

A detail from Michelangelo's 'The Creation of Adam' showing the face of Adam and the head of the cherub. Adam's face is in the lower left, looking up with a weary expression. The cherub's head is in the upper right, looking down at Adam. The background is a warm, golden-brown color.

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Holy Day Masses *as announced*

Children's Liturgy of the Word We offer a Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10:00 Mass. Volunteers bring your children aged 3 to 6 (flexible) to the Adoration Chapel for child-friendly Scripture-based activities. They will be returned to you at the Offertory.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024

8:00AM DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE BOLAND & MULLER FAMILIES

5:00PM VIGIL JOHN (JACK) F. LEAHY, JR.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024

8:00AM JAMES POWERS

10:00 AM MARY KILLION (20TH ANNIVERSARY)

12:00 NOON FRANK GARVIN

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2024

8:30 AM JOAN METZGER

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024

8:30AM MARY HELEN FRANKS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024

8:30AM MARY T. STACK

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024

8:30AM LAWRENCE & CATHERINE MCKEEVER

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024

8:30AM PETE THOMPSON (BIRTHDAY MEMORIAL)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

8:00AM HUBERT WILHELM

5:00PM VIGIL DOLORES LEMANOWICZ

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024

8:00AM JOSEPH CORSO

10:00 AM CARTER KENNEY

12:00 NOON VINCENT DiFRANCESCO

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

WE WILL HAVE THE BLESSING OF THROATS AFTER THE
8AM MASS SATURDAY MORNING AND AFTER THE 5PM
VIGIL MASS SATURDAY NIGHT

St. Christopher Home and School News:

Sunday, January 28th

Fritz Sticky Buns Fundraiser!!!

Holy Family Hall 8AM to 1PM

\$10.00 per half dozen

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Clothing and Shoe Drive Fundraiser

Sunday, January 28th from 8AM to 1PM

Holy Family Hall

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tightly tied bags. The more our collection weighs
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February 3rd Bags & Bucks Bingo

Trainer Hall—Doors open @ 6:15PM—BINGO begins
@7PM. All bags are 100% genuine and come with origi-
nal tags. Tickets \$35 in advance. Must be 21 to attend.

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Yearly Contribution Letters

Due to the changes to the Tax Code, most of us no longer
need to itemize our deductions on our Income Tax
Returns. With that in mind, we will not be sending out
“tax letters” confirming your contributions to all who
contributed \$250 or more in the year 2023. We will be
glad to generate letters for anyone who asks. Please
email (info@stchrishparish.org) or call the office (215-
673-5177). Please include your name, address and en-
velope number when making your request. Thank you
for your cooperation.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

Let me begin by informing you that our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel of the Most Blessed Sacrament is open again. Because the wall of the new community center is now up, it is safe once again to go into the chapel. For security reasons, we do not put the password to get into the chapel in print. Call our office and we will give you the code if you forgot it. Please remember that any public devotion other than the rosary or Mass should not be done without my permission.

Next Saturday, February 3rd, is the Feast of St. Blaise. We will have the blessing of throats after the 8 a.m. Mass on Saturday and again after the 5 p.m. Mass.

This week is Catholic School's Week. We have a wonderful school here at St. Christopher's. It is our most visible and powerful ministry. If your children are approaching school age, do yourself a favor and consider our school. Feel free to walk through our school after the 12 noon Mass on Sunday. We have good facilities. This time next year we will have great facilities when our community center is finished. It will be a place not only for sports, but also for other purposes like school plays. It has been fun watching it go up. It won't be long now until it is finished.

Sincerely in Christ,

**SAINT CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL WILL BE CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
JANUARY 28TH—FEBRUARY 2ND.**

WE INVITE EVERYONE TO COME TOUR OUR SCHOOL AND SEE WHAT MAKES US "STCHRISSTRONG".

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK OPENING LITURGY: Join us to celebrate our wonderful school and parish community with Mass at 12:00 Noon followed by an Open House to visit our school from 1PM to 2PM

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2024 STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY: Students will have a Dress Down Day and a treat during the day. STEM Project with Buddies.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024 CRAZY HAT, CRAZY SOCK, CRAZY TIE DAY, VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY: Students can come dressed in either a Crazy Hat, Crazy Socks or Crazy Ties. The best dressed in each class will participate in our Crazy Hat/Sock Parade.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024 DECADES DAY: Students will pick their favorite decade to dress up for. Each class will perform a song from a certain decade.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024 CELEBRATE OUR NATION: Students can add Red, White, and Blue to their uniform. Students will write thank you letters for First Responders. **Grades 5-8 Religion Bee**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024 CELEBRATE OUR FACULTY AND STAFF: First Friday Mass and Jeremiah Awards. Students will participate in Thank-A-Faculty/Staff Member Activity. Teacher Appreciation Day Lunch provided by The Home and School Association.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT WEEK CELEBRATING OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

MARIA PONTARELLI, MARGARET CLARKE

CAROL BARBOUR, VINCENT BASTIAN, BARBARA BRILL,
DOMINIC CAMPAGNA, JOAN LYNCH CARROLL, MARY CHRISTY,
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ERIN QUINN, MARY COLLEEN ZOLTOWSKI

NOTICE ABOUT OUR SICK LIST:

If you wish to place or remove a name from the prayer list,
please call the Parish Office
(215.673.5177) during regular hours.

**Knights of Columbus
St. Christopher Council 17997**

Trivia Night

Saturday, February 17th

Buffet—Beer—BYOB—Desserts
50/50—Door Prizes—Silent Auction
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You're invited to come to one session, two sessions, or all the
sessions depending upon your schedule.

Our topic this year is "Thy Kingdom Come".

Upcoming Topics

January 31st — The Kingdom is like a Dragnet

February 7th— Just a Guy in a Pew

February 21st—The Narrow Gate

February 28th—A Tale of Two Cities

**Sessions are on Wednesday evenings at 7PM in the parish
office.**

Deacon Gene

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2 FOOT HOAGIE SALE IS HERE!
SUPER BOWL SUNDAY
IS FEBRUARY 11TH!!!**

We will be outside of Church the weekend of, **February 3rd & 4th** taking paid preorders after all of the Masses. We will have Italian, Roast Beef, Turkey and American hoagies available to preorder. They will be freshly made on Sunday, February 11th with your choices of cheese and produce. The cost is \$22, however if you preorder and pay by 4PM on Sunday, February 4th the price is \$20. Roast Beef hoagies will be \$3 extra. For more information, you can also order at:

packtroop367@aol.com.

Payments can also be made by Venmo to @BSA-Troop-367

PRE-JORDAN BAPTISM CLASS

First-time parents, as well as parents who have not already done so, must attend a Pre-Jordan class before scheduling a Baptism. We suggest that you attend before the birth of your baby. The next class will be on:

**Monday, January 29, at 7:00PM in the
Parish Office**

**(You must call Peggy in the Parish Office to register for the
class in advance.)**

BLOCK COLLECTION

We need **\$43,273** to reach our goal of **\$130,000**. We will continue to post periodic updates of the amount needed. Thanks to all of you who have already contributed to this important appeal.

RCIA Sessions

CREDO: An RCIA Program

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The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is designed to assist teens and adults who have never been baptized and wish to be baptized in the Catholic Church; or have been baptized in another Christian faith (Lutheran, Episcopalian, etc.) and wish to become Catholic; or were baptized Catholic but have not received First Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

Upcoming Topics

January 30, 2024—Marriage

February 6, 2024—Happiness & Christian Moral Life

February 13, 2024—Law & Ten Commandments

February 20, 2024—The Life of Grace

Meetings are in the Parish Office at 7PM on Tuesday evening.

"COME AND SEE"

Any questions please email Deacon Gene at: deacongene@stchrisparish.org

We are now accepting applications for new families interested in registering for grades **PreK3-8** for **St. Christopher School** for the **2024-2025** school year. Applications are available in the school office, or on our website; stchrisstrong.org. If you would like to request more information or set up a tour of our school, please contact Kate Whalen at:

kwhalen@stchrisstrong.org.

Deepen your understanding of the Mass and the Cycle of the Liturgical Seasons.

Father Berna is speaking on both topics on Saturday, February 3rd at the Empress Room at St. Helena in Blue Bell.

Register online at www.acmpmusic.com or contact:

Pat Gallo-Terrenzio at 215-947-4759 or

Please Pray for our Deceased

Mona Zambito

Baby Adler Edison Lynes

WEEKLY COLLECTION

January 20 & 21, 2024 \$17,700

(includes \$6,063 from E-giving & Parish Giving)

January 21 & 22 2023 \$19,030

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(Thank you for your support of our parish!)

The Rosary

Come join us, to pray the Rosary on Tuesdays in the Parish Office at 1:15PM. During January, we will pray especially for greater acknowledgement that God is the Author of Life and that we are meant to protect life in all circumstances
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GOD BLESS OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED!

AFEYA COLAS

The Second Collection next Weekend
February 3 & 4, 2024 is for
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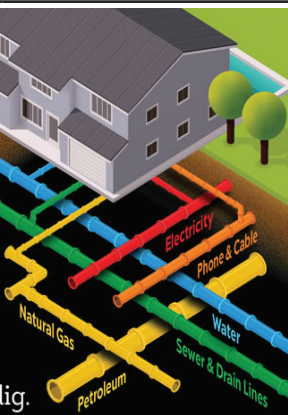
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