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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday + Sunday, January 16th and 17th
4:30 p.m. Tom Croarkin by MaryTherese Croarkin
9:00 a.m. Dominic & Lucia Ciotola by Guido Ciotola
11:30 a.m. Eric Bohlmann by Bohlmann Family
6:00 p.m. St. Christopher’s Parishioners

Weekday Masses
Monday, January 18th
8:30 a.m. Baker Family by Bond Family
Wednesday, January 20th
6:00 p.m. Peter Cleveinger by Kaylan Campbeo
Thursday, January 21st
8:30 a.m. Ronald Stambaugh by Vince Staley
Friday, January 22nd
8:30 a.m. Mary Ursula McClain Maher 58th Anniversary
by Mary Ann Maher

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday + Sunday, January 23rd and 24th
4:30 p.m. Anita Sbrochi by Fausto Sbrochi
9:00 a.m. St. Christopher Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Bill Brown by Pat Brown & Family
6:00 p.m. David Montenaro by Cathy & Don Parker

Weekly Stewardship Report
Weekly Offertory Breakdown – January 10, 2016
Total Envelope Count 104
Total Envelope $ Amount $ 5,989.00
Loose Checks # 31
Total Loose Cks $ Amount $ 1,263.00
Total Loose Cash $ Amount $ 1,114.00
Total Collection $ Amount $ 8,366.00
2nd Collections:
Trinity Tuition Assistance $ 1,372.00

Mass Attendance:
December 26 & 27 721
January 2 & 3 1,043
January 9 & 10 986


LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 23RD AND 24TH

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ALTAR CARE FOR JANUARY: MaryTherese Croarkin; Linens: Becky Bohlmann
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:

1. **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
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Shelter the homeless
- Bury the dead

**Spiritual Works of Mercy**
- Admonish sinners
- Counsel the doubtful
- Comfort the sorrowful
- Forgive offenses
- Advise the doubtful
- Comfort the sick
- Instruct the uninformed
- 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.

2. **Poinsettias to take home!** – With the Christmas season over, our beautiful Christmas decorations have been dismantled. Please feel free to take any of them that are under the communion rail!

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 January 2016! We will make copies and return pictures to you in a timely fashion. Please contact Principal Jim Silcott at jsilcott@cdeducation.org or at 488-7650 for more information.

Trinity Catholic Elementary School is accepting registrations for its two full day Kindergarten classes for the 2016-2017 school year. Our wonderful school has small class sizes and a 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 précious photographs. Also looking for sports team pictures, pictures of faculty/administrators or other historical photographs – Thank you!

**LastCall Mass**

**Sunday, January 24th • 6 o’clock**

- **Celebrant**
  Fr. Metzger
- **Lector**
  Lauren Dull
- **Sacristan**
  Judith Fisher

**Eucharistic Ministers**

- Stacey Bergmann, Marilyn Friedman, Nathan Esselbaum,
  Jacob Lammers, Rita Morgan, Christina Congelio & Bev Finkel

**Servers**

- Kyle MacLaughlin & Ryan Ferguson

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

**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? Parents, come to an information session Sunday, January 24 at 7:10 p.m. (after Last Call Mass) in the St. Albert Room to find out more! 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:**

- January 24 – Youth Group, meet in Cafeteria, 7:10 p.m.
- January 24 – Mission Trip parent/adult information meeting,
  St. Albert Room, 7:10 p.m.
- February 6 – Sub making in Cafeteria, 9:00 a.m.
- February 7 – Super Bowl Sub Sale at all Sunday Masses
Congratulations to Seth Holway, Anthony Sanderell and Benjamin Wolfe for making the Honor Roll at St. Charles Preparatory School. Also a congratulations goes out to Alexander Holway for making Merit Roll.

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.

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.

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. For more information visit dull.36@osu.edu or go on the St. Christopher’s Young Professionals Facebook page.

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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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.

Volunteer opportunities will be posted soon. Let’s make this the best Festival yet!!!
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 17, 2016

Mother Angeline McCrory Manor, the only Catholic skilled nursing center in Columbus, was recently recognized in U.S. News & World Report’s Best Nursing Homes 2015 issue as receiving their “5 STAR” rating for quality health and wellness care. McCrory Manor provides long-term skilled and short-term rehabilitation services with the presence of the Carmelite Sisters. Volunteers are needed to lend their support for Eucharistic Ministry, Website support, music therapy (we have a lovely grand piano) and fund-raising efforts. McCrory Manor is located on East Broad Street just south of St. Therese’s Retreat Center. Please contact Kathy Drufke at 614-729-6506 or Kdrufke@mangelinemanor.org.

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 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.

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.!

St. Brendan Catholic Church, Women’s Club Spaghetti Dinner: Announcing the fabulous, delicious, famous St. Brendan Women’s Club Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, January 23, 2016, 4:00-8:00 p.m. The all-you-can-eat event is held in the St. Brendan’s school multipurpose room, 4475 Dublin Road, Hilliard, Ohio. Dinner includes spaghetti, homemade meatballs (from a secret recipe), salad, rolls, beverage and dessert. Cost for this all-inclusive meal is $8.00 for adults and $4.00 for kids 10 and under. Advanced tickets may be purchased after 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Masses on January 17, or by contacting Linda Abraham at 614-579-5182 or email labraham61@gmail.com. Buy early before January 20 and save $1.00 per ticket. Tickets will be on sale at the door at regular prices. This is one fabulous January event that you will not want to miss!

The Jubilee Museum is honored to announce a memorial exhibition for Father Harry Schneider, a dedicated priest from the Diocese of Columbus. Fr. Harry was also an accomplished artist and jeweler.

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.

Thank you for your kind generosity.