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SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES

WEEKEND PARISH MASSES Saturday 4:30 p.m. Sunday Morning 10:00 a.m. Polish Mass 12:00 p.m. Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.

DIVINE MERCY, EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSION Monday-Friday 3:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY AFTERNOON MASSMonday-Friday 4:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS
Half hour before each weekend
Mass or by appointment



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

For the Weekend of March 29-30

Saturday, March 29th

4:30 p.m. Jennifer Mottelagh Kashani (Jerry Schwan)

Sunday, March 30th – Fourth Sunday of Lent – Laetare Sunday

10:00 a.m. †Petrella, Nance & Brown Deceased Family

Members (Pat Brown & Family)

12:00 p.m. †Malgorzata Gladkowska (Marianne Wenger)

Our Parish Family 6:00 p.m.

Monday, March 31st

3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Hour

4:00 p.m. Jennifer Kashani (Jerry Schwan)

Tuesday, April 1st

3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Hour

4:00 p.m. For all those with April Birthdays

(In Memory of Carole Heinzenberger)

Wednesday, April 2nd - St. Francis of Paola

3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Hour

4:00 p.m. †Robert Morosky (Dianne Morosky)

Thursday, April 3rd

3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Hour

4:00 p.m. †Glen Haninger (Susan Haninger)

Friday, April 4th - St. Isodore

† Candyce Matthew (Luis & DeeDee Perez) 9:00 a.m.

3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Hour

4:00 p.m. †Tom & Eileen Schwan (Jerry Schwan)

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

For the Weekend of April 5-6 Saturday, April 5th – St. Vincent Ferrer

4:30 p.m. †Eleanor Smith (Luis & DeeDee Perez)

Sunday, April 6th - Fifth Sunday of Lent

10:00 a.m. †Judi Cincione (Al Cincione)

12:00 p.m. **Our Parish Family**

6:00 p.m. †George Rushman (Jerry Schwan)

SECOND COLLECTION—MARCH 29-30 **CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad.

MASS COUNT

March 23

4:30 p.m. Saturday – 165 10:00 a.m. Sunday - 242 12:00 p.m. Sunday – 61 6:00 p.m. Sunday – 252

Prayer Requests

Maryann Hogan, Anna Reed, Sophia Basil, Elaine DiSalvo, Sheila Pendergast, Jim Hornback, Ann DeCapua-Drayer, Norma Eviston, Bill Maher, Danny Casey, Amy Holoway, Jan Keresztes, Theresa Piatt, Crystal Goddard, Brandon Terrell, Dannie Terrell, Jr., Bill Riesenberger, Clark Burrell, Mary DeCapua-Lentz, DeCapua Family, Evan & Regina Messman, Bobby Kloska, Megan & Family, Nora Sue Fletcher, Carrie Bailey, Johnson Family, Leanne Shot, Viola-Cleo Bradshaw, Cordelia Vogel, Joseph Baker, Will Margiotta, Beverly Michael, Michael Maher, Mary Ann Maher, Beverly Amadio, Rachel Gumto

Upcoming Activities

Sunday, March 30th

10:00 a.m. OCIA Second Scrutiny

Papal Blessing for Kathleen Anne Doone

on her 90th Birthday

11:00 a.m. Choir Practice (Cafeteria)

11:15 a.m. PSR (School/Basement)

7:15 p.m. Young Professionals Bonfire (Playground)

Monday, April 1st

2:30-4:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (St. Albert) 6:30-8:00 p.m. OCIA (St. Albert)

Friday, April 4th

5:00-7:00 p.m. Polish Dinner (Cafeteria) 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Church)

Saturday, April 5th

9:00 a.m.-Noon YP Card Making (Cafeteria)

Sunday, April 6th

10:00 a.m. OCIA Third Scrutiny 11:00 a.m. Choir Practice (Cafeteria) 11:15 a.m. PSR (School/Basement)

Monday, April 7th

6:30-8:00 p.m. OCIA (St. Albert)

Tuesday, April 8th

9:30 a.m. Trinity School Penance Service

Wednesday, April 9th

7:00-8:30 p.m. Walking with Purpose Info Night (Cafeteria)

Thursday, April 10th

7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus (St. Albert)

Friday, April 11th

5:00-7:00 p.m. Final Pasta Dinner (Cafeteria)

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Church)

HELP NEEDED TO DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR EASTER

Friday, April 18th at 4:30 p.m. Meet at church.

BULLETIN AND EASTER FLOWER REMEMBRANCE **DEADLINE:** Please submit all bulletin and Easter Flower

Remembrance information to the Office by Friday, April 4th for Palm Sunday and Easter bulletins.





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PARISH REGISTRY UPDATE 2025

The diocese lists over 700 families at St. Christopher, which we need to confirm. In order to update the parish registry in 2025, we will monitor the offertory basket and electronic contributions to assess active

parish family members. Between Ash Wednesday (March 5) and Easter Sunday (April 20), we will confirm active participation. If you would like to be an active parishioner, please place a card in the offertory basket with your name, address, phone number, and email. Married couples and all other adults in a household should register to be considered active parishioners.

As we hear in 2 Corinthians 5:17,20:

"The old things have passed away; behold, new things have come... We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God."

Note: It is important to be registered in the parish for sacramental reasons. For a wedding or Baptism, you must be registered for at least 6 months. You must be an active, registered parishioner to be a Baptism or Confirmation sponsor. Funerals at St. Christopher are also reserved for registered parishioners.

TRINITY FLOWER SALE

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to Washington, D.C.



JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT LENTEN DINNER POLISH DINNER on Friday, April 4th!



5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Trinity Cafeteria

Perogies, Crepes, and Cole slaw. No salad but

desserts and drinks included. \$15.00 for adults, \$10.00 for children (6-12), children under 5 eat free. Dessert and pop/water included with each meal. Adult beverages available. Carry-out available.

UPCOMING DINNER DATES:

APRIL 11—PASTA DINNERS

DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! For our parish Lenten dinners, we are in need of 12-packs of soda (Coke, Diet Coke, and Sprite are the most popular) and cases of water. Donations can be left in the vestibule at church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! It takes a

parish to do Lenten dinners, and we are that parish! Sign up to help at the dinners! Use the QR code or call/email the office at 614-754-8888 or office@saintchristophercc.com.



ATTENTION BAKERS! We are in need of dessert donations for each dinner! Put all baked goods on

disposable plates. Please mark all baked good items that contain nuts. Due to limited space, we cannot accept refrigerated items. Bring items to the rectory before 2:00 p.m. and to the school cafeteria after 2:00 p.m. on the day of the dinner. In order for our parish Lenten dinners to succeed, we rely on your generosity as you have shown in the past! Let's show everyone how much talent we have! Thanks for always stepping up to the challenge of once again having a table of plenty! Direct any questions or concerns to Patty Spaulding at 614-487-8071.



SAINT VINCENT PALLOTTI

APOSTLE OF ROME, PIONEER OF CATHOLIC ACTION

CANONIZATION - FIRST MIRACLE

On Sunday 20th of January, 1963, the Holy Father, Pope John XXIII, proclaimed to the world the canonization of Saint Vincent Pallotti. The people of Rome had spoken the truth when at his death they had carried the sad news all over the city with: "The saint is dead!" This solemnity followed that of his Beatification after a space of thirteen years; he was beatified by Pope Pius XII early in the Holy Year 1950 on January 22nd, the very centenary of Vincent's death. In the process of Canonization (as also of Beatification) the Church looks for the hand of God as divine approval by the occurrence of two miracles. The first of these took place on February 2nd, 1951-the cure of an Italian farmer who was at the point of death, suffering from a tumor on the neck. On the morning of January 31st, Angelo Balzarini noticed a small abscess on the side of his neck. He did not consider it of any importance and set about his work on the farm. During the day, however, he began to feel ill. The swelling was getting larger, and he felt feverish. In the late afternoon, he returned home and went to bed. The same evening, the doctor attended him. The patient's condition continued to grow worse. The swelling increased and extended towards the chest. He was in great pain, high fever and delirium. A second doctor was summoned. The deterioration continued till by midday February 2nd, his death was expected at any moment. That afternoon a relic of Vincent Pallotti was laid upon Angelo's neck. Shortly after this, the miracle occurred and Balzarini regained consciousness. This is how he himself later related the event: "All of a sudden, I experienced a refreshing sensation on the neck and chest, and I awoke. I understood that I was not going to die because my head felt clear, and I did not feel ill. I asked my wife to remove the bandage. I asked for something to eat and I ate with a good appetite." The doctor stated later: "I was stunned!"

SECOND MIRACLE

The second miracle approved for canonization occurred on December 23rd, 1950. It was the cure of Father Adalbert Turowski, who at the time was Superior General of the Society founded by Vincent Pallotti. On the preceding December 19th. Father Turowski underwent an operation upon the liver. The doctor expressed his grave fears of post-operative complications. These fears proved to be only too well founded. His patient fell into a state of high fever and there were signs of heart failure. By midday December 23rd, everyone was convinced that death was imminent. Father Turowski was unconscious, his body cold and purple, the pulse imperceptible. A Novena to Vincent Pallotti was concluded the same day. Then at 9.30 p.m., the miracle occurred. The doctor himself was there with his patient at the time and described what happened. "I had remained with the patient to await the moment of death. Then to my great surprise, it was about 9.30 p.m., the patient stopped being restless, grew calm and the color began returning to his face. The breathing became less rapid and deeper; the pulse became stronger and almost regular, and the eyes started to regain their vitality. Shortly after that he fell into a sound sleep. Around 10:00 p.m. I left the hospital and returned about 12.30 a.m. I could see that the pulse had greatly improved; the breathing was normal, and the patient's temperature had dropped. He continued to sleep until 2:15 a.m. I returned to his room to find him fully conscious; he told me he felt well and readily answered all the questions put to him." Speaking of the change which occurred at 9.30 p.m. the doctor said: "Everything happened within five minutes, so much so that you could speak of a complete reversal of the clinical condition of the patient . . . In the light of medical science, I cannot give an explanation of such a sudden and definite cure."

THE POPES SPEAK - VINCENT PALLOTTI AND THE LAY APOSTOLATE

In his own day, Vincent Pallotti was subjected to strong criticism and attack because of his conception of the lay apostolate. This is quite unthinkable today. The Popes themselves are constantly teaching and urging the lay apostolate. And the Popes of our own time in particular have made a point of singling out Vincent Pallotti as a "pioneer and forerunner" and "model" in the work of the lay apostolate.

In the introduction, we read the words of our present Holy Father, John XXIII. Let us conclude with those of his predecessors, Pope Pius XII and Pope Pius XI. Just prior to the Beatification, Pope Pius XII wrote to the Superior General of the Society of the Catholic Apostolate concerning its founder: 'To this Society he left as an inheritance his achievements and his hopes. This meant the dedication of his followers to the work of the formation of the clergy . . . the recall of Christian peoples . . . to the narrow path of virtue; the propagation of the faith among pagan peoples Finally, it meant something that is very necessary, particularly in our times, namely, that they should unite the laity, to work under, and in cooperation with the Hierarchy. In this latter, as you well know, Vincent Pallotti should be considered as a forerunner.' (December 8th, 1949.) On the occasion of a decree concerning the sanctity of Vincent Pallotti, January 24th, 1932, Pope Pius XI, the Pope of Catholic Action, declared: "It is at this very time that we are privileged to witness the glorification of a priest who foresaw the thing and the name when he founded the Society of the Catholic Apostolate, which in its essence is the same as Catholic Action, to wit: Lay Apostolate under the guidance of the Apostolate of the Church. Catholic Action everywhere certainly will not miss such a wonderful chance to thank Divine Providence for the new protector and the new model."

Fr. Walter SILVESTER, S.A.C.

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BLEST ART will be visiting our parish the weekend of April 4-5. Their mission is to support the Christian families in the Holy Land. Blest Art Inc. helps the struggling Christian families of Bethlehem by marketing their artwork in the United States. They will have hand-carved Nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood art. Please consider purchasing one of these pieces of art from the Holy Land, and in doing so, you will help support the many families who depend on this form of art for their living. Your purchase will make a difference in the lives of many Christian families.

MY FRIENDS IN CHRIST,

A clear theme runs through all three readings this Sunday: God's Mercy to sinners. In the First Reading, we have beautiful words God spoke to His people: "I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you." The shame of sin and the darkness of slavery are behind them. The years of wandering in the desert are over; they have come home to the promised land. A new era was about to begin. They mark their homecoming by celebrating anew the feast of Passover. This reminds us of the homecoming of the prodigal son from the Gospel story. His shame also is behind him. His years of wandering are over, and he returns home to a warm welcome and a great feast. A new and bright future lies ahead of him. Jesus told the parable in response to the criticism of the Pharisees that He was too lenient towards sinners. They were meant to see themselves in the older son. For Luke, the 'Pharisees' are righteous Christians, for whom God's mercy to sinners is unfair and scandalous.

The Second Reading stresses how God has reconciled us to Himself through Christ, not holding our faults against us.

My Friends, please remember that God's forgiveness is not a cold, halfhearted forgiveness, but a warm and generous one. God doesn't just forgive us; He loves us, and lets us know it. The Scripture story we heard today does not give us a license to sin. But it does show that if through human weaknesses or wickedness, we do sin, then we can come back. Our past can be overcome. We can make a fresh start. This is the great lesson of today's parable. Therefore, let us meditate on this Laetare Sunday on the parable of the prodigal son. Let us compare ourselves to the two sons and, especially, contemplate the Heart of the Father. Let us throw ourselves into His arms and be regenerated by His merciful love.

"Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exalt and be satisfied at her consoling breast." Isaiah 66:10-11

Be positive, keep smiling, God loves you! Fr. Andrew



Anthem for 10:00 a.m., March 30 Jesus, Lover of My Soul, Craig Courtney

Jesus, Lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly. While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high. Hide me, O my Savior, hide, Till the storm of life is past; Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge I have none; hangs my helpless soul on Thee: Leave, oh, leave me not alone, still support and comfort me. All my trust on Thee is stayed, All my help from Thee I bring; Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ art all I want; More than all in Thee I find; Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, Heal the sick, and lead the blind. Just and holy is Thy name, I am all unrighteousness; False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin; Let the healing streams abound and keep me pure within. Thou of life the Fountain art, Freely let me take of Thee; Spring Thou up within my heart, Rise to all eternity.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – ST. CHRISTOPHER COUNCIL #14342

Looking for a spring-cleaning opportunity? A way to declutter your house during Lent? Between March 8th

and May 3rd, the Knights are collecting used books, DVDs, CDs, and other media to hold a sale the weekend of May 3rd and May 4th. You may drop off the books/media in the vestibule of the church or contact Doug Taylor at 614-315-5766 to schedule offsite pickup.

APRIL 20 - Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:00 a.m. Mass

MAY 4 – Complimentary Pancake Breakfast after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Trinity Cafeteria

ATTENTION, ALL PRACTICING CATHOLIC MEN 18 YEARS OR OLDER! We need <u>you</u> to help grow our council and fulfill the three pillars of the Knights of Columbus: Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. By becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus and giving just 24 hours a year, a man can be a better Catholic, father, and husband and make a difference in the Church and his community. It's not a lot of time, but it is time well spent. It's rewarding. It's life changing. Want to join us on our journey? Go to kofcohio.org and click on Join Us. For more information, contact Grand Knight, Tom Schwirian at 614-209-7904 or tschwir@yahoo.com.

GARDENING ANGELS NEWS

It's Springtime, and we are excited to start planting the church flower gardens again. We are hopeful the perennials we planted last year come back bigger and brighter!



We would like to invite anyone interested in gardening, planting, weeding and watering this year to sign up on SignUpGenius using the QR code, or contact Kimber in the Church Office.

There will be envelopes available in the pews if you would like to donate for some annuals and any needed supplies. The school will be selling flowers. If you would like to purchase from them to donate, we will plant them around the church for you.

SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY – EQUIPPING THE FAMILY: HAVING CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS – The constant flood of influence that comes through the internet and social media in all of its various forms, along with social pressures from peers make it difficult for children to live virtuous and holy lives. In the digital age, it's not a matter of if your child will see something inappropriate online. It's only a matter of when. And regrettably, internet pornography is teaching our children how and what to think about sex and marriage. Next weekend, April 5-6, the Diocese of Columbus, will be celebrating the second annual Safe Haven Sunday. This weekend of awareness will provide free resources to give you confidence for how to talk to your children about internet dangers, as well as their personal online and offline choices. **PLEASE JOIN US WITH YOUR PRAYERS!**

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