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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 for the Week

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**Saturday + Sunday, February 6th and 7th**

4:30 p.m. Dan Martin by Rowland Family
 9:00 a.m. Elena Alberico & Michael Lalli
 by Clara & Vanda
 11:30 a.m. Lucy Nance by Pat Brown & Family
 6:00 p.m. Frank Monaco by Cathy & Don Parker

Weekday Masses**Monday, February 8th**

8:30 a.m. St. Christopher Parishioners

Wednesday, February 10th – Ash Wednesday

6:00 p.m. James Ignatius Smith
 by Jackie & Brendan O'Reilly

Thursday, February 11th

8:30 a.m. Anne Hall by John Connor

Friday, February 12th

8:30 a.m. Tom Croarkin by MaryTherse Croarkin

First Sunday of Lent**Saturday + Sunday, February 13th and 14th**

4:30 p.m. Elsie Doyle by Francis & Hilda Doyle
 9:00 a.m. Dominic & Lucia Ciotola by Guido Ciotola
 11:30 a.m. Eric Bohlman by Bohlman Family
 6:00 p.m. St. Christopher Parishioners

Weekly Stewardship Report
Weekly Offertory Breakdown – 1/31/2012

Total Envelope Count	105
Total Envelope \$ Amount	\$ 3,971.00
Loose Checks #33	
Total Loose Checks \$ Amount	\$ 1,293.00
Total Loose Cash \$ Amount	\$ 1,178.00
Total Collection \$ Amount	\$ 6,442.00

Second Collection:

Trinity Tuition Assistance	\$ 1,372.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 3,427.00

Mass Attendance:

January 9 & 10	986
January 16 & 17	860
January 30 & 31	960

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR FEBRUARY 13-14

	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
4:30 p.m. Saturday	Kathy & David Eddy	Matt Tillett	Bill Pickens & David Homan
9:00 a.m. Sunday	Sue & Bill Riesenberger, Kathleen Blecher, Jim Woltz, Elli & Kimber Moehrman & Cathy Myerholtz	Neil Dimond	Erin Sullivan, Luke Monovich & Joshua Androsac
11:30 a.m. Sunday	Sharon Damico, Jim Woltz, Pat Brown & volunteer	Hope & George Wolfington	Margiotta, Angel Porcayo & Lucy Rodriguez

ALTAR CARE FOR FEBRUARY: Carolyn Drury & Terry McCabe; **Linens:** Mary Halloran

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn during the month of February to remind us of the Presence of the Eucharist and for the intentions of Carolyn Drury, Sheila & Ted Pendergast.

FROM THE DESK OF MSGR. JOHN CODY

Dear friends and parishioners of St. Christopher Parish:

1. **Lent is coming** – This coming Wednesday, February 10, we begin the Holy Season of Lent with the Celebration of Ash Wednesday. For your convenience, Masses that day with the Blessing and distribution of ashes will take place at **8:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.** We also remind all that **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.** In addition, Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from the meat of warm-blooded animals. **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.
2. **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.
3. **Operation Rice Bowl** – Cardboard rice bowls will be available on the communion rail for those families who wish to take 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 into it. The time to turn them in is Holy Thursday and Good Friday.
4. **The Bishop is coming** on Saturday, February 6th, at the 4:30 p.m. Mass; Bishop Frederick Campbell will be here to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our parish 7th and 8th graders. We congratulate them and wish them the fullness of the Grace of the Holy Spirit as they complete their Initiation begun at their Baptism.
5. **BAA Pledge** – Thanks to all who have completed their BAA Pledge for 2015. There is still about \$10,000.00 dollars 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!
6. **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.

7. **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!
8. **Second Collections: February 6 & 7: Trinity Tuition Support; February 13 & 14: The Black and Native American Missions; All month: The Catholic Times**
9. **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, Pauline and David Hawkeye, Annemarie Hogan, 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, Teri Ruzicka, Denise Schumaker, George Simcox, Mary Slone and Family, 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 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!



Bishop Ready High School Honor Roll: Congratulations to three parishioners who are students at Bishop Ready High School and who have attained Honor Roll status for the second quarter of the current academic year. They are: Sophomore Jaide Lehnert

who earned First Honors, having maintained a grade point average of 3.67 or higher; and sophomore Cameron Monovich and junior Erin Sullivan, both of whom were named to the Distinction List, having maintained a grade point average between 3.0 and 3.32.

LastCall Mass

Sunday, February 14th • 6 o'clock

Celebrant

Msgr. John K. Cody

Lector

Joe Segna

Sacristan

Judith Fisher

Eucharistic Ministers

*Marilyn Friedman, Elizabeth Bergmann,
Kathy O'Neill, Lauren Dull,
Nathan Esselbaum, Louise Thoma & Sarah Markin*

Servers

Erin Morgan & Ryan Petrella

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



The proceeds of Ash Wednesday collection will be contributed to the Joint Organization for Inner-city Needs (JOIN), which operates under Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Columbus. JOIN provides emergency assistance to the poor and vulnerable of Franklin and surrounding counties in the form of food, prescription help, utilities, infant needs, identification papers, transportation, eyeglasses, burial assistance, senior items and referrals to other service providers.

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 Sign up Genius from the flock note, or the button under “Pasta Dinners” on the St. Christopher’s Website or email 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, canned soda and water are needed to make the pasta dinners a success. If you are able to donate, please drop donations off in the Parish Office.

St. Christopher Parish Lenten Pasta Dinner



Come join us in the Trinity School Cafeteria for a delicious
Lenten Pasta Dinner

Friday's

February 12 thru March 18, 2016

5PM to 7PM

Cost \$ 7.00 per person / \$ 4.00 for kids / \$ 25.00 for a family

- **Pasta with meatless sauces**
 - **Vegetables**
 - **Tossed Salad**
 - **Homemade Dessert**

Pop & Water available - \$ 1.00

Sauces provided by local area Restaurants

February 12 - Emelios Catering

February 19 – Z Cucina Ristorante

February 26 – Dempsey's Restaurant

March 4 – TAT Ristorante

March 11 – Trattoria Roma

March 18 – Bravo Cucina Italiana

The weekend of the 20th and 21st is our parish collection for the **Catholic Times** weekly newspaper. This donation HELPS OUR PARISH to provide **Catholic Times** to you and many of our parishioners. Donation envelopes for this collection are included in your January/February collection packet. For a minimum donation of **ONLY \$17.00 per year** (parish rate), readers receive a Catholic perspective on the world around us: local, national, worldwide, and Vatican news: diocesan, parish, and school stories; articles, regular columns, editorials, and events are delivered right to your home. As an evangelization tool, Bishop Campbell encourages every Catholic family to receive the **Catholic Times**. If you are on "electronic" donation, you can still receive **Catholic Times** – simply place your donation in an envelope marked "**Catholic Times**" and your Name and drop it into the Sunday collection basket during February. Come enjoy "A journal of Catholic life in Ohio."

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.



High School Youth Group

Join us in helping those in need this summer! Teens currently in **grades 8-12**

may participate in this 5-day mission trip within the Diocese of Columbus. Interested in spending just a few days out of your busy summer helping others? The trip will take place July 10-14. Questions? Contact Alyce Horwat at christopheryouth@aol.com.

Adults who enjoy working with teens to accomplish painting, gardening, construction, or repair tasks are also needed to make this trip a success. If this sounds like you, please join us at the information session.

Upcoming Events:

February 7 – Super Bowl Sub Sale at all Sunday Masses



To the parishioners of St. Christopher's, last weekend the deacons spoke about sharing your time, talent and treasure. **I would like to ask of you to consider becoming a vital part of the Music Ministry.** Whether it is singing or playing an instrument. Also, how many would like to have a youth choir 2nd through 6th grade and include both the school and religious education classes? I would need the parents to come and see me after any of the Masses... Pandora



Super Bowl Sub Sale: The **Youth Group** will be selling subs on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7 at all Masses!! Help support our parish youth group by purchasing a large, delicious sub for only \$5.00!!

If you don't want to purchase a sub for yourself you may purchase a sub to be donated to Holy Family Soup Kitchen. Just purchase a sub and place it in the cooler marked "Holy Family" and it will be delivered to the soup kitchen on Monday.

Mercy Changes Everything!

"Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved, and forgiven."

Pope Francis

Columbus Catholic Women's Conference

FEBRUARY 20, 2016 ~ 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
OHIO EXPO CENTER ~ VOINOVICH BUILDING

The day begins with Mass followed by a day of inspiration. Hear the testimony of an Atheist Convert, Jennifer Fulwiler. Enjoy the beautiful music of Sarah Kroger. Fr. Cromley will inspire us all to evangelize our great Catholic Faith and Sonja Corbitt's vivid speaking style will encourage all of us to grow closer to Christ. Of course the day will include the powerful sacrament of Confession as well as intimate time in Adoration. Please Join over 2,000 women of The Columbus Catholic Diocese. You won't regret it! <http://www.columbuscatholicwomen.com/>.

Contact: **Dee Dee Monaco at**
dmonaco@columbus.rr.com.

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL NEWS!!!



The Young Professionals will start their Lenten Bible Study on **Tuesday, February 16th at 7:00 p.m.** and will continue for the following four Tuesdays. We will be doing an in-depth study of the Mass and the significance behind it. The cost is \$12.00 for the workbooks. All are welcome. To sign up, please contact Lauren Dull by February 6th or for more information at dull.36@osu.edu or on the St. Christopher's Young Professionals Facebook page.

The Young Professionals will be touring the Jubilee Museum on Saturday, February 13th at 11:00 a.m. The Jubilee Museum is full of amazing Catholic history told by wonderful tour guides. It has been rated very highly by Trip Advisor in things to do in Columbus. Come join us for a private tour especially if you have never before visited. Questions? Contact Lauren Dull at dull.36@osu.edu.



Columbus Theology On Tap
Thursday, February 11th, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Speaker Aaron Richards, "The Gifts of the Holy Spirit"
El Vaquero, on Olentangy River Road
Contact: cbustheologyontap@gmail.com/currently (no phone contact) # Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ColumbusTheologyOnTap/>.

Come to St. Christopher's Justice Ministry meeting and hear how BREAD is helping to make positive changes in the mental health arena, criminal justice and more. Learn how your limited commitment of 1 to 4 meetings can help to bring about positive changes. **Mark your calendar for February 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Office Conference Room. Help us to build a strong Justice Ministry, here at St. Christopher. Questions???? Call Blanche Luczyk at 614-205-7297 or email bluczyk@yahoo.com.**

NEW!!! – Tri-Village Catholic Moms

We are excited to invite you to our first gathering of the Tri-Village Catholic Moms. Join us for an evening of faith and fellowship on **Tuesday, February 23rd from 7:00-9:00 p.m.** in Victory Hall at Our Lady of Victory, 1559 Roxbury Road. We welcome moms from all ages, stages, and parishes. Wine and cheese provided. For more information, contact Amy Dury at tri-villagecatholicmoms@yahoo.com or 598-3268, or join the FB group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/trivillagecatholicmoms/>.

World Marriage Day Celebration: Sunday, February 14th: Love, Marriage, and the Meaning of Life – All married couples are invited to the Diocesan Celebration of World Marriage Day, Sunday, February 14th, from 1:30-4:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church, 414 E. North Broadway, Columbus. Dr. Andrew Sodergren, a Catholic psychologist with Ruah Woods in Cincinnati, will discuss ways to strengthen your marriage relationship, blending Catholic theology and insights from psychology. This will be followed by a Holy Hour for Marriage. There is no charge for the event but space is limited. Kindly RSVP by February 10th at <http://familylife.coltsdioc.org> or 614-241-2560.

The Sons of Italy is sponsoring and proudly presents Elvis and John Lennon, Walt Sanders as Elvis and Dan Moyer as John Lennon Saturday, February 13, 2016/ Villa Milano. Admission of \$50.00 per person includes Dinner Prepaid reservations only. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., Dinner 7:00 p.m., Show begins at 8:00 p.m. For information and tickets, contact Sos at soscod@cs.com or 614-582-7366.

Landings: Welcoming Inactive Catholics! Do you know someone who might benefit from this program? Landings, a ministry of the Paulist Fathers and the St. Thomas More Newman Center's Reconciliation Team, is an eight-week program geared toward welcoming returning and inactive Catholics. In this program a group of active Catholics, some of whom are "returnees" themselves, join with participants to share and explore their faith together. Landings offers a safe place to be listened to, a place for understanding and healing, and a place to ask questions. A new session of Landings will begin **Tuesday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Avenue, Columbus. For more information, **please refer anyone who may be interested to Bill Sparks at (614) 439-0038 or landings@buckeyecatholic.com.**

Bishop Ready Theatre Production: Bishop Ready High School is presenting Agatha Christie's *And Then There Were None* the weekend of **February 19-21**, with performances at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and Sunday, and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. *And Then...* is Christie's most popular novel and her first successful attempt at playwriting. The murder-mystery involves ten strangers invited to a private island by curiously absent hosts... Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, \$9.00 for those 65+, and \$8.00 for students. For more information, call Bishop Ready High School at 614-276-5263.



Sponsor of the Week

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614-488-9700 *Add \$2.25 for delivery
 Hours: Sun-Thurs 11:00 a.m. to midnight
 Fri and Sat 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.



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

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Coming next:

February 7, 2016 – Today's Gospel in the Movies – Elaine Schuttinger is back with a new/old movie that reflects stories of scripture. Today's film is the 1976 release, "The Outlaw Josey Wales" starring Clint Eastwood. You do not need to preview the film unless you want to, clips will be shown. Josey Wales does not hear an immediate call as did Isaiah, Paul, or Peter. His experience of God is gradual and begins with suffering. And yet, he seems to have been called to something higher, to a personal cleansing, like Isaiah, Paul and Peter; and to achieve this, he must go on a quest for salvation. As he goes on his quest, he becomes somewhat like Jesus, not only as one called but through his leadership, calling others. Elaine Schuttinger, 8th grade teacher at Trinity Catholic Elementary School and St. Christopher parishioner.

Looking ahead:

February 14 and 21, March 13, 2016 – The Bible and the Mass – Part One and Two. Most of the text of the Mass, our Christian community's central prayer that unites us, refers directly to passages in both the New and Old Testaments. Some are obvious, others less so. Learn how the Divine Liturgy and Scriptures reflect and support one another. This is a three-part presentation. Please come to one, two or all three! Deacon Gregg Eiden has ministered in Ohio prisons for over twenty years, is a Chaplain at the Ohio Reformatory for Women (Marysville) and for over fifteen years has been a prison minister through Kairos.