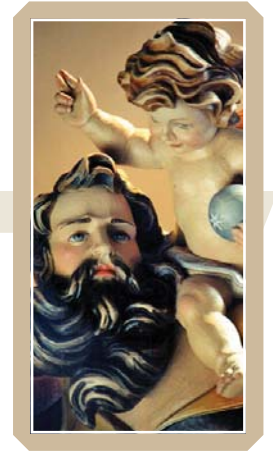


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— **MASSES** —

**Sunday Masses**

Vigil - Saturday ..... 5:00 pm  
 Sundays ..... 8:00, 10:00 and 12:00 noon

**Weekday Masses**

Monday to Friday .....8:30 am  
 Saturday .....8:00 am

**Holy Day Masses** ..... *as announced*

— **PARISH OFFICE** —

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-Thursday and 8:00 am to 4:00 pm on Friday. 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.

<b>PARISH OFFICE</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>
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**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.

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— **CATHOLIC EDUCATION** —

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**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.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2024**

**8:00AM** ERNESTO MOCCIA

**5:00PM VIGIL** CHARLES J. SCHOETTLE, JR  
(*BIRTHDAY MEMORIAL*)

**SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024**

**8:00AM** JOSEPH DURKIN

**10:00AM** STASH SZELAGOWSKI

**12:00 NOON** JOSEPH J. OULAHAN

**MONDAY, JULY 29, 2024**

**8:30AM** STASH SZELAGOWSKI

**TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2024**

**8:30AM** CHARLES ROMAN

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2024**

**8:30AM** JOANNE ZEITZ

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2024**

**8:30AM** MARY FLOOD

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2024**

**8:30 AM** DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE  
DAUBNER FAMILY

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2024**

**8:00 AM** CARTER KENNEY

**5:00PM VIGIL** THOMAS RAYMOND NAULTY

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2024**

**8:00 AM** CHRISTOPHER J. MALINIS

**10:00 AM** JACK P. DONAGHY (*100TH BIRTHDAY*)

**12:00 NOON** DANIEL J. FITZPATRICK

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St. Christopher brings a groundbreaking OCIA video program that carefully teaches new candidates (catechumens) the key tenets of Faith. This program walks candidates through the course, introduces them to the treasures of the Catholic Faith, and provides a valuable reference during their formation and beyond.

Formation begins Tuesday, September 17th, 2024 @ 7PM at the Parish Office and participants meet every week until Easter.

**"Come and See"**

If you are interested, please email  
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**St. Christopher Parish  
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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.

**St. Christopher School** is accepting applications for the PreK3 class for the 2024-2025 school year. If you would like to set up a tour of the school or complete an application, please contact Kate Whalen by email, [kwhalen@stchrisstrong.org](mailto:kwhalen@stchrisstrong.org), or call 215-673-5787 ext. 17.



**GOD BLESS OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED**

ROBERT WILLIAM LAMAR

**MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**

Dear Friends in Christ,

As you know, the Holy Eucharist is at the center of the Catholic faith. The Eucharistic Congress held recently in Indianapolis was an opportunity to deepen the faith of the Catholic people in the Eucharist as the Body and Blood of Christ. You may have seen some of it on EWTN. People I know who attended the Congress tell me that their faith was invigorated. This week I will touch on some of the questions we receive regarding the Eucharist.

We often get questions like these: *Are non-Catholic people permitted to receive Holy Communion in the Catholic Church and if I go to a non-Catholic Church, may I receive Communion in their Church.* I have had both of these questions asked of me in the past.

I will go with the first question first. It simply has to do with our understanding of the Eucharist. We Catholics believe in what we call *Transubstantiation*. It's a big word that means that the bread and wine consecrated at Mass become the Body and Blood of Christ. That means that the same Jesus who walked the streets of Nazareth, who died on the cross for us, and who rose from the dead, is present on our altars. It is for that reason that we place sacred hosts which have not been consumed in the tabernacle where we have a light burning to symbolize that Christ is truly present. Holy Communion also is the sign of unity among Catholics. In other words, by receiving Holy Communion, you also profess your faith in the Catholic Church and all that it believes. For that reason, it is inappropriate for someone who is not Catholic to receive Holy Communion. Even if they believed that the Eucharist is truly the body of Christ, they still lack communion with all Catholic believers.

Also, we urge all Catholics not married in the Catholic Church to have their marriages validated (commonly called "blessed"). That will open the door to their being able to receive Holy Communion. If one or both were previously married, it would be good to set up an appointment with one of our priests or deacons. It is not as complicated a procedure as it once was, and there is no cost involved.

A women recently told me that she went to a Lutheran Church to see her granddaughter sing in the choir at the service. The minister announced that all Christians were invited to communion. In such a circumstance, should the Catholic person take communion? The answer is no for two reasons. The first is that most Protestant Churches do not believe that the bread and wine actually become the Body and Blood of Christ. They treat the bread and wine (sometimes grape juice) with special reverence, but when the service is over, they place what is left back in the cabinet in their sacristy. In other words, the meaning of the bread and wine is changed in the service, but the substance is still bread and wine. The other reason you should refrain from receiving Holy Communion in a Protestant Church is that your beliefs as a Catholic are different than theirs. Is it a sin if you take Communion in a Protestant Church? It might have been considered that way in a non-ecumenical age, but it wouldn't be considered that today. It is, on the other hand, inappropriate to do so. One thing is clear: *It is not appropriate to attend a Protestant service instead of a Catholic Mass.* If, out of fraternal charity, you attend a Protestant service, you should also attend Mass that day.

Asking God's continued blessings on you all, I leave you

In the peace of Christ



**THE ROSARY**

This Summer, come join us on Tuesdays, at 1:15 in the Chapel as we ask Our Blessed Mother to help us grow in our love for her Son in the **BLESSED SACRAMENT**.

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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:

**Tuesday, July 30, 2024 at 7:00PM**

**in the Parish Office**

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

**St. Christopher School**

is hosting

**The 3rd Annual  
StChrisStrong Golf Outing**

Monday, October 21, 2024 at

Five Ponds Golf Course

Time— 11:00AM

\$160/golfer includes breakfast and refreshments, a round of golf with a cart, happy hour and buffet dinner.

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**FROM:** JEFFREY, JOSEPH & JIM PAGLIARO

**PREP Corner**

**To PREP Families**

As we all begin thoughts of summer, I also have September in mind. We will begin the new Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) year on the 9th of September. In the meantime, I need to be sure that we have books for all new and returning students, so parents and guardians, please get your registration in ASAP. Remember that all registrations completed before the end of July have a \$25 discount. If you can't find your form, please come to the Parish Office for one.

**To All Parishioners**

Another area to address is that of staffing. We have three levels of helpers and are in need of all:

1. **Catechists**—the teacher in the class
2. **Adult Aid**—assists the catechist in the room
3. **High School Helper**—9th through 12th grade students who are role models and general helpers. *Service Hours!*

PREP sessions run from September until the week before Memorial Day 6:45 PM til 8:00 PM. If you are interested in being a part of the PREP Community, please let me know.

Peace,  
Deacon Jim  
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**NOTICE ABOUT OUR SICK LIST:**

If you wish to place or remove a name from the prayer list,  
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during regular hours.

**Ninth Annual Padre Pio Festival  
St. Bede the Venerable Parish  
September 14-15, 2024**

Saint Bede the Venerable Church, located in Holland, PA (Bucks County), welcomes all to its ***Ninth Annual Festival*** to honor St. Pio of Pietrelcina, better known as "Padre Pio," on **Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 14 & 15.**

The two-day event begins with **Saturday's** All-American Picnic Buffet (tickets will be sold at the event), featuring games and amusements for children, food and craft vendors, and live music. The highlight will be a **5:30pm vigil Mass**, followed by blessings with holy relics of Padre Pio.

**Sunday, 12:30 pm Solemn Mass** will be celebrated by Fr. Pio Mandato. Following Mass there will be a street procession with a statue of Padre Pio through the neighborhood. After the procession, there will be a healing service with confessions and veneration of holy relics. All day there will be specialty food vendors, amusements and live music.

Free Parking will be available and pilgrim buses are welcome. For more information, call the parish office at 215-357-5720 or go online to [padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com](http://padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com)

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**Family Garden Pizza Party** with Robin Hoy. Come to Cranaleith for an evening of creating a personalized garden to table pizza topped with fresh ingredients we will pick together from our garden. A sweet treat and beverages will be provided by Cranaleith.

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