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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.

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**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

**Weekday Masses****Monday, December 7th**

8:30 a.m. Sr. Anna Marie Fisher, HM, by Judith Fisher

**Tuesday, December 8th – Immaculate Conception**

8:30 a.m. Crate Price by Sarah Simcox  
 7:30 p.m. Fallen Members of Our Military In Afghanistan  
 by Pete Janotka

**Wednesday, December 9th**

6:00 p.m. John Gibson by Vince Staley

**Thursday, December 10th**

8:30 a.m. Tom Croarkin by Marytherese Croarkin

**Friday, December 11th**

8:30 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Robert Staley by Vince Staley

**Third Sunday of Advent****Saturday + Sunday, December 12th & 13th**

4:30 p.m. Louis Viol by Giovina Viol  
 9:00 a.m. Elsie Hagan by Francis & Hilda Doyle  
 11:30 a.m. Bill Brown, Fred and Lucy Nance by Family  
 6:00 p.m. Betty Staley & Jeff Zimmerman by Vince Staley

**Weekly Stewardship Report**  
**Weekly Offertory Breakdown – 11/29/2015**

Total Envelope Count	89	
Total Envelope \$ Amount		\$4,667.00
Loose Checks #	37	
Total Loose Cks \$ Amount		\$1,460.00
Total Loose Cash \$ Amount		\$1,240.00
<b>Total Collection \$ Amount</b>		<b>\$7,367.00</b>

**2nd Collections:**

<b>Campaign for Human Development</b>	<b>\$2,062.00</b>
<b>Thanksgiving / Holy Family Soup Kitchen</b>	<b>\$2,033.00</b>
<b>St. Vincent DePaul</b>	<b>\$3,531.00</b>

**Mass Attendance:**

<b>November 14 &amp; 15</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<b>November 21 &amp; 22</b>	<b>966</b>
<b>November 28 &amp; 29</b>	<b>858</b>

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 12 AND 13**

	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	GREETERS	ALTAR SERVERS
<b>4:30 p.m. Saturday</b>	Melissa Ruhmor and Josie Cappel	Kimber Moehrman	TBA	Jamie Clark and Melissa Rumohr
<b>9:00 a.m. Sunday</b>	Sue and Bill Reisenberger, Lynn and Joe Sonderman, Tom and Cindi Schwirian	Marytherese Croarkin and Matt Cincione	TBA	Erin Sullivan, Aaron Schwirian and Ryan Schwirian
<b>11:30 a.m. Sunday</b>	Nubia and Jose Alvarado, Cynthia Akins and a volunteer	Joe and Chris Adkins	TBA	Emily Mathew, Angel Porcayo and Lucy Rodriguez

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn during the month of 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. 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:**

<b>Feed the hungry</b>	<b>Shelter the homeless</b>
<b>Give drink to the thirsty</b>	<b>Visit the sick and imprisoned</b>
<b>Clothe the naked</b>	<b>Bury the dead</b>

**Spiritual Works of Mercy**

<b>Admonish sinners</b>	<b>Instruct the uninformed</b>
<b>Counsel the doubtful</b>	<b>Comfort the sorrowful</b>
<b>Bear wrongs patiently</b>	<b>Forgive offenses</b>
<b>Pray for the living and the dead</b>	

If we devote ourselves to practicing these, we will go a long way to observing the Holy Year in a fitting way.

**2. Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** – The Blessed Virgin, under this title, is the Patroness of the United States of America. This coming Tuesday, December 8th, as is our usual Holy Day Schedule, we will celebrate Mass at **8:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. This is a Holy Day of obligation and all Catholics are to attend Mass on that day. Hope to see you in church!**

**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 non-practicing Catholics. All of us know someone 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 knew 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:** December 5 & 6: *Trinity Tuition Support*; December 12 and 13: *Retirement fund for Religious*; December 24 and 25: *Diocesan Charities St. Vincent de Paul Society collection*

**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 Yingt.

**Last Call Mass**

Sunday, December 13th • 6 o'clock

**Celebrant**

Msgr. John K. Cody

**Lector**

Aliza Spaeth-Cook

**Sacristan**

Judith Fisher

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Elizabeth Bergmann, Sarah Markin, Laura Lombardi,  
Judith Fisher, Laura Maher

**Servers**

Kyle MacLaughlin and Aidan Shonk

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. Tours available at the school every day. Contact Principal Jim Silcott at [jsilcott@cducation.org](mailto: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](mailto:jsilcott@cducation.org) with your precious photographs. **Also looking for sports team pictures, pictures of faculty/administrators or other historical photographs** – Thank you!

**Aging religious need your help.** In the United States today, there are more than 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. These religious worked tirelessly in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies, usually for little to no pay. As a result, many religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift for today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care and more. Please be generous.



**Yes!** Today the national feast of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary opens a great mystery for the life of every Christian. Mary goes before us, accomplishing for all God's people what they hope and expect to do. We believe when her parents conceived her she was as sinless as we are at our baptism. She fulfilled that hope when she freely said "yes" to bearing Jesus. Do we, do you, say "yes" to the opportunities offered by God?



**St. Vincent DePaul 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!

## 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](mailto: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 – Lennox 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.



**Adult Education 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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## 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.



**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](mailto:celtic4543212@yahoo.com).

**A Special Note of Appreciation from St. Christopher's Homebound Ministry** to Linda Wolfe, Chris Lutmerding, our PSR Teachers and Students, for donating cookies and creating beautiful Advent cards and wreaths for our parish family members who are homebound. Your selfless gifts of time, resources and assistance were all greatly appreciated and prayerfully inspirational Advent Blessings for all.

**BAKERS WANTED:** St. Christopher's Homebound Ministry will be filling Christmas Gift Tins for our parish family members who are homebound. If you would like to help share some Christmas Cheer and bake Christmas cookies, please contact [Beljeania@aol.com](mailto:Beljeania@aol.com), chat with me before or after Mass or call me at 614.315.1047 by December 11th. Cookies should be labeled for the Homebound Ministry and delivered to St. Christopher's in the River Chapel on Thursday, December 17th and Friday, December 18th.

**St. Christopher's Ministry of Consolation** wants to remind anyone feeling heavy-hearted during this holiday season that you are personally invited to join Fr. Steven Bell and attend a BLUE MASS SERVICE, on Christmas Eve, December 24th, 7:00 p.m. at the St. Thomas Moore Newman Center, 64 West Lane Avenue, 614-291-4674, [mailbox@buckeyecatholic.com](mailto:mailbox@buckeyecatholic.com). RSVP not necessary and Parking is Free. Please come, honor yourself, your deceased loved ones and of course your sorrows in the company of others who are also grieving.

**Here are a few more tips for helping you get through this holiday season;**

\*Be honest with yourself and others. Share your concerns, apprehensions, and feelings with other loved ones or friends.

\*If you decide to Christmas Shop, make a list and keep it handy for a "good day." Or shop at home via catalog or Internet.

\*Create a holiday journal and dedicate it to your deceased loved one. Share with your loved one how you are getting through the holiday season.

And now for your Advent and Holiday Reflection:

"Trust in the slow work of God... Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete." - Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

**St. Christopher's Justice Ministry:** Desperately needs your HELP! Last year I joined our small but mighty in spirit group of five people representing St. Christopher. Presently, we only have one awesome BREAD Team Member who really needs our support and prayers. Please consider attending meetings, volunteering or even making monetary donations to the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) in this much-needed fight for equality and justice for ALL. For additional information, contact Bejeania at 614-315-1047.

### **Columbus Theology On Tap**

**A gathering for Catholic young adults! Join us!**

Thursday, December 10th, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

El Vaquero, 3230 Olentangy River Road

Topic – Mariology

Our speaker is Fr. Antonio Carvalho

Contact: [cbustheologyontap@gmail.com](mailto:cbustheologyontap@gmail.com)/614.390.8653

**A SPRING CHECK-UP FOR YOUR MARRIAGE** – Just 44 hours away from jobs, kids, and chores, then 20 minutes a day: take a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend. The next two weekends are April 10-12 and a special in-parish weekend on July 31-August 2. For more information or to register, contact Paul and Marilou Clouse at [614-834-6880](tel:614-834-6880) or visit our website at [www.wvmecolumbus.org](http://www.wvmecolumbus.org).

**Celebrate the 2015 Advent Season at the Jubilee Museum!** Over 200 Nativity sets from around the world, including artist Lois Algueseva's amazing 3-D, life-size Nativity set made entirely of carved cardboard!

**Bring your children and have their pictures taken with a historically accurate St. Nicholas on the following Sundays of Advent: December 6th, 13th and 20th. \$10.00 dollars per picture (photo will be placed inside an event photo holder).** Hear live choirs and musicians thru the season. Bring your children to our **"Make Your Own Christmas Ornament," a children's workshop, December 6th, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. \$10.00 per child.** Enjoy hot chocolate, apple cider and cookies. Please RSVP by email at [jubileemuseum@gmail.com](mailto:jubileemuseum@gmail.com) or phone 614-600-0054.

**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](mailto:cwalsh5358@gmail.com) or at [614-464-2392](tel:614-464-2392) to sign up or for more information.

**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](http://www.pluginCatholicMen.com). Completed nominations and supporting letters should be emailed to [catholicmanoftheyear@gmail.com](mailto: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!

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