

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2017**

5:00 PM Vigil Leonard Gentilcore

**SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2017**

7:30 AM Robert Gilmore

9:00 AM Alfred Tropiano

10:30 AM Gerald Roberts

12:00 PM John Gara

**MONDAY, JULY 3, 2017**

8:30 AM Harris Weaver (73rd Anniversary)

**TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2017**

8:30 AM Mary & Joseph Keller

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2017**

8:30 AM Frances Nell and  
George Brown

**THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2017**

8:30 AM Deceased Members of the  
Leonard Family

**FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2017**

8:30 AM George Forde (5th Anniversary) and  
Rose McGarvey & The O'Connell  
Family

**SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2017**

8:00 AM Stipe Culic

5:00 PM Vigil Drs. Memar & Shafieyan  
Families (Living)

**SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2017**

7:30 AM Regina Smith

9:00 AM Joseph & Anna Kadas

10:30 AM Elizabeth Hurley Mahoney

12:00 PM Larry Walker

THE SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND  
JULY 8TH & 9TH IS FOR THE  
CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**September 17, 2017**

**St. Christopher Parish Oktoberfest**

We are planning a (mostly free) Parish Picnic with an **Oktoberfest** theme featuring the **Philadelphia German Brass Band**. The celebration will begin immediately following the 12:00 Mass. There will also be a DJ, food, beverages, activities and maybe a special surprise!

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

**(R.C.I.A.)**

**Is there someone in your family  
or neighborhood who is not baptized?**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults provides a period of prayer, reflection and study for unbaptized persons who want to grow in their knowledge of God, and may wish to join the Catholic Church.

If you, or someone you know is interested in learning more about this process, please contact Deacon Jim at the Parish Office 215-673-5177 ext. 28.

**Were you, or someone you know, baptized in a  
different Christian community but are interested in  
joining the Catholic Church?**

**Are you an adult Catholic who has not received  
Confirmation and/or Holy Communion?**

You are also invited to contact Deacon Jim at the Parish Office to discuss completing your Christian Initiation.

Please encourage your family and friends!

**Classes begin in September .**

**ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL**

We are still accepting new student registrations for the 2017-2018 academic year. If you are interested in enrolling your child in St. Christopher School for grades PreK3 through 8th grade, please call the school office 215-673-5787.

THE PARISH OFFICE AND SCHOOL OFFICE WILL BE  
CLOSED MONDAY AND TUESDAY, JULY 3RD AND 4TH  
FOR THE 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**

Dear Friends in Christ,

I want to begin by wishing you all a very nice Independence Day weekend. With the holiday falling on a Tuesday, I hope many of you were able to be off Monday as well. I do want to call to your attention the fact that *both our parish and school offices will be closed on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> as well as Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.*

On the Fourth of July, we celebrate our freedom as a nation. Even more importantly for us Catholics, we should remember that Our Lord's death and resurrection has freed us from sin and opened for us the gates of heaven. I have to admit that, as a younger priest, I did not think too much about heaven for myself. I always figured it was so far away. Now that I am only six years away from being a priest for fifty years, I think of it regularly. May God bless our journey to Him as we live our lives in the hope of eternal life.

This past Thursday was the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. Peter, the first Pope, and Paul, the tireless missionary to the Gentiles, were the ones who began our Church after the Ascension of Jesus into heaven and the great day of Pentecost. I have always liked this feast day, and that was what inspired me to ask the regional vicar to install me as pastor on that day in 1997. It is hard to believe that I have just completed twenty years as pastor of our parish. I hope the time has gone as quickly for you as it has for me. You are a remarkably good group of people. I tell that to our school kids all the time. You are also very easy going. It truly is a pleasure to serve you.

In these past twenty years, many good things have taken place. You are the reason. I am very grateful to you for your patience and for your cooperation to help make us a stronger parish family.

I would have to say that I have one major disappointment in these past twenty years. That has to do with vocations to the priesthood and religious life. God has to be calling young people to these ways of life. So, the call is being left unanswered. We all need to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We also need to encourage our youth not to be afraid to think about this type of service. I can say without reservation that it is a happy life. Sure, it has the ups and downs like any state in life. At the same time, I wouldn't trade this life for anything.

So, let us face the future together with our eyes fixed on heaven. We know that God will always give us the grace we need. All we need to do is ask Him. Hoping you will all have a restful holiday, I leave you

In the peace of Christ,



**Saint Christopher Parish  
Elder Care Program**

My name is Anna Kozłowska and I am honored to serve the parishioners of Saint Christopher Parish in our Elder Care Program. I have already had the privilege to assist several older members of the parish. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you or your loved one needs help! Elder Care includes assistance with signing up for benefits, utilizing resources, long term care planning, referrals and addressing crises situations. Services are provided either at your home or in the Parish Office. You can reach me at 215-673-5177 ext. 36 or [akozlowska@chs-adphila.org](mailto:akozlowska@chs-adphila.org). I am looking forward to meeting with you!

**St. Christopher Parish  
Religious Education Program**

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN  
2017-2018 YEAR**

Registration for the 2017-2018 PREP year is now open. Returning families should have received their registration forms. New families can pick up a copy of the registration form at the Parish Office.

The registration fee is \$95 per child. A discount of \$20 per child is available to families who register before July 31st. Please contact the Parish Office, 215 -673-5177 if you have any questions.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Collection on June 24 & 25, 2017      \$17,367

*(includes \$3,248 from E-giving)*

Collection on June 25 & 26, 2016      \$18,212

Peter's Pence, 2017      \$3,004

Peter's Pence, 2016      \$3,963

*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

**Archbishop Wood High School** has a opening for a Theater Director for the 2017-2018 school year. This dynamic leader would be responsible for overseeing all aspects of directing the fall and spring productions. Please send a cover letter and resume to Gary Zimmaro, president at [gzimmaro@archwood.org](mailto:gzimmaro@archwood.org).

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED**

MARY ANNE GAUL

JAMES BERGMARK

**St. Martha Parish School** is seeking to hire an Advancement Director who will report to the principal and be responsible for planning, coordinating, and directing enrollment activities. Bachelor's degree is preferred and must be willing to work some nights and weekends. Qualified candidates may send cover letter, resume and salary history to:

[kdonofry@comcast.net](mailto:kdonofry@comcast.net)

St. Martha Parish School AD Search Committee  
11321 Academy Road  
Philadelphia, PA 19154

**BLOCK COLLECTION**

We need \$11,695 to reach our goal of \$130,000. We will continue to post periodic updates of the amount needed. Thanks to all of you who have already contributed to this important appeal.

**SCHOOL OFFICE SUMMER HOURS**

**Monday thru Thursday - 8:00 am - 2:00 pm**

You may leave a phone message at **215-673-5787**.

Someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Visit our school web site: [www.stchrisstrong.org](http://www.stchrisstrong.org)

**2017 SUMMER HOURS**

**GIFT CARD CENTER / SCRIP PROGRAM**

**Sunday:** 8:30AM – 11:30AM

**Tuesday & Friday:** 9:00AM – 10:00 AM

**Thursday:** 7:00PM – 8:00 PM

THE SCRIP OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON  
TUESDAY, JULY 4TH

**COACH NEEDED** FOR GIRL'S VARSITY SOCCER TEAM. PLEASE CONTACT GRACE GIAMMARUTI 215-673-5787 EXT. 32

**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, July 26, 2017 at 7:00 PM**  
**in the Parish Meeting Room**

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

**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**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

**CATHERINE MARTIN**

Joseph Albin, Dolores Anderson, Mary Kay Banks,  
Ed Brosko, Danny Cahill,  
Joan Lynch Carroll, Mary Christy, Patricia Collins,  
Kelly Conklin, Mary Connaire, Baby Dalton,  
William J. Dougherty, Anne Doyle, JoAnn Dumont,  
Tristan Dumont, Barbara Dutkiewicz, Jim DeGardner,  
Dorothy Garlick, David DeMetrio, Carol Dionisio,  
Isabella Donaghy, 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,  
Patrick Keenan, Len Laurito, Robert Lawrence,  
Michael Ledva, Patricia Leonard, Joseph Mackley,  
Ronnie Mardt, Anna Marie McCreesh, Stephen McEntyre,  
Mary Lou McIlvain, Mike McKee, Mary McKeever,  
Medlin Family, Paul Martin, Raymond Moleski,  
Elizabeth Morris, Mary Lew Nederoski, Miles Owen,  
Fred Pierce, Rosemary Reo, Barbara Rogers, William Ryan,  
Susan Schneider, Robert Schuster, Agnes Serpiello,  
Marianna Serpiello, Steve Shelinsky, Anna Slotilock,  
Bonnie Papouschek Smart, Mary Gara Straub, Kim Stuart,  
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**.

**Piano and Organ**

Do you have budding musicians in your family who are taking piano or organ lessons, but you are without those instruments at home on which they can practice? Someone just gave us a nice piano for Holy Family Hall making the previous piano unnecessary. Also, we have had for some time an organ which has been in storage in our school. We are offering both of these instruments for free—first come, first served. Please call Peggy in our parish office (215 673 5177, ext. 12) if you are interested.

**Father Judge High School**

**All-Class Reunion**

Crusaders at Keenan's  
Saturday, July 22, 2017

Go to [www.friendsoffatherjudge.com/keenans](http://www.friendsoffatherjudge.com/keenans) for more information.

**ACADEMIC HONORS**

The following students from our parish have achieved  
**Academic Honors for the Final Quarter of the  
2016-2017 School Year..**

**LaSalle College High School**

**First Honors**

**Freshman:** Liam Michael Smith

**Second Honors**

**Freshman:** Carter D. Kenney

**St. Hubert Catholic High School for Girls**

**First Honors**

Sarah Michele Jordan, Emma Rose Licsauer,  
Kada Marie McGovern

**Second Honors**

Devon Kelly, Torie Marie Moctezuma

**Little Flower Catholic High School**

**Second Honors**

**Sophomore:** Sarah E. Schilling

**Holy Ghost Preparatory School**

**Distinguished Honors**

**Sophomore:** Jeffrey Robert DiFrancesco

**First Honors**

**Junior:** Anthony Michael Dattilo

**Freshman:** Shawn Patrick Tamulis

**Second Honors**

**Junior:** John Domenic Zampirri

**Saint Basil Academy**

**High Honors**

**Junior:** Emily McCarrick

**Sophomore:** Casey Coan, Mikhala Frankunas

**Honors**

**Sophomore:** Jenna Maloney

**YOU CAN CHANGE THE FUTURE.  
BECOME A FOSTER PARENT!**

Foster Families provide temporary homes to children of all ages and cultures whose families are in crisis. The love and commitment that foster parents provide can have a lasting and positive effect.

For more information please call Catholic Social Services at 267-331-2502 or email us at [fosterinfo@chs-adphila.org](mailto:fosterinfo@chs-adphila.org)