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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.



Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Saturday + Sunday, December 26th & 27th

4:30 p.m. Albert & David Montenaro by Jean Montenaro
 9:00 a.m. St. Christopher Parishioners
 11:30 a.m. Ivo DiRienzo by Clara DiRienzo
 6:00 p.m. Louie Slone by Sarah and Matthew Simcox

Weekday Masses

Monday, December 28th

8:30 a.m. Patricia Baughman by Zoretic Family

Wednesday, December 30th

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

Thursday, December 31st – New Year's Eve

4:00 p.m. William Wheelock by Vince Staley

Friday, January 1st – New Year's Day

10:00 a.m. Leah Drollinger by Friend of Family

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

Weekly Stewardship Report

Weekly Offertory Breakdown – December 20, 2015

Total Envelope Count	117
Total Envelope \$ Amount	\$ 4,970.00
Loose Checks #	39
Total Loose Checks \$ Amount	\$ 18,946.82
Total Loose Cash \$ Amount	\$ 1,845.00
Total Collection \$ Amount	\$ 25,761.82
EFT/Automatic Contributions	\$ 13,256.23
2nd Collections:	
Religious Retirement	\$ 2,730.00
Mass Attendance:	
December 5 & 6	984
December 12 & 13	999
December 19 & 20	1,018



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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 2ND AND 3RD

	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
4:30 p.m. Saturday	Ginny O'Connor & Blanche Luczyk	Mary Ann Bondra	Bill Pickens & David Homan
9:00 a.m. Sunday	Sue & Bill Riesenberger, Kathleen Belcher, Mary Helber, Domininc Valentino and Jim Woltz	Neil Dimond	Zane Diehl, Gage Diehl & Michael DeLuccia
11:30 a.m. Sunday	Nubia and Jose Alvarado, Susie Gershutz & Sharon Damico	Hope and George Wolfington	Seth Holway, Fifi Criswell – Carder, Emily Mathew

ALTAR CARE FOR DECEMBER: 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:

- The Feast of the Holy Family** – Just this past October, the Bishops of the Church gathered in Rome with our Holy Father, Pope Francis, to address the challenges of families in today’s Church and world. The family will always be the basic unit of society, not only for the world, but especially for the Church. Families, including the Holy Family, have always faced difficulties and challenges. These days, no-fault divorce, drug and alcohol abuse, the pressures of the unemployment and terrorism threaten to destabilize our families, not only in the United States, but also in our world. It is imperative that we do all we can to support and uphold the value of the family: to help married couples face the challenges of life together, to provide a safe, stable and loving atmosphere for their children, and to take time to enrich their family life instead of wasting time on activities or other ventures that are not really as important as spending time with one another in our various families. Those who are single, widowed, or the last survivor in their families can create new families – extended families – among members of their communities. We all need families in whatever form to affirm us, love us, challenge us lovingly, and to help us to continue to grow as we face the events of life as we grow older. May God bless all of our families, and keep them safe and strong in the coming year, 2016.
- 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.
- 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.
- Holy Day Masses** – This coming octave of Christmas, December 31 and January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. It is a Holy Day of obligation – all Catholics are expected to attend Mass on the day of the Vigil, Mass: 4:30 p.m. December 31, and 10:00 a.m. only January 1.
- 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 non-practicing 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 2015!

- Second Collections:** January 9 & 10: Trinity Tuition Support, January 16 & 17: Propagation of the Faith
- 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. Tours available at the school every day. Contact Principal Jim Silcott at jsilcott@cdeeducation.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@cdeeducation.org with your precious photographs. – Thank you!

LastCall Mass
 Sunday, January 3rd • 6 o'clock

Celebrant
 Fr. Josh Wagner


Lector
 Jim Joseph

Sacristan
 Judith Fisher

Eucharistic Ministers
 Nancy Joseph, Greg Bergman, Kathy and Rachel O'Neill,
 Lisa Boehm, Sarah Markin, Bev Finkel

Servers
 Erin Morgan and Aidan Shonk

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 are available, to receive one
 please see Pandora.

St. Christopher Parish & Trinity Elementary School Endowment Stewardship

“Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” (Matthew 5:16) This gospel passage calls us to charity. We have an opportunity to live this gospel message by supporting the future of our parish and school communities.

Many parishes in our diocese receive significant financial support through established endowment funds with The Catholic Foundation. As endowment funds grow, it is common for a parish and its ministries to receive \$50,000 to \$250,000 or more each year. Our parish and school together has received as much as \$39,000 in a year from endowments and grants through The Catholic Foundation. As we look to the future of our parish needs, it is important to grow our endowment funds to be a perpetual source of funding. Our parish and school currently have 3 endowment funds:

- ❖ **St. Christopher Parish Endowment Fund**
- ❖ **Robert E. and Marie C. Curtin Family Endowment Fund**
- ❖ **Trinity Elementary School Endowment Fund**

We work with The Catholic Foundation as our trusted partner because they assure peace of mind that our endowments are invested in alignment with our Catholic teachings and values. You can help us grow our endowments by identifying an end-of-life planned gift in your Will or Trust, or by contributing at any time and in any amount.

Also, The Catholic Foundation is available to help you grow our endowments through:

- Bequests through your Will and Trust
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For more information, please visit The Catholic Foundation at www.catholic-foundation.org or call James Anzelmo at 614-443-8893. You may also contact our Parish Office at 614- 486-0457.



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 Our Parents & Danny by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Abbruzzese
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 Bill Brown and Fred + Lucy Nance by Mrs. Patricia Brown + Family
 Members of the Olvera + Belcher Families by Mr. & Mrs. Van Belcher Jr.
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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:

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.

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 Fair Grounds. 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.

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.

St. Vincent de Paul: We gave out 50 boxes of food and supplied 25 families with a food certificate for the families meat for Christmas dinner. ALL this is possible because of the generosity of our parishioners. Our St. Christopher parishioners have always been great with their generosity. Thank you!

We had many helpers this year. Thanks to:

- Our biggest helper – PAUL MATUNE
- Our map maker – SARAH SIMCOX
- Our drivers – GLENN GLASER
- TOM HUTCHISON
- DAN HUTCHISON
- THE MOERMANS
- THE SCHWIRIANS
- DENNIS QUIGLEY



- Our packers – TED + SHEILA PENDERGAST
- PAT SUMMERS
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