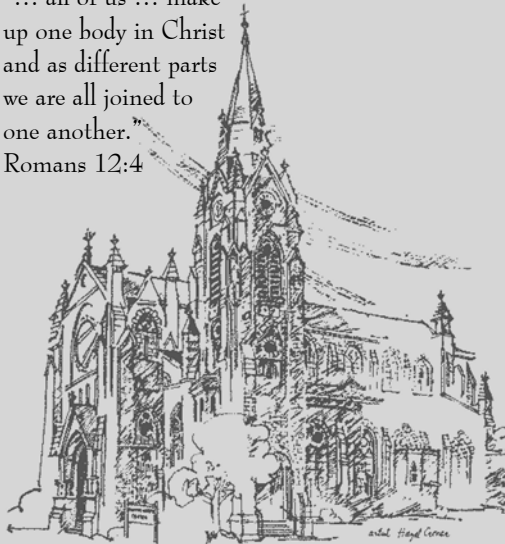


"... all of us ... make up one body in Christ and as different parts we are all joined to one another."
Romans 12:4



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
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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, 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

Feast of the Holy Family

December 30 - 31, 2017
Sunday Lectionary Readings

This Weekend's Readings: Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3: 12-17; Luke 2: 22-40
Next Weekend's Readings: Isaiah 60: 1-6; Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2: 1-12

Scripture Reflection

Family life is always a challenge, and our religious ancestors had advice about how to make it work. Though many cultural values were different, we realize how family life was interwoven with faith. We don't know much about Jesus' family, but we hear this weekend that they followed traditional Jewish laws. We tend to think of them as so different from our own families; but, like us, they would have struggled to understand what they were being called to. Believe it or not -- we are more alike than we think!

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. 30, 4:00 pm, Christmas Memorials
Sunday, Dec. 31, 10:30 am, Christmas Memorials
Monday, Jan 1, 10:30 am, Jenkins Family, *deceased*
Wednesday, Jan. 3, 12:10 pm, Camille Harbeck, *deceased*
Friday, Jan. 5, 12:10 pm, Donna Marie Dailey, *deceased*
Saturday, Jan. 6, 4:00 pm, Doris Tibbs, *deceased*
Sunday, Jan. 7, 10:30 am, John F. Hannaway, *deceased*

Collection Update --No Figures available because of early printing in light of the holidays!

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

Last Sunday's 2nd Collection: \$

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

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

Mass Count – Dec. 23 – 4:00 pm - Dec. 24 – 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Dec. 25 - 10:30 am –

Coming Up at Corpus Christi

Sat., December 30- Sunday December 31	Feast of the Holy Family	Church
Monday, January 1, 10:30 am	Mary, Mother of God – Corpus Christ Anniversary	Church
Monday, January 1	PARISH OFFICES CLOSED	Church
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
Wednesday, January 10, 12:10PM	Daily Mass	Church
Friday, January 12, 12:10PM	Daily Mass	Church
Saturday, January 13, 4:00PM	Ordinary Time	Church
Sunday, January 14, 10:30AM	Second Sunday of Ordinary Time	Church
	NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES	
Monday, January 15	Martin Luther King Day- PARISH OFFICES CLOSED	
Wednesday, January 17, 12:10PM	Daily Mass	Church
7:00PM	Finance Committee Meeting	Rectory
Friday, January 19, 12:10PM	Daily Mass	Church

For more information, visit www.corpuschristibaltimore.org

CORPUS CHRISTI NEWS

Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year!

Monday we begin a New Year – 2018! 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 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 to 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

Many Thanks!

Many thanks to all who helped to make all the Christmas celebrations so beautiful and so meaningful – especially those who were involved in any of the Liturgical, Musical and Environment ministries. Without all you did during the Christmas season and all you do throughout the liturgical year, our celebrations would not be as inspiring and touching. Thanks ever so much

New Year's Day Mass

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!

A Happy New Year to All!

The pastor prays that all of the Parish Staff and our Parish families might have a happy, holy and healthy New Year! May this Year of the Lord 2018 be truly a year of growth – of new experiences and of many blessings!

Happy Anniversary

This Monday, January 1st, is the 127th 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 majestic church to worship in.!

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!

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 12/18 – 12/22, 2017

Grocery Bags	Mon	25 bags
Lunches at the Door	Mon/Wed/Fri	74 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 contribution of bread, rolls, bagels, muffins, donuts cookies, pies, lots of fresh fruit and vegetables, and a variety of non-perishable goods. Everyone left with bags full of goodies.

Many Thanks

Thank you so much to everyone who was so generous with donations and boxes of chocolates for our folks who come monthly for groceries. Everyone was thrilled with their gift card and so happy to get a box of chocolates. You helped to make Christmas merrier for so many. Thanks again!

Needed.....Sandwiches!!!

Our freezer is empty. We are in real need of sleeves of sandwiches for our guests who come to the rectory Monday, Wednesday and Friday for lunch. Currently each person gets two sandwiches – one they can eat right away and one they usually save for later. We really don't want to start giving only one sandwich but if the supply doesn't increase, we'll be forced to give less.

Making sandwiches is so easy and if everyone made a sleeve or two each month we'd never have a shortage. It's a great project for families and even young children can help. If you have any questions contact Beth Steinrock at beth.steinrock@archbalt.org.

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. **If you would prefer to do electronic fund transfer – call Fr. Marty and he will explain how you can set that up with your bank.**

We thank you for faithfully using the envelopes week after week.

Faith Formation Updates

Faith Formation classes resume on January 7th for our K-8th grade students, and January 28th for Confirmation students. On January 7th, we are having a sandwich making party while the K-8th students are in class. Our First Communion Potluck will be on January 10th. Confirmation students will also have their retreat January 20-21st.

CLOW

Our pre-school through 1st grade parishioners (and non-parishioners, of course) are invited to participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word during the Sunday morning Mass. Just come forward when Father Marty calls for participants! CLOW follows the same schedule as Faith Formation, so we will not have CLOW on December 31st, January 14th, or February 18th.

Hospitality Thanks

The Hospitality Committee thanks all parishioners who attended the Dec. 17th Hospitality following the 10:30 am Mass, with special thanks to Mike Chovonec, Rick Connor, Regina Hambleton, Marcus Mosley, Jessica Walther, Caroline Wayner and Gil and Mary Anne Wylie for the wonderful cookies and baked goods they brought and for assisting the Committee in serving and cleaning up. The next Hospitality will be held on Sun., Jan. 7th, following the 10:30 am Mass.

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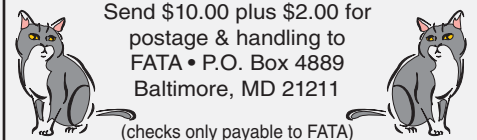
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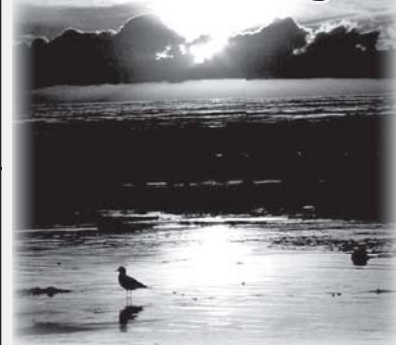
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