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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

Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday + Sunday, July 16th & 17th

4:30 p.m. Tom Croarkin by MaryTherese Croarkin
 9:00 a.m. Louis Viol by Giovina Viol
 11:30 a.m. Ivo DiRienzo by Clara DiRienzo
 6:00 p.m. St. Christopher Parishioners

Weekday Masses

Monday, July 18th

9:00 a.m. Eric Motil by Mike Motil

Tuesday, July 19th

9:00 a.m. Anne Hall by John Connor

Wednesday, July 20th

9:00 a.m. Betty Staley & Jeff Zimmerman by Vince Staley

Thursday, July 21st

No Mass

Friday, July 22nd

9:00 a.m. Linda Olvera by Melba Miller

Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday + Sunday, July 23rd & 24th

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



**Weekly Stewardship Report
 Weekly Offertory Breakdown – July 10, 2016**

Total Envelope Count 111
 Total Envelope \$ Amount \$ 5,152.00
 Loose Checks # 40
 Total Loose Checks \$ Amount \$ 2,356.00
 Total Loose Cash \$ Amount \$ 1,748.00
Total Collection \$ Amount \$ 9,256.00

Mass Attendance:

June 25 & 26 984
July 2 & 3 887
June 9 & 10 1,184

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JULY 23-24

	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
4:30 p.m. Saturday	Kathy and Dave Eddy	Kimber Moehrman	Bill Pickens & David Homan
9:00 a.m. Sunday	Lue and Jeff Bauer, Sue and Bill Riesenberger, Barbara McGhee, Dominic Valentino & Liz Elder	Neil Dimond	Luke Monovich, Michael DeLuccia, Christian Joly
11:30 a.m. Sunday	Pat Brown, Dick Sheeran, Rita Morgan & volunteer	Tim McCarthy & Darla Reardon	Masha Schindler, Emily Matthew & Julia Matthew

ALTAR CARE FOR JULY: Susan Carr and Barbara McGhee; **Linens:** Joan Gillis

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn during the month of July to remind us of the Presence of the Eucharist and for the intentions of Minerva Rodriguez.

FROM THE DESK OF MSGR. JOHN CODY

Dear friends and parishioners of St. Christopher Parish:

1. Thanks for the memories – That was the theme of the farewell the grade schoolers chose when they bid goodbye to me. I can say that to all of you too. The twelve years I've been here have gone very quickly. Packing up has been difficult – something in me wants to stay, but the more realistic part of me says it's time to go. Perhaps because I've known several people who stayed far beyond when they should have retired is the reason I chose to retire from parish ministry in my 70th year the usual time for parish priests. To say I shall miss you is to understate things. This is a marvelous parish. Everyone who comes new here tells me how warm and welcoming it is! I agree! As you know, St. Christopher is on the edge of a considerable period of expansion and growth. Grandview Yard and the development of property in boundaries of our parish (both rivers, including the confluence, North Star, Kinnear, and a sliver of Arlington down to Barrington) mean that we should grow substantially in the next few years. We've started planning for an expansion of our school with a gym/multipurpose building with other space – we are rather space-poor here. Responding to this growth means we have to have enough vision and dedication to respond to it. The future is very bright for St. Christopher Parish. I've been privileged to be a part of its history; now it is time for me to move on. I'm sure you'll welcome Fr. Poliafico and help him get acquainted to his new responsibility. Without your cooperation he can do little. So as I ride into the sunset (thought you'd like that image!) I thank you for all you've given to me and all you are to me. You are loved and appreciated. You'll always be in my heart and in my prayer. Who knows? Fr. Dave might ask me to cover a few Masses for him when he goes on vacation! For now, God Bless!

2. Our new pastor, Fr. David Poliafico (pronounced – puh-LIF-ee-ko) is originally from Parma, Ohio, and I met him when he was a resident in our house of formation that used to be on Neil Avenue, in St. Francis Parish, where I was pastor for 12 years. Dave attended St. Francis, played the trumpet at Mass occasionally, and became a friend of mine. St. Francis was his Columbus parish, and I was honored to host his First Mass at the Church before he left to have another Mass at his parish in Parma. He is a wonderful person and I couldn't have done a better job if I had chosen him myself! I'll be meeting with him and he will be meeting with the staff to ease his transition here, as well as to ease my departure from St. Christopher. Welcome Fr. David!

3. 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 **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.

4. 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!

5. 8. 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 Montenegro, the Moore Family, Daniel Patrick Murphy, Theresa J. Nardone, 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 2016-2017 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 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 with your precious photographs. **Also looking for sports team pictures, pictures of faculty/administrators or other historical photographs** – Thank you!

LastCall Mass

Sunday, July 24th • 6 o'clock

Celebrant

Fr. David Poliafico

Lector

Kathy Hobson

Sacristan

Lisa Boehm

Eucharistic Ministers

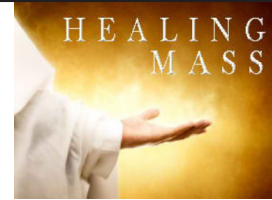
Marlene Friedman, Kathy O'Neill, Mallary St. John, Lauren Dull, Jacob Lammers, Laura Lombardi & Sarah Markin

Servers

Aidan Shonk and Zelma Hutton

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

A pilgrimage in Canton, the hometown of EWTN network founder Mother Angelica, who died on March 27, will take place once a month on selected Tuesdays for the next three months. Dates are August 16, September 13, and October 18. The pilgrimages will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. and will begin with Mass at the St. Raphael Center, 4365 Fulton Drive, N.W., Canton. Participants will then board a bus for a journey through Mother Angelica's early life as they visit St. Anthony/All Saints Church, the Rhoda Wise Shrine, McKinley High School, St. Peter Church and the Sancta Clara Monastery. The program will include lunch and homemade desserts. The cost for a tour with a group's own bus is \$25.00 per person. For a bus provided by St. Raphael Center, it is \$50.00 per person. A goodie bag and lunch are included in both prices. For more information, call 800-548-8270.



A MASS FOR PEACE AND HEALING will be celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell on Wednesday, July 20, 5:15 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad Street, Columbus. The Mass will conclude with a Holy Hour and a Rosary for peace and healing. The Mass is being celebrated in conjunction with the Diocesan Office of Black Catholic Ministries. In light of the conflict at times between the African American community and law enforcement that has led to the unnecessary loss of life in several cities, better communication and healing are necessary between the two communities. Our prayers can be a large factor in bringing communities together. Black Catholic Ministries believes that all lives matter – Black Lives Matter, Blue Lives Matter, White Lives Matter – and that we must promote understanding and communication among the different groups of our society. This understanding begins when we open lines of communication that result in constructive dialogue. The Church can be instrumental in promoting such dialogue through prayer and worship services. Everyone is encouraged to pray for peace among our fellow citizens, and, through our own behavior and attitudes, to live the values Jesus taught us in the Gospel.



The Martin de Porres Center (2330 Airport Drive, Columbus) presents "A Little Tea & Music: Afternoon Tea with music by Full Sound Chamber Group" on Saturday, August 6 at 2:00 p.m. Enjoy a delightful afternoon tea menu, with music provided by a wonderful group of five brothers, and learn more about the arts mission of the Center. \$35.00 preregistration is due by July 29. Call (614) 416-1910 or martindeporres@oppeace.org for more information.



SUPER HEROS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE: Using Graphic Novels to share Catholic Social Teaching..... Presented by Mark Butler on THURSDAY, JULY 21, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Suggested donation is \$10.00. Please RSVP by JULY 19th. For additional information on this and other upcoming programming, please visit their web site at www.martindeporrescenter.net or call 614-416-1910.



Volunteers needed for Children's programs:
Parish School of Religion: Teachers and Assistants. Please contact Linda Wolfe to be a PSR teacher or assistant.

Vacation Bible School: Volunteers for: Snacks, Crew Leader, Registration, Scenery/Decorations. Register online at <http://saintchristophercc.com/> (on website home page, under Festival sign-up), or contact Linda Wolfe.

Youth Volunteers: (6th grade to High school) VBS runs July 18-21, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., PSR is during school year.

Linda Wolfe at llwolfe1966@gmail.com or (614) 486-9031.



This summer, CYSC is opening a brand new facility called **Damascus Catholic Mission Campus**, where all dioceses in Ohio will be welcome to utilize the retreat and training facility, including your parish! Our goal is to invite the broader Columbus Catholic community to come to one of our 8 grand opening summer Masses (two of which have Bishops celebrating Mass). We want them to come and see what the Lord is doing in our Diocese and our State. We can host up to 1,000 people at Mass for each of these events in our new Lodge!

Mother Angeline McCrory Manor, the only Catholic skilled nursing center in Columbus, was recognized in *U.S. News & World Report's Best Nursing Homes 2015* issue for the quality of our health and wellness care. McCrory Manor provides long-term skilled and short-term rehabilitation services with the presence of the Carmelite Sisters. McCrory Manor is a recipient of a 2016 Focus Grant from the Catholic Foundation for our Integrative Care with Dignity. **Volunteers** are needed to lend their support for Eucharistic Ministry, music therapy (we have a lovely grand piano) and fund-raising efforts. McCrory Manor is located on East Broad Street, just west of St. Therese's Retreat Center. Please contact Kathy Druke at [614-729-6606](tel:614-729-6606) or Kdrufke@mangelinemanor.org.



Children of Mary Sisters present **OPEN DOORS** at their new convent in Columbus at 40 N. Grubb Street, just west of Holy Family Church on Broad Street. August 6, First Saturday, will be the second of a series on PERSECUTION. Rachel Muha, whose young son was murdered, is living out

an outstanding witness of forgiveness and returning evil with a blessing, just as the Lord commanded. All welcome. Come hear her heart-wrenching and yet very inspiring story, Saturday, August 6, at 12:30 p.m. Talk followed by Adoration, praise and worship, ending with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00. Bring a dish to share if you would like to stay for supper! Visit www.childrenofmary.net or email childrenofmary@juno.com or call 614-867-8334. Come and bring a friend. All are welcome!

HELP NEEDED at Sisters of Children of Mary convent in Newark, OH. We just excavated 4 acres of land and need help clearing the trees and building permanent pastures for our cows. Any day! Please call 740-323-1977 or email childrenofmary@juno.com or visit www.childrenofmary.net.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S SENIOR MINISTRY: Our next outing will be at the OHIO THEATRE, located at 39 East State Street, in Downtown Columbus, 43215, for the CAPA SUMMERTIME MOVIE SERIES. On SUNDAY, JULY, 31 we will attend the 2:00 p.m. matinée showing of *Brigadoon, 1954*, starring Gene Kelly, Van Johnson, and Cyd Charisse. This is a romantic, dance-filled tale of two tourists stumbling into an enchanted Scottish village that awakens only once every one hundred years. Ticket Cost is \$2.00 (only if you RSVP with Beljeania@aol.com or call 614-315-1047). Parking costs may vary from \$3.00-\$5.00. Please plan to meet in front of the OHIO THEATRE, by the original ticket booth, at 1:30 p.m., to receive your tickets and to enjoy a musical prelude, featuring classic show tunes. After viewing the movie, we will meet at the OLIVE GARDEN, conveniently located in the WestPointe Plaza, 5450 Renner Road, Hilliard, 43228, where we will enjoy delicious Italian Cuisine. We hope you will join us!



Rest In Peace

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION: It is with a heavy heart that I share with you that on Thursday, July 7th, Mr. Rudolf "Rudy" Geiger died due to complications related to a lengthy illness. His funeral service was held last weekend at Evans Funeral Home. As a member of our parish family, Rudy was known to be very generous with his time and over the years before becoming ill, he and Christine frequently volunteered for our annual SC Festival. Rudy and his lovely wife Christine were married for twenty-eight years. He was a loving and dedicated husband and doting father for their two beautiful children, Jessica and Joshua, and family dog, Goldie. As shared by his family Rudy, who was also a die-hard Pittsburg Steelers fan, will always be remembered for his many gifts and talents including proudly and courageously serving his country in the U.S. Army, and coaching his children during their years of playing various sports. Christine and her family are especially grateful to their dear and long-time friend Carol Heinzenberger, a dedicated and long-time member of our parish family who generously volunteers her time in various ministries including our Homebound Ministry.

For those of us who are grieving, our lost loved ones are worth every precious memory, every heart-felt tear.... perhaps you will find some measure of comfort in the following;

T= to gradually and prayerfully accept the reality of our loss.

E= to experience the pain of loss as it really is, which is often reflective of the relationship we shared with our lost loved one.

A= a time to create and adjust to a new normalcy with other loved ones.

R= to reinvest in a new reality pleasing to you and perhaps even in honor of our loss.

S= Grief work is hard....give yourself permission to surrender to the process....and whenever necessary to seek the assistance of others including family, friends, or, if necessary, professional guidance.

For more information about the SC MOC or to schedule an appointment, contact Beljeania@aol.com or call 614-315-1047.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank

all the generous bakers, who once again, made our dessert table at the Festival the best one.

We had lots of goodies with tons of compliments from the people who purchased and enjoyed the

treats. Some of the items were sold individually upon request and I am very grateful for all the effort to make these baked goods appealing to the eye.

Also, I would like to thank the workers, who once again, worked the table with me, Barbara McGhee, Susan Carr. These girls worked from open to close both days. Thanks to Joann Frabott for helping me in the basement this year, slicing, wrapping and carrying out the items from the basement to the table. Thanks to my beverage crew as well, Lou Amadio, Beverly Amadio, Tom and Marcie Abbruzzee and Lou Volpe. Please note that the ladies on these crews worked and baked again this year for our parish.

Special thanks to Lou Amadio for once again being my rock on the beverage crew by loading the tubs, getting ice, and restocking them during the evening and then of course the breakdown when we were done.

I am grateful to each and every one of my crew for a job well done. Just a quick note to let Mary Ann Olvera know she was missed this year.

– Patty Spaulding