

# Christmas

December 24-25, 2011

## Sunday Lectionary Readings

This Week's Readings: Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18  
Next Week's Readings: Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

### Scripture Reflection

**“Unto us a Savior is born.”**

## What difference has that made in our daily lives?

### Let Us Pray For Those in Need of Prayer

Don Siewert, Frances Sims, Howard Williams, Larry Bur, Joyce Hill, Eileen Twynham, Paul Cullin, Margaret Deurling, Don Rottman, Anthony Romano, Sr., Timothy Linn, Valborg Linn, David Brice, Ed McNally, Jessica Adams, Ed Pinder, Jessie Grimes, Horace Ellis, Jr., George Danek, Kathleen Allen, Jo van Gaal, Nina Arts, Vince Gomes, Joe Pezzi, Don Miles, Fr. Bob Judge, Evelyn Steinrock, Caylee Crews, Sr. Mary Louise Lynch, MMS, Riley Davis, Colette Bleistine, Kyla Zeilinger, Carol Tiftt, Colette Danek, Jane Schaberg, Paul Joop, Pat Kane, Natalie Barringer, Marion Jervey, John Garvey. *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 24, Christmas Memorials  
Sunday, Dec 25, Christmas Memorials

Saturday, Dec 31, Henry Tom  
Sunday, Jan 1, Lore Waclawek

### Collection Update

Last weekend's offertory: \$5,796.00

Last weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection to benefit our Community Center and outreach ministries: \$926.01

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### This Week at Corpus Christi

Sat, Dec 24, 4:00 pm	Christmas Family Mass	Church
Sat, Dec 24, 10:00 pm	Christmas "Midnight" Mass	Church
Sun, Dec 25, 10:30 am	Christmas Mass	Church
Sat, Dec 24 – Jan 2	Parish Offices Closed	Church
Sat, Dec 31, 4:00 pm	Solemnity of Mary	Church
Sun, Jan 1, 10:30 am	Solemnity of Mary	Church

### Coming Up at Corpus Christi

Mon., Jan. 9, 7:00 pm	Pastoral Council Meeting	Rectory
Mon, Jan 16	MLK, Jr. Holiday – offices closed, no mass	
Wed, Jan 18, 7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Rectory
Sun, Jan 22, 9:10 am	Faith Formation Classes	Midtown
Sun, Jan 22, 10:40 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Church
Sat, Jan. 28, 9:00 am	Lenten Liturgy Planning	Rectory
Sun, Jan 29, 9:00 am	Confirmation Class	Rectory
Sun, Jan 29, 9:10 am	Faith Formation Classes	Midtown
Sun, Jan 29, 10:40am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Church
Mon, Jan 30, 7:00 pm	Pastoral Council Exec. Committee Meeting	Rectory

Visit our website at [www.corpuschristibaltimore.org](http://www.corpuschristibaltimore.org) for our more complete calendar of events.

***Congratulations to Marko James Renee Tomijanovic, son Justin M. Tomijanovic and Jessica H. Ulmer, baptized on Tuesday, December 27 at Corpus Christi!***

## CORPUS CHRISTI NEWS

### From the Pastor,

“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given...”  
This weekend the Christian community all over the world is celebrating the great gift that our God bestowed upon the world over 2,000 years ago when he permitted his Son to become human and to be born of the Virgin Mary.

What an incredible gift it was and continues to be for us human beings. For Jesus, even though physically removed from us, continues to journey with us on this earth – for we have his Word, his Way of Life, his sacramental presence in the Eucharist, and his presence within each of us. And we have the grace of God given so lovingly which enables us to be open to Jesus and to follow Jesus most faithfully.

May this Christmas season be truly a time when we open our hearts, our minds and our persons to Jesus’ presence. May his peace be our peace, his love be our love, his hope be our hope, his joy be our joy today and everyday.

I wish all of our parishioners and their families – all of our visitors – and anyone who joins us to celebrate this great feast – a Blessed, Holy and Happy Christmas!

Peace,  
Fr. Marty

### Thank You

We were able to give a new pair of gloves to every guest at our Christmas dinner at our center. Thank you for your donations.

### Pastor’s Suppers

Don’t forget to sign up for the Pastor’s Suppers. Sign-up sheets are in the back of church near where the old bulletins are placed on the back wall of the church. There are still openings for the dates in January, March and April. Fill out the tear off and return it as soon as possible – this will enable the pastor to plan appropriately. Please place your tear off in the collection basket.

### Church Envelopes for 2012

Weekly offertory envelopes are now available for pick up in the back of church. If you cannot find your envelopes, or if you would like to request envelopes, please contact Bob Wissmann at the rectory office, (410) 523-4161 or [bwissmann@archbalt.org](mailto:bwissmann@archbalt.org). If you are not using envelopes please consider automated bill pay to make your contributions. Bob can provide additional information.

### Food Allergies? Gluten Intolerance?

Corpus Christi has low-gluten (<0.01% gluten) altar bread for individuals with celiac disease or wheat intolerance, as well as hosts prepared in dedicated kitchens without risk of peanut contamination. If dietary restrictions require you to receive these hosts at communion, please see Fr. Marty.

## BEYOND CORPUS CHRISTI

### Retrovaille

Are you thinking about ending your marriage? Before you call a lawyer, call Retrovaille, a Catholic program created to help couples whose marriage has slipped into despair, disillusionment, and misery. The next weekend is January 13-15, 2012. All calls and inquires are confidential. For more information call 301.468.6764 or visit their website at [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com).

### 19<sup>th</sup> Annual New Year’s Eve Interfaith Service

The Nineteenth Annual New Year's Eve Interfaith Service will be held at Saint Ignatius Church at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 31, beginning with a musical program at 8:00 p.m. The one-hour service, which centers on prayers of thanksgiving for the blessings of 2011, includes representatives of the city's medical, arts, education, social services, media and other professions. Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake will deliver the Prayer for the City. Ministers from the Jewish, Islam, and various Christian faiths will take part, and Msgr. Arthur Valenzano, rector of The Basilica of the Assumption, will be the principal speaker. The service is scheduled to conclude at 9:30 p.m. and is followed by a reception in the parish hall. The event is free, although tickets are required. Contact [parish@st-ignatius.net](mailto:parish@st-ignatius.net) or 410-727-3848.

### Special Care for Archdiocesan Priests

The annual Special Care Collection for Archdiocesan Priests will take place on January 14-15. Proceeds from this collection are used for the sole purpose of supporting Archdiocesan priests in need of special medical attention, including those in nursing homes and assisted living facilities, as well as those in convalescent and rehabilitation centers. There are over 100 priests over the age of 65 in the Archdiocese. Please give generously.

### Taize Prayer Service

The Taizé experience of chanting quiets our busy minds down and its silence helps us find that innermost space where we might hear God whisper. The hour-long experience looks private but we find as we enter into it, our being together becomes a palpable communion, a sacred place and time, kissed by God. Every Second Sunday at 5:30 PM -St. Vincent de Paul Church - 120 North Front St. - Baltimore, MD 21202 - Phone: 410-962-5078.

### Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat

A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held January 27-29, 2012 in Manchester, MD. The retreat is a confidential and emotionally safe environment for those struggling after abortion. Contact Project Rachel at 1-800-286-4224 or email [projectrachel@archbalt.org](mailto:projectrachel@archbalt.org).

### NAMI Sponsors Family to Family Course

*Family to Family* is a free 12-week course sponsored by NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) for close relatives of individuals with severe mental illness. The course teaches the clinical treatment of major mental illnesses and the knowledge and skills that family members need to cope more effectively. Topics include: communication skills, coping techniques, brain biology, medications, advocacy and more and are taught by trained family members. Three classes, starting in January, February, or March, are scheduled this winter/spring session. Participants must call to register. Classes fill quickly, visit: [www.nami.org/sites/namimetrobaltimore](http://www.nami.org/sites/namimetrobaltimore) or call (410) 435-2600.

### Spiritual Support Training Classes Set

The Greater Baltimore Medical Center is offering an experiential program through its newly created Center for Spiritual Support Training. This is a 10 week course that meets on Thursdays from 3-7 p.m. although accommodations can be made if the 3-5 p.m. timeframe conflicts with work commitments. The curriculum combines group interaction along with patient visitation and is limited to five people per class. The next class begins on Thursday, January 5 through March 8. Spring classes begin Thursday, March 22, through May 31. For further information, please contact Chaplain Joe Hart, Executive Director or Sr. Mary Donohue, Clinical Supervisor @ 443-849-2055.