

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

8:00AM A SPECIAL INTENTION

5:00PM VIGIL MICHAEL F. DELIA

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

8:00AM MICHAEL PALMIERI

10:00AM MARIE & ED TOKARSKI

12:00 NOON JAMES MCGINLEY

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2024

8:30AM FLORENTINA RODRIGUEZ

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024

8:30AM SISTER LAURETTA MATUSOK, CSFN

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024

8:30AM NEIL SWEENEY (*BIRTHDAY*)

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024

8:30AM JOSEPH BOLAND

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024

8:30 AM LORETTA & CHARLES MCCULLEY

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

8:00 AM FRANK GARVIN

5:00PM VIGIL FRANCIS ZARZYCKI

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

8:00 AM MICHAEL COLELLO

10:00 AM JOSEPH SCHREIBER

12:00 NOON ROSEMARIE GALLO

Please Pray for our Deceased

*Robert Karstens
Michael DeMayo*

**The Second Collection Next Weekend
May 4 & 5, 2024
Is for the Catholic Home Missions**

**Mother's Day Mass Remembrance Envelopes
are for Living and Deceased Mothers.**

These envelopes are available at all the doors of the church and at the parish office.

**Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Cards are for
Mothers that are living.**

These cards are available in the sacristy or at the parish office.

Please return the intention envelopes to the parish office or put it in the collection basket so that your Mother's Day intentions can be placed on the altar and be remembered in the masses on Mother's Day and the rest of the month of May.

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Spring Scouting for Food Drive

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Contact us at Packtroop367@aol.com for more information.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

This is sacrament season. On Saturday, April 27th, our children in the upper grades of our school received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Archbishop Edward Adams. Archbishop Adams is a retired papal nuncio, that is ambassador, to a number of countries. His last post was in Great Britain.

Confirmation celebrates the special gift of the Holy Spirit which completes our baptism. When I was a child, Confirmation was looked upon as almost a military concept. Children used to be told, "Confirmation makes us strong and perfect Christians and soldiers of Jesus Christ." That could actually be a good way of looking at the sacrament in today's world in which we live. There is a need for Catholics to be stronger in their faith and to be zealous in bringing their faith to others.

Next Saturday we have First Holy Communion. This is always a special day in our parish. For the first time in many years, First Holy Communion will be on the first Saturday of May. The reason for the switch is so that the children will be more easily able to attend the celebration the next day at the 10 am Mass with the reception afterwards.

I tell the children that First Holy Communion is my happiest day in the year. It is a real pleasure to give the Sacrament of Jesus Himself to the children. It makes me think of my own First Communion and how special that day was for me. I invite you to think of your own First Communion Day. Almost all of us have a memory of that day. It is important that we never take for granted the special graces that flow our way whenever we receive the Body of Christ.

I hope you are getting excited as we look forward to the completion of our new community center and gymnasium. Our children have had their last play in Trainer Hall. Next year the play will be on the stage of the new center. Construction is due to be completed early in the summer. When I have a firm date for the project to be finished, I will invite Archbishop Perez to come and bless the building. For many years we had to do without a building like this. Now we will have a center and a gymnasium of which we will all be proud. For those of you who have been waiting to make sure the building will be coming to reality, I invite you to make or increase your pledge. We still need funds to get the project completed. The changes in the Church have all been made. Soon our entire building program will be complete.

As we reach the month of May, I invite you to take one of the envelopes at the doors of the Church for Mother's Day remembrances. Please inscribe the names of your mothers and of the special women in your lives on the envelopes. We will have them on the altar from Mother's Day until the end of May. Although it has been customary to place a financial donation in the envelopes, it is not necessary to do so. This is not a parish collection. Any donations in the envelopes will be used for Mass intentions for your Mothers, Godmothers, Grandmothers, and other special women in your lives.

May the Lord continue to bless you and your families.

Sincerely in Christ,



Please consider sending an email to our State Senator, Jimmy Dillon (dillon@pasenate.com) and our State Representative, Martina White (mwhite@pahousegop.com). We are in the running for an additional RACP Grant from the commonwealth and would like their assistance. Governor Shapiro has the final say on which grant applications get funded, but the help of our local elected officials, especially Sen. Dillon, is essential. Both Sen. Dillon and Rep. White already attached letters of support to our application, but a reminder will not hurt our chances. Thank You!

We are now accepting applications for new families interested in registering for grades **PreK 3-8 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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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.

**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. Please call Lisa Shousky, 267-251-7766, our Geriatric Care Manager.

Scrip Volunteers Needed

We are currently looking for Scrip volunteers 1 to 3 hours a month. Meet some new people and have some fun. Contact the Parish Office.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

April 20th & 21st, 2024 \$15,469
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THE ROSARY

Our weekly rosary has moved back to the Chapel.

We meet every Tuesday at 1:15PM.

All are welcome!

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, April 29, 2024 at 7:00PM
in the Parish Office**

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

**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 (www.stchrisparish.org) 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 notify Debra Rios at riosdebra0603@gmail.com.

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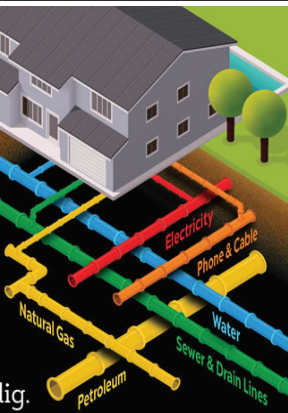
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