# Corpus Christi Church

# <u>Sunday Masses</u>

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. (said in English) 11:00 a.m. (said in Polish)

# Weekday Masses

Masses are in Chapel Monday & Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. Wed. Thur. Fri. Sat. 11:30 a.m. Thursday Mass is said in Polish

# **Confession**

(Sacrament of penance and reconciliation) In the Church Saturday 4:15-4:45 p.m. or by appointment

# **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

Sunday before Mass in English After the Mass in Polish

# Sacrament of Anointing

In case of emergency, please call the office.

# **Exposition of the Holy Eucharist**

Wednesday to Friday 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Mass First Thursday of the Month In the Church from 7p.m. – 10 p.m.

# <u>Perpetual Novena to</u>

Our Lady of Czestochowa

Every Saturday after 11:30 a.m. Mass

# **Parish Office Hours**

Monday–Friday: 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (Closed for lunch 12:30-1:00)

# **Letters of Recommendation**

Only registered and participating parishioners will be issued a Letter of Recommendation. Letters cannot be issued to non-parishioners

# Welcome

We extend to our visitors a very special welcome. We trust that the liturgy will be a blessing to you and you will visit us again. If you think you may be interested in joining Corpus Christi Parish, please contact our office. We will be glad to assist in making arrangements for your registration. Call 716-896-1050

# Sunday Vigil

**5:00** + Frances Costa requested by Family

# Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, The Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 + Victoria Gorczyca to celebrate her Birthday requested by her Grandchildren

**11:00** + Frank Serafin requested by Family

# Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>,

**10:00** For the Special Intentions of Ziggy Wilkosz

# Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>,

**10:00** The Parishioners of Corpus Christi Church

# Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>,

**11:30** + Frances Costa requested by Family

# Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, Saint Peter

Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

11:30 + Józef i Katarzyna Wolanin requested by Julian i Marianna Wolanin

# Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>,

**11:30** + Rupert and Gisela Ederer requested by Family

**Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>,** Saint John of Kanty, Priest

**11:30** + John and Florence Oleszek requested by their Daughter Donna

Sunday Vigil

**5:00** Deceased of the Gerken, Gilichowski, Sobus and Mazurkiewicz Family

# Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 9:30 + Gisela Ederer requested by Fr. Michał.
- 11:00 O Boże błog. i potrzebne łaski dla o. Mariusza Dymka i o. Michała Czyżewskiego requested by Rodzina Michaliszyn

# December 25<sup>th</sup>, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

MIDNIGHT MASS - for Parishioners of Corpus Christi Church Monday December, 25. 11:00 am + Stanislaw and Stella Gryko requested by Family and Friends

If you are the Donor of the Mass intention And would like to bring up the gifts Please inform one of the Ushers before Mass

### Sanctuary Lamp in the Church + Joseph Ziobro requested by Joanne Koch

**Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel** Parishioners of Corpus Christi Church



### **Prayer Request**

Prayers are requested for the following: Ronald Orcutt, Joan Janiszewski, Frank Page, Arthur M. Holakowski, John Drabek, Irene Golembiewski, Christine Gryko, Zbyszek Nowak, Alfred Wieczorek, Joe Janora, Carol Machynski, Ted Pilarski, Alina Łomacka, John Raczka, Alice Mackiewicz and baby Mac Martin.

Please pray for +Sister Mary Christine Songin, FSSJ. Sister died October  $26^{th}$  in her  $75^{th}$  year of religious life. Sister Mary Christine was a joy-filled and prayerful woman who expressed her love of the Lord by affirming everyone she met.

> **Attendance and Collections** December, 2017 Attendance 102 Collection \$ 1366 Retirement Found For Religious \$ 295

### **Faith Moment Reflection**

Rejoice! Today we celebrate Gaudete Sunday or Joy Sunday. The day takes its name from the Latin word "Gaudete," meaning rejoice. On this the third Sunday of Advent, the pink candle of the Advent wreath is lit and our readings remind us it is a time to rejoice. This is what the season is all about. "Brothers and sisters: rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." St. Paul teaches the Thessalonians. We should all step back, slow down and rejoice. Let's experience the true joy of the Christmas season before us, recognizing Christ in our midst. At times, we are the minister, bringing joy to others through our love and good works. At other times, we receive the ministry, taking joy in the simplest of pleasures - the love of family or help of a good friend. God is with us. Rejoice

### **Pope Francis**

In J.M. Bergoglio's Thoughts and Words for the Soul features Pope Francis stating "It is hard to forgive others. Lord grant us your mercy, so we can always forgive." on page 144.

#### **Decorating and Cleaning of the Church**

It is that time of year. Decorations are being brought out, Decorating of the Church will take place Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup> right after the 11:00 Mass. And it's the time when our Church building needs a major cleaning. It's not hard, but it is big. Please if you are available

December 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6 PM (Thursday) please come by and help clean the church. Thank you in advance for your help!

### **Advent Confessions**

Prepare yourself before the birth of our Lord, by going to Advent Confession. The scheduled confession will be as follows:

Sunday, Dec.17th from 10:30 AM to11:30 AM

- Corpus Christi and from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM at St. Stanislaus Church
- Monday, Dec.18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM at St. John de La Salle Church, Niagara Falls
- Tuesday, Dec. 19th, 6:30 PM at St. Bernard Church

Thursday, Dec.21<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 PM at Our Lady of

Czestochowa, Cheektowaga

### At the Request of the Diocese

Help For Your Marriage - Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times. For more info call (716) 474-9371 or visit www.MarriageSaved.com. All calls are confidential and pre-registration is required. Next weekend is January 19-21, 2018.

### **Sunday Televised Mass**

On Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30am on Fox-29, Bishop Malone will celebrate the fourth Sunday of Advent in the Our Lady Chapel at St. Joseph Cathedral, in Buffalo.

#### St. John the Baptist

The Special Needs Committee of St. John the Baptist, 1085 Englewood Avenue, Kenmore invites you to a performance of beautiful music by Sujeet Desai on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 1 pm in the Reina Community Room, This is a Holiday special you won't want to miss. Refreshments will be served. If you plan to attend call Judy at 716.877.5441 or rectory at 716.873-1122.

### St. Mary's High School

St. Mary's High School is pleased to announce it has partnered with The AAA of Central and Western New York to offer Driver Education classes to its students and any members of the community. There are several benefits related to this partnership, including offering several 5-Hour Pre-Licensing classes and several 6-Hour Points/Insurance Reduction classes during Winter 2018, in addition to the Winter 2018 Drivers Education Program. The program will run January 9, 2018 - March 1, 2018, and the cost for this program is \$520. The classes take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm, with the driving portion from 4:30 pm -6:00 pm and in the classroom from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Registration materials are available by going to the St. Mary's Questions regarding the program may be directed to Mr. Robert Cavallari

at rcavallari@smhlancers.org

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT & **CHRISTMAS - MASS SCHEDULE**

Because Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, some have asked whether a Sunday evening Mass on Christmas Eve would fulfill both the obligation for a Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass and the obligation for a Christmas Day Mass, as a "two-for-one" Mass. In a newsletter issued earlier this year, the U.S. Catholic Bishops have said that the faithful should attend two Masses to fulfill their Sunday and Christmas Mass obligations.

### A Piece of Corpus Christi !

We've saved a number of the original slate tiles from the replacement of the pitched roof a few years ago to be used as keepsakes. These are the same tiles which were used to cover the church 110 years ago.

Now the lower flat roof is in need of repair. In exchange for a donation of \$25 or more, you will receive a portion of the original slate from the upper roof in a special wooden box. Your assistance will help protect the beautiful interior and exterior of our historic sanctuary, and help ensure that future generations have the opportunity to worship in the same church we love so much. These limited-edition mementos are available after each Mass, or in the office.

### 2018 Parish Calendar

The legacy of Corpus Christi comes alive in our 2018 Parish Calendar! Photos from our rich history and community hi-light each month of spiritual enrichment and Parish events! Available for purchase \$10 in Office, \$15 by Mail.