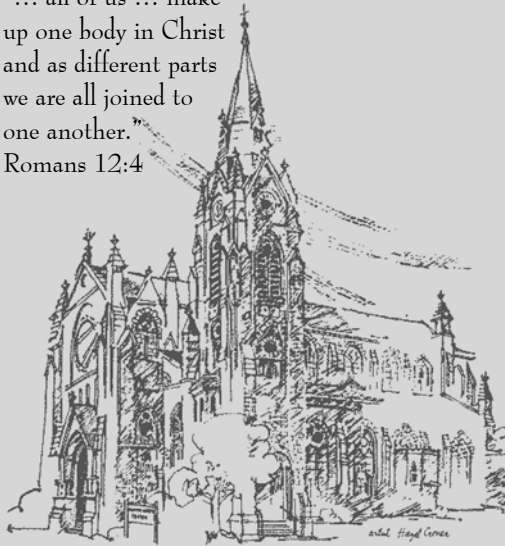


“... all of us ... make up one body in Christ and as different parts we are all joined to one another.”
Romans 12:4



We who gather at Corpus Christi are called into the Body of Christ. Alone we acknowledge our incompleteness; together we experience our wholeness as a people of God. Our journey of faith opens us up to opportunities for collaborative ministry, the pursuit of justice, and the celebration of our diversity. Strengthened by the Spirit, we accept our calling to be a church that affirms the grace of our baptism into Christ's death and resurrection. We acknowledge that we share in the transformation of the world through Eucharist, reconciliation, and prophetic witness to God's justice and peace.”

(Corpus Christi Mission Statement 2001)

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The Community of Corpus Christi

Welcome, Visitors!

If you are visiting us, the Corpus Christi community welcomes you! Please take a moment to introduce yourself to one of our ministers. And, please, visit us again.

Interested in Registering?

If you would like to register as a member of Corpus Christi parish, please pick up a registration form in the back of the church and return it to one of our ministers, the rectory, or drop it in the collection basket.

Mass Schedule

Weekends: Saturday: 4:00 P.M. & Sunday: 10:30 A.M.
Weekdays: Monday–Wednesday–Friday: 12:10 P.M.

Confessions: Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. and by appointment

Corpus Christi Grocery Program

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For program information or to volunteer, call 410-523-4161

Faith Formation for Children

Faith Formation classes are held on Sundays, 9:15 A.M.-10:15 A.M., for K-8th grade. Students must have a year of faith formation before beginning sacramental preparations. If you would like more information, or to register, contact the parish office.

Baptism for Infants and Children

Parishioners should call the parish office to schedule a baptismal preparation meeting. Baptismal preparation is required for first-time parents. Ordinarily, both godparents are Roman Catholic. If there is at least one Catholic godparent, a baptized Christian of another denomination may serve as a Christian Witness.

Anointing of the Sick

Please notify the parish office when someone is hospitalized or homebound, and a staff member will visit. A parishioner who is ill can request the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion either at the hospital or at home. When someone cannot attend mass because of illness, notify the parish office and Communion may be brought to the home.

Marriage

Any couple is welcome to be married at Corpus Christi, provided at least one party is Catholic. Registration in the parish is not required. Call the parish office at least 6 months in advance of the wedding date.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The RCIA is for non-Catholic adults who wish to become Catholic and for Catholic adults who may have been baptized but have not received other sacraments. Call the parish office for more information.

Parish Ministries

Pastoral Council * Liturgy Committee * Children's Liturgy * Faith Formation * RCIA * Artscape Weekend * Gays And Lesbians At (GALA) Corpus Christi * Hospitality * Marriage Preparation * Small Christian Communities * and others.

Corpus Christi Baltimore E-mail Communication Group

Interested in receiving parish information by email? Send your email address to Sarah Bujno at Sarah.Bujno@archbalt.org

Third Sunday of Advent

December 10 -11, 2016

Sunday Lectionary Readings

This Week's Readings: Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10; James 5: 7-10; Matthew 11: 2-11

Next Weekend's Readings: Isaiah 7: 10-14; Romans 1: 1-7; Matthew 1: 18-24

Scripture Reflection

We are still waiting for the world we long to see. Like our ancient ancestors, we yearn for peace and justice, healing and restoration. Today we are told that the signs of Jesus' presence are all around us., if we know how to see them.

We hear in the Gospel the signs we are to look for, especially when we are distracted or doubtful, confused or disappointed. The good news is that there is even more to come. We live in an impatient world, but today we are told: "Be patient!"

Let Us Pray For Those in Need of Prayer

George Steinrock, Sr., Alfredo Panico, Sister Jane Coyle, Kim Palowitz, Michael Previdi, Gillian Riddle, Marco Glorioso, Brennan Meadows, Kenneth E. Bates, Lilian Mary Nabuline, Bob Trimble, DeWitt Crews, Dick Ullrich, Patrice Cromwell, Kim Maerkl, Kurt Berger, Valerie Dimmer, Nancy Sherri Potter, Amanda Anderson, Tony Preston, Kristine Chiong, Rufino Labindao, Arthur Weaver, Julia Smith, Eloisa Santos, Francois Smets, Thomas Klein, Mary Romano, Keith Hargraves, Rosalie Labindao, Nina McKnight, Lilia Labindao, Frazier Brice, Vivonne Cooper, Colette Danek, Sarah Delcamp, Kathleen Ward Dragovich, Judith Zoellner, Jordan Crews, Joe Pezzi, Caylee Crews, Pat Kane, Francis Saba, Sr. Jean Marie Hobbs, Mary Lou Palazzolo Names will be listed for 6 weeks. If you would like a name listed for an additional 6 weeks, please notify the rectory.

This Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec. 10, Dr. Jack Mulholland, deceased.

Sunday, Dec. 11, Parishioners Intentions, *living*

Monday, Dec. 12, Bryn Moran, *living*

Wednesday, Dec. 14, Angela Ambrosio, *living*

Friday, Dec. 16, Vincent D'Agostino, *living*

Saturday, Dec. 17, Henry Tom, *deceased*

Sunday, Dec. 18, Msgr. Art Valenzano, *deceased*

Collection Update

Last Sunday's Offertory \$3,996.25: Budgeted -- \$4,524.33

Last Weekend's 2nd Collection - \$1,101.03

This weekend's 2nd Collection benefits Retired Men and Women Religious

Next weekend's 2nd Collection benefits our Community Outreach Programs

Mass Attendance: 12/ 3 - 4/ 2016 – 4:00 -- 26 10:30 -- 119

Coming Up at Corpus Christi

Sunday, Dec. 11, 9:15 am	Faith Formation	School
Sunday, Dec. 11, 9:15 am	Confirmation	Rectory
Sunday, Dec. 11, 10:45 am	CLOW	Church
Sunday, Dec. 11, 11:30 am	Hospitality and Holiday Candy Sales	Church
Monday, Dec. 12, 10:30 am	Seniors Group	Rectory
Monday, Dec. 12, 7:00 pm	Pastoral Council Meeting	Rectory
Wednesday, Dec. 14, 7:00 pm	Advent Reconciliation Service	Church
Sunday, Dec. 18, 9:15 am	Faith Formation	School
Sunday, Dec. 18, 10:30 am	Liturgical Ministers Commissioning	Church
Sunday, Dec. 18, 10:45 am	CLOW	Church
Sunday, Dec. 18, 11:45 am	Fair Trade Chocolate and Coffee Sales	Church
Sunday, Dec. 18, 11:45 am	Holiday Candy Sales	Church
Wednesday, Dec. 21, 7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Rectory
Saturday, Dec. 24, 4:00 pm	Christmas Family Mass	Church
Saturday, Dec. 24, 10:00 pm	Christmas "Midnight" Mass	Church
Sunday, Dec. 25, 10:30 am	Christmas Mass	Church
Monday, Dec. 26 – Monday, Jan. 2	Parish Office Closed – Merry Christmas!	
Saturday, Dec. 31, 6:00 pm	Wedding	Church
Sunday, January 1, 11:45 am	Holiday Candy Sales	Church
Saturday, January 7, 10:30 am	Liturgical Ministers Training	Church

Visit our parish website at www.corpuschristibaltimore.org for more information

CORPUS CHRISTI NEWS

Dear Parishioners,

Rejoice, again I say rejoice!

This weekend the Church celebrates “Gaudete” Sunday. It is one of the two Sundays in the liturgical year when we wear rose colored vestments. The reason for this is the fact that the celebration of Christmas is so near.

We know that the merciful gift of our God in the person of Jesus has historically come upon the earth. Now it is up to us – while we await the Lord Jesus’ return in glory – to reflect in our words and deeds the mercy that Jesus brought upon this earth.

How are we doing as a nation – a state – a city – a church – a parish – are we truly making the merciful presence of our God visible in all of these places and to all of the people we might come into contact with?

Maybe this week as we draw closer to the Christmas celebrations – we might examine ourselves and, if necessary, make some changes in our life so as to reflect more faithfully the mercy of God as given to us in the person of Jesus.

Peace, Fr. Marty

Christmas Greens

Once again, the Liturgical Environment Committee is asking parishioners to donate greens – holly, various pines, magnolia, etc. to use in decorating the church for Christmas. Please bring the greens next Sunday, 12/18 and put them in the containers in the work sacristy. We will decorate on Thursday, 12/ 22 at 4pm. Light supper will be available afterwards in the rectory.

Christmas Flower Memorials

We would like to offer our Christmas liturgies, including environment, decorations and programs in memory of loved ones who have passed away. A memorial program will list the names of individuals to be remembered and the donors. This year we request a \$10 donation for each individual remembered. If you would like to participate, please fill out the “Christmas Flower Envelope”, found in the back of church and drop it in the collection basket no later than Sunday, 12/18.

Christmas Masses – Plan Ahead

Mass will be celebrated on Christmas Eve, Saturday, 12/24 at: 4:00 pm –Family Mass & 10:00 pm – Choir Mass
And on Christmas Day, Sunday, 12/25 at:]
10:30 am – Christmas Day Mass
Please consider bringing your family and friends and joining us in celebrating God’s gift of mercy and love – Jesus.

Christmas Special Collection

Please be reminded there will only be one collection on Christmas. But since Christmas falls on a Sunday, the parish loses a regular Sunday Collection. I am asking you to be especially generous this year in your Christmas offering. Thank you as always for your generosity.

Liturgical Ministers Commissioning on December 18

Join us next week to recognize our lectors, Eucharistic ministers, prayer of the faithful readers, musicians, choir, ushers, and altar servers for the coming year.

Children’s Worship Bulletins

Our Children’s Worship Bulletins are great resources to help parents teach children about Mass. Pick up a copy each Sunday on the table in the back of the church.

Faith Formation

Our final class for 2016 is December 18th. Faith Formation classes resume on January 8th for all students, Kindergarten through Confirmation.

Food Program – Week of 11/28– 12/2, 2016

Grocery Bags	Mon	27 Bags
Lunches at the Door	Mon/Wed/Fri	62 Guests

Grocery Bags

Bags this week were filled with the usual items – cereal, soup, vegetables, beans, tuna, rice & pasta, peanut butter and preserves. Whole Foods donated lots of bread, muffins, rolls, pies, cakes, danish and cookies. In addition to all the baked goods there was plenty of fresh vegetables.

Through 12/19, we will be giving each person a \$75 Target gift card for their Christmas celebration. Instead of an extra bag of “Christmas” groceries, we increased the value of the gift card so people can buy exactly what they want. We know from past experience how much the gift cards are appreciated.

Boxes of Chocolate

For Christmas we want to give each person who receives a bag of groceries a box of chocolates along with their gift card. We will need a total of 120 12 oz boxes of Russell Stover or Whitman Samplers. The candy will be given out 11/28 through 12/19. If you can buy a box or two, please drop them off in the basket at the back of church or bring them to the rectory. A box of chocolates is such an extra special and delicious thing to have for the holidays! Thanks in advance for helping out.

Christmas Cookies for Outreach

Last year we gave out Christmas cookies to our guests who received lunch at the rectory door. They were a big hit and guests appreciated the homemade treats. We would like to continue the tradition this year during Advent. If you can share some of your holiday cookies, please place them in a plastic bag in the basket in the back of Church. We will be collecting cookies from Sunday, November 27th through Sunday, December 18th.

Hospitality – Students Welcome!

Refreshments will be available after mass on December 11. We’re hosting this hospitality in honor of students as the semester winds down. Please pray for them!

Holiday Candy Sales

During the two Sundays before and after Christmas (12/11, 12/18, 1/1, and 1/8) we will be selling homemade candy after mass to raise money for Corpus Christi’s evangelization efforts such as student programming, senior activities, and community events. Please consider supporting our efforts.

2017 Church Envelopes

If you are a church envelope user, please pick up your envelopes in the back of the church. We thank you for faithfully using the envelopes week after week. If you do not have envelopes and would like them, please call the Parish Office.

Advent Reconciliation Service

The theme for Advent is “It’s Time for a Change!” Change implies considering where we have been as well as where we are going. You are cordially invited (read that “encouraged”) to worship with us on Wednesday, 12/14 at 7pm for Advent Reconciliation. We will gather to reflect on our faith journey and where we are called individually and as members of the Corpus Christi community. Give yourself the gift of a few moments of quiet recollection between the hours of planning and purchasing this Advent season. Join us on the 14th.

Annual Liturgical Minister Training and Updates

For those ministers who missed the prior two sessions AND any parishioners called to minister as a lector or Eucharistic minister, there will be a final 60-90 minute training session on Saturday, 1/7 at 10:30 am in the church.

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