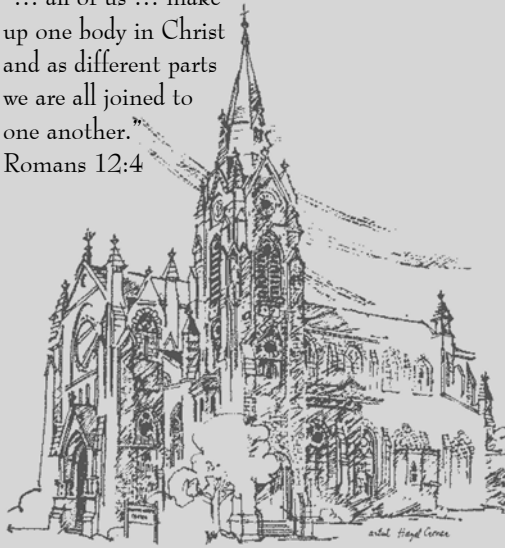


“... all of us ... make up one body in Christ and as different parts we are all joined to one another.”
Romans 12:4



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, 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 mdemek@archbalt.org

Twenty- Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 23 - 24, 2017
Sunday Lectionary Readings

This Weekend's Readings: Isaiah 55: 6-9; Philippians 1: 20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20: 1-16a
Next Weekend's Readings: Ezekiel 18: 25-28; Philippians 2: 1-11; Matthew 21: 28-32

Scripture Reflection

This weekend's readings remind us that with God, we are wise to expect the unexpected. Life is full of surprises and, sometimes, reversals: we may suffer injustice; things may seem unfair or out of balance; bad things happen when we least expect them. But, whatever happens to us, we can be confident that God is with us. Even more, a loving, generous God is actually pursuing us. God's love and compassion are always here – though sometimes just outside our line of vision. Realizing that can help us to see everything – and everyone – differently. Nothing is as it seems.

Let Us Pray For Those in Need of Prayer

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, Kathleen Ward Dragovich, 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, Sept. 23, 4:00 pm, Nancy Wood, *deceased* Friday, Sept. 29, 12:10 pm Denise Cutshall, *deceased*
Sunday, Sept. 24, 10:30 am, Elena Tamargo, *deceased* Saturday, Sept. 30, 4:00 pm, Sally Jenkins, *deceased*
Monday, Sept. 25, 12:10 pm, Connie Jones, *living* Sunday, Oct. 1, 10:30 am, Florence & Frank Styka, *deceased*
Wednesday, Sept. 27, 12:10 pm, Joseph Sills, Jr., *deceased*

Collection Update

Last Sunday's Offertory: \$3,743.55 Budgeted -- \$4,524.33
Last Sunday's 2nd Collection: \$957.00

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

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection will benefit Holy Angels Catholic School

Mass Attendance – September 16 - 17– 4:00 -- 27 10:30 –107

Coming Up at Corpus Christi

Sunday, September 24, 9:15 am	Faith Formation	School
Sunday, September 24, 10:30 am	Blessing of Teachers	Church
Sunday, September 24, 10:45 am	CLOW	Church
Saturday, September 30, 10 am to 2 pm	Pre-Cana	Rectory
Sunday, October 1, 9:15 am	Faith Formation	School
Sunday, October 1, 10:45 am	CLOW	Church
Sunday, October 1, 2 pm to 6 pm	Pre-Cana	Rectory
Monday, October 2, 7:00 pm	Pastoral Council Meeting	Rectory
Sunday, October 8, 9:15 am	Faith Formation	School
Sunday, October 8, 10:45 am	CLOW	Church
Monday, October 9, 7:00 pm	Liturgy Committee Meeting	Rectory
Saturday, October 14, 11:00 am	Festival on the Hill	Bolton Hill
Saturday, October 14, 1:30 pm	Wedding	Church
Sunday, October 15, 9:15 am	Faith Formation	School
Sunday, October 15, 10:45 am	CLOW	Church
Wednesday, October 15, 7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Rectory
Sunday, October 22,	No Faith Formation Classes	
Sunday, October 22, 5:30 pm	Tri-Church Youth Program	Brown Memorial
Saturday, October 28, 1:30 pm	Wedding	Church
Sunday, October 29, 9:15 am	Faith Formation	School
Sunday, October 29, 10:45 am	CLOW	Church
Wednesday, November 1, 12:10 pm	All Saints Feast Day – Holyday	Church
Saturday, November 4, 5:30 pm	Wedding	Church

For more information, visit www.corpuschristibaltimore.org

CORPUS CHRISTI NEWS

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend our Faith Formation Program starts up. This is an important program. It builds upon the seed of faith that was planted in the hearts of the young ones when they were baptized. It was the parents and their family who began the process during the children's early years. Now we as Church join them in a special way to help these young ones to come to know and to love the Lord our God and his Son, Jesus Christ and to better live out what it means to be a faith filled follower of Jesus.

So let us pray for all the young ones who will be in our program – may God open their minds to what is being taught – for our teachers and substitutes – may God work in and through them to enable our children to come to know and love God – and our Coordinator, Kristen, may God grace her with all that she needs to guide this vitally important program. And lastly for the parents, may you continue to be invested in your child's faith formation and may you set the best example possible for them as they grow in wisdom, knowledge and love.

Peace,

Fr. Marty

Congratulations

Congratulations go out to Jennifer Michels and Jason Fedell as well as Lara Peake and Mark Townsley! Both couples were married at Corpus Christi this past weekend! May God bless both couples with grace and love!

Pre-Cana Program

The parish's Pre-Cana Program will take place on Saturday, September 30th from 10 am to 2 pm and on Sunday, October 1st from 2 pm to 6 pm. Please keep all the couples and the presenters in your prayers!

SANDWICHES

Sandwiches for our lunch program won't be coming from McDonogh School until October. If you can make a sleeve or two of sandwiches to get us through this month it would be greatly appreciated. It's a simple and family friendly activity. Contact Beth with any questions at beth.steinrock@archbalt.org or 410-615-7771.

Food Program – Week of 9/11 – 9/15, 2017

Grocery Bags	Mon	24 bags
Lunches at the Door	Wed/Fri	74 lunches

Grocery Bags

This weeks grocery bags were filled with cereal, pasta, beans, vegetables, soup, canned fruit, tuna, salmon, peanut butter and jelly. The items from Whole Foods were plentiful and fantastic. Lots of strawberries, raspberries, tomatoes, prepared soups, sandwiches, milk, eggs, cheese and the usual bounty of bread, rolls, bagels, muffins, donuts and cookies. A very special treat were pies and vanilla buttercream cakes from the bakery! Needless to say everyone left with bulging bags. Thank you Whole Foods!!!

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.

Men's Retreat Opportunity

Malvern Retreat House outside Philadelphia has been offering weekend retreats for men for more than 100 years. Guided by a priest retreat master, there are many opportunities to hear spiritual talks, reflect privately or stroll beautiful wooded grounds. If you would be interested, please contact George Steinrock at 410-371-0142 or gsteinrock@jmt.com. George would be happy to host a new retreatant when he makes his annual retreat December 8-10, 2017; however, there are retreats scheduled nearly every weekend of the year. For more information see www.MalvernRetreat.com.

Faith Formation Classes

Faith Formation classes for all students, Kindergarten through Confirmation, have started, but it is not too late to enroll your student. Registration forms for new families can be found in the back of the church, or see Kristen Bowden at Mass, or email her at kristen.bowden@archbalt.org. Please be aware that the Archdiocese requires that students must have a year of faith formation before beginning a sacramental preparation program for First Communion (typically 2nd grade) or Confirmation (typically 9th grade). Students enrolled in Catholic school meet this requirement. Please contact Kristen if you have any questions about this requirement or if you need assistance registering.

Children's Liturgy of the Word begins this weekend!

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. Students are called up for a blessing, then sent with the teacher to participate in an age-appropriate liturgy. The children listen to the same Gospel, discuss the reading, and make a craft to help learn how the reading can help them grow closer to God. There is no need to register, just come forward when Father Marty calls for participants!

SINGLE PARENT RETREAT

The Catholic Community of Ascension & St. Augustine will host "Finding Time With Our God," a retreat for single parents, on **November 5, 2017** from 9:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at St. Augustine School, 5990 Old Washington Road, Elkridge, MD. Dr. Joanne Cahoon will lead the retreat. Cost is \$30. Send check to Ascension Parish Center, 4603 Poplar Ave. Halethorpe, MD 21227.

FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE...ARE THESE PRESENT IN YOUR MARRIAGE? HAVE YOU GIVEN UP HOPE

Rest in Peace

Please keep in your prayers two former Corpus Christi members and Corpus Christi School graduates who passed away this month – Margaret Winchester and Dorothy LaTerza Hertz. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them!

Evangelization and Communication Coordinator

Corpus Christi is an amazing community, and we are looking for an outgoing person to help welcome folks in! In this role, you will help share the heart and soul of our parish by organizing social events, managing our social media and building a team of parishioner volunteers. Sounds like fun, right? This is a 20 hour a week job. If you are interested in applying, please send a letter of interest and your resume to Fr. Marty at mdemek@archbalt.org.

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