

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2017

5:00 PM Vigil Matthew Burg & Russ DeLarso
(*Birthday Memorials*)

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2017

7:30 AM William McGarvey
9:00 AM Galvin & Ricardi Families
10:30 AM Jim McGinley
12:00 PM Daniel Fisher

MONDAY, JULY 17, 2017

8:30 AM Anne DiGiacomo

TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2017

8:30 AM Mary Thompson (*5th Anniversary*)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2017

8:30 AM Wilfred Rodriguez and
Mary Claire O'Keefe McIntyre

THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2017

8:30 AM Faye Lynch

FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2017

8:30 AM Kathleen Linahan

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2017

8:00 AM George & Ida Weidman
5:00 PM Vigil Mabel Harbison

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2017

7:30 AM Michael McCann
9:00 AM Lawrence A. Santucci
(*5th Anniversary*)
10:30 AM Charles Schoettle
(*Birthday Memorial*)
12:00 PM Francis P. McMenamin

**8TH GRADE GRADUATION DVD'S
ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP
IN THE PARISH OFFICE**

**Mission Summer Appeal Weekend
July 22 & 23, 2017**

Help support Missionaries who "Go...and make disciples of all nations..." Matthew 28:19

Missionaries throughout the world continue to bring the Gospel to the World. They need your prayers and support.

Rev. Thomas Sendlein will speak at all of the Masses next weekend July 22nd and 23rd. There will be a second collection that weekend to help support this Mission.

Donations collected will directly support the U. S. Catholic China Bureau

**Just a Reminder for the Men of
St. Christopher Parish**

The Men's Gospel Reflection Group meets in the Parish Meeting Room on Thursday evenings from 7 to 8 PM.

Gospel Reflection Groups are not Bible Study. They are prayer groups that use Sunday Readings as a starting point for prayer, sharing and reflection. Walking together on our journey with the Lord. Each week is independent. There is no homework or prep work.

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.)

GOD BLESS OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

MADISON DEANGELO LAMB

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: 215-947-3439

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

Continuing on last week's topics of general interest for Catholics, I present the following for your consideration:

Catholic laws of marriage: The law that Catholics can only marry validly before a priest still holds. This has also been extended to Deacons, who may also witness a marriage. What does that mean for Catholics who want to have a destination wedding in places like Punta Cana or Jamaica? Unless they marry in a Catholic Church in those places, the marriage is invalid in the eyes of the Church, and would need to be validated when they return. This is commonly referred to as having the marriage *blessed*. Typically, those in an invalid marriage may not receive Holy Communion. That *does not mean* that those in invalid marriages are *excommunicated*. It simply means that they should not present themselves for Holy Communion until they are in a position to have their marriage validated by the Church. If there are no previous marriages involved, this is a fairly simple procedure. The couple gets a few documents together, meets with a priest or deacon, and arranges a time for a quiet service in Church when they exchange vows again. If there is a previous marriage involved, that spouse should talk to the priest or deacon to see if he/she can be a candidate for a *declaration of nullity* (commonly called *annulment*). If the first marriage was not conducted according to the laws of the Church, there is a summary procedure to declare the marriage null and void - even if it was a legal marriage. If the person seeking the declaration of nullity was previously married according to the laws of the Church, the priest or deacon can help you in your situation by explaining the declaration of nullity process. This service which used to carry a cost is now free of charge.

Dispensations: A dispensation is an exception to a general rule. Dispensations are granted for just reasons. For example, a Catholic man marries a devout Methodist woman. May the wedding take place in her church? As long as the Catholic person promise to continue living as a Catholic and to do all in his/her power to have the children baptized and raised as Catholics, a dispensation from the Catholic form of marriage can be granted. The basic requirement is that the marriage still must be held in a sacred place - for example, a Methodist Church. Such marriages in catering halls or outdoors are not permitted when the marriage involves two Christians. If marrying an unbaptized person, for example, a member of the Jewish faith, the marriage can take place in a neutral location like a restaurant or courtroom. Once again, the Catholic must promise to continue living as a Catholic and to baptize and raise all of his/her children in the Catholic faith.

The bottom line is that because marriage is a sacrament, it must be treated with the utmost dignity. Remember also that the priest or deacon witnessing your marriage must be in *good standing*. Marriage before an ex-priest is never considered to be a valid marriage by the Church.

I would encourage you to call Fr. Sean, one of our Deacons, or me if you have any questions. Father Sean and I could be especially helpful to you if you are advanced in years, were previously married, and are abstaining from Holy Communion. Don't ever think that there is no solution to your problem. Call us. We can help you.

Next week I plan to tackle the question, "*Is it still considered a mortal sin to miss Mass on a Sunday or holy day of obligation.*" Until then, I leave you

In the peace of Christ,

Father Joe

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

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.

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

**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.

2017 - 2018 TUITION

1st PAYMENT NIGHT

Wednesday, August 2nd from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in Holy Family Hall

Tuition can be mailed or dropped off at the Parish Office anytime before August 2nd. If using Gift Card/Scrip, you must obtain a Gift Card/Scrip Voucher from the Gift Card Center by July 25th and include it with your payment.

****SPECIAL ATTENTION:**

To receive the special discounted rate a family must participate at **Mass at St. Christopher's** on a weekly basis, **contribute a minimum of \$20 per week in the Sunday collection** (i.e. a minimum of \$1,040 per year between July 1 and June 30 of each year). Also participate in the Gift Card program and show involvement in the parish and/or school.

GENERAL TUITION RATE

One Child (K-8): \$4,870
Two Children (K-8): \$7,305
Three/more children (K-8): \$9,115

Pre-Kindergarten (Ages 3 & 4):
Half-Day - 5 day: \$2,750
Half-Day - 3 day (Pre-K 3 only): \$1,760

Note: The 3 day program applies to Pre-K 3 only

Full Day - 5 day: \$4,450
Full Day - 3 day (Pre-K 3 only): \$2,880

Note: The 3 day program applies to Pre-K 3 only

STEWARDSHIP DISCOUNTED RATE**

**FOR FAMILIES PRACTICING
CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP**

One Child (K-8): \$3,200
Two Children (K-8): \$4,900
Three/more children (K-8): \$6,135

Pre-Kindergarten (Ages 3 & 4):
Half-Day - 5 day: \$2,450
Half-Day - 3 day (Pre-K 3 only): \$1,580

Note: The 3 day program applies to Pre-K 3 only

Full Day - 5 day: \$4,050
Full Day - 3 day (Pre-K 3 only): \$2,640

Note: The 3 day program applies to Pre-K 3 only

If you occasionally attend Mass at a Catholic Church somewhere else, please fill out a **LOG SHEET** (copies available at the parish office) or write in large letters on your Sunday Envelope the name and town of the Church and the time of Mass. **These actions will verify attendance at Mass.**

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!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

**BERNADETTE MCLAUGHLIN, EDWARD McNICHOLAS,
FRANK MICUCCI, HELEN TURNER**

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 Martd, Catherine Martin, 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**.

ACADEMIC HONORS

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

Nazareth Academy

First Honors

Senior: Miranda Candidi, Maria Diaz, Grace Gervino, Kristen Lichtner, Jessica Loughery, Sarah Schuck, Lauryn Stride, Angela Sylvester

Junior: Alexandra Graff

Sophomore: Brooke Anderson, Catherine Ferry, Malaina Gallagher, Madison Kempisty, Madyson McSorley, Angelina Stride

Freshman: Sydney Jardine, Katrina Juntereal, Kayla Lichtner, Emily Lonergan, Emilia Tomes

Second Honors

Senior: Abigail Jastrzembski,

Freshman: Madison Coyne, Emily Loughery

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

ELSIE EMMA HIRSEKORN

CHARLES WILLIAM HITSCHLER

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Collection on July 8 & 9, 2017 **\$19,990**

(includes \$3,271 from E-giving)

Collection on July 9 & 10, 2016 **\$19,556**

Campaign for Human Development 2017 **\$ 2,807**

Campaign for Human Development 2016 **\$ 3,193**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MUCH NEEDED SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

Calling all Bambies from the class of 1972!

45th Reunion

Friday, November 3, 2017 from
7:00 PM to 11:00 PM at Georgine's Restaurant
1320 Newport Road, Bristol, PA

Please contact **Janice Nuzzolillo McCrossen** at 267-210-8992 or via email at janicemccrossen@gmail.com or **Pat Amberg-Blyskal** at 215-620-0480 or via email at atpambergblyskal@comcast.net to give your contact information and to get more details.

We hope to see you there!

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