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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.

**First Sunday of Advent****Saturday + Sunday, November 28th & 29th**

4:30 p.m. Bud Weber by Susan Haninger
 9:00 a.m. Hertz Family & Daugherty Family
 by Anna + Jim Reed
 11:30 a.m. Eric Bohlmann by Bohlmann Family
 6:00 p.m. Fallen Members of Our Military in Afghanistan
 by Pete Janotka

Weekday Masses**Monday, November 30th**

8:30 a.m. Margarita Toban by Bond Family

Wednesday, December 2nd

6:00 p.m. St. Christopher Parishioners

Thursday, December 3rd

8:30 a.m. The Souls in Purgatory by Vince Staley

Friday, December 4th

8:30 a.m. Mary Frances St. Marie
 by Flora & Dominic Valentino

Second Sunday of Advent**Saturday + Sunday, December 5th & 6th**

4:30 p.m. Anita Sbrochi by Josephine Fortin & Van Gundy
 9:00 a.m. St. Christopher Parishioners/Ann Pass
 by Ron Pass
 11:30 a.m. Elena, Alberico & Michael Lalli by Clara & Vanda
 6:00 p.m. Frances Serwinowski by Christine Szczesny

Weekly Stewardship Report**Weekly Offertory Breakdown – 11/ 22/2015**

Total Envelope Count	95
Total Envelope \$ Amount	\$3,211.00
Loose Checks #35	
Total Loose Checks \$ Amount	\$1,886.00
Total Loose Cash \$ Amount	\$1,381.00
Total Collection \$ Amount	\$6,478.00
Second Collection:	
Campaign for Human Development	\$2,062.00

Mass Attendance:

November 7 & 8	1,056
November 14 & 15	1,000
November 21 & 22	966

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 5 AND 6

	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	GREETERS	ALTAR SERVERS
4:30 p.m. Saturday	Mary Anne Bondra & Susan Haninger	Barbara Fink	TBA	Quinn Tillett & Amy Doust
9:00 a.m. Sunday	Sue & Bill Reisenberberger, Lynn & Joe Sonderman, Cathy Myerholtz & Barbara McGhee	Beljeania Berry & Marytherese Croarkin	TBA	Aaron Schwirian, Ryan Schwirian & Michael DeLuccia
11:30 a.m. Sunday	Peter Yeldell, Sharon Schindler, Dick Sheeran & TBA	Darla Reardon & Mike Motil	TBA	Masha Shindler, Emily Mathew & Fifi Criswell-Carder

ALTAR CARE FOR NOVEMBER: Pat Brown, Emily & Julia Mathews; **Linens:** Joan Gillis

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn during December to remind us of the Presence of the Eucharist and for the intentions of Chris Lutmerding.

FROM THE DESK OF MSGR. JOHN CODY

Dear friends and parishioners of St. Christopher Parish:

1. **First Sunday of Advent** – This weekend, we begin a new liturgical year, the year 2015-2016. Far from being a “little Lent,” Advent is a precious time given to us to prepare for the coming of the Lord. He came at Bethlehem, He will come again at the end of time, and He comes to us in the present moment. When He comes, we are challenged to welcome Him and embrace once again with new fervor the life He has called us to in our Holy Baptism. The holiday season – stores are full of Christmas items, etc. Yet we Christians focus our attention on other things, particularly the coming of the Lord. Advent is a time of joyful anticipation! When He comes, will He find us watching in prayer? Eager to do what is right? Ready to extend help to the poor and those suffering from the cold? Our parish will offer several opportunities to help those who have so little while we have so much. Giving to others this time of year helps make life a little better for those to whom we give. Your generosity is always manifest – I know you’ll help once again this holiday season.
2. **Campaign for Human Development** – This annual collection is a “hand up, not a hand out!” The Bishops of our country instituted this annual collection to provide funds for poor people to work their way out of poverty. Applicants are thoroughly screened and vetted, and all projects are checked so that nothing is done that is against the teaching of the Church. Thank you for your generosity – the need is great.
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 number 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 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:** November 28 and 29: St. Vincent de Paul Society collection; December 5 and 6: Trinity Tuition Support; December 12 and 13: Retirement Fund for Religious; December 24 and 25: Diocesan Charities.
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; 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, 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, Mila Orbovich, Teddy Petry, Antoinette Pratsinakis (Daughter of Nancy Figliola and Granddaughter of Pat Brown), Anna Reed, Danny Reeds, Amanda Rich, Denise Schumaker, Joe Thompson, Jacob Timms, Isabelle Whitley, Whitmore Family, Fred Wilcox and Mary Yingst.

Last Call Mass

Sunday, December 6th • 6 o'clock

Celebrant

Fr. Josh Wagner

Lector

Terry Brown

Sacristan

Kathy O'Neill

Eucharistic Ministers

Andrew Bergmann – Kathy O'Neill – Mallory St. John,
Nancy & Jim Joseph & TBA

Servers

Zoe & Lanie Wenk

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

TRINITY SCHOOL NEWS



Trinity Catholic School Breakfast with Santa – Santa Claus is coming to town... for breakfast! Enjoy an All-You-Can-Eat pancake and sausage breakfast on **Saturday, December 12, 2015**, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. in the Trinity cafeteria. Chris Cakes of Ohio will be flipping pancakes from

their griddle to your plate. This is a community event so tell your friends, family and coworkers. There will be a craft making station, Secret Santa Shop, holiday gift raffle, Christmas baked goodie sale and a photo with Santa. Admission is \$5.00 per person and children 3 and under are free. Santa will also be drawing the winner of the 10K Raffle at 11:00 a.m.

Trinity Catholic Elementary School is accepting registrations for its two full day Kindergarten classes for the 2016-2017 school year. Families who register between now and December 20 will save \$50.00 off the ordinary registration fee of \$250.00. The remaining \$200.00 fee will go 100% towards next year's tuition. Come to an informational meeting at Trinity Catholic on Tuesday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m. to 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!

Support elderly religious. A parishioner writes, "As a Catholic school student from K-Grade 12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brother and sisters, and I am forever grateful." Show your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.



"Break out together in song" at the saving power of our God. With all the angels of God, we worship the Logos (Word) become flesh. Salvation comes to us through the incarnation present from the creation of the world. The Word of God has brought order to the universe. We are called to be a light to the nations, "a true light, which enlightens everyone." Let your lights shine.

St. Vincent De Paul News



We are beginning to collect food for our pantry and the Christmas boxes. We can use all foods but especially needed are: coffee, cereal, chunky soups, mac & cheese, canned vegetables and fruits, pancake mix and syrup, spaghetti sauce, pasta beans and condensed soup. Thank you!



Linda, who has been in the bulletin before, is in need of a small couch or love seat. Delivery can be arranged. Please call Elaine DiSalvo at 486-5543. Thank you so much. A great big, heartfelt thank you to the parishioners of St. Christopher for their generous kindness for Linda. The bus passes will enable her to get to work and the clothing and toiletries are much needed. Linda said, "Please tell the very kind people that I so appreciate everything they have given me; I will use everything – they are wonderful."

ATTENTION, ALTAR SERVERS

The next schedule will run from December 19, 2015 to March 6, 2016, and will include the Christmas and New Year's holidays. We will be using sign up genius this year to sign up for the Christmas Masses. You should be getting an invitation through the yahoo group to go to the sign-up page. If you are not on the Yahoo! group, you can go to sign up genius and enter my email into the search box to find the form (kroneill@ameritech.net).

WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

The Women's Club annual bake sale will be December 12th and 13th after Mass. We need all bakers to show off your delicious baked goods. Also, a poinsettia raffle. Come one, come all.

Women's Club Christmas Dinner

Tuesday, December 15, 2015
6:30 p.m.

Champps at Lennox Town Center

All are welcome to celebrate with us. We will be collecting winter gear – hats, coats, gloves and scarfs for St. Francis in McArthur, Ohio.



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.



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:

December 6, 2015, The Spirituality of the Beguines: In the past 2 years we have discussed two women mystics: Hildegard of Bingen (1098 to 1179) and Julian of Norwich (1342-1416). This presentation will be about women mystics who lived in the 13th-16th centuries. The Beguines were Christian lay religious orders that were active in Northern Europe, particularly in the Low Countries. Their members lived in semi-monastic communities but did not take formal religious vows. **Dr. Alison Beach** is an Associate Professor in the Department of History at The Ohio State University. She is a member of the Center for the Study of Religion at OSU. Her field of study is Medieval History with interests in religion in history. Her Ph.D. is from Columbia University.

Looking ahead:

December 13, 2015, Book Discussion *Walking with Mary* by Edward Sri: Mary appears only a few times in the Bible, but those few passages come at crucial moments. This very readable, short book discusses key Bible passages concerning Mary and offers insights to apply to our lives. **Dr. Edward Sri** is a nationally known Catholic speaker who appears regularly on EWTN and is the author of several well-loved Catholic books. He also was the keynote speaker at the 2015 Catholic Women's Conference in Columbus.

Nominations now open for the 2016 Catholic Man of the Year. The Catholic Men's Luncheon Club is accepting nominations for the Diocese of Columbus 2016 Catholic Man of the Year. This annual award recognizes one lay man who, through his daily actions, words, and prayers, exemplifies the "good and faithful servant." Bishop Frederick Campbell will present the award on Friday, February 5, 2016, at the Catholic Men's Luncheon. **Nominations will be accepted through December 28th.** For details and nomination instructions, go to www.pluginCatholicMen.com. Completed nominations and supporting letters should be emailed to catholicmanoftheyear@gmail.com. Submit a nomination and let everyone know that your husband, father, son, uncle, brother or friend is the Catholic Man of the Year!

St. Christopher's 50+ Senior Ministry: St. Andrew has again invited us to join their St. Christopher's Travel Group for their *Tis the Season...Annual "Kick off the Holiday Tour,"* Tuesday, December 1st. Highlights for this delightful trip include a tour in historic Waynesville, a visit to the Valley Vineyards where we can sample artisanal wine and craft beer, enjoy an optional tour in the cellar and explore the winemaking process from start to finish. Afterwards, we will enjoy dinner before visiting The Christmas Ranch. \$79.00...includes: Motor Coach Transportation* Gift bag with goodies* Dinner at Valley Vineyards* Admission to The Christmas Ranch. Leaving from Bryce Eck Center at 9:00 a.m...Returning at 9:00 p.m. RSVP with Tracy at 614-404-0238 or Kathy@www.kbarger@standrewparish.cc, or Beljeania@aol.com, 614-315-1047. Flyers are available on bulletin boards by each of our entrances. ***Tis the season to be Jolly!!!***

Coming Soon... St. Christopher's Health Ministry. Mount Carmel Church Partnerships is offering a six-week Health Promoter Class for only \$15.00. Upon completion of this course you could be a certified Health Promoter. Degrees and other licensed credentials are welcomed but not necessary. This is a great opportunity to learn more about overall health, wellness and communal resources. The more Health Promoters we have, the more we can do for our parish family. For additional information and to enroll for the 2016 class, please contact Kate Whitman, MSE, BSN, RN, Church Partnerships Manager, at kwhitman@mchs.com. Office: 614-546-4062 or Beljeania@aol.com 614-315-1047.

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 to sign up or for more information.

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