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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, president.



Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday + Sunday, April 9th and 10th

4:30 p.m. Anita Sbrochi by Fausto Sbrochi 9:00 a.m. Tony Filomen & Jim Santilli by Dominic & Flora Valentino

11:30 a.m. Elena Alberico & Michael Lalli by Clara & Vanda

6:00 p.m. St. Christopher Parishioners

Weekday Masses

Monday, April 11th

8:30 a.m. Anne Hall by John Connor

Wednesday, April 13th

6:00 p.m. The Souls in Purgatory by Vince Staley

Thursday, April 14th

8:30 a.m. June Shawler by The Ed Murnane Family

Friday, April 15th

8:30 a.m. Phillip VonBlond by Pat Huges & Mimi Murphy

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday + Sunday, April 16th and 17th

4:30 p.m. Tom Croarkin by Marytherese Croarkin 9:00 a.m. John & Maria Iacovetta by Guido Ciotola

11:30 a.m. Tony & Fiolmena Santilli

by Flora & Dominic Valentino

6:00 p.m. St. Christopher Parishioners

Weekly Stewardship Report Weekly Offertory Breakdown – 4/3/2016

Total Envelope Count 119
Total Envelope \$ Amount \$ 5,613.00
Loose Checks #38

Total Loose Checks \$ Amount \$ 1,900.00 Total Loose Cash \$ Amount \$ 1,409.00

Total Collection \$ Amount \$ 8,922.00

2nd Collections:

Trinity Tuition Assistance \$ 1,427.00

Mass Attendance:

Easter Vigil 189
Easter Sunday 1,408
April 2 & 3 1,011

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR APRIL 16-17

	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
4:30 p.m. Saturday	Kathy & Dave Eddy	Barbara Fink	Quinn Tillet & Amy Doust
9:00 a.m.	Kimber Moehrman, Dominic Valentino, Lynn Sonderman, Marytherese	Terry Brown &	Connor Murphy, Ian Murphy
Sunday	Croarkin, Cindi Schwirian, Patty Spaulding & Mary Helber	Joe Sonderman	& Christian Joly
11:30 a.m.	Nubia and Jose Alvardo, Peter Yeldell & volunteer	Mike Motil &	Masha Schindler, Fifi Criswell-
Sunday		Joshua Androsac	Carder & Lucy Rodriguez

ALTAR CARE FOR APRIL: Minerva Rodriguez & Mary Halloran; Linens: Karen Herbert & Liz Elder

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn during the month of April to remind us of the Presence of the Eucharist and for the intentions of Susan Reeser.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 10, 2016

FROM THE DESK OF MSGR. JOHN CODY

Dear friends and parishioners of St. Christopher Parish:

- 1. Spring has sprung Since the month of April began last week, we know that the "penance" of winter is finally going away and we can enjoy the blossoms, flowers and the awakening of nature going on around us. At the same time, we are rapidly heading toward the end of the school year as well as the fiscal year 2015-2016. First Communion is right around the corner, followed by grade school graduation, high school graduation, ordinations to the diaconate and priesthood, and the relaxing days of summer. May this new awakening in nature also stir within us a new devotion and appreciation of our faith and the presence of Jesus among us. And in this Holy Year of Mercy, a commitment to Christian service and a decision to treat others the way we want to be treated. Happy Spring!
- 2. BAA It is time again to begin preparing for our annual Bishop's Annual Appeal Collection. One of my goals this year is to bring up the percentage of participation. Only a little more than 25% of our parish participate in this annual fund drive. It goes without saying that the obligation to support the Church, which includes the diocese, should be borne by more than 25% of the congregation. In these days when parishes are closing and being combined with others, the financial sustainability of each parish becomes an important determinate in their continued existence. St. Christopher is in no danger of closing because of finances. However, we need not only get by: we need to prosper. We cannot do this without your generosity. Too few have carried the burden for too long. Christian maturity involves taking responsibility for the support of the parish church as well as the diocesan Church. I will be saying more about this in the near future. It has been my experience that whenever a new pastor arrives, the collections drop significantly. I've had to go through this four times myself in each of my four pastorates. This predictable drop in collections is regrettable, deplorable, inexcusable, and disappointing. I will not hesitate to prepare for a new pastor without preparing all of you to welcome him and support him, which includes support of the church. We not only owe that to him, but to the Lord Jesus who sends us a new pastor to provide us with the spiritual leadership we all need. More on this later!
- 3. Operation Rice Bowl If you haven't turned yours in yet, please drop it off when you come to church or take to our parish office during office hours. Thanks for helping alleviate the needs of the hungry, a corporal work of mercy.
- 4. 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 Visit the sick and imprisoned Bury the dead

Spiritual Works of Mercy Admonish sinners Counsel the doubtful Bear wrongs patiently

Instruct the uninformed Comfort the sorrowful 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.

- 5. 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!
- **6. Special Collections** April 9 & 10: Aid to the Church in Eastern Europe
- 7. 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 ST. CHRISTOPHER CHURCH COLUMBUS, OHIO



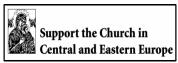
REMEMBER OUR SICK AND HOSPITALIZED IN YOUR PRAYERS – Paula Bassett, Jaime Berry, Linda Boyd, Billy Jo Brink, Miriam and Danny Casey, Becky and Tommy Colcord, Margaret Dawson, Henry Drayer, Betty and Mark Evans, Frances Fitzgerald, Glenn Glassner, Pauline and David Hawkeye, Annemarie Hogan, Patty Human, 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, 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 isilcott@cdeducation.org with your precious photographs. Also looking for sports team pictures, pictures of faculty/administrators or other historical photographs — Thank you!



The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe illuminates the way for the people of the region by helping Catholic organizations provide affordable shelter and training to seminarians, in addition to providing pastoral care and catechesis. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Please be generous to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Visit www.usccb.com/ccee.

LastCall Mass

Sunday, April 17th • 6 o'clock

Celebrant

Msgr. John K. Cody

Lector

Rob Cooper

Sacristan

Judith Fisher

Eucharistic Ministers

Jacob Lammers, Laura Maher, Sarah Markin, Bev Finkel, Rita Morgan, Kathy O'Neill & Judith Fisher

Servers

Elizabeth & Andrew Bergmann

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



WIN \$5,000.00!!!! Buy a \$50.00 Festival Raffle Ticket and you could win \$5,000.00! There will be only 200 tickets sold for the raffle drawing. The raffle will be held at 9:30 p.m., Saturday, June 18, 2016; you need not be present to win. If 200 tickets are not sold then the drawings will be a 50/50 drawing. Don't miss out on a chance to win \$5,000.00. For tickets or more information, please call the Parish Office at 614-486-0457.



Trinity Multi-Purpose Center Project The Trinity Multi-Purpose Center Project is temporarily on hold until the new Pastor is appointed in July to St. Christopher Parish. This is only a delay and the new building project will be presented to the

new Pastor on his arrival. I want to thank the Committee for all their time and dedication to this project.

Sincerely Yours In Christ
- Deacon Carl

Angel in Amazon Concert: A New American Opera about Sister Dorothy Stang, at St. Christopher Church



Saturday, April 16, 2016, 1:00 p.m.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 10, 2016

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.



EUCHRE TOURNAMENT & AUCTION benefiting the Home and School Association for <u>Trinity Catholic School</u> will be held in the school cafeteria on **Saturday, April 16. Doors open at 6:15 p.m., play begins at 7:00 p.m.** Registration (\$25.00/ person) includes eleven games of Euchre, food and beverage. Beer will be available to purchase. You may register as many as 12 players together. Mail reservations and payment to Trinity Catholic School, Attn: Euchre, 1440 Grandview Avenue, Columbus, OH 43212. Payments must be received no later than **Tuesday, April 12.** If you have any questions, please contact Paula Beickman at (614) 284-1093.

YOUTH NEWS!!!



<u>Summer Service Opportunity – Gospel Road</u>

Interested in spending just a few days out of your busy summer helping others? Students who will be in grades 9-12 for the 2016-2017 school year are eligible to attend Gospel Road this summer, July 10-14. This is a great opportunity to serve others while having fun with other Catholic youth from across our diocese. For more information and registration forms, contact Alyce Horwat, High School Youth Minister, at christopheryouth@aol.com.

High School Youth Group

We are happy to welcome our recently Confirmed 8th graders into our High School Youth Group!

We will be meeting in the St. Albert Room at 7:10 for dinner and our meeting, for the next few weeks, while the Knights of Columbus use the cafeteria for their Movie Series.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, April 10, Faith Night

Sunday, April 24, Building Community Night

Saturday, May 7, 10:00 a.m. Service project for Gospel Road



LET US PRAY....It's so true. God does indeed answer our prayers. St. Christopher's PRAYER MINISTRY COMING SOON. Stay tuned for details which will be printed in our mid-April

church bulletin. If you like praying for others and would like to volunteer for this much needed ministry, please contact <u>Beljeania@aol.com</u> or call 614-315-1047.



St. Christopher's MINISTRY of CONSOLATION –

"Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4

The following is a grieving affirmation for anyone mourning the loss of a loved one, their job, a home, their health, their ability to be self-sufficient, a relationship, a beloved pet, or any other meaningful loss....

A Cut Finger

Is numb before it bleeds,
It bleeds before it hurts,
it hurts until it begins to heal.
It forms a scab and itches until
finally, the scab is gone and a
small scar is left where once
there was a wound.
[Your] Grief is the deepest
wound you have ever had.

Like a cut finger, it goes though stages and leaves a scar.

Source Unknown

My dear friends, while attempting to re-create and live your best lives, remember the gift in taking one moment, one hour, one day at a time. If you or someone you know would like to schedule a Pastoral Consolation Session, contact Beljeania@aol.com or call 614-481-9143.



Children's Faith Formation First Communion: April 23rd, 4:30 Mass

25 children will be receiving First Holy Eucharist:

Grant Arnason, Aaron and Adam Arasada, Alexander Borkowski, Jonas Brown, Gunnar Burleson, Elijah Coleman, Eva DiRienzo, Chloe and Jack Gehres, Evan George, Quinn Hoy, Harriett Hutton, Aiden Joly, Ava Knight, Lena Luebbers, Amaya May, Finn McKelvey, Caroline Mischnick, Luis Porcayo-Rodriguez, Andrew Rowland, Susie Russell, Ivey Williams and Kathryn Williams

Please pray for the children and their families:

Lord Jesus, Bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May this day be an initial step into a lifelong love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship. Thank you for their innocence and goodness. May their hands, extended in anticipation of your Body and Blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred sacrament.

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St. Christopher's *Informational* HEALTH MINISTY is reminding you that even with the iffy and uncharacteristic weather we are presently experiencing, the beautiful season of Spring is here and with its arrival is the opportunity for many new beginnings.

Typically, when we think about our health we primarily consider only our physical and medical concerns. However, research has and continues to shed an important light on how our emotional and spiritual health is equally important and in fact, greatly contributes to our overall well-being.

So in line with new beginnings and overall well-being, perhaps this is a good time for you to give yourself a SPRITUAL CHECK-UP! In doing so you may consider practicing enjoying more quiet time, taking a nature walk alone or with family, friends and pets, keeping a journal or creating a spiritual craft of some sort, or maybe meditating while tending your garden. The point is, there are many meaningful ways to properly care for yourself and celebrate your unique spirituality. Decide what works best for you and ENJOY!



By the way, The Martin De Pores Center will be hosting the following upcoming programs: Resting Secure in God's Love, Chris McAlister; also the author of *Sightshift* on THURSDAY, APRIL 28th, 6:00-8:30 p.m., Program Fee \$15.00; and Introduction to Centering Prayer, Adele Sheffieck presenter, on SATURDAY, MAY 21st, 1:00-5:00 p.m. Suggested Donation is \$10.00. For your convenience program flyers are posted on all church bulletin boards. For additional information or to register for these programs, please contact Laura at the Martin DePorres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43219, call 614-416-1910, or visit their website martindeporres@oppeace.org.



Come one, come all because "God can break every chain!" The St, Dominic Gospel Choir under the direction of Vernon Hairston will present a gospel choir concert on APRIL 17, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. at St. Dominic Church, 453 N. 20th St., Columbus, OH. This will feature the youth choir. Free and open to all. Come early for good seating.



Parish School of Religion News: May 1st we will have a special reception for our First Communion children at 10:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. Cake will be served. First Communicants, please come ready to share your experience with the other children! May 1st is our last class day, and we will break until September 11th. Special thanks to all those who have contributed their time, making this year so spiritual: teachers and volunteers, parents, speakers (Deacon Loeffler and Beljeania Berry), Church choir, Knights of Columbus, Women's Club, and the St. Christopher staff and community.

Vacation Bible School is July 18-21, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (VBS family night on the 21st)!

Theme this year is Cave Quest: Following Jesus, the Light of the World

Sciency-Fun Gizmos™, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats, and we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we call God Sightings. Your kids will also participate in a mission project. Registration information coming to our website in May, http://saintchristophercc.com/children.

Volunteers are always welcome and needed! Please contact Linda Wolfe, Religious Education for Children, at llwolfe1966@gmail.com, 614-486-9031.



The Martin de Porres Center, a place for spirituality, education, and the arts, will host an Open House on Sunday, April 24, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Explore our space and art! Experience our programs and community! Staff and volunteers will be on hand to answer questions about upcoming programs, space rental, art exhibits, and much more. The Center is located at 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Call (614) 416-1910 or check our website (www.martindeporrescenter.net) for more information.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 10, 2016



Summer Academic and Athletic Programs at St. Charles: St. Charles is holding a number of Academic and Athletic programs this summer for interested grade school students. The school will offer readiness courses in Math and English for upcoming 7th and 8th graders June 13 through July 8. Visit the "Upcoming Academic Programs" post at www.stcharlesprep.org to learn more about these summer classes. To learn more about upcoming summer athletic programs, visit the "Athletic Camps" post at www. stcharlesprep.org. They include: Speed & Agility Clinic (June 13, 15 and 17); Lacrosse (June 6, 8, 13 and 15); Baseball (June 13-15); Football (June 20-22); Soccer (June 27-30); Basketball (July 5-8 for 8th and 9th graders and July 18-21 for 5th, 6th and 7th graders); Basketball Shooting Camp: Three sessions (July 12 and 14); and Volleyball, Open to boys & girls (August 1-4).



Tuesday, April 12th - Tri-Village Catholic Moms

We welcome moms from all ages, stages, and parishes to an evening with **Emily Jaminet**, wife, mother of seven, author and blogger. Join us from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Victory Hall (lower level) at **Our Lady of Victory**, 1559 Roxbury Rd. as Emily shares from her daily reflections featured on AM820, **A Mother's Moment.** Wine and cheese are provided. For more information, contact Amy Dury, <u>tri-villagecatholicmoms@yahoogroups.com</u> or 614-598-3268.



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.



Adult Faith Formation on Sunday, in the library of Trinity School, 10:00 a.m.-11:25 a.m. Suggestions or questions? Please contact any one of our committee members:

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Coming Next:

April 10, 2016 – Why Enthrone an Image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in my home? The image of the Sacred Heart is meant to draw us toward God and enlighten our soul with Divine Truths. As the family/household receives Jesus in the Eucharist at Holy Mass, Jesus desires through His Image to remain present spiritually in their home, "the domestic church." Bill and Mary Beth Hinger are parishioners at St. Michael Parish in Worthington, Ohio. They have been Missionaries of the Sacred Heart for Sacred Heart Columbus since 2013 and have witnessed the Sacred Heart Enthronement in many homes throughout the diocese of Columbus.

Looking ahead:

April 17, 2013 - Martyrs of our Time: Did you ever know a martyr? Sister Thoma will share her experiences working with Father Sandro Dordi in Peru. He and 2 other missionary priests, killed by Communist terrorists in 1991, were recently beatified. Sr. Thoma Swanson, OP, is an internationally known visual artist. She designed the stained glass windows at the Dominican Sisters of Peace Columbus Motherhouse Chapel. Over the course of the last 60 years she has also been a missionary, high school teacher, and tenured college art professor. Sr. Thoma spent ten years at the Dominican Mission in Chimbote, Peru, where she founded a women's cooperative, providing direction to local women in producing and selling their native crafts. Today Sr. Thoma continues to create works in various media from her local studio at the Millworks on the East Side of Columbus.