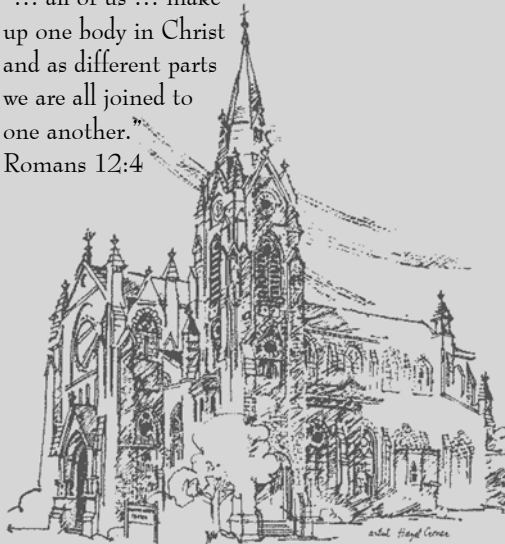


"... all of us ... make up one body in Christ and as different parts we are all joined to one another."

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 Mary, Mother of God

December 31, 2016 – January 1, 2017

Sunday Lectionary Readings

This Weekend's Readings: Numbers 6: 22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2: 16-21
 Next Weekend's Readings: Isaiah 60: 1-6; Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2: 1-12

Scripture Reflection

Today's solemnity focuses on the role of Mary in the wonderful miracle of the Incarnation. She was closest to all that happened, and it was she who came to know that God is here – with, for and among us. As we celebrate this solemnity of Mary as the Mother of God, we, too, pause to ponder. What does it mean to be the Mother of God? What does this title say about Mary? About God? About us? And about the church that gave her this title? We begin this new year with fascinating questions!

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.31, 4:00 pm – *Christmas Memorials* Friday, Jan. 6, 12:10 pm, Aurora F. Benedicto, *deceased*
 Sunday, Jan. 1, 10:30 am – *Jenkins Family, living & deceased* Saturday, Jan. 7, 4:00 pm, Blake Naifeh, *deceased*
 Monday, Jan. 2, NO 12:10 pm MASS – OFFICES CLOSED Sunday, Jan 8, 10:30 am, Parishioners Intentions, *living*
 Wednesday, Jan. 4, 12:10 pm – *Richard Wakeman, deceased*

Collection Update

Last Sunday's Offertory: \$4,054.00 \$: Budgeted -- \$4,524.33

Christmas Offertory Collection: \$ 8,149.00

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

Mass Attendance: 12/ 24 – 12/25/ 2016 – 4:00 -- 277 10:00 - 111 10:30 – 50

Coming Up at Corpus Christi

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| Monday, Dec. 26 – Monday, Jan. 2 | Parish Office Closed – Merry Christmas! | |
| 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 |
| Sunday, Jan. 29, 9:15 am | Faith Formation | School |
| Sunday, Jan. 29, 10:45 am | CLOW | Church |
| Saturday, Feb. 4, 4:45 pm | Souper Bowl of Caring | Church |

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

CORPUS CHRISTI NEWS

Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year!

Here we are beginning a new year this weekend. As we celebrate the memory of Our Lady – we recall that Mary had to face a great deal of change in her life. But we know that she did it confident that God was by her side in and through all things.

This New Year may bring and probably will bring change for each of us and for our parish community. For many change is frightening. For others it is challenging. And for some it is desired. Regardless of where we might fall when it comes to change – we do know that change will happen whether we like it or not.

So maybe we need to embrace it – and like Mary, open ourselves to the presence of God – asking God to give us the wisdom – the courage and the ability to accept and live with whatever changes may come our way.

If we do this, then, maybe the New Year will truly be a blessed year in spite of the changes that we might be called upon to face.

Peace,
Fr. Marty

A Happy New Year to All

The pastor prays that all of our parishioners and their families might have a happy, holy and healthy New Year! May this Year of the Lord 2017 be truly a year of growth – of new experiences and of many blessings!

Hospitality

We will have a small celebration after mass on New Year's Day, January 1 to ring in 2017. Champagne and chocolate will be provided. 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.

Happy Anniversary

This weekend is the 126th anniversary of the consecration of our beautiful church that took place on January 1, 1891. Let us remember in a special way the Jenkins Family – whose generosity enabled us to have this beautiful church to worship in.

Many Thanks

Many thanks to all our parishioners, their relatives and friends who joined us last weekend for our Christmas celebrations. Your presence was a blessing. Thanks also for your generous giving in the Christmas Offertory. May our gracious God continue to bless us as we strive to make the Good News of Jesus ever more present in our community.

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.

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.

Parish Offices Closed

The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, January 2nd in observance of the New Year's holiday. The Offices will reopen on Tuesday, January 3rd.

Food Program – Week of 12/19– 12/23, 2016

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| Grocery Bags | Mon | 30 Bags |
| Lunches at the Door | Mon/Wed/Fri | 60 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, rolls, cookies, cupcakes and pies. In addition there was plenty of beautiful cut-up fresh fruit and vegetables.

Many Thanks

From Christmas cookies to boxes of chocolates your response was great! Thank you to everyone who baked cookies to be given out at the door, bought boxes of chocolates for our grocery bag recipients, made donations or sent positive thoughts our way for our holiday programs. Our lunch guests were delighted with the addition of homemade Christmas cookies with their lunch and everyone who received a box of chocolates with their grocery bag felt very special getting such a treat. Your efforts made Christmas extra enjoyable for many!

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.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Our Faith Formation students will be collecting monetary donations and soup donations as a part of the Souper Bowl of Caring on February 4th and 5th. In four years, students have collected more than \$1400 and 150 cans of soup for our rectory lunch program. The Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."

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.

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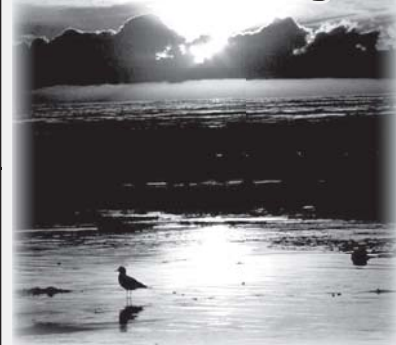


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