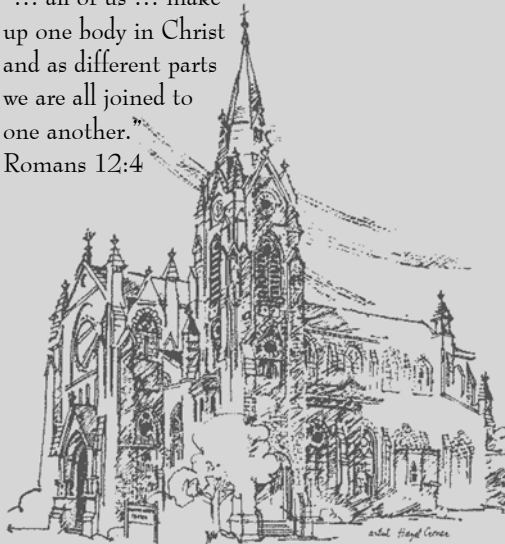


"... all of us ... make up one body in Christ and as different parts we are all joined to one another."

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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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

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

December 24 - 25, 2016
Sunday Lectionary Readings

This Weekend's Readings: Isaiah 9: 1-6; Titus 2: 11-14; Luke 2: 1-14
Next Weekend's Readings: Numbers 6: 22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2: 16-21

Scripture Reflection

This feast is for those who are sitting in darkness or waiting to hear a meaningful word from God. Today we celebrate that Jesus is truly light for those who cannot see and that God has said everything that can be said in the Word made flesh. God is among us, showing us everything we need to know and lighting our way. If we have never really looked at who Jesus is and what he is for us, the glorious time to do so is now! For it is time for a change!

Let Us Pray For Those in Need of Prayer

Christopher Kauffman, 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. 24, 4:00 pm – *Christmas Memorials* Friday, Dec. 30, NO 12:10 pm mass – OFFICES CLOSED
Saturday, Dec. 24, 10:00 pm – *Christmas Memorials* Saturday, Dec. 31, 4:00 pm – *Christmas Memorials*
Sunday, Dec. 25, 10:30 am – *Christmas Memorials* Sunday, Jan. 1, 10:30 am – *Jenkins Family, living & deceased*
Monday, Dec. 26, NO 12:10 pm MASS – OFFICES CLOSED
Wednesday, Dec. 28, NO 12:10 pm MASS – OFFICES CLOSED

Collection Update

Last Sunday's Offertory: \$4,089.50 \$: Budgeted -- \$4,524.33

Last Sunday's 2nd Collection – Community Outreach Programs - \$ 1,404.00

THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE COLLECTION ON CHRISTMAS – THE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL COLLECTION

Mass Attendance: 12/ 17 - 18/ 2016 – 4:00 --17 10:30 – 114

Coming Up at Corpus Christi

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, Jan. 1, 11:30 am	New Year Hospitality	Church
Sunday, Jan. 1, 11:30 am	Holiday Candy Sales	Church
Saturday, Jan. 7, 10:30 am	Liturgical Ministers Training	Church
Sunday, Jan. 8, 9:15 am	Faith Formation	School
Sunday, Jan. 8, 9:15 am	Confirmation	Rectory
Sunday, Jan. 8, 10:45 am	CLOW	Church
Sunday, Jan. 8, 11:30 am	Hospitality	Church
Sunday, Jan. 8, 11:30 am	Holiday Candy Sales	Church
Monday, Jan. 9, 10:30 am	Seniors Group	Rectory
Monday, Jan. 9, 7:00 pm	Pastoral Council Meeting	Rectory
Monday, Jan. 16	Parish Office Closed – MLK Jr. Day	
Wednesday, Jan. 18, 7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Rectory
Sunday, Jan. 22, 9:15 am	Faith Formation	School
Sunday, Jan. 22, 10:45 am	CLOW	Church
Monday, Jan. 23, 10:30 am	Seniors Group	Rectory

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

CORPUS CHRISTI NEWS

Dear Parishioners,

“For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.”

Whenever I heard those words proclaimed at the Christmas Masses I hear in the background the wonderful music of Handel’s *Messiah*.

Those inspired words and that beautiful music can and does inspire me to believe – yes, to believe that the God who created this world we live in – the God who created us, human beings, - that same God has a love for us unlike anything we can ever imagine. And so, that loving God generously gave of himself by sending us a great gift in the form of his Son, Jesus, whose birth we celebrate at Christmas.

So this Christmas I invite everyone that hears those words or is familiar with that music to believe – to believe for this miracle of Christ has occurred and we celebrate that this weekend. However, that miracle of Christmas can still occur and desperately needs to occur even today so let us allow Jesus – his Presence, his message of peace, love, acceptance, respect and forgiveness be ever rooted in our hearts so as to be manifested in our words and deeds. Then, the miracle of Christmas will continue to occur – so believe and be open!

Blessings be upon all of you during this Christmas season!
Peace,
Fr. Marty

A Blessed Christmas to All!

May all of our parish families and their relatives and friends be graced and blessed during this coming Christmas season, as we celebrate this incredible miracle! May you enjoy to joy of this season – the peace of this feast and the hope that this celebration should bring to us as we conclude this year of the Lord 2016!

Christmas Greens

Many thanks to all who donated Christmas greens of various sorts to the church this year. Also many thanks to all who donated to our Christmas Flower Memorials – your continued generosity is so wonderful! Blessings upon you all in the New Year.

New Year’s Masses – Plan Ahead

A Reminder that New Year’s Day, January 1st is not just the beginning of a New Year, but it is also the 126th anniversary of the consecration of Corpus Christi/Jenkins Memorial Catholic Church which took place in 1891.

It is also the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

Masses will be celebrated on Saturday, December 31st at 4:00 pm and on Sunday, January 1st at 10:30 am.

Won’t you come and join us in celebrating this New Year of 2017?

Parish Offices Closed

The Parish Offices will be closed from Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th through and including New Year’s Day, Sunday, January 1st. and the day after, Monday, January 2nd. The Parish Offices will reopen on Tuesday, January 3rd.

Christmas Special Collection

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

Food Program – Week of 12/12– 12/16, 2016

Grocery Bags	Mon	30 Bags
Lunches at the Door	Mon/Wed/Fri	58 Guests

Grocery Bags

Bags this week were filled with the usual items – cereal, soup, vegetables, beans, tuna, pasta, peanut butter and preserves. Whole Foods donated lots of bread, muffins, and rolls; in addition there was plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables.

Hospitality

We will have a small celebration after mass on New Year’s Day, January 1, to ring in 2017. We will host a full hospitality on Sunday, January 8 after mass. All are welcome! If you are interested in joining the hospitality team, please contact Sarah Bujno at sarah.bujno@archbalt.org.

Holiday Candy Sales

Homemade candy will be sold after Sunday mass on 1/1 and 1/8 to raise money for Corpus Christi’s evangelization efforts such as student programming, senior activities, and community events. Please consider supporting our efforts as all proceeds go directly to Corpus Christi evangelization.

Calling All Corpus Christi Seniors!

Our next seniors group meeting will take place on Monday, January 9 at 10:30 am in the rectory. This member-led group includes worship, Bible study, and creative activities. If you or someone you know is interested in joining, please contact sarah.bujno@archbalt.org or call the rectory at 410-523-4161.

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.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation classes resume on January 8th for all students, Kindergarten through Confirmation.

Annual Liturgical Minister Training and Updates

For those ministers who were unable to attend the prior two sessions AND any parishioners who feel called to minister to the community as a lector or Eucharistic minister there will be a final training session on Saturday, January 7 at 10:30 am in the church. The session will last 60-90 minutes.

Stress Relief for Students

During finals week, we handed out stress relief bags to the students walking by on their way to exams. We gave out all 50 bags in just 20 minutes! Please keep our students in your prayers that they may have a safe, relaxing break.

A Favor

Please make sure that any check that you make out to Corpus Christi Church is signed and dated. Please be aware that our bank will not cash either unsigned or undated checks. Thank you for your assistance in this situation.

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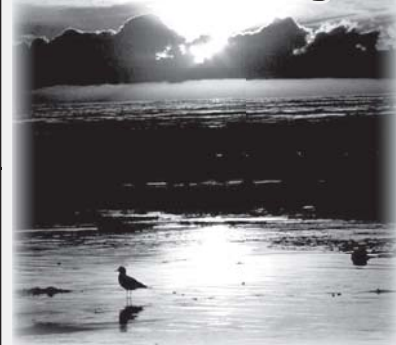


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