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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.



28th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday + Sunday, October 10th & 11th

4:30 p.m. Catherine Gontero by Judith Fisher
 9:00 a.m. Dominic & Lucia Ciotola by Guido Ciotola
 11:30 a.m. Margaret Bracaloni by Giovina Viol
 6:00 p.m. Pat Mooney by Flora & Dominic Valentino

Weekday Masses

Monday, October 12th

8:30 a.m. Austin Ayar & Ayars Family
 by Dee Dee & Luis Perez

Wednesday, October 14th

6:00 p.m. Eric Bohlmann by Bohlmann Family

Thursday, October 15th

8:30 a.m. Ramon Sanchez by Gordon Mott

Friday, October 16th

8:30 a.m. William Bova & Terry Ervin by Mary Ervin

29th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday + Sunday, October 17th & 18th

4:30 p.m. Ben Smallwood by Gordon Mott
 9:00 a.m. John & Maria Iacovetta by Guido Ciotola
 11:30 a.m. St. Christopher Parishioners
 6:00 p.m. Pat Fesenmyer by Parish Staff

Weekly Stewardship Report

Weekly Offertory Breakdown – October 4/2015

Total Envelope Count 106
 Total Envelope \$ Amount \$ 5,873.00
 Loose Checks # 38
 Total Loose Checks \$ Amount \$ 1,465.00
 Total Loose Cash \$ Amount \$ 1,384.00
Total Collection \$ Amount \$ 8,722.00

Second Collection:

Bereavement Ministry \$ 2,070.32
Trinity Tuition Assistance \$ 1,480.77

Mass Attendance:

September 19 & 20 955
September 26 & 27 981
October 3 & 4 997

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR OCTOBER 17TH AND OCTOBER 18TH

	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	GREETERS	ALTAR SERVERS
4:30 p.m. Saturday	Dave and Kathy Eddy	Mary Anne Bondra	TBA	Barbara Fink & Blanche Luczyk
9:00 a.m. Sunday	Liz Elder, Barbara McGhee, Sue & Bill Riesenberger, Marlene Friedman, Kathleen Belcher	Marytherese Croarkin & Matt Tangeman	TBA	Katie & Luke Stottlemire
11:30 a.m. Sunday	Cynthia Adkins, Sharon Damico, Nubia Alvarado, TBA	Chris & Joe Adkins	TBA	Fifi Criswell-Carder & Tia DiRienzo

ALTAR CARE FOR OCTOBER: Marytherese Croarkin; **Linens:** Susan Reeser

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn during the month of October to remind us of the Presence of the Eucharist and for the intentions of Joan Gillis.

FROM THE DESK OF MSGR. JOHN CODY

Dear friends and parishioners of St. Christopher Parish:

1. **Home From Rome** – I arrived back at the rectory from a wonderful trip to the center of Catholicism! There were an unusual number of tourists in Rome, especially German schoolchildren who are on break during October. Did not personally meet the Pope, and found out from an Archbishop that it is near impossible to get near him unless you know someone. Highlight of the trip was the opening Mass of the Synod on the Family last Sunday. We had great seats in St. Peter's Basilica and had an opportunity to hob-nob with bishops and cardinals. As those of you who travel well know, plane travel is a nightmare. The trip over was not bad, but the trip back was terrible – delayed flights, etc., that got me into Columbus not at 8:30 p.m., but at 11:30 p.m. So, I accepted it all as a penance. Good news, I survived and had a great time.
2. **Canon Law Convention** – I will leave again for the annual Canon Law Society of America convention in Pittsburgh, PA. There is lots happening, especially since the new matrimonial Tribunal procedures will go into effect on December 8th. Lots of information will be shared, so that our Tribunal in Columbus will be prepared. Thank you for your patience during the time I'm involved with the Tribunal. As ever, you are in my thoughts and prayers. I'll be home from that on October 15th.
3. **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 2015!
4. **Second Collections:** October 17 and 18: World Mission Sunday
5. **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; Capt. Nicholas Joseph 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, Billy Jo Brink, Miriam and Danny Casey, Becky and Tommy Colcord, Margaret Dawson, 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, Mila Orbovich, Teddy Petry, Antoinette Pratsinakis (Daughter of Nancy Figliola and Granddaughter of Pat Brown), Anna Reed, Danny Reeds, Amanda Rich, Denise Schumaker, Jacob Timms, Mary Waterfield, Isabelle Whitley, Fred Wilcox and Mary Yingst.



New Parishioners Welcome Weekend – Please join in welcoming all our new St. Christopher's parishioners with Coffee, Cider and Donuts. Join us in the Trinity School cafeteria after each Mass on October 31 and November 1.

ATTENTION, ALL HOMEBOUND MINISTERS – You are doing an awesome job and we want to personally thank you, discuss any concerns you may have and share ideas for the betterment of this very important ministry. There will be a meeting Saturday, October 31, 10:00 a.m. at St. Christopher in the River Chapel. This is not a Trick and there will be Treats!!! Please RSVP with Beljeania@aol.com or 614-481-9143. Thank you again for serving and I look forward to visiting with everyone soon.

High School Youth Group

We will have a faith night October 11 at 7:10 p.m. Meet in the cafeteria after Last Call Mass. Hope to see everyone there! Stop by and see the fire pit near the flagpole that we constructed for the parish last weekend. Well done everyone! Questions? Contact Alyce at christopheryouth@aol.com.

TRINITY SCHOOL NEWS

Trinity Catholic is now accepting applications for the 2016-2017 Kindergarten class. We will have two full-day classes with a maximum of 14 students per class. Every day that school is in session is Open House day for you to come and take a tour, visit class and ask questions.

There is also a \$50.00 discount for registering before December 20.

Contact school principal Jim Silcott at jsilcott@cducation.org or at 488-7650.

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!

LastCall Mass

Sunday, October 18th • 6 o'clock

Celebrant

Fr. Bill Metzger

Lector

Lauren Dull

Sacristan

Cathy Myerholtz

Eucharistic Ministers

*Rita Morgan, Louise Thoma, Judith Fisher
Mallary St. John, Jim and Nancy Joseph*

Servers

Elizabeth Bergmann + Andrew Bergmann

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

My Dearest Friends of St. Christopher Parish, Words are not enough to express my heartfelt gratitude to every one of you for being so kind at my reception and for these past 11 years at St. Chris. I will always hold a special place in my heart for your fabulous singing and involvement at Mass and well beyond the walls of St. Chris that you all serve so well. May His Love and Grace fill your lives with holiness and peace. Your friend in Christ Jesus, Mark V. If you would like to stay in touch, please Facebook me or text at 614-352-7177 or my email mvkey@aol.com. My new church home is Immaculate Conception on North Broadway off of High Street.



As the choir season begins, we here at St. Christopher's are looking to increase our members.

Yes, this is a team effort! We would like to have new members in this wonderful, creative, challenging, and giving of time and talent. The choir is to enhance the liturgy at each of the Masses, so that worshipping and praying become a vital part of the Mass. St. Augustine, said: "singing is praying twice."

Our rehearsals are on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. We are beginning Advent and Christmas music. Also, we will go over the hymns for the next few weeks.

I pray that YOU will consider becoming a vital part of this beautiful ministry. This would be a short-term commitment, but once you meet all of us you will want to stay on board.

God Bless,

Pandora, Music Director

You can reach me by email at pporcase@yahoo.com.

ATTENTION – Due to poor or no attendance, the MOC Bereavement Support Group for St. Christopher Parishioners has been CANCELED. A special note of appreciation for parishioner Julie Fisher, who generously provided healthy refreshments, Elaine DeSalvo for her assistance and for all who have generously supported St. Christopher's MOC Bereavement Ministry/Luncheons with their time, talents, monetary contributions and prayers. For anyone in our parish family struggling with grief, please note that Individual Pastoral Consolation Sessions are available by appointment only. For more information, contact Beljeania@aol.com or 614-315-1047. In the meantime, remember to take one moment, one hour, one day at a time....God Bless.



The Office will be closed Monday October 12th in observance of Columbus Day!



The Young Professionals would like to welcome anyone interested in joining to come socialize with us after any Last Call Mass in the vestibule. Please join our Facebook group, St. Christopher's Young Professionals, to stay up to date on activities during the week. We are a very friendly group and invite anyone who would like to join any of the activities to come.

This weekend, October 10 and 11, 2015, please welcome Rev. James J. Reis, who will be with us to celebrate Masses and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 20 developing countries. To learn more, call (800) 875-6564 or visit Unbound online at www.unbound.org.



“Blessed are they who mourn; they shall be consoled.” Matthew 5:4

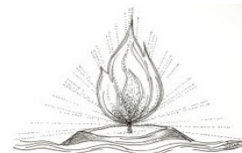
St. Christopher's Ministry of Consolation invites you to attend a Bereavement Support Group, on Tuesdays, October 13th, 20th, and 27th, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at St. Christopher Church in the River Chapel. This group will be facilitated by Beljeania Berry. All are welcome. Please plan to attend.

St. Christopher's Ministry of Consolation is also offering a Bereavement Support Group for MEN ONLY. The sessions will meet after the weekly 6:00 p.m. evening Mass at St. Christopher Church on Wednesdays, October 21st and November 18th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. These sessions will be facilitated by Chaplain Kelvin Thompson, Manager for Mount Carmel East and West Hospitals. RSVP Beljeania@aol.com or call 614-481-9143. Please plan to attend.



Marathon on October 18 – If you are attending Mass the morning of October 18 when the Marathon is being run, you will be able to access the front and back lots via Third Avenue, turning right (north) and coming into the parking lot driveway or ally off Grandview Avenue. After Mass, you will exit onto Grandview Avenue turning right, northbound only, but can get to Fifth Avenue or King, to go East. Thanks for your patience.

First Communion Parent Meeting: If your child is in the second grade, and would like to receive the sacrament of Holy Eucharist, please contact Linda Wolfe. Parent meeting on October 11, 7:00 p.m., in Trinity science classroom – we will meet in cafeteria first.



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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This week:

October 11, 2015 – How are we to live in our common home? A dialogue on *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis' Encyclical on Ecology. Jerry Freewalt serves the Office for Social Concerns of the Catholic Diocese of Columbus, Ohio, as the parish social concerns ministry and rural life director. In this capacity, he serves as an educator and advocate to further the understanding of the Church's social justice teachings. Jerry joined the office in 1995 as the respect life coordinator. Jerry administers the office's Information and Response Network, an email legislative action and disaster relief alert system.

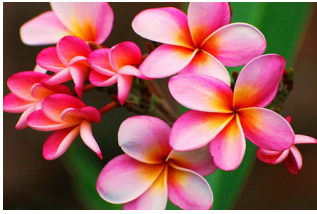
Looking ahead:

October 18, 2015 – Columbus Marathon – NO ADULT EDUCATION THIS WEEKEND.



Women's Fellowship

St. Chris Women's Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 13 in the cafeteria. Please join us. We're working on the Mary Garden project and Christmas Bake Sale plans.



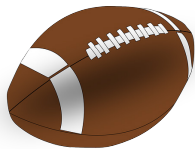
Update on Mary's Garden

As you may have noticed, the renovation of Mary's Garden outside our church is progressing well. The stone edging was installed this week, and the landscaping will be the next step. Because the original statue of the Virgin Mary was damaged, a new statue – which will be cemented to the pedestal – will be donated by the St. Chris Women's Club. A dedication of the garden to Our Lady is planned for October. Although some of the materials and labor were donated, some costs have been incurred. Thank you in advance for your support of this garden, which will be a place of meditation to – and veneration of – Mary, Our Blessed Mother.



Altar & Rosary Society Meeting to be held on Saturday, October 24th in the St. Albert Room at 11:00 a.m. All members are invited to attend bring a salad to share. Everything else will be provided. \$20.00 payable to Altar Rosary.

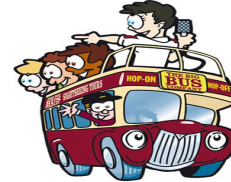
Seeking new members for the Altar & Rosary Society. Responsibilities include laundering and ironing small purificators and finger towels used during the Mass for one month each year. Another volunteer activity is cleaning the Altar and Sanctuary area (vacuuming, putting out new linens, cleaning holy 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.



Still room on the bus for St. Mary Magdalene's trip to Notre Dame at Pittsburgh football game Saturday, November 7th. About 12 spots remain. Cost of \$175.00 includes bus, game ticket, snacks, soft drinks. Contact Julius Palazzo at 614-276-9373 or jmpalazzo@juno.com.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The next upcoming MOC Bereavement Program will be "Getting through the Holidays" presented by Sr. Rosemary Loomis, OP, on Wednesday, November 11th, 7:00 p.m. at St. Christopher Church.



Late Summer or early Fall fun is right at your fingertips and a delightful Motor Coach ride away! The St. Christopher's Travel Club at St. Andrews Church has extended an invitation for St. Christopher Parishioners to travel along to this upcoming 3-day get-away trip.

Fall in Gatlinburg, Tennessee November 17th-20th

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Beljeania at 614-315-1047 or beljeania@aol.com. Also, for more information, watch for fliers in the church bulletin and on FlockNote. Or contact Tracy at [614.404.0238](tel:614.404.0238) or Kathy at [614-459-1402](tel:614-459-1402), ext. 2.



2015 Cub Scout Popcorn Sale
The Cub Scouts from Pack 414, sponsored by St. Christopher, will be selling delicious popcorn after the Last Call Mass on Sundays, October 11, October 18, and October 25. Look for their tables outside of the church.

This is the major fund raiser for the Pack and helps the boys pay for fun activities like camping trips and the pinewood derby. Please stop by and give them your support. There are new OSU tins that would be the perfect Christmas gift for any Buckeye fan.

If you aren't a fan of popcorn, you do have the option to make a Military Donation which will provide popcorn for our troops overseas. This is a great way to spread some joy during the upcoming holiday season!

Cum Christo

You are invited to participate in a once-in-a-lifetime experiential weekend of Christian learning, renewal and leadership. Cum Christo (formerly Cursillo) is an Ecumenical movement, and a Lay Ministry of the Columbus Catholic Diocese. Two upcoming Cum Christo Weekends are fast approaching. The next Women's Cum Christo Weekend in Columbus will be held November 12-15, 2015. Contact Greg and Stacey Bergmann at sbe@columbus.rr.com to learn more about the Cum Christo method of Piety, Study, Action and Group Reunion, and to obtain a Weekend Application (see also the Cum Christo website at www.cumchristo.org).

Dear Parishioners,

In addition to the places that the Sisters of Saint Francis of Mary Immaculate of Joliet, Illinois, served as teachers, Sister Mary Franz served in Saint Christopher Parish as a pastoral ministry. Thank you for your kindness to Sister Mary during her years there.

You are all most welcome at the celebration at Saint Mary Church at 672 South Third Street, Columbus, Ohio, on October 11, 2015, at 3:00 p.m. A reception will follow in the school gymnasium.

**God bless you,
Sister Margaret Hoffman, OSF
614-252-4546**



MOUNT CARMEL
St. Ann's

St. Ann's Women's Auxiliary Council is delighted to host an evening with NYT best-selling author Susannah Cahalan. Her award-winning memoir, *Brain on Fire*, explores her struggle to recapture her identity after waking up alone in a hospital room, strapped to her bed and unable to move or speak. Please join us on **November 12 at 6:00 p.m.** for what is sure to be an inspiring and entertaining evening. Tickets are \$50.00 and include cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, a free Zip Top Utility Tote from Thirty-One Gifts, and more. All proceeds support the critical needs of the babies born at St. Ann's. For tickets and general information, please visit <https://brainonfire.eventbrite.com>.

A special Mass to celebrate the contribution of men and women religious within our Diocese will be held on Thursday, October 15, 2015, at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, 313 North State Street, Westerville, at 7:00 p.m. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Frederick F. Campbell followed by a reception and women's vocation fair for young women in the Parish's activity center. All are invited to attend; come and give thanks for the contribution of the brothers and sisters in the life of our Church!

Cemetery Sunday Prayer Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on November 1st at St. Joseph, Resurrection, Holy Cross and Mt. Calvary Cemeteries.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of our cemeteries. I appreciate all your help and assistance in our ministry of providing services for the Catholic families in our area. Please feel free to contact me in you have any questions or comments.

Illuminating Our Faith: A Liturgical Stained Glass Windows Exhibition at the Jubilee Museum's new gallery, the Fra Angelico gallery, is on view through November 15, 2015. The exhibition features 12 stained glass windows rescued from various churches, chapels and orphanages. Their beauty illuminates the strength and importance of stained glass windows as an art form and as a way of teaching our faith.

Through the centuries, stained glass windows were intended to be didactic, literally illustrating the Bible to the faithful, many of whom were illiterate: "*Stained glass is, basically, a Christian art, it had no existence until the Christian era. It is the art form which could be said to have profoundly distinguished Christian churches...*" For more information, please visit the Jubilee Museum and Catholic Cultural Center's website at www.jubileemuseum.org or call 614-600-0054. A suggested donation of \$10.00 per person is greatly appreciated.

You are invited to attend the 2015 St. Andrew Women's retreat at St. Therese's Retreat House on Friday evening, November 20 thru Sunday, November 22, 10:00 a.m. Fr. Thomas Blau from St. Patrick's Columbus is the retreat master for "Embracing the Year of Mercy: Living in God's Mercy." For more information, contact Peggy Rennick at peggyrennick@hotmail.com or 614-266-2712. Early Bird registration is \$135.00. The registration form can be found at <http://www.standrewparish.cc/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Womens-Retreat-Registration-2015.jpg>.

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