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MASS INTENTIONS**SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026**

8:00AM EDITH DONAGHY (8TH ANNIVERSARY) AND
MARY THOMPSON (15TH ANNIVERSARY)
5:00PM MARY THOMPSON (15TH ANNIVERSARY)
AND EDITH DONAGHY (8TH ANNIVERSARY)

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026

8:00AM EUGENE McNALLY, JR.
10:00AM MONICA FOY
12 NOON JOSEPH & REGINA MISHINKASH

MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026

8:30AM ALBERT LANE

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2026

8:30AM JOHN CARPENTER

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2026

8:30AM GEORGE & IDA WEIDMAN

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2026

8:30AM DANIEL MCQUADE

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2026

8:30AM MICHAEL PALMIERI, PH.D.

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2026

8:00AM JAMES & EILEEN O'NEILL
5:00PM JAMES KELLY

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026

8:00AM MICHAEL MEEHAN
10:00AM CHARLES J. SCHOETTLE, JR.
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WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

July 11 & 12, 2026 **\$16,124**
(includes \$6,495 from E-giving & Parish Giving)

July 12 & 13, 2025 **\$14,869**
(includes \$6,259 from E-giving & Parish Giving)

Campaign for Human Development, 2026 **\$2,238**
Campaign for Human Development, 2025 **\$2,643**

(Thank you for your support!)

INSTALLATION OF OUR NEW PASTOR

Next Saturday, July 25,
Bishop Efren Esmilla will install
Father Philip as our new pastor
at the 5:00pm Mass.
All are warmly invited to attend.
Please see the insert in this bulletin
for details.

Dear Friends in Christ,

It has been a little over a month since my retirement Mass and reception. I could not let that go by without again saying thank you. I am grateful for the beautiful liturgy and for the committee members who planned the reception afterwards. I tried to use the past month to thank those for whom I had an address. For those whose address eluded me, I want you to know of my gratitude. May God continue to bless you all.

I have settled in to my retirement residence at Villa St. Joseph in Darby, PA. I am living with fifty other priests—most of whom I already knew. It is a pleasant place. Although I would have never dreamed that I would one day live here, I am reasonably content. You are all in my prayers, and I hope you will remember me in yours.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Joe

Dear St. Christopher Family,

It has been a genuine privilege to serve you over these past years. Monsignor Garvin invited me to help and quickly one year turned to another. I am particularly grateful that I could be with you to help in different ways these past months. The mission of my religious community is to serve where we are called. Since last April, I have been receiving requests to help at different parishes. Now that St. Christopher's is in the good hands of a new pastor and a newly ordained assistant, I feel a need to respond to some of the other parishes which have greater need. I will finish my weekend ministry at the end of July to help at other parishes in the Archdiocese. Know that you will always be close in thought and prayer.

Peace, Fr. Frank Berna

EXPANDED HOURS FOR CONFESSION

"The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost." (1 Tim 1:15)

These words of Saint Paul remind us of the importance of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, also known as Confession. The Lord Jesus has given his life to save us from sin, and through this sacrament he absolves our personal sins, reconciles us to God and to the Church, and leads us to responsibility, repentance and growth in holiness.

As of July 12, the hours when the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available in the church are as follows:

Tuesday morning following the 8:30 Mass (about 9:00 am)

Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 7:15 pm

Saturday morning following the 8:00 Mass (about 8:30 am)

Saturday afternoon from 3:45 to 4:30 pm

You may always contact one of the priests through the Parish Office to make arrangements for Confession at another time.

There are many guides online that explain how to examine your conscience and make a good Confession. One good example is at <https://www.ncregister.com/info/confessions-guide-for-adults>.

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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

Turn your Taxes into Tuition!

By participating in the EITC Tax Credit program, you can have your state taxes redirected to a Catholic school of your choice in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Your contribution will support tuition assistance for those seeking a Catholic education, but where tuition may be a barrier. To participate or learn more, please contact the Foundation for Catholic Education at vdascenzo@foundationfce.org or calling 610-793-8597

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, JULY 27, AT 7:00PM

in the Parish Office

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

THE ROSARY

Each Tuesday, we gather in the Chapel to
Pray the Rosary at 1:15PM.
All Are Welcome!

ST. CHRISTOPHER PARISH

ELDER CARE PROGRAM

A ministry of Catholic Charities 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.

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 8:30PM in the Parish Office 1st Floor Meeting Room.

Questions? Contact Margie Pali 267-622-7288 or Lori Parker 267-737-8031.

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.

ACADEMIC HONORS

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

CONWELL-EGAN HIGH SCHOOL

First Honors

Freshman: Jack Ciasullo, Sergio Maldonado

ARCHBISHOP WOOD HIGH SCHOOL

First Honors

Senior: Rowan Ferrell

Junior: Joseph Lucini, Sawyer Murphy

Freshman: Natalie Thompson

Second Honors

Senior: Chantal Gonzalez, Kimberlyn Gonzalez, Keely Waters

Junior: Analiese Frankunas-Bakasy

Freshman: Ally Layton, Yariel Martinez, Olivia McConnell

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT!

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. As a parish, we raised \$2,238 to support those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give!

Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" under "Resources"

ELECTRONIC GIVING & PARISH GIVING

If you would like to sign up for the **Electronic Giving** program, please see the link on our website for '**Electronic Giving**', or you can also obtain forms from the parish office.

Parish Giving is another way of automated 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 change to **Parish Giving** from our original **Electronic Giving** program, please notify Debra Rios at riosdebra0603@gmail.com.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ST. CHRISTOPHER COUNCIL 17997**



Calling all Men! Join Us!

**Meetings are the First Thursday of the Month
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For membership information, please contact:
Bill Mc Ginley 215-778-4348, Sean Graves 267-456-4984
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Mick Altmeier 267-304-3022

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UPCOMING EVENTS!!!!

Wednesdays June 24th to July 29, 2026

6:30PM to 8:30PM

THE EMBODIED SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

6 Online sessions—with Bethany Week
Virtual Program
Cost \$125

Friday, July 24th at 5PM to Friday, July 31st at 11AM

7-DAY SILENT, DIRECTED RETREAT

With Maria DiBello, RSM, and Mary Trainer, RSM
Cost \$725 for members of religious orders;
\$800 for all other participants

The Second Collection Next Weekend,
July 25 & 26, 2026 is for the
Air Conditioning
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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Jay Becker, Lusia Biscardi, Frances Breen, Barbara Brill,
John Brill, Patricia Brown, Dominic Campagna,
Joan Lynch Carroll, Raymond Carroll, Lauren Cassidy,
George Cebra, Rosemarie David, Linda DiMatteo,
Carol Dionisio, Steve Duban, John Farley, Tyler Ferreira,
Nancy Finn, Lauren Fordyce, Maria Galvin, Michael Garvin,
Katherine Griffin, Darlene G. Carmelita Guinto, Magno Guinto,
Agnes Hellwarth, Marie Herpel, Roney Hodis, Mary Kelly,
Kevin Lederer, Bill Ludwig, Joann Miaczynski,
Melissa McArdle, Cai McCabe, Dolores McCabe,
Keith McCabe, Joseph McCarron, Morgan Mealey,
Jannette Murphy, Mary Lew Nideroski, Paul Nideroski,
Betsy Redick, Edward Rocks, Jennifer Rosinski,
Virginia Sampara, Roberta Shainlane, Kate Slegel,
Roberta Truong, Doris Wetzol, Mary Colleen Zoltowski,
Eleanor Zimmerman

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.

PREP CORNER

To PREP (Gr. 1-8) Families

We will begin the new Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) year on the 14th 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 **\$20 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
deaconjim@stchrisparish.org

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