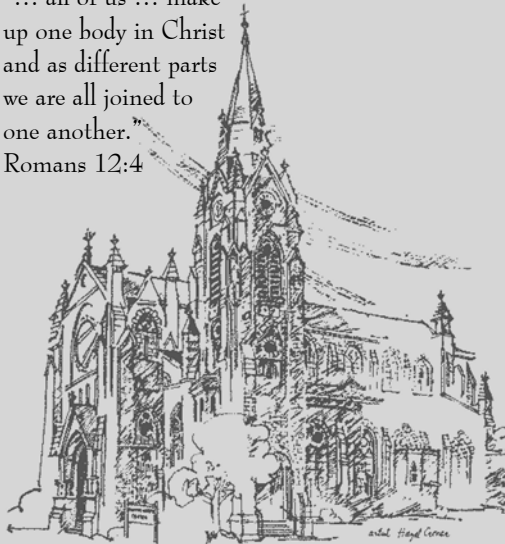


“... all of us ... make up one body in Christ and as different parts we are all joined to one another.”
Romans 12:4



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

Located at SFNC, 2405 Linden Avenue * Baltimore, Maryland 21217
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, as required by the Archdiocese. 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 mдемek@archbalt.org

Third Sunday of Advent

December 16 - 17, 2017

Sunday Lectionary Readings

This Weekend's Readings: Isaiah 61: 1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

Next Weekend's Readings: 2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Romans 16: 25-27; Luke 1: 26-38

Scripture Reflection

Today we are in the rhythm of both gratitude and yearning. Between the two, there is great space for hope. We are learning to be a patient people, continuing on, grateful but also impatient, in hope. We don't give up hoping just because some of the things we long for in God's reign of peace and justice have already happened. We're there, and yet we're not. So much remains unfinished; so many have not yet experienced what has been promised!

Let Us Pray For Those in Need of Prayer

David Rivera, Mykell Scott, Kelly Walsh, Joe & Missy Murphy, Marilyn Anderson, Christopher Kauffman, Alfredo Panico, Sister Jane Coyle, Kim Palowitz, Michael Previdi, Gillian Riddle, Marco Glorioso, Brennan Meadows, Kenneth E. Bates, Lilian Mary Nabuline, Dick Ullrich, Patrice Cromwell, Kim Maerkl, Kurt Berger, 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, Vivonne Cooper, Sarah Delcamp, Judith Zoellner, Jordan Crews, Joe Pezzi, Caylee Crews, Pat Kane, Noreen Betteridge, Francis Saba, 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. 16, 4:00 pm, Robert Zarbin., deceased

Friday, Dec. 22, 12:10 pm, Marguerite Moran, *living*

Sunday, Dec. 17, 10:30 am, Eric Peloquin, *deceased*

Saturday, Dec.23, 4:00 pm, Rose DeStefano, *deceased*

Monday, Dec. 18, 12:10 pm, Rev. Frank Callahan, *deceased*

Sunday, Dec. 24, 4:00 pm, Christmas Memorials

Wednesday, Dec.20, 12:10 pm, Marie G. Mackin., *deceased*

10:00 pm, Christmas Memorials

Collection Update

Last Sunday's Offertory \$6,015.98 Budgeted -- \$4,524.33

Last Sunday's 2nd Collection: \$1,219.40 – Retired Religious

This Weekend's 2nd Collection will benefit our Community Outreach Programs.

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection will benefit our Community Outreach Programs.

Mass Count – December 9 - 10 – 4:00 pm - 21 10:30 am – 130

Coming Up at Corpus Christi

Sunday, December 10, 9:15 am	Faith Formation	School
Sunday, December 10, 9:15 am	Confirmation Class	Rectory
Sunday, December 10, 10:45 am	CLOW	Church
Sunday, December 17, 9:15 am	Faith Formation	School
Sunday, December 17, 10:45 am	CLOW	Church
Sunday, December 17, 11:45 am	Hospitality	Church
Saturday, December 23, 4:00 pm	4 th Sunday of Advent Mass	Church
Sunday, December 24, 4:00 pm	Christmas Family Mass	Church
Sunday, December 24, 10:00 pm	Christmas "Midnight" Mass	Church
Monday, December 25, 10:30 am	Christmas Day Mass	Church
Mon., December 25 – Friday, December 29	PARISH OFFICES CLOSED	
Sat., December 30- Sunday December 31	Feast of the Holy Family	
Monday, January 1, 10:30 am	Mary, Mother of God – Corpus Christ Anniversary	Church
Monday, January 1	PARISH OFFICES CLOSED	
Wednesday, January 3, 12:10PM	Daily Mass- Christmas weekday	Church
Friday, January 5, 12:10PM	Daily Mass-Christmas weekday	Church
Saturday, January 6, 1:30PM	Wedding	Church
Saturday & Sunday, Jan. 6 & 7	The Epiphany of the Lord	
Sunday, January 7, 9:15AM	Faith Formation	School
Sunday, January 7, 9:15AM	Sandwich Making Party	Rectory
Sunday, January 7, 10:45AM	CLOW	Church
Sunday, January 7, 11:45AM	Hospitality	Church
Monday, January 8, 12:10PM	Daily Mass-The Baptism of the Lord	Church
Monday, January 8, 7:00PM	Pastoral Council Meeting	Rectory

For more information, visit www.corpuschristibaltimore.org

CORPUS CHRISTI NEWS

Dear Parishioners,

Next weekend the Christian community throughout the world will celebrate Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We are remembering, once again, the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Jesus is certainly the greatest gift that our God has given to the human race. He is that gift of mercy and love and hope that the world continues to so desperately need.

We still live in difficult times – in our nation and in the world. As Advent comes to an end soon let us make every effort to make peace, love, mercy, and forgiveness a part of our everyday life. And if we should do this, who knows how it might affect someone else – and who knows maybe, just maybe, if we all did this our nation will look different and the world will truly be a place of hope and not despair.

Remember Advent – simple – not easy – but ever possible!
Peace, Fr. Marty

Christmas Greens

As we have done in the past, our Environmental Committee invites our parishioners to bring in Christmas greens of all sorts – pine, fir, holly and magnolia leaves. We need it for decorating the church for the Christmas season. **Please bring the greens in this weekend – December 16-17. Place them in the work sacristy in the large containers. You can also bring them by to the rectory up until Dec. 22nd. Thank you!**

Christmas Flower Memorials

Christmas is rapidly approaching – please use one of the Christmas Flower Memorial envelopes to make a donation and have your family and friends remembered in a special way through the beauty of our Christmas sanctuary. Envelopes need to be turned in no later than Wednesday, December 20th.

4th Sunday of Advent

Please be aware that this year the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve coincide – December 24th. However, here at Corpus Christi **we will not have a 10:30 am morning Mass on December 24th** in light of the fact that we will have a 4:00 pm and a 10:00 pm later that day for Christmas. **So we will celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent on Saturday evening, December 23rd at the 4:00 pm Mass** – we will light the Advent Wreath and we will have music as well.

Many thanks to all those parishioners who brought in Advent greens – they certainly made an incredibly beautiful Advent Wreath for our church! Many thanks!

Christmas Mass Schedule



Christmas Mass will be celebrated at Corpus Christi on:

Sunday, December 24, 2017

4:00 pm – Christmas Family Liturgy

10:00 pm – Christmas Choir Mass

Monday, December 25, 2017

10:30 am – Christmas Day Mass

All are welcome to join us for these festive celebrations!

ALERT!!! Food Program Volunteer Opportunity

We're looking for a volunteer who can stock shelves and do an inventory of our grocery bag items twice a month. If you're interested or have any questions please contact Beth at 410-615-7771 or beth.steinrock@archbalt.org.

Food Program – Week of 11/27 – 12/1, 2017

Grocery Bags	Mon	25 bags
Lunches at the Door	Mon/Wed/Fri	47 lunches

Grocery Bags

This week's grocery bags were filled with cereal, pasta, beans, vegetables, soup, canned fruit, tuna, salmon, peanut butter and jelly. A huge thank you to Whole Foods for their generous post Thanksgiving contribution of bread, rolls, bagels, muffins, donuts, cookies, pies, lots of fresh fruit and vegetables, milk and a variety of non-perishable goods. Everyone left with bags full of goodies.

On the Mondays leading up to Christmas, everyone in our grocery bag program will be given a box of chocolates and a Target gift card to help with their holiday expenses.

Sandwiches!!!

McDonough is back on schedule delivering sandwiches once a month which is wonderful. As a reminder to everyone, the sandwiches the students make help a great deal, but we still need you to make a sleeve or two of sandwiches when you can. Thanks for your support of our food program by making sandwiches!

2018 Church Envelopes

The 2018 envelopes are in the back of the church. Envelopes are labeled by family name. If you do not have envelopes, but your family would like some, please let us know! Envelopes and checks (either through bill pay or dropped in the collection) are the only way we can track giving for tax letters. Please note many of you have a new envelope number for 2018. Please be sure to discard any old envelopes on January 1st.

Advent, 2017—“Simple—Not Easy”

Family Advent Calendars

Advent Calendars are available in the back of the church. The calendar has prayers, crafts, and information to help prepare your family for the coming of Christ. Information is posted daily on our parish Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CorpusChristiBaltimore/>

Advent Resources—Visit our Advent Pinterest page for all sorts of Advent crafts, activities, prayers, and more!
www.pinterest.com/corpuschristiff/advent/

An Evening of Prayer—All young adults are invited to join Archbishop Lori Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 7:00PM-Vespers, 7:45PM-Las Posadas, 8:15PM-Fellowship
Moments of Silence/Prayer/Fellowship/Christmas Music



Best Advent Ever—Remember getting ready for Christmas when you were a child? Preparing for Christmas can be as joyful as it was the. Rediscover the joy in the season with the **Best Advent Ever, a free email program that will help you prepare for Christmas. Sign**

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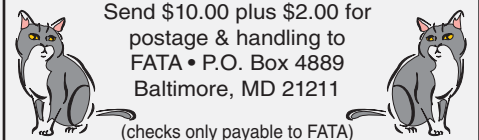
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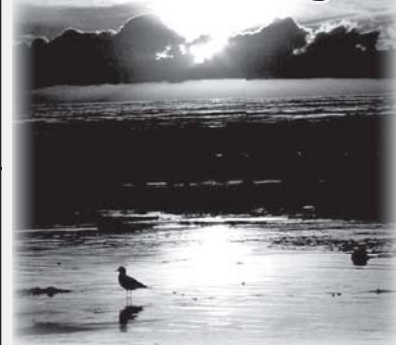
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