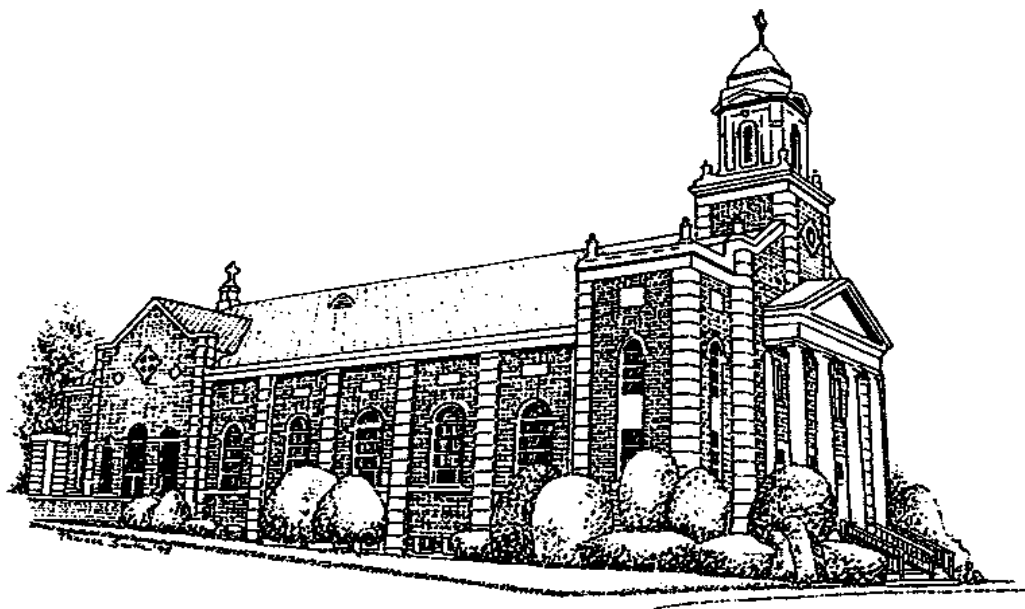


CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH

Rev. Thomas B. Campion, Pastor
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Parish Website:
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corpuschristischoolct.com

**HOSPITAL & CONVALASCENT
HOME VISITATION:**
Call Rectory with information

PRAYER LINE REQUESTS:
Boxes are at all the exits of the church.
You may also call the Rectory.

CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL
Principal: Eileen Sampiere

YOUTH GROUP DIRECTOR
Sharon Reynolds

CCD SCHOOL OF RELIGION
(MON. - FRI. 10-2)

Priest/Director:
Rev. Thomas B. Campion

CCD Co-Coordinators:
Sharon Reynolds & Carol Pasternak

**MASSES FOR THE
LORD'S DAY**
Saturday Afternoon at 4:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM
and 12:00 Noon

DAILY MASS:
7:30 AM AND 5:30 PM

CONFESSIONS:
Saturdays 2:30-3:30 PM
Thursdays before
First Fridays 4:30-5:00 PM
Vigils of Holy Days 4:30-5:00 PM

**PRE-BAPTISMAL SACRAMENTAL
PROGRAM**
Call Rectory For Appointment

BAPTISMS:
2nd & 3rd Sundays of
Month at 1:00 PM,
by appointment after
Pre-Baptismal Program

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 24 - Vigil: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8th ALM John Piacentini req. by his wife and family

Sunday, September 25 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM MLM Paul Salemi req. by Jimmy & Nella
9:00 AM 1st ALM Adelmo Civitillo req. by Lucy Civitillo
Children's Liturgy at this Mass!
10:30 AM 24th ALM Claire Krawiec req. by her son-in-law
12:00 NN 14th ALM John L. Dolin req. by the family

Monday, September 26 - St. Cosmas & St. Damian, martyrs
7:30 AM MLM Carmella Bazzano req. by her daughter Maria
5:30 PM MLM Eleanor Bielak req. by the Corpus Christi Women's Club

Tuesday, September 27 - St. Vincent de Paul, priest
7:30 AM MLM Peter Hamernik and Family req. by Jennie
5:30 PM MLM Emily Gornicz req. by her family

Wednesday, September 28 - St. Wenceslaus, martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz, martyr and his companions, martyrs
7:30 AM Low Mass for the Intentions of Edward Hunt req. by his daughter Kathleen Hunt and family
5:30 PM ALM Joseph F. Gentile req. by his family

Thursday, September 29 - St. Michael, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael, archangels
7:30 AM MLM David John Kaiser req. by his wife Rose Kaiser
5:30 PM MLM Angelo and Livia Moscardelli req. by her daughter and family

Friday, September 30 - St. Jerome, priest & doctor of the Church
7:30 AM MLM Fr. Joseph Pray req. by David Loughlin
5:30 PM 11th ALM William Roraback req. by his family

Saturday, September 30 - St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, virgin and doctor of the Church
7:30 AM MLM Anthony Miele req. by his family

Saturday, September October 1 - Vigil: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM MLM Deceased Members of the Formica Family req. by Richard and Jo-Ann Formica

Sunday, October 2 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM MLM Edward F. Stiles req. by his wife and family
9:00 AM MLM Ann SanGiancomo req. by Elizabeth Germaine and family
Children's Liturgy at this Mass!
10:30 AM ALM John Setzko req. by the Babineau Family
12:00 NN MLM Richard Deffley req. by his family

CANDLES

The *SANCTUARY LAMP* will burn this week in memory of Carol Pappalardo req. by the family.

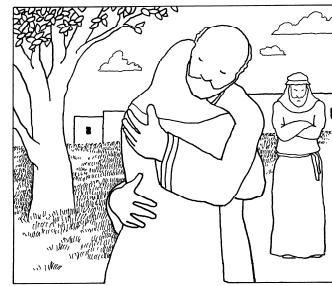
The second *SANCTUARY LAMP* will burn this week in memory of Patsey and Antoinette Ambrose req. by their daughter and family.

The *BLESSED VIRGIN 7 DAY CANDLE* will burn this week in memory of Philip L. Hurley and family req. by his mother.

The second *BLESSED VIRGIN 7 DAY CANDLE* will burn this week in memory of Jim Woods req. by his wife.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 25, 2011

Which of the two did his father's will?



THEME:

Jesus was obedient to the Father, even to death on a cross. We need never fear if we turn away from the path of virtue for the Lord is ever ready to forgive us, if we but repent. Remember, the Lord's compassion and kindness are from of old.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel Jesus asked, "What is your opinion?" Why do we think our opinion is dogma or fact? An opinion is only how we perceive a situation or how we feel comfortable doing something. Don't argue over or become divided by "your opinion."

ANGELIC

The reason angels can fly is because they take themselves lightly.

- G.K. Chesterton

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Zec 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday:	Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday:	Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51
Friday:	Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday:	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday:	Is 5:1-7; Ps 80; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Due to the generosity of our parishioners, our Sacrificial Giving last weekend amounted to \$ 10,310.00. *Thank you!*

The 2nd Collection this weekend is the **HOPES** (Help Our Parish Elementary Schools) **Collection**. Your gift will positively impact thousands of deserving children, while helping to secure the future of our Church.

PARISH INVOLVEMENT INITIATIVE

Each member of the Church shares the responsibility for its mission; each is called to give back out of love a portion of every gift (our time, our talent, our treasure) that has been entrusted to us by God.

How do we do this?

We give generous support - time, money, prayers and personal service, according to our circumstances, to the parish and diocesan programs, to the universal church, and to our communities.

Next weekend an insert in the bulletin will contain a list of the ministries and organizations of Corpus Christi Parish, along with the names of contact persons. Please review it and consider how you might choose to give time and talent to strengthen our church community.

PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

We have one last photo date opportunity: **Wednesday, October 19 from 2-9 PM**. All appointments are being made through the Rectory. Call Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM: **860-529-2545** to book an appointment.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

CCD classes have begun - Saturday classes (Grades 1-4) met on September 24th. The Wednesday session begins *this week* - families should plan to arrive **15 minutes before class** to receive class placement:

- **Wednesday, Sept. 28** (Grades 5-8); class begins at 7 PM
Report to the gym by 6:45 PM

High school students preparing for Confirmation will meet on Sundays beginning in October. Information will be posted shortly. Anyone interested in teaching on this level of the program can call **Sharon at 860-721-9419**.

LOOKING for PARISH INFORMATION?

Check-out our newly updated website! We are up & operating with just a few more tweaks to go. Our address:

www.corpuschristiparish.net

DINNER MAKES a DIFFERENCE!**Family Dinner Day: Monday, September 26**

Tomorrow is the DAY! All families of the Archdiocese are encouraged to take the time to be together, share a meal, and enjoy each other's company while reaping the benefits of having a family meal. More than a decade of research by The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University has consistently found that the more often kids eat dinner with their families, the less likely they are to smoke, drink or use drugs.

The Archdiocese of Hartford is participating in a national movement, **Family Day - A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children** (™) launched by The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University in 2001. This program reminds parents that what your kids really want at the dinner table is YOU!

To learn more about **Family Day** and to join parents across the country in taking the **Family Day** pledge, log onto www.CASAFamilyDay.org. Activity pamphlets are located at the exits of the church. Please take one!

*Above all, please take the time
and share a meal as a family TOMORROW!*

ROMAN MISSAL INFORMATION**Praying with Body, Mind, and Voice: GENUFLECTING**

As a sign of adoration, we genuflect by bringing our right knee to the floor. Many people also make the Sign of the Cross as they bend their knee. Traditionally, Catholics genuflect on entering and leaving church if the Blessed Sacrament is present in the sanctuary of the Church. The priest and deacon genuflect to the tabernacle on entering and leaving the sanctuary. The priest also genuflects in adoration after he shows the Body and Blood of Christ to the people after the consecration and again before inviting the people to Holy Communion.

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COMING UP:

As the month of September comes to an end and the month of October begins, here is a mini calendar of events to help you plan the next, *very busy*, few weeks:

- **October 2nd Weekend:** Sandwich Collection
- **October 2 (Sunday):** Confirmation with Bishop Macaluso
- **October 6 (Thursday):** *Confessions prior to First Friday*
from 4:30-5 PM
- **October 7 (Friday):** *First Friday Masses:*
7:30 AM & 5:30 PM

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

7-9 PM - Rosary & Adoration in our Church

- **October 9 Weekend:** A visit from Sr. Teresita
Monetary Collection for Honduras
Divine Mercy Holy Hour
- **October 10 (Monday):** Parish Council Meeting
- **October 13 (Thursday):** Prepare/Serve Shelter Meal
- **October 15/16:** Gala Weekend Celebrating Corpus Christi School's 50th Anniversary & Fr. Campion's Retirement

MONETARY COLLECTION for HONDURAS

We will be having a special monetary collection for Honduras on **October 8th & 9th**. Three parishioners from Corpus Christi - Drs. Mary & Ed Pergiovanni and Nancy Kiely - will be traveling to Honduras, from October 21-29, on a medical ministry trip with *Cure International, Inc.* to provide much needed dental and medical care to Hondurans. 100% of the funds collected will be given to Sr. Teresita Gonzales in Honduras for the following ministries:

1. **COPPROME**, a home for children in El Progreso. The money is needed for school supplies, school uniforms, medicines, clothes, transportation, toiletries, etc. - whatever it takes to feed, clothe, educate and provide for the health needs of 35 children. It's a big family to take care of and they have really been struggling financially.
2. In several remote mountain villages, children will be helped to continue their basic education with the help of scholarships.
3. The funds will also help a very poor barrio (community) on the riverbank in El Progreso, and other poor families with basic food supplies

Sr. Teresita will be in Connecticut in October and will speak at the 4 PM Mass on the 8th, and the 10:30 AM Mass on the 9th. Please try to attend one of these Masses so you can hear her speak and learn more about her ministry in Honduras. **Baskets will be available at all Masses on October 8th and 9th.** Thank you in advance for your generous donations.

God bless you!

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED**Corpus Christi School, Wethersfield**

Corpus Christi School is seeking substitute teachers for this present school year. Applicants must have a B.S. or B. A. degree. Please call Corpus Christi School at **860-529-5487** and send a resume to: Corpus Christi School, 581 Silas Deane Hwy., Wethersfield, CT 06109.

EAST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS NEWS

Come visit East Catholic High School during our **Open House on Thursday, November 10th at 6:45 PM**. The entrance exam for eighth graders will be given on Saturday, December 3rd at 8 AM at ECHS. Pre-registration for the exam is advised but not required. Visit www.echs.com or call our Admissions office at **860-649-5336 x456** for more information.

CYO PARISH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The Corpus Christi Parish Athletic Association will hold registration for the Parish basketball teams on **Tuesday, October 11th** and **Thursday, October 13th** from **6:30-8PM** in the **Corpus Christi School Lobby**. Registration is open to all boys and girls, in grades 5 & 6 (Junior Varsity) and grades 7 & 8 (Varsity), that are active members of Corpus Christi Parish and are receiving religious education through either the CCD Program or Corpus Christi School. The registration fee is \$75.00/player with a \$125.00 maximum/family. Registration and medical forms will be available at registration. Please bring a copy of the child's birth certificate. If you have any questions, please call Brendan Molloy at **860-529-1155**.

CATCH UP TIME

Do you believe that in just one short week it will be October!? So much has happened in 2011 that, before it comes to an end, we should catch up on a few highlights -

WINTER - There is just one word to describe it: *SNOWY*, and not the pretty kind depicted in *White Christmas*. So much snow that it cost everyone dearly and made us grumpier than Grinches! Corpus Christi spent over \$26,000 in snow removal costs - more than twice as much as the year before. *Lord, we can use a lot less snow this season - please, hear our prayers.*

SPRING - The front entrance to the rectory (on Somerset Street) has long needed a facelift. After a hectic winter, there was just one word for its look: *ugly!* Sounds like a job for the Women's Club and they indeed rose to the occasion! This beautification project included tearing out ALL the bushes at the front of the building and replacing them with an assortment of plants and bushes, a tree & a rock. The landscaping was expanded to both sides of the building too. The project was worth every penny of the \$2,400 it cost - *it's beautiful!!!* Point of interest: Vicino Nurseries provides both snow removal and major landscaping services to the parish. They do a great job on both, *but see prayer above.*

LATE SPRING/EARLY SUMMER - The School is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year and with Fr. Champion's announcement of his retirement at year's end, it was decided to have one gala affair to celebrate both. Under the leadership of Development Director Coleen Antico, the Anniversary Committee began planning alumni/parish events for **October 15/16**. On Saturday the 15th there is a Gala Dinner Dance at the Bond Hotel, and all will be invited for a tour of the school on the 16th after the 9 AM Mass on Sunday.

The school had its usual summertime sprucing up including the renovation of 6 classrooms and (*best of all*) new cafeteria tables! Outside the building, brickwork around the flagpole was laid giving a nice finished look to the front landscape. However, the school's playground/parking lot - or by the look of it '*crater lake*' - was a major project to be addressed. Originally slated for the first week of August, circumstances (*years of patchwork/must do it right this time*) got the job rescheduled to the week before school opened. Our thanks to Roger Tabshey & his General Paving crew who did an amazing job on reconstructing & paving the playground lot. Done on time, the lot was baptized by Hurricane Irene within days of completion and still looks great!

LATE SUMMER/EARLY FALL - Fr. Champion's retirement is certainly an occasion to celebrate - *28 years at Corpus Christi!* **Arrangements have been made to have Archbishop Mansell come to say Mass here on December 11th to honor Fr. Champion before his departure.** A reception for Father will follow the 10:30 AM Mass and the Women's Club will host the affair. At the club's planning meeting in July, they decided to forgo their usual fare (Bakeless Cake Sale, Basket Raffle) to fully support the Gala and make the December reception a most memorable event for Father.

FALL - The season has just begun and there is much to look forward to: Gala, tour of the school, Fr. Champion's Mass & reception, the Pictorial Directory - read the weekly bulletin and be a part of it all!