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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.



Mass Intentions

Pentecost Sunday**Saturday + Sunday, May 14th and May 15th**

4:30 p.m. Anita Sbrochi by Fausto Sbrochi
 9:00 a.m. John & Maria Iacovetta by Guido Ciotola
 11:30 a.m. The Bond Family by Monica Bond
 6:00 p.m. St. Christopher Parishioners

Weekday Masses**Monday, May 16th**

8:30 a.m. Ann Pass by Ron Pass

Wednesday, May 18th

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

Thursday, May 19th

8:30 a.m. Hinkley-Eviston Family
 by Tom & Norma Eviston

Friday, May 20th

8:30 a.m. Brook Berringer by Vince Staley

The Most Holy Trinity**Saturday + Sunday, May 21st and May 22nd**

4:30 p.m. Anita Sbrochi by Fausto Sbrochi
 9:00 a.m. James Faubush, Larry Evans & Favid Melsi
 by Faubush, Evans & Melsi Family
 11:30 a.m. Elena Alberico & Michael Lalli
 by Clara & Vanda
 6:00 p.m. St. Christopher Parishioners

Weekly Stewardship Report**Weekly Offertory Breakdown – 5/8/2016**

Total Envelope Count	117
Total Envelope \$ Amount	\$ 5,080.00
Loose Checks #45	
Total Loose Checks \$ Amount	\$ 2,208.91
Total Loose Cash \$ Amount	\$ 1,036.00
Total Collection \$ Amount	\$ 8,324.91

Bishop Annual Appeal**Mass Attendance:**

April 23 & 24	1,114
April 30 & May 1	924
May 7 & 8	940

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MAY 21-22

	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
4:30 p.m. Saturday	Mirta Blatnik & Ginny O'Connor	Alex Redle	Quinn Tillett & Amy Doust
9:00 a.m. Sunday	Mary Helber, Nick Linkenhoker, Barbara McGhee, Kathy & Dave Eddy, Kimber Moehrman and Liz Elder	Neil Dimond	Connor Murphy, Ian Murphy & Lauren Klingel
11:30 a.m. Sunday	Sharon Schindler, Suzie Gerschutz, Dick Sheeran & volunteer	Chris and Joe Adkins	Zoe Wenk*, Angel Porcayo & Lucy Rodriguez

ALTAR CARE FOR MAY: Monica Hanson & Cathy Myerholtz; **Linens:** Teresa Schleich & Susan Reeser

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn during the month of May to remind us of the Presence of the Eucharist and for the intentions of Marytherese Croarkin.

FROM THE DESK OF MSGR. JOHN CODY

Dear friends and parishioners of St. Christopher Parish:

1. **Pentecost** – Happy Birthday! In popular language, Pentecost Sunday is the birthday of the Church! The frightened Apostles and disciples found courage to go out from the upper room after the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus. At the Second Vatican Council, St. John XXIII prayed for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our own day. Pope Francis constantly speaks of the Holy Spirit working in the Church, always calling us and strengthening us for a renewed commitment to Jesus, His Life and His Mission which we share through our Holy Baptism/Confirmation. May this Pentecost be a great renewal for us as individuals and as a community.
2. **BAA** – After last week's presentation, we are off to a good start with the BAA here at St. Christopher. Thus far, we have pledged \$33,167.00 to help us reach our goal of \$71,726.90. As I said last week, 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. I ask each family or wage earner to consider making a pledge of \$600. Some can afford much more, some much less. But the important thing is participation. 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. **Good-bye Deacon David Loeffler** – Our deacon from the Josephinum this year will be leaving us soon. As is our custom for the past few years, we'd like to take up a collection as a parting gift from us, and symbolic of our prayer and gratitude for his ministry among us this past year. This second collection will take place on May 21 & 22. I will be attending Deacon David's ordination in Phoenix in mid-June and want to present him with our gift in gratitude for his service here.
4. **Year of Mercy** – Our Holy Father, 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****Pray for the living and the dead****Instruct the uninformed****Comfort the sorrowful****Forgive offenses**

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 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 2016!
6. **Special Collections** – May 14 & 15: Catholic Communications Campaign; May 21 & 22: collection for Deacon Dave; May 28 & 29: St. Vincent De Paul Society.
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



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, Tim Danielson, 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, Daniel Patrick Murphy, Theresa J. Nardone, Linda Olvera, Mila Orbovich, Travis Patrick, 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 2016-17 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 jsilcott@cdeducation.org with your precious photographs. **Also looking for sports team pictures, pictures of faculty/administrators or other historical photographs** – Thank you!



Next week, our parish will take up the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through television, radio, social media, podcasts, and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our (arch)diocese and support local needs, so please be generous in this collection.

Last Call Mass

Sunday, May 22nd • 6 o'clock

Celebrant

Msgr. John K. Cody

Lector

Joe Segna

Sacristan

Kathy O'Neill

Eucharistic Ministers

Gregg and Stacey Bergmann, Lisa Boehm, Christina Congelio, Rob Cooper, Nathan Esselburn, Judith Fisher & Katie Gaffney

Servers

Elizabeth Bergmann & Andrew Bergmann*

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



Congratulations and Best Wishes to our 2016 Senior Altar Servers: Elizabeth Bergmann, MaryEmma MacLeod and Zoe Wenk. Please join us

in thanking them for all the years of dedicated service to this important ministry. Each of our seniors will be honored by Monsignor Cody when they serve their last Mass. To learn more about these outstanding young women, please stop by the vestibule of the church to view the display created by parishioner Susan Haninger.

We would also like to thank Monsignor Cody. The tradition of having altar servers who continue to serve until their high school graduation began 18 years ago, but it has flourished with Monsignor's support, encouragement and genuine appreciation of the young people involved in this ministry. In his twelve years as Pastor, he has honored sixty senior altar servers. St. Chris is truly blessed.



Lil' Picasso ART CAMP: This year we will have 2 camps. 6th-8th Grade will be July 25th-July 29th, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. The cost will be \$200.00 (Classes will be offsite and at Trinity School). K-5th Grade will be June 27th-July 1st, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The cost will be \$100.00.

Applications and additional information can be found on Trinity Catholic School's Website or email Mrs. Finkel at bfinkel@cdeducation.org (614-560-1158). Applications should be turned in for the Grades K-5 before June 15th and Grades 6-8 before July 6th.



We have a 100th birthday coming up! Sister Mary Franz will celebrate her 100th birthday on May 23. Cards for Sister Mary may be sent to: 1) Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, 1201 Wyoming Avenue, Joliet, IL 60435 or 2) Joliet Franciscan Center, 1433 Essington Road, Joliet, IL 60435.

ATTENTION, BAKERS OF ST. CHRISTOPHER



Once again, it is time for our Festival and we are asking our **generous bakers (men, women and our young people)** to be the **gracious people** we know you are. We do have some specific requests from people who enjoyed last year's goodies.

Pies, yellow cakes, spice cakes, chocolate cakes, pineapple upside down cake, sugar cookies, oatmeal, peanut butter, were constantly being asked for, and of course cupcakes are always a good item, especially for our young people. We do not have room for items that need to be kept in the fridge. If possible, please **label the baked goods**, so we know as well as the people buying the item what it is and if nuts are in the item. We will be taking donations of baked goods both days anytime after 4:00 p.m. in the St. Albert Room. If you need to drop them off earlier in the day, either the cafeteria or the rectory will be available.

Whatever you bake, **PLEASE PUT IT ON DISPOSABLE PLATES.** We will **NOT** be responsible for plates being returned to owners. Please do not pre-cut your baked goods. Some of these baked goods will be used as prizes.

If you want a specific baked good to bring, please call Patricia Spaulding at 645-2375 (work) or Jo Ann Frabott at 294-1431.

Accept our thanks now for being gracious as always.

Mass Offerings?



Many people complain that they cannot get Masses said for deceased loved ones or for their intentions because their parishes are all booked up for the year. Good News! St. Christopher is able to schedule Mass intentions in a timely manner, even within a few weeks. Just call our office at 614-486-0457 and we'll be happy to accommodate you!



Festival Season is upon us! The planning has started. Check here for contacts, information and updates.

- We are looking for a few individuals interested in running an area at the annual St. Christopher's Festival. Currently we are looking for a person or persons to lead the Lemon Shake-up and The Wheel. If you're interested in getting involved and sharing your time and talent, please contact Tamara Criswell at 614-485-2261 or tamaracriswell@att.net
- Have you started your spring cleaning? The kids games area is in need of
 - Gently used stuff animals and toys looking for a new home.
 - Happy Meal toys or other small toys to use for prizes
 - 2 liter soda pop and Pringles cans donations for prizes in the kid's games area.
- Please drop off any donations in the vestibule of the church. Thank you so very much for supporting St. Christopher's Annual Parish Festival.



Looking for any and all choir members and instrumentalists, who have sung and played an instrument here at St. Christopher's. If you have, then the Music Ministry wants to hear from you. July 10th

at the 11:30 a.m. Mass will be Msgr. Cody's last 11:30 a.m. Mass. We would love to make this a very special Mass and we need you. We will rehearse on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The rehearsals will be May 19, May 26, June 2, June 9, June 16 and June 23. Please mark your calendars. Contact Pandora Porcase, Music Director, either by email: pporcase@yahoo.com, at church 614-486-0457, ext. 15, or text me at 614-306-0342. I pray that I will hear from YOU!



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.

Would You Like To Be
A Sponsor Of Our Festival?



The following sponsorships are available for the 2016 St. Christopher Festival: Co-Title Sponsorship, \$1,500.00; Business Sponsorship, \$250.00; Stage Sponsorship, \$150.00 (First Year/\$200.00 Second Year). If you are interested or have questions, please call Deacon Carl at 614-486-0457 or email him at deaconcarlcalcara@columbus.rr.com. Thank you for your consideration.



Enjoy baseball action at the Catholic Family Night with the Columbus Clippers on Tuesday, May 24! Watch the Clippers take on the Buffalo Bisons at Huntington Park, beginning with a pre-game parade of Catholic youth at 5:45 p.m., followed by game time at 6:35 p.m. **Family admission provides seating for two adults and up to four youths 18 and under; reserved seating on the 3rd base side is available at \$25.00, bleacher seating also available at \$15.00. Seating is limited, place your order ASAP! For additional ticket information, contact Diocesan Recreation at [614-241-2580](tel:614-241-2580).**



Attention, all married couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th Anniversary and every year thereafter: *The Annual Jubilee of Anniversaries Mass* will be held on **Sunday, June 26, 2016 at St. Andrew Parish, 1899 McCoy Road, Upper Arlington, at 2:30 p.m.** Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Frederick F. Campbell, followed by an informal reception in your honor. Registration forms are available from the parish office. You may also register online at <http://familylife.colstdioc.org> or by calling **614-241-2560**. **Reservations for you and guests are necessary and must be received by Friday, June 10, 2016.**

YOUTH NEWS!!!



High School Youth Group

We have had such a great year and only have a few events left. If you are in 8th-12th grade, please join us whether you have participated so far or not! If you need any information or would like to have a permission form (required for bowling) sent to you, please contact Alyce Horwat at christopheryouth@aol.com or [740-549-4124](tel:740-549-4124).

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, May 22:

Bowling Night – 3:00-5:45 p.m.

Saturday, May 28:

Gospel Road construction project,
continued – 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Friday, June 17 and Saturday, June 18:

Sell raffle tickets for our construction item
at Parish Festival

Sunday, July 10-Thursday, July 14:

Gospel Road (A few spaces still available,
contact Alyce)



The Martin de Porres Center will host a workshop for high school students, their parents, and teachers on the dangers of human trafficking on Saturday, May 21, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. This workshop has been developed by a Columbus Detective to teach about the risks and the signs of this modern day issue. Information, stories, and tips will be shared as a way to be aware and prepared.

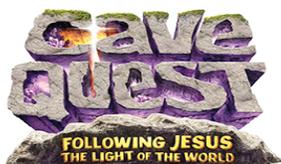
The Center will also host “Introduction to Centering Prayer” on Saturday, May 21, from 1:00-5:00 p.m. This form of prayer prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, prayer in which we experience God’s presence with us. Not meant to replace other kinds of prayer, centering prayer adds depth of meaning to all prayer and facilitates the movement from more active modes of prayer into a receptive prayer of resting in God. This workshop is being presented by Adele Sheffieck.

The Center is located at 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Call (614) 416-1910, email martindeporres@oppeace.org, or check our website (www.martindeporrescenter.net) for more information or to register.



Senior Citizens Celebration

The 39th annual diocesan Senior Citizens Celebration is Monday, June 6, 2016, at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, 785 Newark Granville Road, Granville, Ohio. Bishop Frederick F. Campbell will celebrate Mass at 10:30 a.m. Mass will be followed by a luncheon. **Registration for the celebration is \$10.00.** This annual event is a great opportunity of prayer, food, and fellowship with senior citizens from around the 23-county Catholic Diocese of Columbus. **To register, please send a check payable to the Office for Social Concerns, Catholic Diocese of Columbus, 197 E. Gay Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. For questions, call (614) 241-2540 or email at socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org. Registrations are requested by June 1.**



Cave Quest: Following Jesus, The Light of the World

July 18-21 (Monday-Thursday)
9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

VBS Family night on the 21st, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Children 5 years old (entering Kindergarten)-5th grade

Volunteer meeting May 14th, Trinity Cafeteria
10:00-11:00 a.m. *Adults*, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. *Youth*
(Youth Volunteers: 6th grade to High school)

Cavern skits, sciency-Fun Gizmos™ and experiments, team-building games, cool Bible songs, tasty treats, and... the Zip Line returns! 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.

New this year:

VBS Family night. The entire family will be invited to a potluck dinner by the fire pit, and we will enjoy a photo viewing of our fun filled week.

Registration form on Saint Christopher's website:
<http://saintchristophercc.com/childrens-vacation-bible-school>.

Volunteers always welcome and needed!
Contact: Linda Wolfe, St. Christopher Church
Religious Education for Children, at
llwolfe1966@gmail.com or call 614-486-9031.



St. Paul's in Westerville is currently looking for a Facilities Manager. The position has been posted on Catholicjobs.com and the diocesan website. It will also be advertised in the *Catholic Times* beginning this week. Should you know of anyone qualified and in search of an opportunity, *please* refer them to St. Pauls.



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).



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.