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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.



Palm Sunday

Saturday + Sunday, March 19th and 20th

4:30 p.m. Dan Martin by Rowland Family 9:00 a.m. Anne Hall by John Connor 11:30 a.m. Tony & Filomena Santilli

by Dominic & Flora Valentino

6:00 p.m. St. Christopher Parishioners

Weekday Masses

Monday, March 21st

8:30 a.m. Olimpia DiRienzo by Family

Wednesday, March 23rd

6:00 p.m. Margaret Bracaloni by Giovina Viol

Thursday, March 24th

7:30 p.m. The Souls in Purgatory by Vince Staley

Good Friday

Easter Sunday

Saturday + Sunday, March 26th and 27th

8:30 p.m. Anita Sbrochi by Fausto Sbrochi
9:00 a.m. Chris Kidwell by Lisa Kidwell
11:30 a.m. Ivo DiRienzo by Clara DiRienzo
6:00 p.m. St. Christopher Parishioners

Weekly Stewardship Report Weekly Offertory Breakdown – 3/13/2016

Total Envelope Count 108
Total Envelope \$ Amount \$ 5,232.00
Loose Checks #31

Total Loose Checks \$ Amount \$ 1,528.00 Total Loose Cash \$ Amount \$ 1,479.00 **Total Collection \$ Amount** \$ **8,239.00**

2nd Collections:

Trinity Tuition Assistance

Catholic Relief \$ 2,801.00

\$ 1,008.25

Mass Attendance:

February 27 & 28 955 March 5 & 6 937 March 12 & 13 959

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH 26-27

| | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS | LECTORS | ALTAR SERVERS |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------|---|
| 4:30 p.m. Saturday | TBA | TBA | Bill Pickens & TBA |
| 9:00 a.m. Sunday | TBA | TBA | Aaron & Ryan Schwirian, Zelma Hutton & Lauren Klingel |
| 11:30 a.m. Sunday | ТВА | ТВА | Lucy Roriguez, Angel Porcayo, Fifi Criswell-Carder & Rvan Ferguson |

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.

PALM SUNDAY MARCH 20, 2016

FROM THE DESK OF MSGR. JOHN CODY

Dear friends and parishioners of St. Christopher Parish:

- 1. Palm Sunday Holy Week begins with the celebration of Palm Sunday this weekend. The services of Holy Week and Easter are listed elsewhere in this bulletin. I encourage all to take advantage of these Holy Week Services as a means of both expressing and growing stronger in your faith.
- 2. Holy Thursday Potluck supper! We have a tradition of meeting together at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria prior to the Mass of the Last Supper at 7:30 p.m. It's a good way to come together as a community and to share a meal together. Just bring whatever you want the parish will provide dessert, beverages, and table service. You provide the food! We'll eat whatever you choose to bring anything or nothing. No one ever goes away hungry. Please come!
- 3. 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 Ash Wednesday 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, pick your own day this coming week and make it up!
- 4. Confessions during Holy Week This coming Wednesday evening, March 23, I will be available in the Church for private Confession. It will begin at 7:00 p.m. and continue until all are heard.
- 5. Priesthood Anniversary By happy coincidence, this Holy Thursday, March 24, is also the 43rd anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood! I continue to be grateful to God for this gift, which I am privileged to share with you in this wonderful parish.
- 6. Help for Msgr.! I am looking for and inviting any generous souls who could help me pack in preparation for my retirement in July. I've already started, but much has to be done. This includes getting the house in order for the new Pastor, whoever in God's graciousness He and the Bishop will send us. If you have any time in the morning and afternoons on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, please let Jackie know at the rectory (614-486-0457).
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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!
- 9. 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 In
Counsel the doubtful C
Bear wrongs patiently For the living and the dead

Instruct the uninformed Comfort the sorrowful Forgive offenses

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

- 10. 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 2016!
- **11. Special Collections** Holy Thursday: Holy Family Soup Kitchen, Good Friday: Collection for the places in the Holy Land.
- 12. 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; Sqt. 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

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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 <u>jsilcott@cdeducation.org</u> 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!



The office will be closed Good Friday, March 25, 2016 and Easter Monday, March 28, 2016.

LastCall Mass

Sunday, March 27th • 6 o'clock

Celebrant Msgr. Cody

> Lector TBA

Sacristan Kathy O'Neill

Eucharistic Ministers *TBA*

ServersAidan Shonk & TBA

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



Holy Week and the Easter Triduum St. Christopher Parish – 2016

Palm Sunday Masses (please leave in silence after all Masses)

Saturday, March 20, 4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 21, 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Sunday, March 21, 6:00 p.m., Last Call Mass

Mass of the Lord's Supper Holy Thursday, March 24, 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday Services

Friday, March 25, 12:00 p.m. (noon)
Proclamation of the Passion
Veneration of the Cross
Holy Communion
2:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy
7:30 p.m. Service of Darkness – Tenebrae

Easter Vigil

Saturday, March 26 at 8:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday Masses

March 27th, 9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

PALM SUNDAY MARCH 20, 2016

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 flocknote, 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.



Attention, servers: The new server schedule is available online 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 sacristv or you can contact Kathy O'Neill at kroneill@ameritech. net or 614-975-6390 to receive a paper schedule.



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

Come "Pasta" Time with Trinity! Save the date: 8th Grade Pasta Dinner is April 9

Enjoy a delicious dinner and silent auction, while helping the 8th grade raise money for their trip to Chicago. The Pasta Dinner is Saturday, April 9, 4:00-8:00 p.m. in Kulp Hall at St. Margaret of Cortona, 1600 N. Hague Avenue. Presale tickets are available. Adults. \$8.00: Children 6-13, \$5.00; under 6 FREE. For more information, call the school at 488-7650.



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

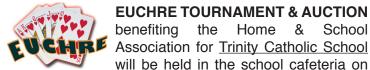
| Child's Name |
|---------------|
| Parent's Name |
| phone number |

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.

Monthly Mass: Wednesday, March 30th at St. Matthias Church, located at 1566 Ferris Road, Columbus, OH 43224; 6:00 p.m., Rosary; 6:30, Praise and Worship (Prayer ministry available during this time); 7:30, Mass; potluck fellowship following Mass.



EUCHRE TOURNAMENT & AUCTION benefiting the Home & School Association for Trinity Catholic School

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 9. If you have any questions, please contact Paula Beickman at (614) 284-1093.



Are you able to give the Gift of Life? **American** Red **Cross** will conducting a Blood Drive at St. Christopher 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. Each donor may help to save at least three people.

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Year of Mercy Easter Pilgrimages! Join Fr. Joshua Wagner, Pastor of St. Dominic and Holy Rosary St. John, as he takes you on a special "Year of Mercy" Pilgrimage this Easter Season! There are two Pilgrimages to choose from - The Seven Churches of the Amish Country (complete with hot cooked meal) and the other we will be going to see the Cathedrals of the Ohio River, Covington and Cincinnati! Join Fr. Wagner as he gives you the pilgrimage of your life... in your own back yard! Tours run through April and tickets are going fast! Go to www.sevenchurchtour.com for dates, departures, and tickets!

YOUTH NEWS!!!



Summer Service Opportunity – Gospel Road

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 p.m. 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, March 20 Service Night Sunday, April 10 Faith Night Sunday, April 24 **Building Community Night** Saturday, May 7 10:00 a.m.; Service project for Gospel Road



St. Christopher Senior Ministry is on a mission. There are Places to go, things to see and people to meet Still in the glorious spirit of Easter, our next outing will

be visiting the Jubilee Museum and Catholic Cultural Center, located at 57 South Grubb Street, Columbus, 43215 on Saturday, April 9. We will meet in the museum lobby area at 10:00 a.m. Shawn Kenny will be our tour guide and will start promptly at 10:30 a.m. Requested Donation is \$10.00. Afterwards, for anyone who is interested, we will decide on a gathering place for coffee, tea of lunch. So check your calendars and waste no time making your RSVP with Beljeania@ aol.com or call 614-315-1047 or chat with me before or after Mass.

Homebound There will be a meeting on Saturday, April 2nd, 10:00 a.m. at St.

Christopher in the River Chapel. Please RSVP with Beljeania@aol.com or call 614-315-1047. Thank you so very much for your time and serving our parish family so beautifully.



LET US PRAY....It's so true. God does indeed answer our prayers. COMING SOON, St. Christopher will be offering our very own SACRED OF MERCY PRAYER MINISTRY Long-time parishioner Naomi

DeCapura-Stanley has graciously volunteered and will be leading this much needed ministry. Stay tuned for instructions and Naomi's contact information which will be printed in our April church bulletin.



St. Christopher's Health Ministry -March is KIDNEY DISEASE AND **HEALTH MONTH.** Did you know that kidney disease is characterized by a

gradual loss of kidney function over time and that kidney disease increases the risk of complications including heart disease and premature death. The National Kidney Foundation invites adults to assess their risk for kidney disease by taking a simple online quiz at the National Kidney Foundation website, kidney.org. As a friendly reminder, remember to always discuss your health concerns and treatment plans with your primary care physician.



June 26th is CHARITY DAY and there will be a 5K Walk and/or RUN TEAM KIDNEY. This is a great way to support our loved ones suffering with kidney disease. For more

information or to register, please contact The Kidney Foundation at 614-882-6184 or their website at kidney.org.

PALM SUNDAY MARCH 20, 2016



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.



Hungering to build community – We follow Jesus this week on our Lenten journey as He enters Jerusalem, a community He knew well. CRS Rice Bowl asks us to prayerfully enter into our own communities, to find those who are hungry and thirsty, those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we encounter in our daily lives? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



Join the Jubilee Museum for its special screening of *King of Kings*, the 1927 silent movie classic by Cecil B. Demille, with live organ accompaniment by organist Shawn Kenney. 7:30 p.m. Palm Sunday, March 20, 2016. \$10.00 a person donation/free popcorn.



Adult Faith Formation 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 20 and 27 - Easter Break

Looking ahead:

April 3, 2016 – Dorothy Day, American candidate for Sainthood: Dorothy Day is one of the American figures singled out by Pope Francis during his recent visit to the United States (along with Thomas Merton, Abraham Lincoln, and Martin Luther King, Jr.). Day founded the Catholic Worker movement, and was described by *AMERICAN Catholic Historian* as "the most significant, interesting and influential person in the history of American Catholicism." Kathleen Riley

is a professor of history at Ohio Dominican University and a proud graduate of the University of Notre Dame. She has authored Fulton J. Sheen: An American Catholic Response to the Twentieth Century and is a member of the Cause for Beatification & Canonization of Servant of God, Fulton J. Sheen (Diocese of Peoria).



