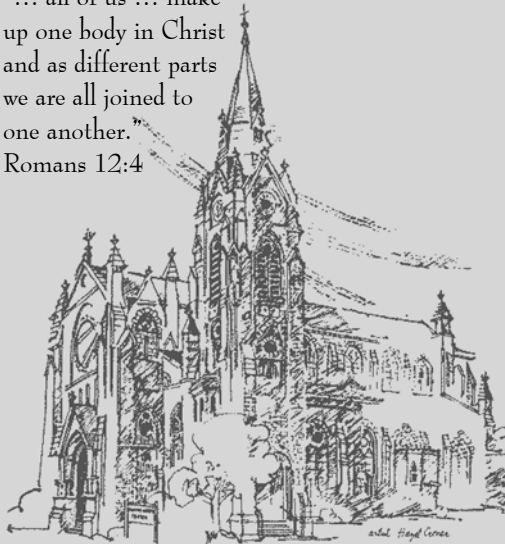


"... all of us ... make up one body in Christ and as different parts we are all joined to one another."
Romans 12:4



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 susan.yost@archbalt.org

Fourth Sunday of Advent – Christmas Eve

December 23 - 24, 2017
Sunday Lectionary Readings

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

Next Weekend's Readings: Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3: 12-21; Luke 2: 22-40

Christmas Readings: Isaiah 9: 1-6; Titus 2: 11-14; Luke 2: 1-14

Scripture Reflection

This last week of Advent is very brief, but the message is profound. The fulfillment of God's promises is about to happen! This single day places us in a long line of yearning people. Christmas is upon us, yet the task of endless anticipation is a sacred reality we need to embrace. Let us embrace it – let us rejoice – let us give thanks – let us prepare to celebrate the great gift of our God – Jesus the Word Made Flesh!

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. 23, 4:00 pm, Rose DeStefano, deceased

Friday, Dec. 29, **NO 12:10 PM MASS**

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

Saturday, Dec. 30, 4:00 pm, Christmas Memorials

Sunday, Dec. 24, 10:00 pm, Christmas Memorials

Sunday, Dec. 31, 10:30 am, Christmas Memorials

Monday, Dec. 25, 10:30 am, Christmas Memorials

Wednesday, Dec. 27, **NO 12:10 PM MASS**

Collection Update

Last Sunday's Offertory: \$4,343.00 Budgeted -- \$4,524.33

Last Sunday's 2nd Collection: \$1,006.01

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 16 - 17 – 4:00 pm -31 10:30 am – 138

Coming Up at Corpus Christi

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	Church
Monday, January 1, 10:30 am	<i>Mary, Mother of God – Corpus Christi Dedication Anniversary</i>	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	Church
Sunday, January 7, 10:45AM	CLOW	Church
Sunday, January 7, 11:45AM	Hospitality	Rectory
Monday, January 8, 12:10PM	Daily Mass- <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	Church
Monday, January 8, 7:00PM	Pastoral Council Meeting	Church
Wednesday, January 10, 12:10PM	Daily Mass-Ordinary Time	Church
Friday, January 12, 12:10PM	Daily Mass	Church
Saturday, January 13, 4:00PM	Second Sunday of Ordinary Time	Church
Sunday, January 14, 10:30AM		
Sunday, January 14	NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES	
Monday, January 15	Martin Luther King Day-PARISH OFFICES CLOSED	

For more information, visit www.corpuschristibaltimore.org

CORPUS CHRISTI NEWS

Dear Parishioners,

Christmas is such a beautiful season – the lighted trees, the beautiful flowers, the lovely carols, the familiar Scriptures and the inspiring nativity scene. All of these things should help us – inspire us – cause us to believe that our God has loved us so much so that he sent his Son to become one like us in all things but sin. Yes, this week we celebrate that great gift to humankind!

So I am encouraging all to make straight the path into our hearts – to open them so that the Incarnate Word – born long ago – might always dwell in our hearts now and throughout the coming New Year.

Peace,
Fr. Marty

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.

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!

A Blessed Christmas to All!

May all 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 the 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 2017!

Parish Offices Closed

The Parish Offices will be closed from Christmas Day, Monday, December 25 through and including New Year's Day, Monday, January 1st. The Parish Offices will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd.

Christmas Special Collection

Please be reminded that there will only be one Collection on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please be especially generous in your Christmas offering. Thank you always for your generosity!

New Year's Day Mass – Plan ahead

A reminder that New Year's Day is not just the beginning of a New Year, but it is also the 127th 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.

Mass will be celebrated on Monday, January 1, 2018 at 10:30 am.

Won't you come and join us in celebrating this New Year of 2018!

Many Thanks

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped with last weekend's hospitality – kudos for a job well done!!!!

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	56 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. **Many thanks to everyone who helped with the special Christmas treats – the box of chocolates – the guests at the center loved getting the candy with their gift card! Thanks for your generosity!**

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter--As we celebrate Holy Family

Sunday, let us remember that God's love for us is reflected in the love for each other in our family. Why not celebrate and encourage that love by giving your spouse the gift of a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** (WWME) weekend? The next weekends are April 20-22, 2018, November 2-4, 2018 in Gaithersburg, MD and August 3-5, 2018 in Hanover, MD. Go to welovematrimony.org to sign-up or call 301-541-7007. It's not too early to sign-up!



A pilgrimage for young adults ages 18-35 from the Archdioceses of Baltimore and Harrisburg Panama City ~ January 21-28, 2019

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