

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017

5:00 PM Vigil John Severino, Sr. (12th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017

7:30 AM Albert Sevick

9:00 AM Donald C. Bradley, Sr.

10:30 AM John P. & Joan D. Bennett
(2nd Anniversary)

12:00 PM Dottie Garlick Dunn
(34th Anniversary)

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017

8:30 AM Rosemary Richards

6:30 PM William Bahmiller

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017

8:30 AM Elisaberta Vorrasi (Living)

6:30 PM Luigi Moffa (30th Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017

8:30 AM Patricia Collins

6:30 PM William Kline (26th Anniversary)

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017

8:30 AM Josephine Feletski &
Regina Brennan

6:30 PM Patrick Heron

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2017

8:30 AM The Shafieyan Family (Living)

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2017

8:00 AM Daniel Salvato

5:00 PM Vigil Ralph Ruskowski

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017

7:30 AM Thomas Levins

9:00 AM John K. Todd

10:30 AM Arthur Murphy

12:00 PM Carlos Rondon (1st Anniversary)

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND
MARCH 11TH AND 12TH IS FOR
THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND
MARCH 18TH AND 19TH IS
FOR MILITARY SERVICES

Lenten Series 2017

Bishop Robert Barron will introduce us to two great figures in our Catholic Tradition; Francis of Assisi and Michelangelo by viewing *Catholicism: The Pivotal Players* on 4 Wednesday nights. This is a follow-up to the ground breaking *Catholicism* series brought to us by Bishop Barron and the Word on Fire team.

3/15 – Introduction; St. Francis of Assisi part one

3/22 – St. Francis of Assisi part two

3/29 – Michelangelo part one

4/05 – Michelangelo part two

If you must miss a night, don't worry about it. Each session stands alone and begins after the 6:30 Mass in Holy Family Hall.

LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE

During Lent, in addition to our regular 8:30am Mass, an evening Mass at 6:30 PM has been added during the week (Monday to Thursday).

Parish Bible Study

Join our Seminarians as we take a look at the readings that will be proclaimed at the weekend Masses. Each week will certainly be a time of prayer and insight. Come as often as you can, and bring your friends!



Thursdays at 1:30 PM in the Parish Office

(please park in the Trainer Hall parking lot)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This Lenten devotion will be celebrated on the
Fridays of Lent at 7:00 pm in Church

GOD BLESS OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER ESPINOSA
ANNA ROSE COLOMBINO
MELANIE MAKEYLA VARGAS

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

Please check out the notices about Lenten activities. Try your best to keep up with prayer, fasting, and gifts for the poor. While it is a penitential season, the Archbishop has given a dispensation from the need to abstain from meat this coming Friday, St. Patrick's Day. He suggests an alternate form of penance, but know you can have your corned beef and cabbage or whatever meat you wish on this special Saint's feast day.

This Tuesday our young children will receive the Sacrament of Penance for the first time. Gone are the days when kids are afraid to go to confession. Many of their little sins would bring a smile to the faces of their parents, guardians, and family. It is an evening to which I always look forward. Pray for them that they will always have a sense of a loving and forgiving God in their hearts.

With extra space in this week's bulletin, I want to address a topic which is a perennial one. That topic is the use of Sunday envelopes. More and more people are signing up for direct payments from their bank accounts. This is especially helpful to us when there is real bad weather or when a family is on vacation. Even when people sign up for direct payments, we ask that they still place their envelope in the collection basket. Why? It is because that is a way of our knowing who is present at Sunday Mass. When you come for a letter of eligibility to be a godparent or Confirmation sponsor, Father Sean and I always ask about regular participation at Mass. Godparents and Confirmation sponsors are called upon to be role models in the Catholic faith. It's not to prove that the sponsor was baptized. We assume that! So, please use your Sunday envelopes.

I have one last thing to say about letters of eligibility to be godparents/sponsors. Fr. Sean and I are fairly lenient in giving them. As I mentioned, we do ask them about their practice of the Catholic faith. At the same time, we almost always give letters to those who need them.

Our 6:30 pm Mass from Monday to Thursday is getting more and more people each day. If you have thought about going but have not yet made the move to do so, why not consider it? We would love to see you at weekday Mass either daily at the 8:30 am Mass or the 6:30 pm Mass Monday to Thursday.

Until next week, I leave you

In the peace of Christ,



Soup and Stations

In solidarity with our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the globe, the Pastoral Council is sponsoring a

POOR MAN'S SUPPER

of soup, bread, and water

Friday, March 24th

in Holy Family Hall from 5:30pm to 6:45pm.

Then we will attend Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm.

A donation will be accepted for Holy Redeemer's Food Pantry.

Please join us and bring a friend!

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Monday, March 27, 2017

6:00-7:15 p.m.—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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Collection on March 4 & 5, 2017 \$24,365

(includes \$3,099 from E-giving)

Collection on March 6 & 7, 2016 \$22,853

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

BLESSED MARGARET OF CASTELLO HOME 2017 \$5,590

BLESSED MARGARET OF CASTELLO HOME 2016 \$5,532

Almsgiving, Prayer and Fasting

The Catholic Charities Appeal for 2017 (*Giving Hope to All*) is one of the best ways to practice our Lenten almsgiving. Our Parish is less that 20% of the way to our goal. Please join our campaign to help and serve the over 117 beneficiaries (*Special Education, Social Services, Evangelization, Vocations, and Missions*). Pledge cards are in the Church or call Deacon Rich at 215 698 9206. No amount is too small. Every gift helps.

Throughout the Bulletin are many opportunities to increase our prayers this Lent. Another one, for the men of Saint Christopher Parish, is our Thursday evening Men's Prayer Group. We meet in the Parish Meeting Room, next door to the School Library, after the 6:30 evening Mass. Men, why not "give up" one hour a week to spend time with other Catholic Men in our Parish to pray together, discuss Sunday's readings with each other, and bring our prayer intentions to our Lord.

And we can all "fast" some time to be with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. Our Adoration Chapel is in the vestibule on the right when you come in the main doors. You don't have to commit to an hour every week. Half an hour every so often works. Currently, adoration is Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 9am to 5pm and Sunday 1pm to 5pm. With your help, we can bring back Tuesday and Thursday Adoration.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

JOHN O'GRADY
JOSEPH ADAMS
MICHAEL CHURCHVILLE

GIFT CARD CENTER/SCRIP PROGRAM

Sunday: 8:30 – 11:30 AM

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

Thursday: 7:00 – 8:00 PM

WANT MORE THAT THE 3 R'S FOR YOUR CHILD?

PLAN TO REGISTER NOW FOR THE

2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR!

PLEASE CALL ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SCHEDULE A SCHOOL TOUR
Ask about Scholarships and Tuition Assistance Opportunities

Visit our school web site: www.stchrisstrong.org

You Are Invited!

*St. Christopher School is hosting
LUNCH WITH THE EASTER BUNNY*

For families with children ages 3-8 years

\$5 per person

Tickets are available through school

**Saturday, April 8th
from 11:00 am -1:00 pm**

Trainer Hall

**Join us for Arts and Crafts,
Games, Face-painting,
Hot dog lunch, Pretzels, and Cookies
Pictures with the Easter Bunny
Easter Egg Hunt**

SAVE THE DATE!!

St. Christopher School students

will be presenting

The Little Mermaid Jr.

Two Nights

April 5th and 6th

Tickets will go on sale soon

H.O.P.E.

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN AN ANEMERGENCY

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: 215-953-9132

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

PATRICIA COLLINS, BARBARA DUTKIEWICZ

Dolores Anderson, Mary Kay Banks,
Grace Berchick, Ed Brosko, Joan Lynch Carroll,
Mary Christy, Mary Connaire, Baby Dalton,
Tristan Dumont, Jim DeGardner, David DeMetrio,
Carol Dionisio, Robert Donaghy,
Rev. Msgr. Michael Doyle, Nancy Finn, Harry Fisher,
Marc Franklin, Tony Gaburick, Nick Gallo,
Meghann Kelly Geyer, JoAnne Henes, Debra Johnson,
Patrick Keenan, Len Laurito, Ethel Lazicki,
Robert Lawrence, Michael Ledva, Patricia Leonard,
Joseph Mackley, Ronnie Mardt, Anna Marie McCreesh,
Stephen McEntyre, Mary Lou McIlvain, Mike McKee,
Mary McKeever, Baby Sadie Jessica McLaughlin,
Medlin Family, Paul Martin, Joan Martin,
Elizabeth Morris, Brooke Mulford, Mary Lew Nederoski,
Veronica Robbins, William Ryan,
Susan Schneider, Robert Schuster, Agnes Serpiello,
Marianna Serpiello, Steve Shelinsky, Anna Slotilock,
Bonnie Papouschek Smart, Mary Gara Straub,
Kim Stuart, Elisaberta Vorrasi, Charles Yearicks,
Elizabeth Weres

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**.

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, March 29, 2017 at 7:00 pm
in the Parish Meeting Room**

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

Home & School Corner

What's happening at school?

LOOKING AHEAD

4/2/2017 Mother/Daughter Pottery Event (TH)
4/28/2017 Designer Bag Bingo (TH)
5/11/2017 Mother's Day Plant Sale (HFH)
5/31/2017 Last H & S General Meeting 7:00pm (TH)
(New Board Members Introduced)

Email: stchrishs@gmail.com

**MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO
THE ST. CHRISTOPHER FUND**

IN MEMORY OF JOHN LISOWSKI

FROM: Madelene Sellecchia

IN MEMORY OF HELEN NELSON

FROM: Bob & Mary Ellen Gantert

Charles & Patricia Wurz

Madeleine Fox

Susan & David Price

Michael & Linda Junod

Martin & Cheryl Nelson

Marianne Devine

Edward & Margaret Monaghan, Sr.

Eileen M. Everling

Roberta Everling

John & Barbra Rilling

Mary Zahaczewski

Mary Venuto

Thomas & Barbara D'Alessandro, Jr.

Gregory & Nanette Dellapia

Lynn Butts

Archbishop Wood High School

Seventh Grade Visitation

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

8:30 am to 2:00 pm

For more information contact Patricia Roschetz at 215-672-5050 ext. 268 or proschetz@archwood.org

Archbishop Ryan's Annual Taste of Philly

Saturday, April 7, 2017

7:00PM to 12:00AM

Tickets \$40 in advance and \$50 at the door.

Register online at

<http://bit.ly/RyanTasteofPhilly2017>

or contact the Alumni Office 215-637-1800 ext.221

Must be 21 to attend

Entertainment by The Exceptions and

DJ Bobby Sacco'00

Little Flower Catholic High School for Girls

Invites you to attend the St. Luke Productions

Presentation of

"Therese: The Story of a Soul,"

Sunday, March 19, at 2:00PM

Admission is \$15 for adults.

For more information please visit our website,

www.littleflowerhighschool.org or contact

Sister Donna Shallo at 215-455-6900 ext. 112