

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 2 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30pm – Daniel Martin by the Rowland Family

Sunday, February 3 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am – Virginia Kreber by the Kreber Family

11:30am – St. Christopher Parishioners

Monday, February 4 – Weekday

8:30am – Anna Apollonio

Tuesday, February 5 – No Mass

Tuesday Prayer at 5:30pm in the River Chapel

Wednesday, February 6 – Ash Wednesday

8:30am – Marge Levenson by Joe and Mary Buttress

7:00pm – Special Intention by Tom and Norma Eviston

Thursday, February 7 – Weekday

8:30am – Anna Hickey by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Szabo

Friday, February 8 – Weekday

8:30am – Janice Beck by Joe and Mary Buttress

Saturday, February 9 – First Sunday in Lent

4:30pm – St. Christopher Parishioners

Sunday, February 10 – First Sunday in Lent

9:00am – Thomas Ioia, Sr. by Mafalada Rotolo

11:30am – Gregory Smith by the Perera Family

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR FEBRUARY 9-10

4:30pm: Sacred Body: Sharon Curtin
Precious Blood: Paige Page and Josie Cappel

9:00am: Sacred Body: Greg Berning and Claire Spellmire
Precious Blood: Sue Berning, Joe Buttress, Marytherese and Tom Croarkin

11:30am: Sacred Body: Blanche Luczyk and Marg Mooney
Precious Blood: Fran Balch, Kathleen O'Neil, Chris Ross, Marlene Yeldell

LECTORS FOR FEBRUARY 9-10

4:30pm: Sharon Curtin
9:00am: Neil Dimond and Tom Croarkin
11:30am: Hope Madden Wolfington and Aaron Petry

ALTAR SERVERS FOR FEBRUARY 9-10

4:30pm: Ellyn Frash (+), Amanda Abbruzzese, Laramie Abbruzzese
9:00am: Scott Glassner (+), Elli MacLeod, Emma MacLeod
11:30am: Chiedu Bosah (+), Chidi Bosah, Kyle Priest

ALTAR CLEANING FOR FEBRUARY: Joan Gillis

ALTAR LINENS FOR FEBRUARY: Margot Seipel

<p>REMEMBER OUR SICK AND HOSPITALIZED IN YOUR PRAYERS – Christopher Carr, “Jonesy”, Don Pfister, Margaret Maher, and Amanda Rich.</p>
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THE YEAR 2007 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are available in the vestibule of the church this weekend after all the Masses. They are in alphabetical order.

Weekly Stewardship Report	
Current Cash Balance	
Cash in the Bank	\$27,595.83
Offertory	\$6,610.73
Total	\$34,206.56
Current Expenses	
Accounts Payable	\$21,894.98
Fixed Expenses	\$20,648.29
Total	\$42,543.27
Total Operating Excess/(Deficit) Month-to-Date	(\$8,336.71)
Weekly Offertory Breakdown - Jan. 26/27	
Total Envelope Count	112 out of 435
Total Amount in Envelopes	\$5,224.00
Total Number of Loose Checks	32
Total Amount in Loose Checks	\$893.00
Total Loose Cash	\$493.73
Total Collection Amount	\$6,610.73

Next Sunday's Readings – *Getting Your Word's Worth*

The scripture readings at Mass are a very important part of the Liturgy. Reflecting on the readings before Mass will help you draw a deeper meaning and spiritual gain from the Word that is being proclaimed. Here are the readings for Sunday, February 10, the First Sunday in Lent:

- First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9 3:1-7 (“The Lord God formed...”)
- Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19 (“Through one man sin entered...”)
- Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11 (“At that time, Jesus was led by the...”)

Quote of the Week

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.”

****ST CHRISTOPHER WOMEN’S CLUB NEWS****

The next meeting of the Women’s Club will be **Monday, February 4, at 6:00pm** at *Paul's on Fifth*, located at Fifth and North Star. All of the women of the parish are welcome. **If you plan on attending, please call Elaine DiSalvo (486-5543)** so that she can reserve the proper number of seats.

THANK YOU to all parishioners who generously contributed food for food baskets that were distributed to needy families at Christmas.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

➤ ***The Rock* and *The Edge* Youth Groups Super Bowl Subs will be distributed this weekend after each mass at Trinity School.** There will be a limited amount

of subs for sale for those of you who didn't have a chance to order them ahead of time. Subs are \$4.00 each.

- **Good at the handoff?** We need youth volunteers, (7th-12th grade) to help distribute subs after all masses...come join us at Trinity!
- **Interested in small group?** Contact Melissa Weaver 614-581-5893 or mlsweaver@wowway.com, or Beth Simmonds at 614-487-8624 or BSimmonds@columbus.rr.com to secure your place.
- **Sunday, February 3, 'The Rock Band' will jam!** Come join us from 7:00 - 8:30pm to worship God in song as we prepare to lead our Lenten Reconciliation Service and the 11:30am Mass on Easter Sunday!
- **Saturday, February 9th- 'Youth Rally Banner Party'** from 10:00am-Noon at the Weavers house. We will be constructing our banner for the Diocesan Youth Rally. This year's theme is "Strength for the Journey". Please RSVP, if you plan on attending, to Melissa Weaver 614-581-5893 or mlsweaver@wowway.com.
- **Youth Rally Registrations Due February 10!** Please contact Melissa Weaver or Beth Simmonds to obtain a registration form and break-out session selection form for Youth Rally 2008 which will be held at St. Charles March 1-2. Or, you can go online and download paperwork at <http://www.cdeducation.org/oym/rally/regpage/studentpermission.pdf> and <http://www.cdeducation.org/oym/rally/regpage/breakoutselectionform.pdf>
- **Sunday, February 10, is Youth Rally Hype Night at St. Joan of Arc.** Meet in the parking lot of St. Chris at 6:15pm to head to Powell to get pumped up for the Rally. Bring your signed permission slips along with your youth rally registration forms and payment. We will return to the parking lot for pick up at approximately 9:30pm.
- **MARDI GRAS celebration!!** *The EDGE* will be meeting early this week due to the Super Bowl commercials, oops-I mean game, being shown on Sunday night. We will gather in the basement of the church Sunday, Feb. 3, from 4:00-5:30pm to celebrate the beginning of Lent.
- *The EDGE* went to the Bosco Bash, a middle school youth rally, last Sunday. We want to share with our parish the plan of holiness St. John Bosco worked throughout his life: "I will be cheerful, I will do my duties well, I will stay close to Jesus in the Eucharist, I will honor and love Mary as my Mother and Helper, I choose to be kind, I want to serve rather than be served." Booklets about St. John Bosco are in the back of church. Please take one home and learn about his ministry with youth.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sessions are held Sundays from 10:00 – 11:15am in the Parish Center (first floor of Trinity School). Light refreshments are served. Be sure to be with us today, **February 3** – "*The Infancy Narratives*": How well do you really know the Christmas Story? Take Angela's Christmas quiz (which nobody has ever passed, but don't worry. It's all in fun!) Angela will show us what God wants us to know in this most beloved part of Scripture. **Presenter** - Angela Burdge holds a Master of Theology degree, emphasis in biblical studies, from the Pontifical College Josephinum...**February 10 and 17:** Thomas Merton. In the first session, we will view and discuss "*Merton: A Film Biography*." In the second session, Professor Belcastro will talk about "*Merton: Man and Monk*." **Presenter** – Professor David Belcastro is Chair of the Dept. Religion and Philosophy at Capital University, Co-

Editor of The Merton Annual, and author of numerous articles and papers on the life and work of Thomas Merton.

FROM THE DESK OF MSGR JOHN CODY

Dear friends and parishioners of St. Christopher Parish:

The following items are offered for your prayerful consideration –

- 1. A Catholic Education** – We are singularly blessed in having a Catholic Elementary School on our parish property. I have been involved as a student, teacher and pastor at many schools in my lifetime but have never had a school like Trinity with its excellent parent-teacher cooperation or parental involvement. One of my goals is to increase the attendance of our parish children at Trinity Elementary. Many have said to me, “Grandview schools are excellent.” And that’s true. They are. But it may interest you to know that, academically, we are on a par or better. Plus, we can give your children something they cannot get at Grandview or other schools – a **Catholic Education**. It continues to be my policy in this parish that no parish family be denied a Catholic education due to the inability to pay the tuition. I feel Catholic Education is that important, that we’re willing to help families afford it.
- 2. Second Collections for February:** *February 2/3* - Trinity Scholarship Fund; *February 9/10* – Black and Indian Missions.
- 3. Pray for Our Service Men and Women** – **Captain Justin Habash, son of Matt and Diane; Captain Brian Borkowski, brother-in-law of Linda Wolfe; PFC Leo DeCapua, nephew of Naomi DeCapua; PFC Patrick Buttress, USMC, grandson of Joe and Mary Buttress; SP4 Class Jeremy Hilton, friend of Tom Murphy; Pvt E3 Corey Vail, Army; PFC Jeremy Davis (stationed in Iraq), grandson of Patty Spaulding.** Please pray for them and forward to us any other names of servicemen/women related to or friends of parishioners so that we may remember them in our prayers.
- 4. Calling all pyxes!!** We have a wonderful ministry in this parish, that of taking Holy Communion to our parish shut-ins after Mass on Sundays. These ministers of the Eucharist have their own pyxes and should keep them. However, there are several Eucharistic ministers, not in the Sunday morning ministry, who have borrowed a parish pyx to take Communion to someone ill on a particular day and have not returned the pyx to the parish. Please check around if you think you might have one. We want to make pyxes available to other Eucharist Ministers who would like to occasionally borrow one to take the Eucharist to a sick friend or relative on an ad hoc basis. Thank you.
- 5. Updated your will lately?** Experts tell us that many people take time to update their estate during these first months of the new year. I would like to suggest that you consider including St. Christopher Parish in your estate plans. Many of you have old insurance policies or other financial investments in addition to cash grants that you may want to include in your will so that you can continue to give to St. Christopher long after you have gone to the Lord. I’ve included St. Christopher in my estate plans and encourage all parishioners to consider doing the same.
- 6. Annual Offertory Update** – in recent weeks, we have asked all parishioners to take with them our annual “Offertory Commitment” form that was in the pews. With the ending of Bingo, the need for all contributors to increase their

contribution by at least ten percent (10%) is necessary. We are also encouraging all to consider electronic fund transfer in order to help make contributions more regular. With your generosity we'll continue to do the work of Jesus in our area.

Blessings -

Msgr. John K. Cody, Pastor

TUESDAY PRAYER takes place at 5:30pm in the River Chapel. Join us every Tuesday for 30 minutes of prayer, reflection and music. It is a wonderful way to enter into evening after either a successful or a discouraging day. All are welcome.

REGISTRATION FOR FAMILIES NEW TO TRINITY SCHOOL

Registration for families new to Trinity Catholic Elementary School is currently taking place. Please call Trinity School Principal Raenita Kownacki (614-488-7650) to arrange for an appointment to see the school and to begin the registration process. The following are needed for registration: Birth Certificate, Social Security Card, Baptismal Certificate, and a \$200 registration fee, which will be applied as part of the first year tuition. To register children for pre-school, please call Sharon Curtin (614-272-1127), Director of Trinity Pre-School at St. Margaret of Cortona Parish.

Ash Wednesday – February 6

****Masses at 8:30am and 7:00pm****



CHILDREN'S CHOIR - Children in grades 1-7 are invited to joyfully praise God. Would you like to join us for the second half of the year? Contact Greg and Stacey Bergmann, 486-3408 or sbe@Columbus.rr.com.

THE HOLY WEEK CHOIR is forming. If you would like to make a short-term commitment to praising God through the gift of your voice, please see Mark Voris (at the organ or piano) after Mass or call the parish office (486-0457).

ST CHRISTOPHER CHOIR SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday, February 6: 6:45pm arrival for 7:00pm Mass

Sunday, February 10: 10:30am rehearsal for 11:30am Mass

Wednesday, February 20: Holy Week Choir rehearsal at 7:00pm



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REGISTRATION for Trinity School baseball and softball teams will take place Wednesday, February 13, 6:30-7:30pm, in the school (first floor). All fourth through eighth grade students enrolled in the Parish School of Religion are eligible as well as Trinity School students. If you have questions, please call Joe Pelgrino (486-3004).

THE GREATER COLUMBUS POST OF CATHOLIC VETERANS will meet Tuesday, February 5, at 7:30pm at St. Michael Church in Worthington. Please call John Francis (614-395-8529) for more information.

TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE – Please come and find out more about our school on Sunday, February 3, from 11:30-1:00pm.