

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

8:00AM LIVING AND DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
DAIGNEAU FAMILY

5:00PM VIGIL MICHAEL F. DELIA

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

8:00AM MARIA BERCHICK

10:00AM MARIE & ED TOKARSKI

12 NOON CHARLES SCHOETTLE, JR (22ND ANNIVERSARY)

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026

8:30AM FLORENTINA RODRIGUEZ

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026

8:30AM JOSEPH BOLAND

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2026

8:30AM CHARLES & LORETTA MCCULLEY

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026

8:30AM ROSEMARIE GALLO

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026

8:30AM NEIL SWEENEY

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026

8:00AM JOHN RINEHART JR. &
JOHN RINEHART, III

5:00PM VIGIL CAROL BARBOUR

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

8:00AM IDA COIA

10:00AM FRANK ZARZYCKI

12 NOON SOPHIE & EDWARD ROONEY



Retirement Celebration

Please join us to honor

Monsignor Joseph Garvin

Sunday, June 7, 2026


12:00 PM Mass

Reception following at the

St. Christopher Parish Community Center

Please RSVP Online

All are welcome — this is a family-friendly event



Scan QR code to RSVP

Hello St. Chris Parish! I wanted to thank you all for your donations to St. Margaret of Castillo Maternity Home. Your generosity does not go unnoticed. You are helping make a positive difference in the lives of women and children in need. Thank you again for another successful year with this mission, and God bless!

Meghan Goodwin

GOD BLESS OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED



Ayla Thavy Prak
Theodore John McCusker
John Gaynor
Gabriella Rose Sugden
Tank Buchinsky
Alexander Falconio

**NOW ENROLLING FOR THE
2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR!**

St. Christopher School is now enrolling students for the 2026-2027 school year and warmly welcomes new families to become part of our faith-filled community.

We proudly offer programs beginning with PreK3, PreK4, and Kindergarten, followed by a strong academic foundation in Grades 1-8. St. Christopher School has been acknowledged as a "School of Instructional Distinction" for the past four years by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

At St. Christopher School students are known, valued, and challenged to "Carry Christ to Others." We invite you to come and see firsthand all that makes St. Christopher School such a special place to learn and grow. To learn more or to schedule a tour, please call, Kate Whalen at 215-673-5787 ext. 17

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

It seems like yesterday that I was assigned first as a newly ordained priest to St. Christopher's. I grew up in Olney not too far from this neighborhood. However, I had never heard of Somerton. When I left six years later, I figured I would never again serve as a parish priest at St. Christopher's. Wasn't I surprised! When I was asked to be a pastor, the vicar general offered me a wealthy parish in Chester County. My response was that if that were the only choice, I would reluctantly agree to go there. I told him that my parents were getting up in years and I would prefer a parish near to them. He asked me if I could name the parish to which I would like to go, I said, "I would take St. Christopher's, but they have a healthy pastor." Little did I know that they were planning to move him to another parish. That was 29 years ago. So I did, in fact, come here. I would probably have had an extra year, but the infections which almost claimed my life kept me from having the ability needed to serve you the way you deserve. I feel great, but I am still not able to walk the way I need to now.

So now I am looking at retirement in mid June. I knew the day would come, and I am getting ready to clear out 29 years of memories. My fondest memories are of you. I have loved celebrating the sacraments with you and your families, but my best recollections are just being with you.

Now I am into my last of several things. I would have loved to have had a final Christmas, but that was right after I was told to go to Villa St. Joseph in Darby. I was able to greet Archbishop Green and present the young people for Confirmation. I presided over the first confessions for our 2nd Graders and level 2 Prep kids. You haven't lived as a priest until the first confessions of little children, I also am looking forward to administering First Holy Communion to them. That has always been my happiest day of the year. I missed it last year because it was right after the surgery I had to fix things in my hip. It was a joy for me to celebrate Easter Sunday Mass for the last time. I am also looking forward to graduation Mass and to Mass on the last day of school.

Forgive me if I am talking about myself. I just want to let you know how much I love being your pastor. I am the 6th pastor of St. Chris and I have served here more than any other pastor. Our founder Father Purcell served here for seventeen years. When will Pastor number seven be named? Your guess is as good as mine although word usually comes in mid May. Speaking of May, I will be taking a long vacation with two friends for almost the entire month of May, I may be able to send a letter or two while I am away. May God bless you and your families.

Sincerely in Christ,


WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

April 18 & 19, 2026	\$16,784
(includes \$6,545 from E-giving & Parish Giving)	
April 19 & 20, 2025	\$20,391
(includes \$6,559 from E-giving & Parish Giving)	

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

On **Sunday** during the **10:00AM** Mass we offer a Children's Liturgy of the Word. Volunteers bring your children aged 3 to 6 (flexible) to the Carlo Acutis Narthex for child-friendly Scripture-based activities. They will go out after the opening prayer and return to you at the Offertory of the Mass.

The Scouts of Pack and Troop 367 are coordinating a spring Scouting for Food drive. We are collecting unexpired canned and non-perishable boxed/bagged food items for donation to the **Holy Redeemer Food Pantry**. We will have collection boxes in the back of the Church from April 17th until May 11th, if you wish to leave a donation there.

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

ACADEMIC HONORS

The following students from our parish have achieved Academic Honors for the Third Quarter of the 2025-2026 school year!

Conwell-Egan Catholic High School

First Honors

Freshman: Jack Ciasullo

Father Judge High School

First Honors

Senior: John Murphy

Junior: Colin Dunne

Sophomore: Alexander Ilondior, Casey King

Freshman: Brayden Bond, Brendan Gibson

Second Honors

Senior: Declan Broderick, Nicholas Evans

Junior: Noel McCaffery

Sophomore: Landon Nungesser, Liam Sloan

Freshman: John Halligan II, Joseph McCormick

Archbishop Wood High School

First Honors

Senior: Rowan Farrell, Chantal Gonzalez

Junior: Sawyer Murphy

Freshman: Natalie Thompson

Second Honors

Senior: Kimberlyn Gonzalez, Keely Waters

Junior: Anahia Antonio, Joseph Lucini, Benjamin Spicer

Freshman: Ally Layton, Jennifer Layton, Jariel Martinez
Olivia McConnell

ST. CHRIS SCRIP

is online at RaiseRight

Enrollment Code is L74A25D31546

SCRIP HOURS:

SUNDAY: 9AM TO 11:30AM

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY: 9AM TO 10AM

THURSDAY: 7PM TO 8PM

DON'T FORGET:

MOTHERS DAY, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND PROMS. WE HAVE SEPHORA, TARGET, BATH AND BODY WORKS, DRESS UP TIME, DON GIOVANNI'S, BOSCOV'S, TARGET, AMAZON, BUCK HOTEL, CAFÉ CAMELLA, CAFÉ MICHELANGELO, CARRABBA'S, TEXAS ROAD HOUSE AND SO MUCH MORE.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Lusia Biscardi, Frances Breen, Barbara Brill, John Brill, Patricia Brown, Dominic Campagna, Joan Lynch Carroll, Raymond Carroll, Rosemarie David, Carol Dionisio, John Farley, Tyler Ferreira, Nancy Finn, Alan Fried, Darlene G. Carmelita Guinto, Magno Guinto, Agnes Hellwarth, Marie Herpel, Roney Hodis, Mary Kelly, Kevin Lederer, Bill Ludwig, Joann Miaczynski, Cai McCabe, Dolores McCabe, Morgan Mealey, Jannette Murphy, Mary Lew Nederoski, Paul Nederoski, Joe Quinn, Linda Quinn, Betsy Redick, Edward Rocks, Jennifer Rosinski, Roberta Shainlane, Kate Slegel, Doris Wetzel, 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

Calling all Men! Join Us!



Meetings are the First Thursday of the Month
6:30 PM in the Parish Office

For membership information, please contact:

Bill Mc Ginley 215-778-4348, Sean Graves 267-456-4984

Bernie Johnston 215-589-3575,

Mick Altmeier 267-304-3022

37th Annual Burrs at the Beach

Keenan's Pub North Wildwood

Sunday, June 28, 2026 1PM to 6PM

Tickets \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door.

For Information and/or Tickets, please contact:

Joe Garttmeir 484-437-3739 mag1201@verizon.net

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UPCOMING EVENTS!!!!

First & Third Tuesday, April 7—June 16

Knit, Crochet, and Women's Wisdom

With Kathy Maguire, RSM

1PM to 2:30PM, Cost: \$50 per quarter

Saturday, May 16th 9AM to 11:30AM

You are Invited to Something New

AN OUTDOOR MORNING RETREAT

Facilitator: Bernadette Rudolph Cost: \$25

Saturday, May 16th Noon—2PM

Bearing the Light in Unbearable Times

A Conversation with Jan Richardson

\$50 Online Program—\$75 Watch Party and Meal

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, MAY 18TH, AT 7:00PM
in the Parish Office**

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

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.

HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS.....

COOK BOOK RECIPES



St. Christopher Home and School is asking for recipes from students, teachers, and parish members to create and sell a Parish Community Cook Book in Celebration of the 75th year of Saint Christopher Parish!!

Please send in your recipe or recipes (may submit more than one!) with your student and/or email to saintchrishs1@gmail.com by **May 1, 2026**.

We hope to get these books ready over the summer & start selling next school year 2026-2027

FIRST SATURDAYS WITH CARLO

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Center for Eucharistic Encounter

Saturday, May 2nd, 9AM to 11AM

Adoration—Confessions—Mass—Rosary

www.loveandlife.org/events

2027 Mass Intention Book is Open!

Request Forms (Blue paper) for announced Mass Intentions are available in the Church and in the Parish Office.

Donations for all announced Masses are \$10 each.

THE ROSARY

Each Tuesday, we gather in the Chapel to

Pray the Rosary at 1:15PM.

All Are Welcome!

On May 17, 1917, at Fatima, the Blessed Mother urged the Children to pray the Rosary daily for World Peace.

Be a Part of the

CONVERSATION Parent Partnership meetings are weekly support groups led by volunteers who have been impacted by their loved one's addiction to drugs or alcohol. Our family members with addiction and related behavior health challenges range in age from teen to mature adults. Some of our loved ones are in recovery, while others are still struggling. Come once, once in a while or as often as you like.

We meet every Thursday from 7 to 8:30 in the Parish Office 1st Floor Meeting Room. Questions? Contact Margie Pali 267-622-7288 or Lori Parker 267-737-8031.

Our Lady of Calvary

11024 Knights Road, Philadelphia, PA 19154

Bereavement Ministry

If you are grieving the loss of a parent, spouse, child, sibling, or friend, join us and together we can work through the emotions you are experiencing.

Bereavement Ministry sessions are held in the OLC lower church meeting room (enter by way of the ramp on the rectory side of the church) from 7PM to approximately 8:30PM on the following Tuesday evenings:

April 28th—Understanding the Stages of Grief

May 5th—Changed Forever

May 12th—Surviving Stress and Loneliness

May 19th—Feelings of Denial, Bargaining & Guild

May 26th—The Value of Memories and Personal Bereavement Reflections

No prior sign up is necessary—come to whatever sessions you can attend.

PLEASE NOTE: Changes in dates and topics scheduled are possible, due to the speaker's previous commitments.

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