

First Sunday of Lent

Luke 4:1 Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ² being tempted for forty days by the devil.

**Saturday, March 9th**

4:30 p.m. Dan Martin (The Rowland Family)

Sunday, March 10th

9:00 a.m. Joe Heretta Jr. & Joe Heretta, Sr.
(Barb Heretta)

11:30 a.m. People of the Parish

6:00 p.m. Dominic & Lucia Ciotola (Guido Ciotola)

Monday, March 11th

9:00 a.m. Josephine Knight (Oscar & Rose Tumeo)

10:30 a.m. Memorial Mass for Theresa Nardonne

Tuesday, March 12th

9:00 a.m. Ivo DiRienzo (Clara DiRienzo)

Wednesday, March 13th

9:00 a.m. Judi Cincione (Al Cincione)

Thursday, March 14th

NO MASS

Friday, March 15th

8:30 a.m. Chuck Swartz (Peggy Swartz)

For the Weekend of March 16th and 17th**Saturday, March 16th**

4:30 p.m. Armando Falasca (Elva Falasca)

Sunday, March 17th

9:00 a.m. Kyle Quigley (Marytherese Croarkin)

11:30 a.m. Julie Schwirian (The Schwirian Family)

6:00 p.m. People of the Parish



Geri Radivich, Marybelle Hannum, Maryann Hogan, Jean Montenaro, Anna Reed, Teri Ruzicka, Andrea Stanley, Dannie & Crystal Terrel, Sophia Basil, Henry Drayer, Betty Evans, Elaine DiSalvo, Mark Evans, Virginia LeDonne, Sheila Pendergast, Mia Newsome, Sr. Mary Franz, OSF, Al Kramer, Jim Hornback, Linda Boyd, Dan Danielson, Scott Gossett, Tim Cavanaugh, Charlaire Menedian, Kyler Hansen, Flora Valentino, Glenn Glassner, Mary Buttress, Rosaleen Kelly, Melba Miller, Evan Messman, Margaret Dawson, Danny DiSalvo, Kathy Jones. Dr. Lager, T.J. Neill, Jacqueline Weiner

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent at 5:30 p.m.

March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12

*Parish Activities for the Week***Saturday, March 9th**

1:30 p.m. Church Frances Anderson and Sean Stricker Wedding

Sunday, March 10th

10:00 a.m. Cafeteria PSR

10:00 a.m. Library AFF

(Catholicism Episode 6)

Monday, March 11th

NO PARISH ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, March 12th

6:30 p.m. Cafeteria

7:00 p.m. St. Albert

Women's Club

RCIA (Rosary/

Anointing of the Sick)

Wednesday, March 13th

7:00 p.m. St. Albert

YP Bible Study

Thursday, March 14th

5:00 p.m. Church

6:15 PM Church

7:30 p.m. Library

Children's Choir Practice

Adult Choir Practice

Knights of Columbus

Friday, March 15th

5:30 p.m. Church

5:00-7:00 p.m. Cafeteria

Stations of the Cross

Lenten Pasta Dinner

For the Weekend of March 16th and 17th**Saturday, March 16th**

NO PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, March 17th

10:00 a.m. Cafeteria PSR

10:00 a.m. Library AFF

(Catholicism Episode 10)

4:30-6:00 p.m. St. Albert

Youth Group

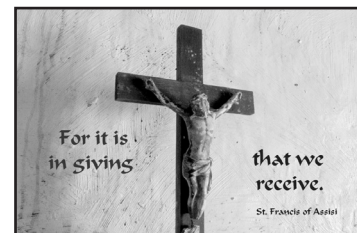
SOME IDEAS FOR LENT

Attend Mass more often than each Sunday

Pray family morning, night and meal prayers together

Turn off the TV to make some time for prayer or for family

Eat more simply and donate the savings to the hungry

*Weekly Offertory Breakdown**For the Week of March 2nd and 3rd*

Total Envelope Count – 109

Total Envelope \$ Amount

\$ 4,597.00

Loose Checks – 40

Total Loose Checks \$ Amount

\$ 2,753.00

Total Loose Cash \$ Amount

\$ 1,481.50

Total Collection \$ Amount

\$ 8,831.50

Dear Fellow Parishioners of St. Christopher,

I hope you can be thankful, as I am, upon hearing the good news about our parish finances that our pastor, Fr. David, shared with us during the homily time last weekend. God is blessing us in many ways.

As Chairman of the St. Christopher Parish Finance Committee, I would like to personally thank each of you who generously donated to our parish during 2018! You may remember a Mass approximately 1.5 years ago when Fr. David informed us that St. Chris' had \$43.00 in our long term savings account. Since that time, our staff and our volunteer Finance Committee have diligently been working to grow our savings account while ensuring we can remain financially solvent each month. Through some restructuring of staff positions, conservatively spending, and pushing some needed projects into future years, we have grown our savings into six figures.

We used to rob Peter to pay Paul each month. In 2018, we were able to provide a positive cash flow each month. While we are in a much better financial state than we were just a short time ago, we still have room to grow as we look to update and renovate many areas on the Church property that desperately need our attention.

In the coming months, I look forward to updating you on our change in parking and other areas that involve the church finances. As a reminder, if you are parking at St. Christopher's for a parish event, you do not need to pay to park. If you are staying in Grandview after Mass, all you need to do is place that weeks bulletin on your car's dashboard in lieu of paying to park. If you visit Grandview, but are not attending a church function then you would pay to park at that time.

Again, thank you for your continued generosity! We are so grateful for your contributions!

God Bless,
Travis Gulling,
St. Christopher Finance Chairman

Parish Activities

St. Christopher Lenten Pasta Dinners

The Women's Club is also "Calling All Bakers" to show off their superior baking talents for the Pasta Dinners. Please drop off your "creations" prior to each dinner in the Trinity School Cafeteria. 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 your items off in the Parish office. Please sign up to help for any Friday during Lent using the SignUpGenius on the St. Christopher website (saintchristophercc.com).

WOMEN'S CLUB

Please come to the March meeting of the St. Chris Women's Club on Tuesday, March 12. We will gather at 6:30 p.m. in the Trinity School Cafeteria. We'll catch up on upcoming spring events and enjoy great conversation – and a little wine. If you want to bring an appetizer or wine to share, please do. We'll look forward to seeing everyone there. *St. Patrick's Day Theme!*

PLEASE DON'T PARK ON THE GRASS

Now that Spring is on the way, the grass is very wet and will be easily damaged by parking on it.

WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION!!!

St. Christopher's **20th** Anniversary Festival (June 28th and 29th, 2019). Festival Meetings begin Monday, March 25th – join us and help support St. Christopher Parish.



St. Christopher is hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive

March 23rd, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Trinity School cafeteria. Sign up in the back of the church or online: www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=StChris. Contact Blanche Luczyk at bluczyk@yahoo.com. Or call the Red Cross at 1-800-RED-CROSS. Sponsor Code: St. Chris.

UPCOMING CUM CHRISTO WEEKENDS

You are invited to participate in a once-in-a-lifetime experience to help bring Christians together in an ecumenical environment and to renew/build their relationship with Jesus and to motivate you to take apostolic action in service to others. Men's weekend is March 28-31; Women's is April 2-5 at St. James the Less Ministry Center, 1652 Oakland Park Avenue. For more information, contact Greg and Stacey Bergmann at 614-486-3408 and/or sg.bergmann@gmail.com.

News from Our Lady of Bethlehem

Our Lady of Bethlehem School and Childcare is now enrolling for Preschool (3 year-olds), Pre-K (4 year-olds) and the Summer Program (Preschool through Grade 6). OLB offers flexible care, an excellent education and a fun-filled and summer program for children through Grade 6. Visit ourladyofbethlehem.org or call 614-459-8285.

YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS

Join us Wednesday, March 20th, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at St. Brigid of Kildare (7179 Avery Road, Dublin, OH) for our Executive Speaker Series featuring Tim Needles. Find us at www.ycpcolumbus.org or on social media to stay up-to-date on future events. If you are interested in donating to or volunteering with YCP Columbus, send an email to info@ycpcolumbus.org.

LENTEN CHALLENGE

"Listen to Catholic Radio AM 820 this Lent"

Try something new this Lent and consider listening to Catholic Radio AM 820! Listening to AM 820 is a good way to deepen your knowledge and love of the Catholic faith. Download the free St. Gabriel Radio mobile app.

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"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me."

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits," the best that you have to offer, or do you give from what is leftover? Second, do you recognize that everything you have has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances. Learn how to support your parish and contact *The Catholic Foundation*.

Visit www.catholic-foundation.org/development for more information.