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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

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**Saturday + Sunday, July 9th & 10th**

4:30 p.m. Anne Hall by John Connor
 9:00 a.m. Dominic & Lucia Ciotola by Guido Ciotola
 11:30 a.m. That the priests be unified in the Sacred Heart, and so obtain the conversion of their own hearts by Gordon Mott
 6:00 p.m. St. Christopher Parishioners

NO MASS JULY 11TH-JULY 15TH**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



Weekly Stewardship Report Weekly Offertory Breakdown – July 3, 2016

Total Envelope Count	102	
Total Envelope \$ Amount		\$ 6,952.00
Loose Checks #	33	
Total Loose Checks \$ Amount		\$ 1,165.00
Total Loose Cash \$ Amount		\$ 1,258.00
Total Collection \$ Amount		\$ 9,375.00
Second Collections:		
Peter's Pence		\$ 1,752.00
Trinity Tuition Assistance		\$ 909.00

Mass Attendance:

June 18 & 19	926
June 25 & 26	984
July 2 & 3	887

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JULY 16-17

	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
4:30 p.m. Saturday	Ginny O'Connor & Josie Cappel	Susan Haninger	Patrick Rowland, Emma Rowland and Mike Rowland
9:00 a.m. Sunday	Kathleen Belcher, Sue & Greg Berning, MaryTherese Croarkin, Elli Moehrman, Patty Spaulding & Cathy Myerholtz	Terry Brown & Matt Cincione	Luke Stottlemire, Lane Stottlemire and Joshua Ashmore
11:30 a.m. Sunday	Bev Finkel, Peter Yeldell, Laura Maher & volunteer	Joshua Androsac & Tony Gossman	Seth Holway, Angel Porcayo and Lucy Rodriguez

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** – Well folks – this is it! I've had the privilege of being your pastor for a little longer than twelve years, and now it is time for me to retire. During Mass one day this week, I reflected on retirement and I don't think any other pastor retired from here. I know that Fr. Culliton and Fr. Wiles passed away here, but I believe the rest of the pastors were re-assigned. So, if I'm right on this, I'm the first one to retire! As I look back on my 43 years of priesthood and four pastorates, I thank God for a happy and blessed ministry. This is said many times but it's true: I feel I got more from my parishioners than I gave them – I've been edified and amazed by the depth of faith, sacrifice and heroism I've noticed in many of you over the years, and that is very true of this parish. I feel I owe a debt of gratitude to all of you for your friendship and your great example of faith and generosity. Where am I going? As you know, from the Catholic Times, the Bishop has reappointed me Judicial Vicar for the Diocese. This position I will occupy until Fr. Bob Kittsmiller, newly returned from canon law studies, can take over the job of Judicial Vicar. He's the future, I'm the past! However, I intend to keep working part-time on the Tribunal as long as I still have all of my "marbles." I'll be at my home parish of St. Michael, but I also want to be available to help out where I am needed. With all of the one-man parishes in our Diocese, there are times when a priest is needed in an emergency for Sunday Mass. I'll still be around town, and if Fr. Poliafico (he prefers to be called Fr. David) ever needs me to fill in for him I'd be more than happy to do so – I do know my way around the sacristy! Before I go, I feel the need also to apologize if I have ever hurt, offended, or caused any scandal by my speech or behavior. I'm well aware of my human frailty, and know the need to ask forgiveness. I hope that in the generosity of your hearts, you will forgive me. On my part, I bear no ill will toward anyone at St. Christopher, only a sense of gratitude and thanks! Here's my new home address: **173 Charleston Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43214**. Goodbye for now – thanks to you always! God bless! Welcome Fr. David with open arms and hearts!
- 2. Our new pastor, Fr. David Poliafico:** (pronounced – puh-LIF-ee-ko). Fr. David 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 a hardhearted 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. 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,
 Msg. 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 Montenaro, 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 17th • 6 o'clock

Celebrant

Fr. David Poliafico

Lector

Rob Cooper

Sacristan

Judith Fisher

Eucharistic Ministers

Marlene Friedman, Alisa Vidulich, Sarah Markin, Jenn Martin, Lisa Boehm, Rob Copper & Louisa Thoma

Servers

Ryan Ferguson and Ryan Petrella

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.



At the MARTIN DE PORRES CENTER it's almost time for the **ANNUAL HIGH TEA AND FUND RASIER! A LITTLE TEA AND MUSIC** – Music with a Full Sound Chamber Group on SATURDAY, AUGUST 6th, at 2:00-4:00 p.m. The afternoon tea menu will include proper British tea, traditional tea sandwiches and sweets. There will also be a silent auction. There is a \$35.00 prepaid, nonrefundable registration fee. Please RSVP by July 29th. Reservations may be made in person or online at www.martindeporres@oppeace.org with credit card. Or contact the MdP Office at 614-416-1910. Registration forms for this popular event will also be posted on our SC Church Bulletin Boards. Oh, what jolly fun! Hope to see you there.



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.



Cave Quest:

Following Jesus, The Light of the World

July 18-21 (Monday-Thursday), 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

VBS Family night on the 21st, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Children 5 years old (entering Kindergarten)-5th grade

Cavern skits, sciency-Fun Gizmos™ and experiments, team-building games, cool Bible songs, tasty treats, and... the Zip Line returns! We'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life – something we call God Sightings. Also, your kids will also participate in a mission project. New this year:

VBS Family night. The entire family will be invited to a potluck dinner by the fire pit, and we will enjoy a photo viewing of our fun-filled week. Registration form on Saint Christopher's website: <http://saintchristophercc.com/childrens-vacation-bible-school>

Volunteers always welcome and needed!

Contact: Linda Wolfe, St. Christopher Church
Religious Education for Children at
llwolfe1966@gmail.com or call 614-486-9031.



Vacation Bible School 2016: Cave Quest, Jesus is the Light St. Albert's Room is the perfect spot for a Cave! It's just one area we will be redesigning for VBS kids! However, this will take materials and time. If you are free Wednesday from 6:30-8:00 p.m., July 13th, and can help our teen volunteers design, create, and set up, call Linda Wolfe at 614-486-9031 (leave a message).

Can you donate these items?: (for snacks, setup and teaching at the stations)

- Oreos, gummy worms, snack size animal crackers, M&Ms, pretzel sticks
- Cans of expanding spray foam (Stalagmites, Stalactites)
- Solid dark sheets (to cover walls)
- Brown Craft paper (lots!), empty wrapping paper tubes
- Empty 2 liter bottles
- Rope lights
- Bird feathers (from hobby store) and plastic flowers
- Posterboards all sizes
- Sheets of foam board

Your support helps provide VBS for all families, regardless of income level. Mark all donations "VBS," and leave at church office or back of church. Thank You!



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) Meet Wednesday evening at Trinity Cafeteria, July 13th, 6:30-8:00 p.m. This is an informal gathering to learn VBS music, create decorations and have fun. (July 13th, required attendance) 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 Drufer at [614-729-6606](tel:614-729-6606) or Kdrufer@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](tel: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. www.childrenofmary.net.