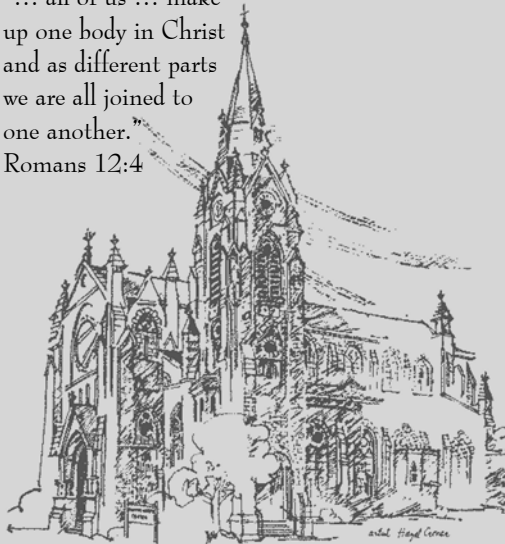


"... all of us ... make up one body in Christ and as different parts we are all joined to one another."
Romans 12:4



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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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 mdemek@archbalt.org

First Sunday of Advent

December 2 - 3, 2017

Sunday Lectionary Readings

This Weekend's Readings: Isaiah 63: 16b-17; 64: 2-7; 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9; Mark 13: 33-37

Next Weekend's Readings: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3: 8-14; Mark 1: 1-8

Scripture Reflection

In the midst of pre-holiday hyperactivity, we are offered this quiet season of reflection on Christ's coming among us, especially in unexpected moments. As with our ancestors in faith, his final return is unknown to us, so we probably don't think about it very much. But how aware are we of his presence to us now? Have we thought about what our response might be whenever or however he makes himself known to us? Advent is our time to do this!

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, 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, Dec. 2, 4:00 pm, Margaret Winchester., deceased Friday, Dec. 8, 12:10 pm, Bryan Moran, *living*
Sunday, Dec. 3, 10:30 am, Frank Cappadora, Sr., *deceased* Saturday, Dec. 9, 4:00 pm, Leo Nine, *deceased*
Monday, Dec. 4, 12:10 pm, Bishop Bill Newman, *deceased* Sunday, Dec. 10, 10:30 am, Parishioners Intentions
Wednesday, Dec. 6, 12:10 pm, Angela Ambrosio, *living*

Collection Update

Last Sunday's Offertory: \$3,688.68 Budgeted -- \$4,524.33

Last Sunday's 2nd Collection: \$494.36

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

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection will benefit the Retired Religious Collection.

Mass Count – November 25 - 26 – 4:00 pm - 23 10:30 am – 96

Coming Up at Corpus Christi

Friday, December 1, 5:30 pm	Wedding	Church
Saturday, December 2, 5:30 pm	Wedding	Church
Sunday, December 3, 9:15 am	Faith Formation	School
Sunday, December 3, 9:15 am	Confirmation Class	Rectory
Sunday, December 3, 10:45 am	CLOW	Church
Monday, December 4, 7:00 pm	Pastoral Council Meeting	Rectory
Wednesday, December 6, 7:00 pm	Liturgy Meeting	Rectory
Friday December 8, 12:10 pm	Mass – Immaculate Conception	Church
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	

For more information, visit www.corpuschristibaltimore.org

CORPUS CHRISTI NEWS

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend begins the Season of Advent. It is very short this year – just 3 weeks and a day. So therefore, we need to make the most of it. We need to listen very closely to the Scripture Readings. We need to take them to heart – this year’s theme is “Advent: simple – not easy”. Yes, the way of the Lord is simple as we will hear in the Scriptures – but, at times, it is not easy to implement. Yet that is what we are asked to do as we prepare for the celebration of the Incarnate Son of God. So let’s get to it now – let’s not put it off to later. Have a prayerful, spiritual Advent Season!

Peace,
Fr. Marty

A Reminder

If you have been away or have not kept up with your donation to the Offertory Collection each week, please consider doing so soon. Our numbers have been down

Stewardship

If you have not turned in your Stewardship information please do so as soon as possible. This will assist us in planning for the future.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word

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 24th or December 31st.

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 11/20 – 11/24, 2017

Grocery Bags	Mon	25 bags
Lunches at the Door	Mon/Wed/Fri	37 lunches (closed Friday)

Grocery Bags

This week’s grocery bags were filled with cereal, pasta, beans, vegetables, soup, canned fruit, tuna, salmon, peanut butter and jelly. Whole Foods contributions of bread, rolls, bagels, muffins, donuts cookies, lots of fresh fruit and vegetables, yogurt, milk and a variety of non-perishable goods. Thank you Whole Foods!!!

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!

Thinking Ahead...

We are hoping you will help us make Christmas special for the folks who come once a month for a bag of groceries. Along with their gift card we would like to give everyone a box of chocolates as a special treat. We will need 200 boxes of candy! A one pound box of Russell Stover or Whitman’s chocolates is what we need. Candy can be left in the basket at the back of church or dropped off at the rectory. Thanks so much!!!

Parish Advent Theme:

Advent: Simple – Not Easy!
Have a blessed Advent Season!

Advent, 2017—“Simple, but 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! If you’d like an electronic version, please email Kristen at kristen.bowden@archbalt.org. Copies will also be distributed on December 3rd in Faith Formation.

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 up at bestadventever.com/almostchristmas**

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

The holiday season is difficult for those dealing with the pain of separation and divorce. The Rebuilding ministry at St. Bernadette Parish will host "Surviving the Holidays" sessions on Wednesday, **Nov 15**, 7:00-9:00pm (<https://www.divorcecare.org/holidays/events/24992>) and Sunday, **Dec 17**, 1:30-1:30pm (<https://www.divorcecare.org/holidays/events/25917>) in the parish Conference Room. These sessions will help separated and divorced individuals learn strategies to deal with the difficult holiday period. There is no need to be part of the Rebuilding group to participate. The cost of the session is \$10 to cover your workbook. Contact us at Rebuildingsevern@gmail.com or (410) 969-2793

The Liturgical Year ends this week. Next weekend we will begin the Year B cycle of readings on the weekend.

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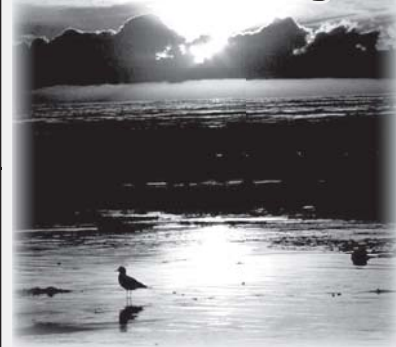


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