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MASSES		
Sunday Masses		
Vigil - Saturday5:00 pm		
Sundays 8:00, 10:00 and 12:00 noon		
Weekday Masses		

PARISH OFFICE

Monday to Friday......8:30 am

Saturday 8:00 am

Holy Day Masses as announced

Our parish office is located right next to Trainer Hall on the Napier Street side of the property. Regular office hours are: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday-Friday; during the pandemic we have suspended evening hours in the parish office. Appointments can be made for other times by calling the office during regular hours. In an emergency situation, please call this number at any time.

PARISH OFFICE	SCHOOL
Phone215-673-5177	Phone 215-673-5787
Fax215-698-0585	Fax 215-673-8511
Website Address	www.stchrisparish.org
Facebook	@saintchrisparish

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: Welcome to all of you who are new in the area. To make it easy to register in the parish, registration packets are available on the website, and in the vestibule of the Church, If you prefer to register at the parish office, please stop by during regular hours. However you do it, please sign up and become an active member of St. Christopher's. Our parish family is incomplete without you.

...called to carry Christ to others



SACRAMENTS

The Sacrament of Baptism is administered on Sundays at 1:00 pm. First time parents must attend a Baptism preparation program. Godparents are also welcome to attend this class. Please call the parish office to arrange for the baptism of your child and to register for the class.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is ordinarily administered on Saturdays after the 8:00 am Mass and again from 3:45 to 4:30 pm.

Sacraments of the Sick are administered upon request. Please call the parish office to arrange for Holy Communion to be brought on Sunday mornings to those either temporarily or permanently housebound. If preferred, a family member can be designated to do this. We want all of our housebound members to have the opportunity to receive Holy Communion every Sunday.

The Sacrament of Marriage must be arranged six months ahead of time. One of the couple must be a member of the parish. The times for Saturday weddings are 10:00 am, 12:00 & 2:00 pm. Friday evening weddings can also be arranged.

Eucharistic Adoration: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, in our Chapel of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Entrance to the chapel is the second door to the left of our school's main entrance. You will need to key in the code number followed by the star. Please contact the parish office for the code number. For the sake of security, we are refraining putting the code number in written form.

Holy Communion: We have very low gluten hosts available for any parishioner who needs them. Please come to the sacristy prior to the Mass and let the priest know you require a low gluten host. These hosts are approved by the Celiac Society.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

St. Christopher School Mission Statement

In the spirit of our patron St. Christopher School is committed to carrying Christ to others and fostering academic excellence. Rooted in Gospel values, the school community aspires to develop 21st century students, who are empowered to be responsible citizens, lifelong learners, and people of faith.

St. Christopher School is a fully accredited school with classes from Pre-K through Eighth Grade. Child Care is available both before and after regular school hours for children of those who work outside the home. For more information or to schedule a tour of our school, please call at 215-673-5787.

PREP (formerly called CCD) **Classes** for children in public school grades one to eight. Our parish religious education classes are held on Monday evenings at 6:45 pm. Please call Deacon Jim at the parish office (215-673-5177 ext. 28) for more information on this program.

Adult Religious Education Classes and RCIA Classes for those wishing to know more about the Catholic faith are held regularly. Please call the parish office for more details.

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.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024

8:00AM PLOSS & UNDERWOOD FAMILIES &

THOMAS COBEY III

5:00PM VIGIL MICHAEL HARRINGTON

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

8:00AM JOSEPH CORSO

10:00AM CAROL Mc COY

12:00NOON KENNETH VAN DYKE

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024

8:30AM HERMINIA CRUZ

6:30PM JOSEPH & MARY GAMBLE

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024

8:30AM Tom & Kay Gallagher

6:30PM Maria Berchick

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024

8:30AM DOMINGO PASANTE ORTIZ SR

6:30PM THOMAS LEVINS

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024

8:30AM NORMA CORICA (BIRTHDAY MEMORIAL)

6:30PM GERTRUDE & PETER GDONSKI

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024

8:30AM CHERYL ROANTREE (1ST ANNIVERSARY)

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024

8:00AM HELEN NELSON

5:00PM VIGIL JOHN K. TODD

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

8:00AM MILLER & ESTHER POWERS

10:00AM GALVIN & RICARDI FAMILIES

12:00Noon Mary & John Killion

Please Pray for our Deceased

Nancy Pagliaro Anthony Cirelli

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(Bring your own basket for the Egg Hunt)
For tickets, visit www.somertonyouth.org

WEEKLY COLLECTION

March 9 & 10, 2024 \$18,289

(includes \$6,051 from E-giving & Parish Giving)

March 11 & 12, 2023 \$18,896

(includes \$6,302 from E-giving & Parish Giving)

Church in Latin America 2024 \$2,352 Church in Latin America 2023 \$2,060

Thank you for your support of our Parish!

FAST & ABSTINENCE AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are:

Fourteen years of age and older are bound to <u>abstain</u> from eating meat on <u>all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday</u>.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is hard to believe, but next Sunday is Palm Sunday. That means we are only two weeks away from Easter. As in last year, we will be changing our schedule for Easter Sunday. *Easter Sunday Masses will be at 7:30, 9, 10:30, and 12 noon.* The Easter Vigil Mass will be on Saturday. There will be no 5 pm Mass on Saturday. Schedules have been mailed to your homes along with the Easter envelope. If you misplace the schedules, call the parish phone number. The schedule will be on the answering machine. There will be additional envelopes in the Church.

Speaking of the Church: as I am writing this, the Church looks like a disaster zone. The carpeting in the sanctuary has been pulled up and new carpeting will be laid as soon as we can do so. Because we are a "working parish," funerals have prevented us to have the carpeting installed on schedule. I am sure you can understand. Carpeting was supposed to be installed a few weeks ago, but it had not come in yet from the supplier. That turned our schedules upside down. All we need now is the padding for the pews. It is my sincere hope that the padding will be in for Easter. When it comes to scheduling, it is never a sure thing. There are too many variables involved. We have a wedding this Saturday. I would be pleased if it is installed by then.

Looking at our weekly collection, you can see that our collections are a little flat. It would really be helpful to us if you would start with e-giving or Parish Giving. Our pre-pandemic collections averaged around twenty thousand dollars or more. While many people who can't be present each and every weekend send in their envelopes, there are many who forget to do so. If you gave electronically, your physical absence wouldn't hurt the collection. Our expenses continue to rise. You know that yourselves by just dealing with trips to the supermarket. A parish like ours survives only when each member takes seriously the need for all of us to participate.

After all of our Church improvements have been finished, my classmate and friend Bishop Edward Deliman will come for a more formal blessing of the Church. When we get some sense of when the community center/gymnasium will be finished, Archbishop Perez has told me that he will be glad to come and formally dedicate the new building. Our new building will be a beautiful structure of which we all will be proud. Our parish pastoral council is committed to raise funds to take care of the shortfall from our pledge campaign.

Next weekend we will have the blessing of the palm at each of the Masses. Palm Sunday is also called Passion Sunday because it is the beginning of Holy Week and it is also the day we read the Passion at Church. We will distribute blessed palm at all of the Masses next weekend.

God bless you and your families.

Sincerely in Christ,

Tather Joz

PARISH GIVING & ELECTRONIC GIVING

We are now offering parishioners a secondary way of automated giving, called **Parish Giving.** This program gives more flexibility for online Sunday contributions, in addition to special collections like Christmas, Easter, Holy days, and diocesan collections. This program also allows for credit cards. Please visit the parish website <u>(www.stchrisparish.org)</u> and click on the link for **'Parish Giving'** if you would like to sign up for this program.

If you would like to sign up for our **Electronic Giving** program, please see the link on our website for **'Electronic Giving'**, or you can also obtain forms from the parish office or in the back of church. If you would like to change to **Parish Giving** from our original EFT program, please let Debra Rios know so she can remove you from that program. You can email her at <u>riosdebra0603@qmail.com</u> if you would like to change programs or have any other questions.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

JOHN FINN, JOSEPH QUINN,

VINCENT BASTIAN, BARBARA BRILL, DOMINIC CAMPAGNA, JOAN LYNCH CARROLL, MARY CHRISTY, MARGARET CLARKE, MICHAEL DENOFA, JAMES DESHER, NANCY FINN, SR. NORA FRIEL, CONNER HAGGERTY, JOHN HAGGERTY, KEVIN KEANE, ALICE MALVEIRO, KEITH MCCABE, ANN MCNALLY, CHRISTINA MICAN, JILLIAN MULDOWNEY, MATTHEW MULDOWNEY, JANNETTE MURPHY, MARY LEW NEDEROSKI, PAUL NEDEROSKI, JANE NEGLER BABY MARTIN RAPHAEL PHAM, GERMANO PONTARELLI, MARIA PONTARELLI, LOUIS PORSIA, ERIN QUINN, JESSEE STRANGE,

PATRICIA WALSH, CLARE ZAPF, 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

The Second Collection this Weekend, March 16 & 17th is for the Easter Flowers

> The Second Collection on March 23 & 24th is The Rice Bowl Collection

Do you love to sing? Do you play an instrument?

Have you ever thought about joining our Parish Choir? HERE IS YOUR CHANCE!!! Joining the Music Ministry during Lent and Holy Week is a great opportunity to deepen your spirituality while sharing your time and talent with our parish community. The ability to read music is a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsals are on Thursday and Sunday evenings in church. For more information, please contact Don Holdren at 215-920-2385 or donholdren@gmail.com.



Knights of Columbus St. Christopher Council 17997

Meetings are the last Thursday of the Month 6:00 PM in Trainer Hall Contact: Rudy Muller 215-778-0634 Pat Peiffer 215-880-3988

Archbishop Ryan Class of 1974 Reunion

Friday, May 31st (7PM to 11PM) www.arhs.me/class74reunion

TMIY THAT MAN IS YOU

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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

March 20th—A Life of Dissipation

March 27th—No class

Sessions are on Wednesday evenings at 7PM in the Parish Office.

ACADEMIC HONORS

The following students from our parish have achieved Academic Honors for the First Semester of the 2023-2024 school year!

Holy Ghost Prep

Distinguished Honors

Senior: Donald Holdren

Evan Goodwin

Junior: Aidan Sloan

Tyler Fey

Cillian Binder Sophomore:

First Honors

Junior: **Nicolas Armitage**

Nicolas Pezzotta

Sophomore: Eric Burns

Second Honors

Junior: John Graff Jr Freshman: Blaise Paul

St. Christopher Parish Elder Care Program

A ministry within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Care Management Services links senior citizens and their loved ones with a wide variety of resources in order to help our seniors address the many challenges they face such as legal issues, emotional and physical health, transportation and housekeeping. Services are free and confidential. Lisa Shousky, our Geriatric Care Manager, can meet with you at your home or at the Parish Office. Please call Lisa at 267-251-7766 or 215-673-5177 ext. 36.

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RCIA Sessions

CREDO: An RCIA Program

Introducing the Faith in a Comprehensive Way

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

March 19, 2024 Prayer & Devotions

Meetings are in the Parish Office at 7PM on Tuesday evening. "COME AND SEE"

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

Truth with Handles a video series from Walking With Purpose

Women of St. Chris, please join us in the Parish Office for this video series that explores relevant topics for women today while discussing our faith and church teachings.

Tuesday, March 19th—Mental Health
(During Lent, start time at 7:00 PM after 6:30 mass)
No need to sign up—come to as many as you can
and please bring a friend! All are Welcome!
Questions? Email: Stchriswwp@gmail.com

LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE

During Lent, in addition to our regular **8:30AM Mass**, an **evening Mass at 6:30PM** has been added during the week (Monday to Thursday).

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This Lenten devotion will be celebrated the **Fridays of Lent at 7:00PM** in Church.

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.

St. Chris Scrip

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WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY: 9AM TO 10AM

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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, March 18, 2024 at 7:00PM in the Parish Office

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

Father Judge High School Class of 1974 50 Year Reunion

Saturday, April 27th at Father Judge Cost is \$80 per person Please contact khuckel@fatherjudge.com

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