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The Parish Pastoral Council meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the River Chapel. Visitors are always welcome. To place items on the agenda, please contact Melissa Rumohr-Clark, president.



*Mass Intentions*

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Saturday + Sunday, March 12th and 13th**

4:30 p.m. Anna Sbrochi by Fausto Sbrochi  
 9:00 a.m. St. Christopher Parishioners  
 11:30 a.m. Elena Alberico & Michael Lalli by Clara & Vanda  
 6:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Robert Staley by Vince Staley

**Weekday Masses**

**Monday, March 14th**

8:30 a.m. Rossi Family by Tom & Norma Eviston

**Wednesday, March 16th**

6:00 p.m. Tom Croarkin by MaryTherese Croarkin

**Thursday, March 17th**

8:30 a.m. Rosemary & James Smith by Jackie O'Reilly

**Friday, March 18th**

8:30 a.m. Janet Silcott by Susan Haninger

**Palm Sunday**

**Saturday + Sunday, March 19th and 20th**

4:30 p.m. Dan Martin by Rowland Family  
 9:00 a.m. Anne Hall by John Connor  
 11:30 a.m. Tony & Filomena Santilli  
 by Dominic & Flora Valentino  
 6:00 p.m. St. Christopher Parishioners

**Weekly Stewardship Report  
 Weekly Offertory Breakdown – 3/6/2016**

Total Envelope Count	115	
Total Envelope \$ Amount		\$ 5,295.00
Loose Checks #26		
Total Loose Checks \$ Amount		\$ 1,313.00
Total Loose Cash \$ Amount		\$ 1,391.00
<b>Total Collection \$ Amount</b>		<b>\$ 7,999.00</b>

**2nd Collections:**

**Catholic Relief** **\$ 2,801.00**

**Mass Attendance:**

<b>February 20 &amp; 21</b>	<b>1,137</b>
<b>February 27 &amp; 28</b>	<b>955</b>
<b>March 5 &amp; 6</b>	<b>937</b>

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH 19-20**

	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
<b>4:30 p.m. Saturday</b>	Kathy & Dave Eddy	Beljeania Berry	Barbara Fink & Blanche Luczyk
<b>9:00 a.m. Sunday</b>	Mary Helber, Dominic Valentino, Larry Wilhelm, Jim Woltz, Barbara McGhee, Patty Spaulding & Cathy Myerholtz	Neil Dimond	Zane Diehl, Gage Diehl & Michael DeLuccia
<b>11:30 a.m. Sunday</b>	Cynthia Adkins, Jim Woltz, Susie Gerschutz, volunteer	Mike Motil & Jennifer Journy	Jack Margiotta, Tyler Basil & Sophia Basil

**ALTAR CARE FOR MARCH:** Carole Heinzenberger & Becky Bohlmann; **Linens:** Susan Reeser

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn during the month of March to remind us of the Presence of the Eucharist and for the intentions of Jo & Charles Sands.

**FROM THE DESK OF MSGR. JOHN CODY**

Dear friends and parishioners of St. Christopher Parish:

1. **Lent and Palm Sunday** – Hard to believe, but Holy Week is coming fast with Palm Sunday next weekend! The services of Holy Week and Easter are listed elsewhere in this bulletin. I encourage all to take advantage of these Holy Week Services as a means of both expressing and growing stronger in your faith!

**Fast and abstinence Laws are:** For Catholics ages 18 to 59, only one full meal can be taken with two other lesser meals that do not equal one meal. The laws of abstinence from meat are binding on all Catholics age 14 and older. **Obligatory Fast Day** is Good Friday. Did you forget??? If you did, welcome to the human race! We all have lots on our plates (no pun intended) and can easily forget. So, if you neglected to do it this past Wednesday, pick your own day this coming week and make it up!

2. **St. Patrick's Day** – This coming Thursday is St. Patrick's Day, a great day for the Irish! We will have Mass here at the parish at the usual time, and the Bishop and yours truly will join the Irish Community for Mass at St. Patrick Church at 10:00 am. If you would like to come, please do so!

3. **Stations of the Cross** – This traditional Lenten devotion will be held each Friday of Lent (excluding Good Friday) at 6:00 p.m. in the Church. After Church, please come over for our now **traditional pasta dinner! Please help if you can: as a volunteer or dessert baker.**

4. **Lenten Penance Service** – On **Sunday evening, March 13**, we will celebrate a communal penance service right after the Last Call Mass. During this Holy Year of Mercy, receiving this wonderful sacrament is a good way to celebrate it! Guest priests will be available for individual confession after the service, which will begin approximately at 7:15 p.m. Hope you can come!!!

5. **Help for Msgr!** – I am looking for and inviting any generous souls who could help me pack in preparation for my retirement in July. I've already started, but much has to be done. This includes getting the house in order for the new Pastor, whoever in God's graciousness He and the Bishop will send us. If you have any time in the morning and afternoons on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, please let Jackie know at the rectory (614-486-0457).

6. **Operation Rice Bowl** – Cardboard rice bowls will be available on the communion rail for those families who wish to take them and use them. Families eat more simply in order to help feed the starving of the world. All are invited to take a rice bowl home and put money saved or contributed as an alms into it. The time to return them is Holy Thursday and Good Friday or thereabout.

7. **BAA Pledge** – Thanks to all who have completed their BAA Pledge for 2015. There is still about \$10,000.00 of pledges not yet paid. I would greatly appreciate it if those who have not completed their pledge would do so. And to all, thank you for supporting this annual fund drive that funds the activities of the Diocese of Columbus, including the Tribunal, of which I am the Judicial Vicar! Your generosity is needed and appreciated!

8. **Year of Mercy** – Pope Francis is challenging all of us to devote ourselves to the practice of mercy. We tend to be hardhearted a lot, wanting severe punishment for everyone else but ourselves. Our Lord Jesus has said in Luke's Gospel and elsewhere, "Be merciful as your Father is merciful." This involves a change of heart on our part, and a willingness to forgive and forget – especially when there are people who have hurt us. Being

merciful does not mean that we let everyone get away with anything. But it is a challenge for us to reconcile with one another and to allow people to learn from their mistakes. The woman caught in adultery, Zacchaeus in the tree, and the other sinners who were outcasts in society found a friend in Jesus. We too should be ministers of reconciliation. One excellent way to observe this Holy Year is to give emphasis to the works of mercy. In case you have forgotten them, here they are:

**Corporal Works of Mercy:**

**Feed the hungry**

**Give drink to the thirsty**

**Clothe the naked**

**Shelter the homeless**

**Visit the sick and**

**imprisoned**

**Bury the dead**

**Spiritual Works of Mercy**

**Admonish sinners**

**Counsel the doubtful**

**Bear wrongs patiently**

**Pray for the living and the dead**

**Instruct the uninformed**

**Comfort the sorrowful**

**Forgive offenses**

If we devote ourselves to practicing these, we will go a long way to observing the Holy Year in a fitting way.

9. **Evangelization – bring a friend or family member to Church!**

– Evangelization is a big word that simply means: "handing on the faith." In the past, we relied on the professionals to do this, the priests, brothers and sisters in religious life. With the diminishing numbers of the clergy and religious, and the increasing number of Catholics, the laity must get involved in this effort. The New Evangelization, much spoken of in today's Church, has to do with outreach to nonpracticing Catholics. All of us know some who, for whatever reason, do not practice their faith. Sometimes, all it takes is an invitation to church with us to get them back on track. Would that all would know the strength and comfort we receive through the Sacraments of the Church. Issue that invitation to someone you care about today! Come home to the Church in 2016!

10. **Special Collections** – March 5 & 6: Catholic Relief Services; March 12 & 13: Trinity Tuition Support; March 19th & 20th: WHEP (Women's Health Education Program); Holy Thursday: Holy Family Soup Kitchen, Good Friday: Collection for the places in the Holy Land.

8. **Pray for Our Servicemen and Women** – **Captain Justin Habash, son of Matt and Diane; Captain Brian Borkowski, brother-in-law of Linda Wolfe; Major Shawn Walrath, grandson-in-law of Bill and Betty Tyznik; Pvt. E3 Corey Vail, Army; John Weinheimer, grandson of parishioner Miriam Blanchard, is in the Navy; Cpl. Kevin Kelly; Lt. Evan Kelly; Major Nicholas Joseph Ervin, son of Mary Ervin; Staff Sgt. T.J. Grennell (Afghanistan); Andrew Eugene Flowers; Lt. Col. Mark Mauri; Specialist Ryan Geoit, grandson-in-law of Bob & Joanne Girardi; Captain Stephen Hueckel; 2LT Cameron Bowling; Sgt. Robert Russell; Captain William Cahill; Private First Class Tyler Mark Morris, grandson of Angie Morris; Lt. Commander Colin Kane, 2nd LT David Valentino & wife 2nd LT Melissa Valentino USAF, Grandchildren of Dominic & Flora Valentino.** Please pray for them and forward to us any names of servicemen/women related to or friends of parishioners, so that we may remember them in our prayers.

God bless,  
Msgr. John K. Cody, Pastor



**REMEMBER OUR SICK AND HOSPITALIZED IN YOUR PRAYERS** – Paula Bassett, Jaime Berry, Linda Boyd, Billy Jo Brink, Miriam and Danny Casey, Becky and Tommy Colcord, Margaret Dawson, Henry Drayer, Betty and Mark Evans, Frances Fitzgerald, Glenn Glassner, Pauline and David Hawkeye, Annemarie Hogan, Patty Human, Sue Johnson, “Jonesy,” Logan Kinzel, Mary Elizabeth Koehl, Anna Belle Marshall, Jean Montenaro, The Moore Family, Theresa J. Nardone, Linda Olvera, Mila Orbovich, Teddy Petry, Antoinette Pratsinakis (Daughter of Nancy Figliola and Granddaughter of Pat Brown), Anna Reed, Danny Reeds, Amanda Rich, Teri Ruzicka, Denise Schumaker, Jacob Timms, Isabelle Whitley, Whitmore Family, Fred Wilcox and Mary Yingst.

## TRINITY SCHOOL NEWS



Trinity Catholic Elementary School is accepting registrations for its two full day Kindergarten classes for the 2016-2017 school year. Come hear about our wonderful school with its small class sizes and family atmosphere. Tours available at the school every day. Contact Principal Jim Silcott at [jsilcott@cducation.org](mailto:jsilcott@cducation.org) or at 488-7650 for more information.

Trinity Catholic Elementary School is looking for eighth grade graduation pictures from the old St. Christopher and Our Lady of Victory schools to put on our walls in order to showcase the history of Catholic education in the Tri-Village area since 1922. We will make copies and return pictures to you in a timely fashion. Please contact Principal Jim Silcott at 488-7650 at the school or at [jsilcott@cducation.org](mailto:jsilcott@cducation.org) with your precious photographs. **Also looking for sports team pictures, pictures of faculty/administrators or other historical photographs** – Thank you!

## LastCall Mass

Sunday, March 20th • 6 o'clock

**Celebrant**  
*Fr. Metzger*

**Lector**  
*Kathy Hobson*

**Sacristan**  
*Kathy O'Neill*

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
*Stacey Bergmann, Kathy O'Neill, Alex Phillips,  
Scott Short, Sarah Markin, Jacob Lammers  
& Lauren Dull*

**Servers**  
*Ryan Ferguson & Ryan Petrella*

*Time, Talent and Treasure+++  
We Thank you for sharing*



**Holy Week and the Easter Triduum**  
**St. Christopher's Parish – 2016**

**Palm Sunday Masses**  
**(please leave in silence after all Masses)**

Saturday, March 20, 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday, March 20, 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.  
Sunday, March 20, 6:00 p.m., Last Call Mass

**Mass of the Lord's Supper**  
Holy Thursday, March 24, 7:30 p.m.

**Good Friday Services**  
Friday, March 25, 12:00 p.m. (noon)  
Proclamation of the Passion  
Veneration of the Cross  
Holy Communion  
2:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy  
7:30 p.m. Service of Darkness – Tenebrae

**Easter Vigil**  
Saturday, March 26 at 8:30 p.m.

**Easter Sunday Masses**  
March 27th, 9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m.



## WHEP (Women's Health Education Program)

**The sanctity of LIFE** is of utmost important and an ongoing theme in our Christian life. It is a huge inspiration for St. Christopher's Lenten celebration. Poverty is especially difficult for young mothers. This lent we would like to concentrate on the needs for these precious newborns.

Along with collections (in the bulletin) for JOIN we need your help assisting the mothers of these newborns. **We will be collecting these items:**

### Gently used

Pack & Play Cribs  
Infant Car Seats  
Clothes (up to 2T)  
Booster Seats/High Chairs  
Strollers  
Socks, Hats, Mittens  
Blankets and Sleepers

### New

Baby Wipes  
Diapers  
Feeding Bottles  
Formula

Also, **monetary donations are critical**. Please make checks out to **WHEP C/O Mia Neil**. During lent, Monsignor will have a special collection for this great need.

Questions: 614-530-0728 (Mia Neil) E-mail: [info@whendphpio.org](mailto:info@whendphpio.org)



**\*\*Lenten Pasta Dinners\*\***

**Calling all Volunteers**, please share your time and talent with us on Fridays during Lent.

Please sign up for a Friday by using the SignupGenius from the flocknote, or the button under "Pasta Dinners" on the St. Christopher Website or email [tamaracriswell@att.net](mailto:tamaracriswell@att.net) or call at 614-485-2261. If you are eligible for service hours, please bring the paperwork with you when you work.

The Women's Club is "**Calling all Bakers**" to show off their superior baking talents for the Pasta Dinners. We are accepting any and all desserts to accompany the Pasta Dinners. Please drop off your creations prior to the dinners in Trinity Cafeteria. If you have questions, please call or email Tamara Criswell from contact information above.

Donations of wine, beer, can soda and water is needed to make the pasta dinners a success. If you are able to donate, please drop donations off in the Parish Office.



**Attention servers:** The new server schedule is available online at [saintchristophercc.com](http://saintchristophercc.com). Please check the schedule and mark your calendars for the times you are scheduled. Watch your email for Holy Week sign-ups via SignupGenius. There are extra copies of the schedule available in the alb closet in the sacristy or you can contact Kathy O'Neill at [kroneill@ameritech.net](mailto:kroneill@ameritech.net) or [614-975-6390](tel:614-975-6390) to receive a paper schedule.



**Selling 2010 Requiem Concert CD for \$5.00 in order to support the Music Ministry. Please see Pandora.**

**Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection.** Through your generosity, families will be reunited, valuable life skills will be taught to those seeking a better life, and many will have vital humanitarian needs met. Please visit [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief) to learn how your donations make a difference and **help Jesus in disguise.**



**We are going to begin a Youth Choir at St. Christopher's.** Rehearsals will be on Thursday at 5:00 p.m. If interested, please fill out the information below and put in box by piano.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

and phone number \_\_\_\_\_

**The St. Christopher Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a free mini-movie series during Lent. A segment of *Jesus of Nazareth* will be shown each Sunday through March 20, in the school cafeteria. The movie will begin at 7:15 p.m. (after the 6:00 p.m. Mass) and finish before 8:30 p.m. Water and soda will be provided. Bring snacks and a comfortable chair if you like. Cafeteria chairs are also available.**



**St. Vincent de Paul** – For Lent this year, we will be collecting the following items:

- Toilet Paper
- Sanitary Napkins (pads only)
- Diapers (size 4, 5, 6)
- Laundry Soap (pods if possible)
- Bath Soap, Shampoo
- Toothpaste and Toothbrushes
- Cleaning Supplies

These items will go to JOIN (Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs). The above items help those needy people who are on food stamps and cannot use their stamps for such needs. If we have a huge response, we will share items with McArthur.



**Are you able to give the Gift of Life?** American Red Cross will be conducting a Blood Drive at St. Christopher Church on Saturday, April 2nd. The drive will be in the Trinity School Cafeteria, on the second floor from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. You can sign up in the back of church or go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). Sponsor Code: StChris. If you have any questions, please call 1-800-RedCross or Blanche Luczyk at [614-205-7297](tel:614-205-7297). Each donor may help to save at least three people.

## YOUTH NEWS!!!

**Summer Service Opportunity – Gospel Road**

Interested in spending just a few days out of your busy summer helping others? Students who will be in grades 9-12 for the 2016-2017 school year are eligible to attend Gospel Road this summer, July 10-14. This is a great opportunity to serve others while having fun with other Catholic youth from across our diocese. For more information and registration forms, contact Alyce Horwat, High School Youth Minister, at [christopheryouth@aol.com](mailto:christopheryouth@aol.com).

**High School Youth Group:**

We are happy to welcome our recently Confirmed 8th graders into our High School Youth Group! We will be meeting in the St. Albert Room at 7:10 p.m. for dinner and our meeting for the next few weeks while the Knights of Columbus use the cafeteria for their Movie Series.

**Upcoming Events:**

Sunday, March 20, Service Night  
 Sunday, April 10, Faith Night  
 Sunday, April 24, Building Community Night  
 Saturday, May 7, 10:00 a.m.,  
 Service project for Gospel Road

**March 15th – Tri-Village Catholic Moms**

Join us for dinner, faith, and fellowship at the 2nd meeting of Tri-Village Catholic Moms on March 15th at Skyward Grille, 2185 Riverside Drive, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. We welcome moms from all ages, stages, and parishes to share in a discussion of the Holy Year of Mercy with Michele Faehnle, author of *Divine Mercy for Moms*. Food may be purchased from the Skyward Grille menu. For more information, contact Amy Dury at [tri-villagecatholicmoms@yahoo.com](mailto:tri-villagecatholicmoms@yahoo.com) or 614-598-3268.



**40 DAYS FOR LIFE is February 10 to March 20.** The Greater Columbus community will be uniting with hundreds from all 50 states in the 40 Days for Life campaign. Faithful believers are praying

that this effort will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in America. This peaceful prayer vigil will take place at an abortion facility in Columbus. Participants are asked to volunteer for one-hour shifts and sign a statement of peace. For details, visit [www.40daysforlife.com/columbus](http://www.40daysforlife.com/columbus).

**Catholic Youth Summer Camp**

A High Adventure Camp that fosters High Adventure Faith

Catholic Youth Summer Camp is Ohio's one and only weeklong, residential high adventure camp for students entering grades 6-12. Activities typically include: jet skis, water tubing, paintball, blobbing, go-carts, archery, zip lining, rock climbing, ropes course, mountain boarding and more! CYSC offers a truly Catholic and safe environment with daily catechesis that awakens faith and builds missionary disciples. A week at camp includes daily Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, small group conversations, worship, service and authentic community. See [www.cysc.com](http://www.cysc.com) to get more information and to register.



**Hungering to grow a new tomorrow** – This week's CRS Rice Bowl country is the island nation of Madagascar, where we're reminded of the important role farmers play in caring for God's creation. As we prepare our meals throughout the week, let us reflect on where our food comes from – and what role we can play in caring for our environment. Visit [crsricbowl.org](http://crsricbowl.org) for more.



**Adult Education on Sunday**, in the library of Trinity School, 10:00-11:25 a.m. Suggestions or questions?

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**Coming next:**

**March 13, 2016: The Bible and the Mass – Part Three with Deacon Gregg Eiden**

**Looking ahead:**

**March 20 and 27: EASTER BREAK**