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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***Fourth Sunday of Lent****Saturday + Sunday, March 5th and 6th**

4:30 p.m. Anita Sbrochi by Fausto Sbrochi
 9:00 a.m. Dominic & Lucia Ciotola by Guido Ciotola
 11:30 a.m. Eric Bohlmann by Bohlmann Family
 6:00 p.m. Archie Petrella by Family

Weekday Masses**Monday, March 7th**

8:30 a.m. St. Christopher Parishioners

Wednesday, March 9th

6:00 p.m. Thomas R. Lorenz by The Nance Family

Thursday, March 10th

8:30 a.m. Deacon Dave Kruse by St. Chris Parishioners

Friday, March 11th

8:30 a.m. Bill O'Reilly by Jackie & Brendan O'Reilly

Fifth Sunday of Lent**Saturday + Sunday, March 12th and 13th**

4:30 p.m. Anna Sbrochi by Fausto Sbrochi
 9:00 a.m. St. Christopher Parishioners
 11:30 a.m. Elena Alberico & Michael Lalli by Clara & Vanda
 6:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Robert Staley by Vince Staley

Weekly Stewardship Report**Weekly Offertory Breakdown – 2/28/2016**

Total Envelope Count	117
Total Envelope \$ Amount	\$ 4,369.00
Loose Checks #40	
Total Loose Checks \$ Amount	\$ 2,318.00
Total Loose Cash \$ Amount	\$ 1,208.00
Total Collection \$ Amount	\$ 7,895.00
EFT/Automatic Contributions	\$13,694.56

2nd Collections:

Black & Indian Mission	\$ 1,347.00
Catholic Times	\$ 2,085.58

Mass Attendance:

February 13 & 14	1,005
February 20 & 21	1,137
February 27 & 28	955

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH 12-13

	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
4:30 p.m. Saturday	Debbie Petrella and Jim Woltz	Marry Ann Bondra	Patrick & Mike Rowland
9:00 a.m. Sunday	Jim Woltz, Kathleen Belcher, Liz Elder, Elli & Kimber Moehrman, Cindi & Tom Schwirian	Matt Tangeman and Larry Wilhelm	Christian Joly, Luke & Lane Stottlemire
11:30 a.m. Sunday	Nubia and Jose Alvarado, Dick Sheeran and volunteer	Hope and George Wolfington	Nicole Bond, Quino & Javier Serantes

ALTAR CARE FOR MARCH: Carole Heinzenberger & Becky Bohlmann; **Linens:** Susan Reeser

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn during the month of March to remind us of the Presence of the Eucharist and for the intentions of Jo & Charles Sands.

FROM THE DESK OF MSGR. JOHN CODY

Dear friends and parishioners of St. Christopher Parish:

1. **Lent** – The holy season continues! We had good crowds for Ash Wednesday Masses and hope the same will be true for Stations of the Cross and Pasta Dinners. By way of reminder:

Fast and Abstinence Laws are: for Catholics ages 18 to 59, only one full meal can be taken with two other lesser meals that do not equal one meal. The laws of abstinence from meat are binding on all Catholics age 14 and older.

Obligatory Fast Days are all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Did you forget??? If you did, welcome to the human race! We all have lots on our plates (no pun intended) and can easily forget. So, if you neglected to do it this past Friday, pick your own day this coming week and make it up!

2. **Stations of the Cross** – This traditional Lenten devotion will be held each Friday of Lent (excluding Good Friday) at 6:00 p.m. in the church. After church, please come over for our now **traditional pasta dinner! Please help if you can: as a volunteer or dessert baker.**

3. **Lenten Penance Service** – On **Sunday evening, March 13**, we will celebrate a Communal Penance Service right after the Last Call Mass. During this Holy Year of Mercy, receiving this wonderful sacrament is a good way to celebrate it! Guest priests will be available for individual Confession after the service, which will begin approximately at 7:15 p.m. Hope you can come!!!

4. **Operation Rice Bowl** – Cardboard rice bowls will be available on the Communion rail for those families who wish to take them and use them. Families eat more simply in order to help feed the starving of the world. All are invited to take a rice bowl home and put money saved or contributed as an alms into it. The time to return them is Holy Thursday and Good Friday or thereabout.

5. **BAA Pledge** – Thanks to all who have completed their BAA Pledge for 2015. There is still about \$10,000.00 of pledges not yet paid. I would greatly appreciate it if those who have not completed their pledge would do so. And to all, thank you for supporting this annual fund drive that funds the activities of the Diocese of Columbus, including the Tribunal, of which I am the Judicial Vicar! Your generosity is needed and appreciated!

6. **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.

7. **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!
8. **Special Collections** – March 5 & 6: Catholic Relief Services; March 12 & 13: Trinity Tuition Support; Holy Thursday: Holy Family Soup Kitchen; Good Friday: Collection for the places in the Holy Land.
9. **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 and 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 and wife 2nd LT Melissa Valentino, USAF, Grandchildren of Dominic and 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, 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, Whitmore Family, 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@cducation.org or at 614-488-7650 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 614-488-7650 at the school or at jsilcott@cducation.org with your precious photographs. **Also looking for sports team pictures, pictures of faculty/administrators or other historical photographs** – Thank you!



Attention, servers: The new server schedule is available online at saintchristophercc.com. Please check the schedule and mark your calendars for the times you are scheduled. Watch your email for Holy Week sign-ups via SignUpGenius. There are extra copies of the schedule available in the alb closet in the sacristy or you can contact Kathy O’Neill at kronell@ameritech.net or 614-975-6390 to receive a paper schedule.

LastCall Mass

Sunday, March 13th • 6 o'clock

Celebrant

Fr. Metzger

Lector

Jennifer Journey

Sacristan

Judith Fisher

Eucharistic Ministers

Elizabeth Bergmann, Alisa Vidulich, Nathan Esselburn, Christina Congelio, Bev Finkel, Logan Kirk and Karen Herbert

Servers

Zoe & Lanie Wenk

Time, Talent and Treasure+++

We thank you for sharing

Lenten Pasta Dinners

Calling all Volunteers, please share your time and talent with us on Fridays during Lent.

Please sign up for a Friday on using the SignUpGenius from the flock note, or the button under “Pasta Dinners” on the St. Christopher’s Website or email tamaracriswell@att.net or call at 614-485-2261. If you are eligible for service hours, please bring the paperwork with you when you work.

The Women’s Club is “**Calling all Bakers**” to show off their superior baking talents for the Pasta Dinners. We are accepting any and all desserts to accompany the Pasta Dinners. Please drop off your creations prior to the dinners in Trinity Cafeteria. If you have questions, please call or email Tamara Criswell from contact information above.

Donations of wine, beer, can soda and water are needed to make the pasta dinners a success. If you are able to donate, please drop donations off in the Parish office



Selling 2010 Requiem Concert CD for \$5.00 in order to support the Music Ministry. Please see Pandora.



WHEP (Women's Health Education Program)

The sanctity of LIFE is of utmost important and an ongoing theme in our Christian life. It is a huge inspiration for St. Christopher's Lenten celebration. Poverty is especially difficult for young mothers. This lent we would like to concentrate on the needs for these precious newborns.

Along with collections (in the bulletin) for JOIN we need your help assisting the mothers of these newborns. **We will be collecting these items:**

Gently used

Pack & Play Cribs
Infant Car Seats
Clothes (up to 2T)
Booster Seats/High Chairs
Strollers
Socks, Hats, Mittens
Blankets and Sleepers

New

Baby Wipes
Diapers
Feeding Bottles
Formula

Also, **monetary donations are critical**. Please make checks out to **WHEP C/O Mia Neil**. During lent, Monsignor will have a special collection for this great need.

Questions: 614-530-0728 (Mia Neil) E-mail: info@whendphpio.org

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me” (Mt 25:40). Today, we are reminded that Jesus identified Himself with our poorest brothers and sisters. **The Catholic Relief Services Collection** serves Jesus in the victims of human trafficking, those who suffer from unjust laws, and those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. Through supporting today’s collection, you help **Jesus in disguise**. Please be generous.



We are going to begin a Youth Choir at St. Christopher’s. Rehearsals will be on Thursday at 5:00 p.m. If interested, please fill out the information below and put in box by piano.

Child’s Name _____

Parent’s Name _____

and phone number _____

The St. Christopher Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a free mini-movie series during Lent. A segment of *Jesus of Nazareth* will be shown each Sunday through March 20 in the school cafeteria. The movie will begin at 7:15 p.m. (after the 6:00 p.m. Mass) and finish before 8:30 p.m. Water and soda will be provided. Bring snacks and a comfortable chair if you like. Cafeteria chairs are also available.

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.



**American
Red Cross**

Are you able to give the Gift of Life?

American Red Cross will be conducting a Blood Drive at St. Christopher’s Church on Saturday, April 2nd. The drive will be in the Trinity School Cafeteria, on the second floor, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. You can sign up in the back of church or go to redcrossblood.org, Sponsor Code: StChris. If you have any questions, please call 1-800-RedCross or Blanche Luczyk at [614-205-7297](tel:614-205-7297). Each donor may help to save at least three people.

Join Catholic Conversations on Sunday, March 13, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Pinnacle Golf Club in Grove City as we welcome our Lenten speaker, Rachel Muha, from Run the Race Club and the Brian Muha Foundation.

Rachel will speak on the topic of Forgiveness. In 1999, Rachel’s son, Brian, and his college roommate, Aaron, were assaulted and killed. The young boys who took those lives are serving life sentences behind bars and Rachel has chosen to forgive themand more. Rachel decided to transform grief into love and started a charitable organization serving inner-city children.

Rachel is honored with many awards both locally and nationally for her amazing work. Most recently, she was awarded the Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Award as an “Unsung Hero.”

This event is free to attend; you just pay for any food and drink you order. To register, visit EventBrite and search for Catholic Conversations. For questions, contact Julie Naporano at julienaporano1@gmail.com.



Interested in helping to pass on the faith to your children? Parents, grandparents, teachers-catechists, this is for you!

National speaker Dr. Jo Ann Paradise will present a free workshop on *Rediscovering the Sacredness of Family Life* on **Thursday, March 10, 7:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Matthew Church in Gahanna.**

This workshop will explore the Church’s teaching on “domestic church” that roots marriage in vocation and vocation in Baptism. Participants will be given concrete tools and practical skills for developing ways to evangelize parents so that they are more equipped and inspired to be intentional about forming their children in faith.

The workshop is sponsored by the Diocesan Office of Religious Education and Catechesis, with the support of Our Sunday Visitor Publishing. Admission is free. Light snacks will be provided.

Registration is not necessary, but encouraged. To register, please email orec@cdeducation.org or call Sandy Lape at [614-221-4633](tel:614-221-4633), ext. 1341.

Dr. Jo Ann Paradise is a National Consultant for Our Sunday Visitor Curriculum Division. Jo Ann has served as catechetical leader in the Diocese of Pittsburgh for over 32 years and is a former teacher in both elementary and secondary Catholic schools. She holds a D.Min. in Spirituality and has a deep love for the retreat work she does with catechetical leaders, principals, teachers and catechists throughout the country. Through her stories, Jo Ann helps faithful adults to develop the skills they need in be heralds of the Good News.

March 15th – Tri-Village Catholic Moms:

Join us for dinner, faith, and fellowship at the 2nd meeting of Tri-Village Catholic Moms on March 15th at Skyward Grille, 2185 Riverside Drive, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. We welcome moms from all ages, stages, and parishes to share in a discussion of the Holy Year of Mercy with Michele Faehnle, author of *Divine Mercy for Moms*. Food may be purchased from the Skyward Grille menu. For more information, contact Amy Dury at tri-villagecatholicmoms@yahoo.com 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 one week-long, 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.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE is February 10 to March 20.**

The Greater Columbus community will be uniting with hundreds from all 50 states in the 40 Days for Life campaign. Faithful believers are praying that this effort will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in America. This peaceful prayer vigil will take place at an abortion facility in Columbus. Participants are asked to volunteer for one-hour shifts and sign a statement of peace. For details, visit www.40daysforlife.com/columbus.



Hungering to learn – We journey with CRS Rice Bowl to the Central American country of Honduras, where we meet students who are learning that it's better to help your neighbor learn and grow than to leave him or her behind. To whom are we called to extend a hand this week? Visit crsricebowl.org.

St. Christopher's Senior Ministry has decided on our second outing. **LIGHTS, CAMERAS and ACTION....** We are going to see the movie *Risen*, starring Joseph Fiennes, Cliff Curtis and Tom Felton, and we are inviting YOU to join us. On Friday, **MARCH 11th**, we will meet at the **AMC LENNOX 24 Movie Theater, 777 Kinnear Road, Columbus, 43212**, at 11:00 a.m. The movie will start promptly at 11:30 a.m. Admission cost is \$5.29 per person. After the movie, all are invited to go across the way to **BRAVO's**, where we will discuss the film and, of course, enjoy delicious Italian Cuisine. Please note, if necessary, to include in your planning both the theater and restaurant are wheelchair accessible.

During this Blessed Lenten Season, this outing is a creative and fun way to be spiritually reflective while also preparing ourselves for the upcoming Glorious Easter Celebration. We look forward to being together soon. RSVP by **MARCH 7th**. Contact Beljeania@aol.com, or call 614-315-1047, or see me before or after Mass.



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:**March 6, 2016 – Welcoming our New Neighbors:**

Who are they? Where do they come from? How do they get here? What happens when they arrive? What can we do? **Melanie Williams** is the Resource Developer and Volunteer Manager at Community Refugee & Immigration Services (CRIS). She works to connect community members in the U.S. with their new American neighbors in Central Ohio to build trust, understanding, and friendship. Her education at Wheaton College and extensive travel abroad, especially her stay in Palestine, prepared her for work with refugees and immigrants.

Looking ahead:

March 13, 2016 – The Bible and the Mass: Part Three with **Deacon Gregg Eiden**.