

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2017

5:00 PM Vigil Rev. Aloysius H. Vath
(25th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2017

7:30 AM John C. McGraw
9:00 AM Joseph J. Bradley
10:30 AM Roland Castillo
12:00 PM Leonard Gentilcore

MONDAY, MAY 29, 2017

8:30 AM Deceased Priests and Sisters
Of Saint Christopher Parish

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2017

8:30 AM Carl & Michael Hamski &
Gertrude Casey

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2017

8:30 AM Catharine E. Murphy

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2017

8:30 AM Anthony & Norma Corica

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2017

8:30 AM Patricia McCarrick &
Julia Matekovic

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2017

8:00 AM Jack Franks (8th Anniversary)
5:00 PM Vigil Joseph Lavin (30th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2017

7:30 AM Juan Cruz
9:00 AM Mary E. Legel
10:30 AM Margaret Titus (Living)
12:00 PM Mary DiPaolo

The PREP Program needs you!

There is a need for interested adults and even High School students to be classroom helpers or catechists for the PREP Program. PREP is how the parish helps parents of children in public and charter schools educate their children in the Faith. The time commitment is minimal; but very impactful. Please let Deacon Jim know if you are interested by calling the Parish Office (215-673-5177 ext. 28) or by email (Deaconjim@StChrisParish.org).

CCA NIGHT WITH THE PHILLIES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2017

7:05 PM —CITIZENS BANK PARK

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES VS BOSTON RED SOX

Plan a night out with family and friends, or consider making ticket donations for CCA beneficiaries. Tickets range from \$20 to \$38 and a portion of all proceeds will directly benefit the Catholic Charities Appeal. If 500 tickets are sold, a CCA beneficiary will throw out the first pitch of the night and sing the National Anthem!

Go to www.phillies.com/catholiccharitiesnight to purchase tickets. We hope to see you there.

St. Christopher Parish Ministry Fair

Ever wanted to volunteer here at the Parish but didn't know how? Visit Holy Family Hall after all the Masses on **SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2017**. We are holding a Ministry Fair. Get to know the various ministries and sign up for anything that interests you. For more information contact the Parish Office.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

We could use a few more volunteers to help with our young ones during the Liturgy of the Word. This need not be a weekly commitment. If you want to talk about it, please give Deacon Jim a call in the Parish Office (215) 673-5177 ext. 28.

THE ADORATION CHAPEL WILL BE CLOSED
ON MONDAY, MAY 29TH
FOR MEMORIAL DAY

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

On this Memorial Day weekend, we give thanks for all of those who gave their lives so that we may live in freedom. May the Lord grant them eternal rest and peace.

Last weekend was truly a fun one for our St. Christopher School Alumni Association. They sponsored a "Wiffle Ball Tournament." Personally, I wasn't sure how this would turn out. It has been a long time since I played wiffle ball myself. However, it brought out a number of our alumni from St. Chris. I want to thank our alumni committee for getting this in action. I also want to thank our State Senator John Sabatina, soon to be a parishioner, for donating two large boxes of soft pretzels. Also, thanks go to our State Representative Martina White for donating a large number (the exact number escapes me) of cases of bottled water. The "uniform" shirts for each team and for the volunteers were donated by alumnus Andrew Rakowski. Along with Mike Reilly, Andrew owns the Malloy Funeral Home on Byberry Road. There may be other donors. If I missed them, we will give them credit in a future parish bulletin. It was a great day, and people had a lot of fun. Thanks also to Kate Whalen our advancement director for coordinating the volunteers and for making the day such a success.

I want to share with you an honor given to one of our "seasonal" parishioners. Michael and Edith Ezenduka have maintained a home in St. Christopher Parish for over twenty years. They spend part of the time each year in their native Nigeria and the other part of the year here. Their children have been largely educated here in the United States. Mike was recently honored by our Holy Father Pope Francis by being named a Knight of Saint Sylvester. The honor was formally bestowed on him in the Cathedral of St. Patrick in his home diocese in Nigeria. So, our parish too is honored by this special recognition given by the Pope to Mr. Ezenduka. Congratulations, Michael, and may God bless you and your family on the occasion of your papal honor.

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

In the peace of Christ,

Father Joe

**THANK YOU FROM
THE BLESSED MARGARET HOME**

In heartfelt gratitude to all parishioners for your generosity to the Home in the Ash Wednesday collection. The parishioners at St. Christopher Church have been so steadfast and charitable to us over the years, every year we are more humbled by the growth of the collection. This year over \$6000 was raised through the Ash Wednesday collection! Your donations go directly to women and babies in need. God Bless You.

Our United Way Number is 08986.

**St. Christopher's
ANNUAL PARISH OUTING
DORNEY PARK & WILDWATER KINGDOM
FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2017**

It's time for our Annual Parish Get-Together! Come out and enjoy a fun filled day of rides, entertainment and water fun with your family, friends, teachers and classmates.

Ticket Order Deadline: June 9, 2017

For more information contact Debbie Parker:

215 651 2107 or debwilpar@aol.com or

Kathy Giantomaso 215 421 3630

ACADEMIC HONORS

The following students from our parish have achieved Academic Honors for the Third Quarter Report of the 2016-2017 school year.

Father Judge High School

First Honors

Junior: Michael B. Campellone, Antonio J. Pflieger

Sophomore: Tyler M. Donnelly

Freshman: Brendan P. McLernan

Second Honors

Senior: Thomas J. Ferry, James W. Newbert,
Daniel D. Quigley, Julian W. Rosado

Junior: Brian N. Egolf

Freshman: Matthew T. Comas

Quo Vadis Days 2017

June 26-29, 2017

Black Rock Retreat Center

Retreat for young men graduating
8th — 12th grade.

\$35.00 per person

Register by Friday, June 9th

Gather with the Philadelphia Seminarians and other high school men for 4 days of dynamic talks, small group discussions, meaningful prayer experiences, and a fun environment.

To Register, or for more information, visit:
www.heedthecall.org

Questions? Contact the Vocations Office for the Diocesan Priesthood at (610) 667-5778

Home & School Corner

What's happening at school?

LOOKING AHEAD

5/31/2017 Last H & S General Meeting 7:00pm (TH)
(New Board Members Introduced)

6/2/2017 Summer Reading Book Fair @
Barnes & Noble Neshaminy Mall

6/16/2017 End of School Year
DORNEY PARK TRIP!

Email: stchrishs@gmail.com

GOD BLESS OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

VIOLET ELIZABETH BORDNER

KAELYN GRACE FORD

GREGORY WILLIAM LUCZKOWSKI

KATELYN GRACE RUTLEDGE

DECLAN MICHAEL RYAN

CAROLINE CATHERINE SHIELDS

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 the Baptism. We suggest that you attend before the birth of your baby. The next class will be on:

**Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at 7:00 PM
in the Parish Meeting Room**

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

**Father's Day Mass Remembrance Envelopes
and
Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet Cards**

are available in the church or at the parish office. Please return the intention envelope to the parish office or put it in the collection basket so that your Father's Day intentions can be placed on the altar and be remembered in the masses on Father's Day.

GIFT CARD CENTER/SCRIP PROGRAM

Sunday: 8:30 – 11:30

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Thursday: 7:00 – 8:00 PM

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Monday, June 19, 2017

6:00-7:15 PM—Parish Meeting Room

Please call Sister Maureen Erdlen, the moderator of the group, at 215 248 7203 for more information regarding this support group meeting. If you are dealing with the death of a loved one, this might be for you. The Parish Meeting Room is located in the school building right off the Lindsay Street parking lot.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

JOSEPH ALBIN, DANNY CAHILL, DOROTHY GARLICK

Joseph Albin, Dolores Anderson, Mary Kay Banks,
Ben Barbour, Lou Berk, Ed Brosko, Joan Lynch Carroll,
Mary Christy, Patricia Collins, Kelly Conklin,
Mary Connaire, Baby Dalton, Anne Doyle,
JoAnn Dumont, Tristan Dumont, Barbara Dutkiewicz,
Jim DeGardner, David DeMetro, Carol Dionisio,
Robert Donaghy, Rev. Msgr. Michael Doyle,
Marlee Dyer, Nancy Finn, Marc Franklin,
Tony Gaburick, Nick Gallo, Keith George,
Meghann Kelly Geyer, Diana Graham,
Robert Gregory, JoAnne Henes, Debra Johnson,
Judy Johnson, Patrick Keenan, Len Laurito,
Robert Lawrence, Michael Ledva, Patricia Leonard,
Joseph Mackley, Ronnie Maradt, Anna Marie McCreesh,
Stephen McEntyre, Mary Lou McIlvain, Mike McKee,
Mary McKeever, Medlin Family, Paul Martin,
Raymond Moleski, Elizabeth Morris, Brooke Mulford,
Mary Lew Nederoski, Donna Niver, Miles Owen,
Fred Pierce, Rosemary Reo, Veronica Robbins,
Barbara Rogers, William Ryan, Susan Schneider,
Robert Schuster, Agnes Serpiello, Marianna Serpiello,
Steve Shelinsky, Anna Slotilock,
Bonnie Papouschek Smart, Mary Gara Straub,
Kim Stuart, Elisaberta Vorrasi, Michael Wrzesinski

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. Recently added names appear in **BOLD**.

The Second Annual Padre Pio Festival

**St. Bede the Venerable Parish
Holland, PA**

June 23, 24, 25, 2017

SO SAVE THE DATE!

Friday evening: Youth and Young Adult Night
Holy Hour Exposition, Confessions followed by live entertainment, food trucks

Saturday: 5:30 pm Vigil Mass
(blessing with relics)

Sunday: 12:30 pm Solemn Mass, followed by street procession
2:30 pm Healing Service
(blessing with relics/confessions)

(Saturday and Sunday afternoon & evening outdoor festival, with several food/beverage vendors, craft vendors, inflatable children's amusements and live entertainment)

www.padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com

H.O.P.E.

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN AN EMERGENCY

When family, friends or neighbors are unavailable and you have need for local transportation to get to doctor appointments, shopping, hospital visits or church, call our H.O.P.E. coordinator. Please leave your name and phone number and the coordinator will call you back.

TO SCHEDULE A RIDE CALL: 215-677-7629

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Collection on May 20 & 21, 2017 \$19,446
(includes \$3,193 from E-giving)

Collection on May 21 & 22, 2016 \$19,572

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MUCH NEEDED SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

E-GIVING TO ST. CHRISTOPHER PARISH

Are you a person who pays bills online or has them withdrawn automatically from your account? Now you can have that same convenience for your Church contributions. **You can authorize your contributions to be safely transferred to a Church account.**

Forms are available in the back of the Church or in the Parish Office. **For more information contact:** Mary Wilkinson at 215-673-5177, ext. 22

The 30th Annual "BURRS AT THE BEACH" celebration, presented by the Alumni and Friends of West Philadelphia Catholic High School, will be held, rain or shine, on Sunday, June 25, 2017 from 1:00 PM until 7:00 PM at WESTY'S IRISH PUB, in North Wildwood, NJ. Proceeds assist needy Catholic students with tuition financial support.

Tickets are \$20.00 in advance (\$25.00 day of affair)

For tickets and/or information please contact any of the following:

Tom Dorrian '61 (484)-431-0781

Marty Moran '56 (610)-356-6072

George Light '58 (610)-996-2015

Peg (Sheffield) Panichelli '65 (610)-420-0987