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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.



The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday + Sunday, January 2nd & 3rd

4:30 p.m. Elsie Hagan by Francis & Hilda Doyle
 9:00 a.m. St. Christopher Parishioners
 11:30 a.m. St. Andrews Kathy McNeal
 by Bohlmann Family
 6:00 p.m. The Souls In Purgatory by Vince Staley

Weekday Masses

Monday, January 4th

8:30 a.m. Nydia Stevens by Bond Family

Wednesday, January 6th

6:00 p.m. Cathy Jordan by Jeanne Brown

Thursday, January 7th

8:30 a.m. Mary Staley by Vince Staley

Friday, January 8th

8:30 a.m. Bond Family by Family & Friends

The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday + Sunday, January 9th and 10th

4:30 p.m. Betsy Holland by Susan Haninger
 9:00 a.m. Elsie Hagan by Francis & Hilda Doyle
 11:30 a.m. St. Christopher Parishioners
 6:00 p.m. Special Intentions by Jeanne Brown



Weekly Stewardship Report
Weekly Offertory Breakdown – 12/27/2015

Total Envelope Count	89	
Total Envelope \$ Amount		\$ 4,113.00
Loose Checks #27		
Total Loose Checks \$ Amount		\$ 1,740.00
Total Loose Cash \$ Amount		\$ 967.00
Total Collection \$ Amount		\$ 6,820.00
Christmas Offering		\$ 12,146.00
Second Collections:		
Religious Retirement		\$ 2,730.00
Children's Charities		\$ 4,072.00

Mass Attendance:

December 12 & 13	999
December 19 & 20	1,018
Christmas Eve & Day	1,385
December 26 & 27	721

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 9TH AND 10TH

	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
4:30 p.m. Saturday	Susan Hanninger & Josie Cappel	Barbara Fink	Blanche Luczyk & Barbara Fink
9:00 a.m. Sunday	Eli & Kimber Moehrman, Larry Wilhelm, Tom & Cindi Schwirian & Patty Spaulding	Justin Reinhart & Marytherese Croarkin	Ben Wolfe, Aaron & Ryan Schwirian
11:30 a.m. Sunday	Pat Brown, Cynthia Adkins, Dick Sheeran & Sharon Schindler	Chris & Joe Adkins	Quino Serantes, Angel Porcayo & Lucy Rodriguez

ALTAR CARE FOR JANUARY: Mary Halloran and Susan Reeser; **Linens:** Susan Reeser

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn during the month of January to remind us of the Presence of the Eucharist and for the intentions of Susan Carr & Barb McGhee.

FROM THE DESK OF MSGR. JOHN CODY

Dear friends and parishioners of St. Christopher Parish:

1. Epiphany – This important celebration of “little Christmas” commemorates that visitation of the Three Wise Men, or Magi, to the infant Jesus. The meaning of the Feast is clear: Our Lord Jesus came not only for the sake of the Jewish people, but for everyone! And so it is that the worldly wisdom of the Magi seeks out and finds the Divine Wisdom in the Incarnate Jesus. May we continue our search for the presence of Jesus in our lives, and honor Him in those we serve, whomever and wherever we find them.

2. Happy New Year! – Now begins the countdown for me: just 6 ½ months until retirement. Many have asked, “Who’s going to replace you?” I can honestly say that I have no idea. That’s up to the Bishop, who alone has the responsibility of providing for the leadership of the parishes under his jurisdiction. Please believe that I will give him a good idea of what is happening here, and a suggested profile of someone who can lead our parish into the future. Meanwhile, pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit on Bishop Campbell – there probably are about 6 of us retiring this year. May 2016 be a blessed year for all of us and those we love.

3. The Holy 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**
- Shelter the homeless**
- Give drink to the thirsty**
- Visit the sick and imprisoned**
- Clothe the naked**
- Bury the dead**

Spiritual Works of Mercy:

- Admonish sinners**
- Instruct the uninformed**
- Counsel the doubtful**
- Comfort the sorrowful**
- Bear wrongs patiently**
- Forgive offenses**
- Pray for the living and the dead**

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

4. 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 that gets 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!

5. Second Collections: January 9 & 10: Trinity Tuition Support, January 16 & 17: Propagation of the Faith

6. 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

TRINITY SCHOOL NEWS

Trinity Catholic Elementary School is accepting registrations for its two full day Kindergarten classes for the 2016-2017 school year. Our wonderful school has small class sizes and a family atmosphere. Tours available at the school every day. Contact Principal Jim Silcott at 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 with your precious photographs. **Also looking for sports team pictures, pictures of faculty/administrators or other historical photographs** – Thank you!



REMEMBER OUR SICK AND HOSPITALIZED IN YOUR PRAYERS – Paula Bassett, Jaime Berry, Billy Jo Brink, Miriam and Danny Casey, Becky and Tommy Colcord, Margaret Dawson, Henry Drayer, Betty and Mark Evans, Frances Fitzgerald, Pauline and David Hawkeye, Patty Human, Sue Johnson, “Jonesy,” 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, Denise Schumaker, Mary Slone and Family, Jacob Timms, Isabelle Whitley, Whitmore Family, Fred Wilcox and Mary Yingst.

Last Call Mass

Sunday, January 10th • 6 o'clock

Celebrant

Msgr. John K. Cody

Lector

Christina Knipller

Sacristan

Judith Fisher

Eucharistic Ministers

Andrew Bergmann, Rita Morgan, Louise Thoma, Alex Phillips, Christiana Congelio, Logan Kirk & Karen Herbert

Servers

Zoe & Lanie Wenk

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High School Youth Group Happy New Year!

Our next meeting will be January 10.

Meet for dinner in the cafeteria after Last Call Mass
around 7:10 p.m.



New Lector Books are available.
To receive one, please see Pandora.



Adult Education on Sunday, in the library of Trinity School, 10:00 a.m.-11:25 a.m. Suggestions or questions? Please contact any one of our committee members:

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Coming next:

January 17, 2016 – The Origins of the Seven Deadly Sins: How did the idea of seven deadly sins originate? We'll find that it actually started with a monk in fourth-century Egypt who made a list of the eight primary demons. What were these eight demons and how did they become seven sins in western Christianity? **David Brakke** is the Joe R. Engle Chair in the History of Christianity and Professor of History at Ohio State. His books include *The Gnostics: Myth, Ritual, and Diversity in Early Christianity* (Harvard University Press 2010).

Looking ahead:

January 24, 2016 – Cuban Adventure 2015: Come hear about the adventure of three St. Christopher parishioners, **Susan Allardyce, Elaine DiSalvo, and Blanche Luczyk**, who participated in a People to People Tour of Cuba. A brief history of the Catholic faith in Cuba including the visits of Pope John Paul, Pope Benedict and Pope Francis will be discussed. **Elaine** has been a member of St. Christopher's since 1984, "Cuba was stunningly magnificent and Susan and Blanche were the best traveling companions ever." **Susan** has been a parishioner since 1973 and considers the trip to Cuba one of her best experiences ever. **Blanche** has been a parishioner since 1985 and loves to travel, meeting people from all over the world.



Seeking new members for the Altar & Rosary Society. Responsibilities include laundering and ironing small purificators and finger towels used during the Mass for one month each year. Another volunteer activity is cleaning the Altar and Sanctuary area (vacuuming, putting out new linens, cleaning holy water fonts, etc.) with another member one month during the year. Please contact Mary Halloran for details at 614-481-0256 or celtic4543212@yahoo.com.

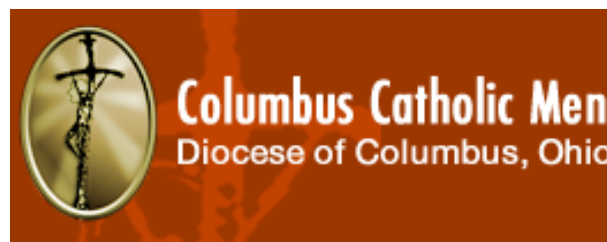


A friendly reminder that St. Christopher's **50+ SENIOR MINISTRY** will be having their next meeting on Saturday, January 9th, 10:00 a.m. in the River Chapel. We will revisit minutes from our first meeting, hopefully decide on a name for our ministry and start planning for early Spring outings. RSVP with Beljeania@aol.com or call [614-315-1047](tel:614-315-1047). I look forward to visiting with everyone soon. Happy New Year!



ATTENTION, ALL MALE SINGERS!

The Catholic Men's Conference is looking for a few good men to sing in the Men's Conference Choir at the annual Catholic Men's Conference on February 27, 2016 at the Voinovich Building on the Ohio State Fairgrounds. We will hold one or two rehearsals prior to the event at a date, time, and location to be determined. Please consider attending the Men's Conference and singing with us at this exciting event! Contact Christopher Walsh at cwalsh5358@gmail.com or at [614-464-2392](tel:614-464-2392) to sign up or for more information.



Catholic Men's Luncheon Club Event

No luncheon event will be held in January 2016, since the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club is on Christmas holiday break. However, **mark your calendar for Friday, February 5, 2016**, when the Luncheon Club and Bishop Frederick Campbell will reveal the identity of the 2016 Catholic Man of the Year! Join us for this popular and inspirational event at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus beginning with Mass at 11:45 a.m.!



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 to get more information and to register.

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