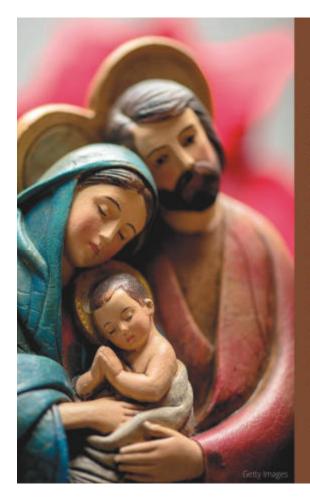
SAINT CHRISTOPHER PARISH COMMUNITY



"Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family and its beauty in God's plan."

—Amoris Laetitia, 325

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday–Friday 8:00 am– 4:00 pm Closed Saturday and Sunday

PARISH STAFF

Rev. John C. Chlebo	Pastor
Rev. Timothy M. Daw	Senior Parochial Vicar
Rev. Anthony J. Marshall	Parochial Vicar
Deacon Dennis Conrad	Permanent Deacon
Ms. Gayle Cilimburg	Pastoral Associate
Mr. Logan Feldkamp	Pastoral Minister
Mr. Bob McMurray	Music Ministry Director
Mr. Scott Raiff	School Principal
Mrs. Sharon Armstrong	Director of Religious Ed.
Mr. Eric Perusek	
Sr. Jeanne Cmolik C.S.J	RCIA Coordinator
Mr. Joe Williams	Business Manager
Ms. Dawn Bloom	Office Manager

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday evening:	5:00 PM
Sunday:	
Monday- Friday:	

SACRAMENTS

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4:00 PM in the church and any time upon request.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Parents should be members of our parish and need to attend a pre-Baptism Class if they have not already done so. Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays beginning at 12:30 PM and other times by arrangement. Call the parish office to arrange all Baptisms.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: In keeping with Diocesan regulations, arrangements must be made with a parish priest at least 6 months before the date selected to allow for the necessary preparation.

FUNERALS: Arrangements are made with the help of a Funeral Director. They will assist in contacting the parish office to arrange a time for a Funeral Mass before any notice is placed online or in the newspaper.

RCIA: Adults interested in the Catholic faith are invited to participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Meetings are Mondays from 7:00-8:30 PM beginning in the Fall and continuing through Easter. Call the parish office for details.

MINISTRY WITH THE SICK &

HOMEBOUND: We are happy to bring the Eucharist or to provide the Anointing of the Sick to the homebound. Please contact the office.

PARISH REGISTRATION: New Parishioners are asked to call 440-331-4255 to set up an appointment for registration. Parishioners who are moving are also asked to notify the parish office.

PSR CLASSES: K through Grade 8: Sundays 8:30-9:30 AM and 10:00-11:00 AM. For information/ registration call the Religious Ed. Office.

CLOW: Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW), offered during 10:00 AM Mass on Sundays, gives children ages 5 to 10 the opportunity to hear and discuss the Scripture readings at their level. Offered Sept.—April.

MISSION STATEMENT

We are the people of St. Christopher Catholic Church, a Eucharistic community of faith dedicated to...Welcome, Celebrate, Care, & Grow...in the image and likeness of Jesus.

Fr. John's Column

Saturday, January 1st is the Feast of Mary the Mother of God. Since the feast falls on a Saturday this year, **it is NOT a holyday of obligation**. There will be a Mass on that Saturday morning at 11:00 for those who wish to celebrate this great feast. That weekend (January 1-2) is the Feast of the Epiphany. We will follow our normal weekend schedule of Masses on Saturday evening at 5:00 and Sunday morning at 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30.

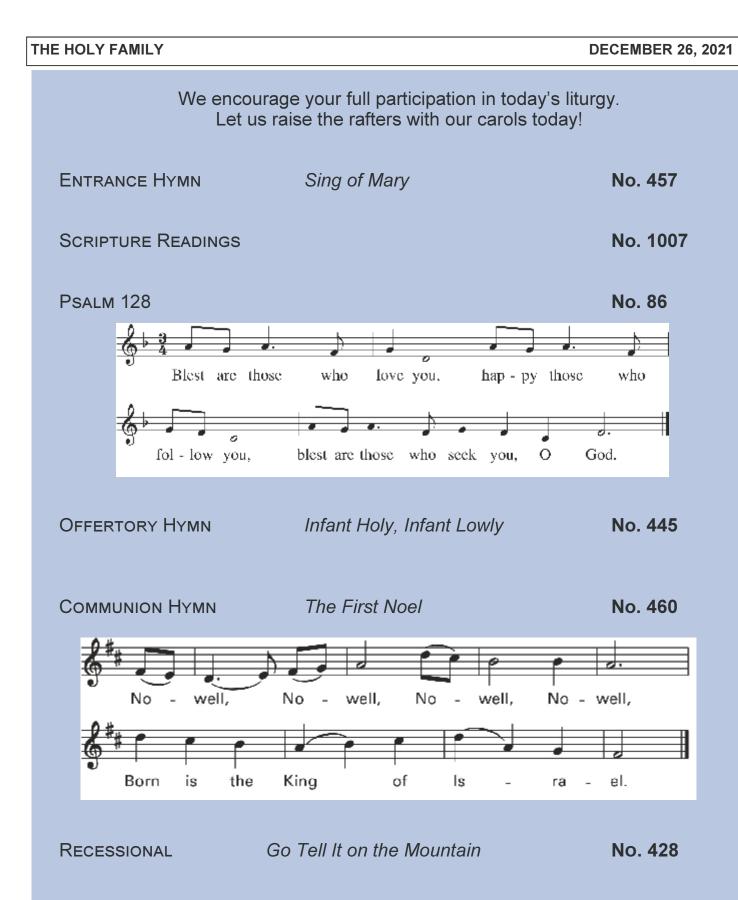
The **Parish Office will be closed** on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Of course, we can always be reached by phone including any emergencies that may arise. Simply follow the prompts once the voice mail system answers.

The **new year** is a time when many families find themselves relocating. If you are moving away from the area please contact the Parish Office so that we can keep our census files current. If there are **changes to your** family profile please go to our parish website (stchrisparish.com) and log into **myStChrisParish**. Changes would include family members who are moving or changes to email or phone contact information. If you are new in the area, we welcome you and invite you to register in the parish at your earliest convenience by calling the Parish Office.

As we come to the end of this calendar year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have offered through our capital campaign. We began just over two years ago with an ambitious goal of 3 million dollars to address several capital needs, to prepare for the celebration of our centennial in 2022 and to prepare for a new century of service. Our pledge total surpassed 2.3 million dollars before being cut short by COVID-19. Sidewalks and curbing have been replaced in many areas; improvements were made to the outdoor handicap ramp that leads to the side entrance of the church; parking lots received major resurfacing; the Northview and Lakeview entrances were improved; and of course, Centennial Park was created as a place to gather, play, and pray. All of this is the result of the generosity of those parishioners who contributed to the campaign and continue to fulfill their pledges. I invite those who, for whatever reason, did not make a pledge or donation to consider doing so. There remain other capital needs we are saving towards including replacement of roofs and HVAC equipment. Pledges and donations are still welcome! Contact me for more details. Talk to you next week...

May you and those you love have a Blessed New Year!

Mass Intentions	Prayers for the Sick
Monday, December 27, 2021 11:00 am Elizabeth Richardson	Ruth Waring, Frances Miller, Charles Hileman, John Andrassy, Mary Kiley, Joan Murtaugh, Mary Kleinert, Diana DeWitt, Darlene Sasz, Joyce Brown, Jim Ockuly, Bunnie Magnani, Sherry Gareau, Katie McNally, Barbara Butler, Victor Boukair
Tuesday, December 28, 2021 11:00 am Fr. Michael Rock	
Wednesday, December 29, 2021 11:00 am Jim Yax	
Thursday, December 30, 2021 11:00 am Kathy Long	December 12, 2021 Collection\$23,402.00 Please remember to support our parish at this time as you are able. Donations can be mailed, dropped off in the parish office mail slot or, to donate online, go to stchrisparish.com/online-giving/ Thank you! $\frac{PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY}{Audry Harte, Hanna Lutton, Frank Conroy,Trent Hunton, Christopher Nastal, Sean McClaren,Matthew P. Schroer, Mark Pullar, Jake Young,Joseph Conroy, Tim Mayer, Alec J. Schuerger,Jason Ward, Vanessa Armstrong$
Friday, December 31, 2021 11:00 am Mike Cleary	
Saturday, January 1, 2021 11:00 am Frank Lyle	
5:00 pm Priest Intention	
Sunday, January 2, 2021 8:30 am Kathleen Butler 10:00 am Intentions of Harry & Julie Barkley 11:30 am Bill Roden	



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Sing to the Lord a New Song

I hope Santa was good to you this year! Christmas gifts are a reminder to us of the great gift of our Savior, Jesus Christ. His love and mercy are a priceless and precious gift for each one of us. This Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. We always celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family on the first Sunday after Christmas. This feast day is a reminder to us of the example Mary and Joseph set for all of us in welcoming Jesus into their lives. The Holy Family serves as a model for us all in which to live in faith and simplicity.

At the conclusion of his encyclical on marriage and family life, *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis penned a prayer to the Holy Family, which is reprinted herewith below. It might be worth praying this prayer before the Sunday family meal or whenever your loved ones gather together this Christmas season.

Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love; to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches. Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing. Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Graciously hear our prayer. Amen.

~Father Anthony

<u>Rest in Peace</u>

In your prayers, please remember:

Deacon Tom Long

who recently entered into eternal life.



Readings for the Week of December 26, 2021



Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52 Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40 Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18 Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

(not a holy day of obligation this year)

Mass on Saturday, January 1 at 11:00 am

* The 5pm Mass on Saturday, January 1st is a vigil Mass for the Feast of Epiphany on January 2.

WE'RE LISTENING!

The entire People of God, in all its diversity, is invited to participate in the upcoming Synod which will focus on the three pillars of a Synodal Church: communion, participation and mission.

- To gather together as people of one faith
- To engage in dialogue and respectful listening to one another
- To witness to the Good News of God's love in the world

St. Christopher Parish will host two open listening sessions on **Monday, January 10 from 11:45 am to 1:45 pm and on Saturday, January 15 from 3pm-5pm**. Refreshments will be provided. No registration is needed. If you are interested, simply come and join your fellow parishioners on either date in Mary's Room.

For more information, please contact Fr. Anthony Marshall at the Parish Office (440) 331-4255



EVENING OF REMEMBRANCE PHOTOS

If you dropped off a photo of your loved one for the Evening of Remembrance, please come pick it up in the parish office. The office is open 8-4 Mon—Fri. If you need to come after hours, please call ahead and we will leave your photo on the pick-up shelf in the office vestibule.

COMING SOON TO ST. CHRISTOPHER PARISH: FIT FROM FAITH

On **Saturday, January 22, from 9-11am** in the Atrium, our parish will host a free Vibrant Parish Wellness Workshop. Offered by Ms. Lindsay Fullerman, MA, PN2, SSC, a wellness coach, the morning workshop will focus on the following principles:

- 1) seeing one's body as a temple of the Holy Spirit,
- 2) how to fuel the body the way God intended, and
- 3) how to live fully alive as God's vibrant disciple.

You can find out more information online at www.fitfromfaith



CHRISTMAS G.I.F.T PROGRAM – THANK YOU!

The St. Chris Social Concerns Committee would like to thank the generous parishioners who gave to this year's Christmas GIFT program. Many, many gifts and donations were given! Sixteen organizations benefited including the West Side Catholic Center, Saint Colman, and Birthright. Thanks also to SCC members, Sharon Armstrong and the Confirmation students who helped organize and helped with the gifts.









HOLY FAMILY HOSPICE GRIEF SUPPORT

Holy Family is holding a FREE Grief and Healing Support Group where members will meet others who have suffered a loss, explore their individual grief process & gain knowledge & insight of useful grief coping skills to help them begin to heal. These sessions will take place **Tuesday Afternoons January 11 – February 15 from 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm via Zoom.**

Contact Erin Hout: (440)545-7032 or ehout@holyfamilyhome.com by Wednesday, January 5th to register.

THANK GOD IT'S FIRST FRIDAY!- WEST

An inter-parish men's group will meet **January 7th** for a First Friday luncheon at St. Clarence Church, 30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted. Registration begins at 11:15 AM, followed by the luncheon, then an inspirational talk, and concludes with Mass. Cost is \$13.

Please call George Perz at (440) 937-6606 by Tuesday, January 4th to make a reservation.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or response services@dioceseofcleveland.org. You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE NEEDS HELP FROM LONG-TIME PARISHIONERS

The History sub-committee of the St. Christopher Parish Centennial Celebration Committee is looking for artifacts and pictures from the beginning days of our parish. The parish was founded in 1922.

We specifically need the following items:

1. A St. Christopher medal given during the blessing of the cars from 1926 or later

2. An interior picture of the first St. Christopher Church (1923 to 1954). Were you or someone you know married or received one of the sacraments in that church??

3. A picture of the first rectory – the old farmhouse

4. What year (1966 to 1970) was the first St. Christopher School library opened? It was in the school basement.

5. A picture of members of the first parish council – 1970

If you have pictures or items that date back to the 1920's through 1950's that relate to St. Christopher Parish, please contact Kate Ptak - email <u>ktptak@gmail.com</u>

ST. CHRIS E-NEWSLETTER

If you have not been receiving the e-newsletter we have been sending since April 2020 it is because we do not have your **correct email address**. The newsletter is sent out to all parishioners about twice a month or whenever we have something important to share.

If you would like to receive future email updates from St. Christopher Parish, please call the parish office at 440-331-4255 or email <u>info@stchrisparish.com</u> to provide us with your current email address.



If a warm island vibe sounds like a welcome change to the winter cold, mark your calendar for "Hawaiian Knights" on **Saturday, February 12, 2022 from 6:30 – 11pm.** This is the annual parish-wide fundraiser held by PATHS (Parents and Teachers Helping Students). Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to join.

PATHS is thrilled to hold the annual fundraiser once again after a year off. The Parish Center will be transformed into a tropical paradise for an evening of food, open bar and themed drinks, a premier silent and live auction, raffles, music, and entertainment. Come attired in your best tropical gear. All event proceeds provide direct support to our school and students. Funds raised will be used to:

- Update school technology (iPads, Chromebooks, STREAM coursework, and robotics program)
- Support Teachers (Art and music supplies, teacher-requested items and teacher wish lists)
- Support Students (Extracurricular school-sponsored clubs, field trips, and recess supplies)
- Enhance our newly built outdoor campus, Centennial Park, which is comprised of a playground, outdoor classroom, and prayer garden - enjoyed by our school children, parish and community

Capacity will be capped at 300 so be sure to order your tickets (\$75 each) today by visiting <u>https://cbo.io/tickets/scs/HawaiianKnights</u>. There are still Corporate Sponsorships (\$750) and Family Sponsors (\$250) available, which provide great exposure within our vibrant community and are a wonderful way to support our school.

Any questions about the sponsorships or the event can be sent to event co-chairs Christina Mueller (<u>ccmuellerdds@gmail.com</u>) or Emily Szy (<u>Emily.G.Vandevelde@gmail.com</u>).

Join us this February to support quality education at St. Christopher and enjoy a getaway to "Hawaiian Knights".

The FEST Internship

Calling all college students looking for a paid summer internship! The FEST (<u>www.theFEST.us</u>) is looking for summer interns to make this year's event the best FEST yet! We are looking for students with interests in theology, business marketing & communications, event planning, or logistics management to join the team that puts together our annual Diocesan Family Festival. Interns will be a part of a fast-paced team and will play a critical role in the marketing, planning and coordination of annual event for thousands of people.

Interns will provide support and have responsibilities including public speaking, marketing, mailings, digital and social media, press releases, logistics, event planning, and more. Interns must have strong people skills, work ethic, critical thinking, organizational skills, and reliable transportation. For more information or to apply, please send your resume to <u>Caitlin@theFEST.us</u> by January 9th.

A NEW YEAR'S EVE RETREAT AT JRC - "See, I Am Doing A New Thing" Friday, December 31, 5:30pm - Saturday, January 1, 11:30am Jesuit Retreat Center, 5629 State Rd, Parma, OH 44134

Presented by Bill Hobbs. As we turn the page on the calendar to 2022, we take time to pause and reflect on the past year and plan for the year ahead. The evening begins with dinner at 5:30 pm, followed by a reflection and time for quiet prayer. We will gather before midnight for some conversation and to share a toast to the New Year. In the morning, we will conclude with liturgy and brunch. Cost: \$100 Register at **jesuitretreatcenter.org**

CENTENNIAL TRIVIA

See how much you know about St. Chris history!

Question: When did St. Christopher School open? (answer in next week's bulletin)

Last week's answer: The tragedy was a fire on the church roof, but the rest of the building was saved.

THE WEEK AHEAD

For the most up-to-date calendar, go to stchrisparish.com

Monday, December 27 Christmas Break– No School 4:30 pm CYO Basketball—G 7:00 pm RCIA —A

Tuesday, December 28 4:30 pm CYO Basketball—G 6:00 pm Women's & Men's AA—M 8:00 pm Men's AA Group—M

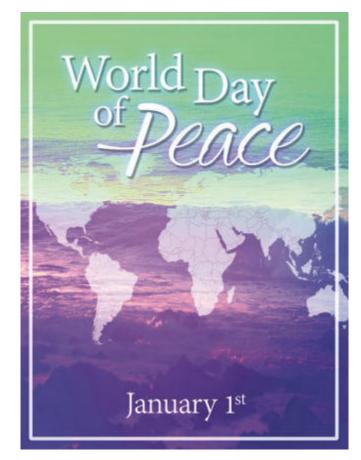
Wednesday, December 29 10:30 am Rosary—C 10:45 am Young Families Ministry—M 4:30 pm CYO Basketball—G 6:30 pm Music Rehearsal—C 7:00 pm Pack 390 Meeting—PC 8:00 pm AA Men's Group—M

Thursday, December 30 8:00 am Drop the Rock—M 4:30 pm CYO Basketball—G 7:00 pm Troop 605 Meeting—M

Friday, December 31 Parish Office Closed 6:00 pm CYO Basketball 8:00 pm AA Young Adults' Group –M

Saturday, January 1 7:00 am Men's AA Group—M 4:00 pm No Confessions

Sunday, January 2 10:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word—PR



C=Church G=Gym M=Mary's Room CY=Courtyard GA=Gathering Area RC=Rectory Conference Room CP=Centennial Park A=Atrium MC=Media Center PR=Prayer Room PC=Parish Center SC=School Conference Room P1-4=Parish Center Meeting Rooms CR=Computer Room L=Library PL= Parking Lot



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