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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 Friday8:30 am		
Saturday8:00 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.

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Website Address	www.stchrisparish.org
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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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2024

8:00AM THOMAS RINEHART **5:00PM VIGIL** DOLORES RUSSO

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024

8:00AM RONALD NORBURY

10:00AM TIMOTHY MARLEY & MICHAEL MARKET

12:00 NOON MIKE HOEFERT

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2024

8:30AM BILL SMITH

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2024

8:30AM JOHN & ELIZABETH FOX

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2024

8:30AM ERNESTO MOCCIA

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2024

8:30AM MARY TREMPER

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2024

8:30AM EDWARD SOKOLOWSKI

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2024

8:00AM JOHN JENNINGS **5:00PM VIGIL** RICHARD LUCAS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024

8:00 AM CARMEN DELIA PEREZ RODRIGUEZ

10:00 AM DANIEL J. FITZPATRICK

(16TH ANNIVERSARY)

12:00 NOON MARIE GOULD

Please Pray for our Deceased

Mary Anne Boyd Kathleen Peiffer NEXT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH AT THE 5PM VIGIL MASS, BISHOP EDWARD DELIMAN WILL BE BLESSING THE NEW CHURCH SPACE AND THE STATUE OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.



We have a limited supply of the 2025 Sunday Mass Missals available starting this weekend. Although the missals retail for \$6.50 we are asking for a donation of either \$4 or \$5, that will cover our cost. Missals can be found on the cart in the middle of the church.

The Giving Tree

The weekend of December 7th and 8th there will be paper ornaments on the Christmas Tree, each with a gift suggestion for the children in the Mission of St. Joan of Arc Parish (Christmas Balls), the Ladies in Dawn's place (Gingerbread Men) and the Blessed Sacrament Sisters at Paul's Run(Stockings). Please take one of the ornaments from the tree! The following **weekend of December 14th and 15th**, you are asked to bring your gifts to Church and place them in the baskets on the altar at the Offertory of the Mass. We ask that you bring the gifts in a gift bag if possible with the ornaments taped securely to the outside of the package. The gifts are sorted for distribution to the different organizations by the ornament. Thank You.



With the coming of the Christmas season, we will continue our Secret Santa initiative. If you would like to participate in this venture, you can drop off your donation at the parish office or you can place it in the regular collection in an envelope with the words "Secret Santa" on it. Last year we were able to help a number of families have a nicer meal for Christmas and to give more worthwhile presents to their children.

All are welcome to our Parish Christmas Concert! Sunday, December 8th!

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Saint Christopher Parish Choir, Children's Choir, Cantors, Parish Lectors and Students from our PREP Program will participate.

Join us on **Sunday, December 8th at 5:00PM** for an evening of song and reflection as we celebrate the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

The concert will be followed by a reception in Holy Family Hall.

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THANKSGIVING SCRIP HOURS:

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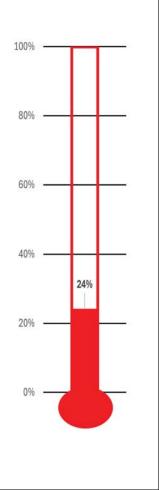
will be available at the doors of the church and in the parish office starting next weekend

November 30th and December 1st.

The "Last" Million—Progress to

We continued moving the thermometer toward the next million over the past week! Please consider making or adding to your pledge today! We are now at 24% of our goal. You can call Deacon Jim (extension 28 at our Parish Office) to let him know that you will make a pledge or increase the one you've already made. You may also get more information by using the QR code below. Thank you and God bless you.





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THE ROSARY

Come join us during November as we pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory each Tuesday at 1:15pm in the Chapel.

Through Mary, streams of grace flowed down upon us.

Saint Faustina

Block Collection

A mailing containing a letter and a Block Collection envelope has been sent to your homes. Thanks to all of you who have begun to respond to this year's Block Collection. As in previous years, our parish goal is \$130,000.

Please place your Block Collection offering in the regular Sunday collection basket. You may also mail your offering to the Parish Office as soon as your means allow.

God bless you and your families for contributing to this very important appeal.

Parish Goal: \$130,000

Received To Date: \$ 53,511 (41.16%)

Needed To Reach Our Goal: \$ 76,489

That Man is You (TMIY)

Meetings on Wednesday Evenings from 7:00PM to 8:30PM in the Parish Office

The main topic of the Fall 2024—Spring 2025 seasons is

"The Light of Men"
Upcoming Topics

December 4th—Subjective Arguments for God's Existence

Contact Deacon Gene deacongene@stchrisparish.org with any questions.

OCIA Sessions

THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO:

- Receive the rest of the Sacraments that still await you.
 For instance, Penance, Holy Communion & Confirmation.
- Learn and Become a Catholic—Be Baptized, Receive Penance, Holy Communion and Confirmation. Contact Deacon Gene at deacongene@stchrisparish.org with questions.

Join us and grow in your own understanding of the Faith. Bring your questions!

Meetings will resume on **January 21st** in the Parish Office, at 7PM.

NOTICE ABOUT OUR SICK LIST

Beginning the weekend of December 7th & 8th, we will start to publish a New Sick List. All of the sick in our parish community and families will continue to be remembered in our prayers and in the weekly petitions. To add the name of a loved one to the new list, please call the Parish Office, 215-673-5177 during normal business hours (Monday-Friday).

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

MARIA MELKONICH

TROY ANGLE, BARBARA BRILL, MATTHEW BIRGEL, DOMINIC CAMPAGNA, RUTH CARPENTER, JOAN LYNCH CARROLL, MARYANN CHARLES, JOE CHRISTIAN, MARY CHRISTY, MARGARET CLARKE, MICHAEL DENOFA, KALYNA DIPAOLO, WILLIAM FARO, NANCY FINN, JOHN FINN, SR. NORA FRIEL, KATHLEEN GARDASH, MARIE HERPEL, MARY HUNTER, JOANNE INFANTADO, KEVIN KEANE, BRIAN MCCABE, CAI MCCABE, KEITH MCCABE, ANN McNally, Jean McPaul, Cathy Miller, JILLIAN MULDOWNEY, MATTHEW MULDOWNEY, JANNETTE MURPHY, MARY LEW NEDEROSKI, PAUL NEDEROSKI, GERMANO PONTARELLI, MARIA PONTARELLI, DOMINIC RAGUCCI, BETSY REDICK, ANDREW SCHAFER, DWAYNE SCHWARZ, DANIEL STAHL, JESSE STRANGE. MICHAEL SUTTON. BABY JOHN GREGORY WALSH, PATRICIA WALSH, 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.

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, December 16th at 7:00PM in the Parish Office (You must call Peggy in the Parish Office to register for the class in advance.)

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Home and School News.....

Become a St. Christopher Sponsor today!

The Home and School Board is seeking businesses in the community to support our fundraising efforts by becoming a sponsor. This is an opportunity to promote your business or someone you may know, all while supporting our school and children.

For more information on how you can get involved, please contact Amy McFillin at amymcfillin22@yahoo.com

St. Christopher's Christmas Fair

December 14th
11AM to 3PM
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Over 40 vendors/Lemon sticks/ Hot Cocoa Bar/ Food Trucks/ Photos with Santa/ Kids Corner!

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Southampton will be holding its annual *Candlelight Vespers Service* for bereaved parents on Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 7PM. All are welcome to attend and to extend the invitation to other bereaved parents. If you can, please bring a photo of your child, which will be placed on the sanctuary step alongside a votive candle provided by us. If you have any questions, please drop us a line or give us a call. 1-484-746-3414 or

deaconmarkkuhn@gmail.com

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Sensory Friendly Mass

4th Sunday of Every Month starting at 1:30PM (11/24, 12/22,1/26, 2/23, 3/23, 4/27 & 5/25)

Family Reception starting at 12:30 (snacks & drinks)

Scouting for Food

Thank you to all who donated food items to the Scouting for Food project. If you missed the donation box and would like to donate nonperishable boxed or bagged food items, please contact us at *Packtroop367@aol.com*

GOD BLESS OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED



IVY ROSE SHORI
GAVIN WILLIAM ARPINO
SOPHIA MARGARET WAGNER
ELEANOR MARGARET GAYNOR

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.

Happenings at Cranaleith!!

Wednesday, December 4th from 9:30AM to 12:30PM Advent Contemplative Morning: The Love that Knows Our Name

Cost \$30

WEEKLY COLLECTION

NOVEMBER 16 & 17, 2024 \$15,517 (includes \$6,467 from E-giving & Parish Giving)

NOVEMBER 18 & 19, 2023 \$17,860 (includes \$6,420 from E-giving & Parish Giving)



Boy Scouts Troop 367 is conducting their Annual Wreath Sale

The 24" nicely decorated wreaths are \$29 and the 30" by 40" grave blankets are \$36

Pick-ups are in Trainer Hall on Monday, December 2nd between 6:45PM and 8:15PM and outside of Holy Family Hall on Saturday, December 7th after the 5PM Mass and on Sunday, December 8th between 8:30AM and Noon. All orders should be preordered by e-mail to Packtroop367@aol.com Payments can be made at pick-up or to **Venmo** @ BSA-Troop-367

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- 1. Honor thy father and thy mother.
- 2. Imitate the work ethics of St. Joseph the Worker.
- 3. Console and care for the lonely elderly, especially the destitute.
- 4. Accept the call of Lay Apostolate of the Holy Family by joining us and becoming a member of the Knight of St. Joseph League.

Join our mission and become a Lay Apostolate of the Knight of St. Joseph League.

Please contact Francis J. Hahn at 215-704-8829, or email: BeFrank3388@gmail.com for next meeting schedule.

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH



O St. Joseph, we venerate you as the model of workingmen, the friend of the poor, the consoler of the afflicted and exiled, the saint of Divine Providence. On earth you represented the universal goodness and care of the heavenly Father. You were the carpenter of Nazareth

and work-teacher to the Son of God, who became a humble laborer for us. At Nazareth, work was elevated to dignity as a means of sanctification and redemption. Assist with your prayers all who labor in intellectual, moral and manual work.

To nations distressed by social problems, obtain legislation in conformity with the Gospel. Obtain for everyone the spirit of Christian charity, and for the world, an organization according to the teachings of the Supreme Pontiff.

I ask you also for the grace which I desire most.

- St. Joseph, provide for us.
- St. Joseph, pray for us.

THE KNIGHT OF ST. JOSEPH

The Sacred Heart of Jesus



Flame of Love of Mary

Novena Prayer:

May the divine Mercy of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the love of God, and the Flame of Love of The Immaculate Heart of the Virgin Mary, Mother of God, be forever praised, adored, glorified, honored, and loved in all the tabernacles throughout the world, in reparation for our sins, and the sins of the whole world, and conversion of all sinners. Now and forever.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners. Spread the effect of thy grace and thy flame of love over all of humanity, now and at the hour of our death. Amen

Rosary

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