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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 Dee Dee Monaco.

**Mass Intentions****Third Sunday of Lent****Saturday + Sunday, February 27th and 28th**

4:30 p.m. Anita Sbrochi by Fausto Sbrochi

9:00 a.m. Tony Filomena & Jim Santilli

by Dominic & Flora Valentino

11:30 a.m. Ivo DiRienzo by Clara DiRienzo

6:00 p.m. St. Christopher Parishioners

Weekday Masses**Monday, February 29th**

8:30 a.m. St. Christopher Parishioners

Wednesday, March 2nd

6:00 p.m. Anne Hall by John Connor

Thursday, March 3rd

8:30 a.m. Fred Nance & Bernice Nance Phillips

by Pat Brown & Family

Friday, March 4th

8:30 a.m. Bill O'Reilly by Jackie & Brendan O'Reilly

Fourth Sunday of Lent**Saturday + Sunday, March 5th and 6th**

4:30 p.m. Anita Sbrochi by Fausto Sbrochi

9:00 a.m. Dominic & Lucia Ciotola by Guido Ciotola

11:30 a.m. Eric Bohlmann by Bohlmann Family

6:00 p.m. Archie Petrella by Family

Weekly Stewardship Report**Weekly Offertory Breakdown – February 21, 2016**

Total Envelope Count 127

Total Envelope \$ Amount \$ 4,122.00

Loose Checks # 30

Total Loose Checks \$ Amount \$ 1,293.00

Total Loose Cash \$ Amount \$ 1,674.00

Total Collection \$ Amount \$ 7,089.00**EFT/Automatic Contributions \$13,694.56****2nd Collections:****Black & Indian Mission \$ 1,347.00****Catholic Times \$ 1,837.58****Mass Attendance:****February 6 & 7 977****February 13 & 14 1,005****February 20 & 21 1,137****LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH 5-6**

	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
4:30 p.m. Saturday	Melissa Rumohr & Matt Tillett	Susan Haninger	Quinn Tillett & Patty Tillett
9:00 a.m. Sunday	Lue & Jeff Bauer, Jim Woltz, Patty Spaulding, Mary Helber, Barbara McGhee & Lynn Sonderman	Cathy Myerholtz & Joe Sonderman	Connor Murphy, Ian Murphy & Michael DeLuccia
11:30 a.m. Sunday	Jim Woltz, Sharon Damico, Sharon Schindler, volunteer	Kyle Takavitz & Joshua Androsac	Emily Mathew, Angel Porcayo & Lucy Rodriguez

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** – The holy season has begun! We had good crowds for Ash Wednesday Masses and hope the same will be true for Stations of the Cross and Pasta Dinners. By way of reminder:

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. Don't forget. If you do, welcome to the human race! We all have lots on our plates (no pun intended) and can easily forget. So, if you neglect to do it then, pick your own day the following week and make it up!

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! Please help if you can: as a volunteer or dessert baker.**

3. **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 at approximately 7:15 p.m. Hope you can come!!!

4. **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.

5. **BAA Pledge** – Thanks to all who have completed their BAA Pledge for 2015. There is still about \$10,000 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 & 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 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!
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@cdeducation.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@cdeducation.org with your precious photographs. **Also looking for sports team pictures, pictures of faculty/administrators or other historical photographs** – Thank you!



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

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ’s love and respect to all people. Next week, please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection **and help Jesus in disguise.**

LastCall Mass

Sunday, March 6th • 6 o'clock

Celebrant

Msgr. Cody

Lector

Joe Sonderman

Sacristan

Judith Fisher

Eucharistic Ministers

Andrew Bergmann, Nancy and Jim Joseph, Lisa Boehm, Lauren Dull, Louise Thoma & Judith Fisher

Servers

Elizabeth Bergmann & Andrew Bergmann

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

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 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, can 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.



We are going to begin a **Youth Choir** at St. Christopher. 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 _____

Phone number _____



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

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 starting February 21 till 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.



**American
Red Cross**

Are you able to give the Gift of Life?

American Red Cross will be conducting a Blood Drive at St. Christopher's 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, 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.

WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

The next Women's Club meeting will be at Cap City Diner, 1299 Olentangy River Road, on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Please let me know if you will attend so we can have a head count for our reservation. RSVP to Theresa Schleich at [614 266 2053](tel:614-266-2053) or email momasly@live.com.

Also, we are updating our phone and email list. If you would like to be included, please let me know. Remember, every woman of the parish is a member of Women's Club. Please contact Theresa Schleich at [614 266 2053](tel:614-266-2053) or email.



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.



Citywide Prayer Meeting: Saturday, March 5th at Church of Our Lady of Miraculous Medal, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus, OH 43232, will begin with 9:00 a.m. Mass followed by breakfast, Praise & Worship, Confession, Prayer Ministry and Teaching. This event usually ends around noon.



Interested in helping to pass on the faith to your children? Parents, grandparents, teachers-catechists, this is for you! National speaker Dr. Jo Ann Paradise will present a free workshop on *Rediscovering the Sacredness of Family Life* on Thursday, March 10, 7:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church in Gahanna.

This workshop will explore the Church's teaching on "domestic church" that roots marriage in vocation and vocation in Baptism. Participants will be given concrete tools and practical skills for developing ways to evangelize parents so that they are more equipped and inspired to be intentional about forming their children in faith.

The workshop is sponsored by the Diocesan Office of Religious Education and Catechesis, with the support of Our Sunday Visitor Publishing. Admission is free. Light snacks will be provided. Registration is not necessary but encouraged. To register, please e-mail orec@cducation.org or call Sandy Lape at [614-221-4633](tel:614-221-4633), ext. 1341.

Dr. Jo Ann Paradise is a National Consultant for Our Sunday Visitor Curriculum Division. Jo Ann has served as catechetical leader in the Diocese of Pittsburgh for over 32 years and is a former teacher in both elementary and secondary Catholic schools. She holds a D.Min. in Spirituality and has a deep love for the retreat work she does with catechetical leaders, principals, teachers and catechists throughout the country. Through her stories, Jo Ann helps faithful adults to develop the skills they need to be heralds of the Good News.

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.



Hungering for a healthy start – The next step on our CRS Rice Bowl journey is the African nation of Rwanda, where we're reminded to care for the unborn. This week we pray for pregnant mothers, that they may have the medical and nutritional support they need to raise healthy, thriving children. Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

St. Christopher's Senior Ministry has decided on our second outing. LIGHTS, CAMERAS and ACTION.... We are going to see the movie *Risen*, starring Joseph Fiennes, Cliff Curtis and Tom Felton and we are inviting YOU to join us. On Friday, MARCH 11th, we will meet at the AMC LENNOX 24 Movie Theater, 777 Kinnear Road, Columbus, 43212, at 11:00 a.m. The movie will start promptly at 11:30 a.m. Admission Cost is \$5.29 per person. After the movie all are invited to go across the way to BRAVO's where we will discuss the film and of course enjoy delicious Italian Cuisine. Please note, if necessary to include in your planning, both the theater and restaurant are wheelchair accessible.

During this Blessed Lenten Season, this outing is a creative and fun way to be spiritually reflective while also preparing ourselves for the upcoming Glorious Easter Celebration. We look forward to being together soon. **RSVP by MARCH 7th.** Contact Beljeania@aol.com, or call [614.315.1047](tel:614.315.1047), or see me before or after Mass.

St. Christopher's Ministry of Consolation tentatively will be partnering with Our Lady Of Victory Parish. Watch the bulletin for more details, upcoming events, beginning this spring and Bereavement Support Group sessions beginning again in September. In the meantime, remember that Pastoral Consolation Sessions as well as Pre-Funeral Planning are always available upon request. **To schedule an appointment or to volunteer for the MOC, contact Beljeania@aol.com or call [614.315.1047](tel:614.315.1047).**



Bishop Ready Fashion Show/Luncheon

The Mothers' Club of Bishop Ready High School is sponsoring the annual Spring Prom Fashion Show/Luncheon on Sunday, March 6, at 1:00 p.m. at The Boat House at Confluence Park. Ready juniors and seniors will "walk the runway" in casual and formal clothes. Cost per ticket is \$27.50 with proceeds benefiting the Ready students. To make a reservation or for more information, contact Michelle Kelly at Bishop Ready (614-276-7827).

Bishop Ready High School

The Placement Exam for incoming freshmen will be held at Bishop Ready High School on Saturday, March 5, from 8:45 a.m. to noon. Scholarship exams will be held on Saturdays, March 12 and March 19, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. For more information, please contact Bishop Ready High School at 614-276-5263.



St. Charles holding women's auditions for *Godspell* The St. Charles Preparatory Drama Department is pleased to announce women's auditions for its spring musical, *Godspell* on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 1 and 2 at 4:00 p.m. at the St. Charles Campus Theater, 2010 East Broad Street. Auditions are open to all high school women in Central Ohio. For more information, call the school at (614) 252-6714 or email Doug Montgomery at scdramadirector@aol.com.



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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Bernie Losekamp	fulge83@aol.com
Blanche Luczyk	bluczyk@yahoo.com
Marlene Yeldell	myeldell@columbus.rr.com

Coming next:

February 28, 2016 – Who is Jesus? We have read stories about Jesus in the Gospels. We have heard homilies about Jesus. We pray The Our Father, the prayer Jesus taught his disciples. He lived in a specific culture, observed Jewish law and tradition, and drew people to him with parables and miracles. Jesus is different than any teacher, prophet or priest of his time, let's explore why. **Karen L. Gagel** has a Masters in Theology from the Pontifical College Josephinum, with a concentration in Scripture. Locally, Karen has presented sessions on Bad Girls of the Bible and other Bible topics.

Looking ahead:

March 6, 2016 – Welcoming our New Neighbors: Who are they? Where do they come from? How do they get here? What happens when they arrive? What can we do? **Melanie Williams** is the Resource Developer and Volunteer Manager at Community Refugee & Immigration Services (CRIS). She works to connect community members in the U.S. with their new American neighbors in central Ohio to build trust, understanding, and friendship. Her education at Wheaton College and extensive travel abroad, especially her stay in Palestine, prepared her for work with refugees and immigrants.

Catholic Men's Luncheon Club Event

Friday, March 4, 2016

The next Catholic Men's Luncheon Club session will feature Father Michael Mary Dosch, O.P., pastor of St. Patrick Church in Columbus, Ohio and Dominican Friar of the Province of St. Joseph. His inspirational talk will be on "Mercy and Justice" and will be sponsored by Edgewood Home Maintenance. This event will take place at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus on Friday, March 4. Holy Mass begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch and Fr. Dosch's talk until 1:00 p.m. No reservations necessary. \$10.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend!