SAINT CHRISTOPHER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
2660 Niagara Falls Boulevard, Tonawanda, New York 14150
June 7, 2020

Sacrament of Baptism: Upon request, every Sunday at 12:30 PM, and at Mass. Parents must attend a Pre-Baptismal Class held on the First Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. Call the office for reservations two months in advance.

Rite of Christian Initiation is the way the Church prepares an unbaptized person for their sacraments. Persons already baptized in other denominations are also welcomed through this process. Contact the office for information.

Prayer Network/Prayer Tree: To be added to the list, call the parish office or MaryAnn Kern (716) 692-2033 or Laurie Wysocki (716) 691-4378.

Sacrament of Confirmation: High School students having completed tenth grade in either a Catholic school or our Religious Education program should contact the Religious Education office at (716) 694-4310.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45 PM, first and third Wednesday of each month at 7 PM, or by appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Arrangements are to be made at least six months before the desired wedding date. A marriage preparation program is required.

Letters of Recommendation to act as sponsors at Baptism or Confirmation are available to registered members of our parish who have been Confirmed, attend Mass and receive Communion regularly, have their children in Catholic School or Religious Education (Gr. 1–10) and, if married, are in a marriage blessed by the Church. Call (716) 692-2660.

Mass Times
Saturday 4:30 PM
Sunday 7:30, 9 & 11 AM
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 6:45 AM
Tuesday & Thursday 8 AM

Confession
See Lenten Schedule for Reconciliation Days and Times

Adoration
Tuesday 8:45 AM - 7 PM
Novena at 7 PM

Parish Office Hours
Monday - Friday 9 AM - 4 PM (Closed 12:30 - 1 PM)
Monday and Tuesday 7 - 8 PM

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“We, the people of St. Christopher Parish, journey to the heavenly kingdom of God our Father by following the example and service of Jesus Christ his Son, inspired daily by the Holy Spirit to lead faith-filled Christian lives.”
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Listen to what Jesus says: “The Spirit of Truth will come to you.” What is the ‘truth’ of your life? How can you best serve God? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call our Pastor, Fr. Steve, or Fr. Andrew Lauricella at (716) 847-5535.

**Sunday, June 7:**
- 9:00 AM Jeanette Urbaniak by John Dudek

**Monday, June 8:**
- 6:45 AM Loraine Wopperer by Family

**Tuesday, June 9:**
- 8:00 AM For the People of St. Christopher Parish

**Wednesday, June 10:**
- 6:45 AM Irene Titzler by Husband, Larry

**Thursday, June 11:**
- 8:00 AM Carol Leberer by Jim Leberer

**Friday, June 12:**
- 6:45 AM Joseph Agnello by Paglione Family

**Saturday, June 13:**
- 4:30 PM Christopher Brown by Brown Family

**Sunday, June 14:**
- 9:00 AM Helen & Leon by John & Linda
- 11:00 AM Christine & Joseph Lewandowski by JoAnne Lewandowski

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**IN SYMPATHY**

Richard Voit  
(Father of Rich Voit)

Lucy Battaglia

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

The Mary candle will burn for David  
By Family

**Scripture for the week of June 7, 2020**

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Dear Family,

As many of you know, I like to read and to watch movies. I do not get to do either as much as want but I try to make the time. I really like mysteries. I enjoy trying to figure out what the end result will be, whether it be a whodunit or who will survive or whatever. The most enjoyable for me are the ones where you did not anticipate the actual ending and it comes as a total surprise! I just sit there and try to comprehend what just happened! But then I always find myself after a bit of contemplation coming to an understanding of the mystery resolved. Why do I bring this up? Because today as Church we celebrate the greatest of all mysteries! We celebrate the Most Holy Trinity; One God, Three Persons! As much as we pray and contemplate this mystery, we will never figure it out! We just accept it as an article of our faith and continue praying and contemplating. How can we ever, in this earthly life, understand the concept of always has been? We are bound by time and understand everything by the movement of time. But God lives outside of time and has always Been! No beginning and no end! Think about it! It will keep you up all night! And those are just the two most fundamental aspects of God; ‘Three in One’ and ‘No beginning and no end’. We are just getting started! The reality is that we will only truly start to understand the mystery of the Holy Trinity when we stand before the Presence of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit when God calls us home at the end of the earthly part of our life! And that, my family, is when we will encounter the most incredible of all solutions to a mystery! Be prepared, for it will be the most awesome revelation of the answer to a mystery you will ever encounter! We will have all eternity to contemplate the greatest of all mysteries in the very presence of the great I AM!

PRAISED BE JESUS CHRIST…NOW AND FOREVER!!!

Father Steve

PARISH DONATIONS/ONLINE GIVING

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has dropped off, mailed in, or elected automatic deductions for their donations. If you would like to send in your offertory any of these options are available. We are checking the lock box and mailbox daily. If you would like to sign up for automatic deductions, please complete the form on our website. We are also partnering with the Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo for electronic giving.

**Online Parish Donations** Contributions (one time or re-occuring; e.g. weekly offertory) can be made via the Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo - [www.frcdb.org](http://www.frcdb.org) or click “Online Giving” on our homepage at [www.saintchris.org](http://www.saintchris.org). Then click on either the “Give Today” or “Support Your Parish” buttons near the upper right hand corner of the main page. Once you are on the on-line giving page, a donor selects their parish, school and/or preferred ministry, such as Parish Outreach, through the drop down menu and then a payment method and frequency.

The Foundation personnel are notified within 24 hours of the payment and will in-turn notify the parish, school or ministry. Given the current work-from home constraints, payments will be made to the named parish, school or ministry as soon as administratively feasible. Please note that the bank credit card processing fees we incur (nominal) are deducted from the payment. Those same fees would apply if the parish, school or ministry had established their own electronic giving means. If you have any questions regarding your donations, Please email Marie Schwab at mschwab@saintchris.org.

Catholic Charities is doing everything possible to continue to serve our neighbors in need at this time. We are operating every service we safely can and especially those most vital at this time such as basic emergency assistance, including our food pantries and counseling and mental health services. We are here to help!

For the Appeal, parishioners are asked to mail donations to our office at 741 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14209, Attn: Appeal Department. We also encourage online donations at [www.cewny.org/donation](http://www.cewny.org/donation).
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

This Sunday we celebrate Trinity Sunday, the one God with three distinct personalities; God the father the creator, God the son who by his death and resurrection allowed us to share in eternal life, and God the Holy Spirit who advocates for us and gives us the spiritual gifts and fruits to live the Christian life.

If you are planning to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation in the fall, the paperwork, application, and letter to Father Steve is due by June 22, 2020. They can be mailed in or attached to an email.

Blessings,
Marie Sajsa, DRE

FROM THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Dearest St. Christopher Parish Family,

I hope our new summer weather is finding you healthy and ready to transition back to normal. Although our governor has determined it best to remain closed this year, we are still busy learning, planning our 8th Grade Graduation at the Transit Drive-In on June 8th, and planning for the fall. I believe it is important to communicate to you, dear parish family, that we are alive and well at St. Christopher Catholic School and feel it is necessary following the recent news report of the restructuring of our diocesan schools and possible school closings. There were some incomplete details in the news that may cause some undue worry about the situation for our parish and school families. Our hearts are deeply saddened by this news as children and Catholic education are our advocacy. I just want to reassure you that St. Christopher Catholic School is one of our viable diocesan schools. No matter the outcome, we continue to thrive in distance learning and look forward as we plan our reopening when given the green light by the governor. With compassion, love, and our genuine St. Christopher spirit, we will open our arms and embrace any school families looking for a new Catholic school to call “home” as this situation unfolds. We are praying for a miracle to stop the closing of any of our diocesan schools, but we stand ready to tuck them into our loving care if they come to us. If you know of any of these families, please let them know we welcome them with the open arms of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Our Blessed Mother.

Please know I am offering a daily Rosary for our Blessed Mother’s help in this situation as she knows what we all need. As it is enrollment time, we are preparing lawn signs and lighted signs for major thoroughfares to promote St. Christopher Catholic School. If any parish families have businesses or know of properties that would allow us to place our registration signs, please contact Mrs. Kindred at nkindred@saintchris.org or myself at cpontrello@saintchris.org.

In Mary’s Mantle,

Dr. Camille Pontrello

MESSAGE FROM DEACON TOM

This year’s Ride for Roswell will take place from August 1st thru August 21st. This event is too important to cancel with the funds raised supporting Roswell’s cancer research and Covid-19 response. My daughter, Lisa, and I are riding for the 24th year in memory of my son, Russell. If you wish to donate to our team, please send a check made out to the Ride for Roswell to the St. Christopher Parish office. You can also donate on-line by accessing the Ride for Roswell web site, click donate, and type in one of our names. You may call me at 812-7609 for further information. Thank you for your support!

God Bless,

Deacon Tom
FAITH FACTS

THE APOSTLE ANDREW

The apostle Andrew was the brother of Simon Peter. Like the other apostles, Andrew eventually went out from Palestine to evangelize the world. He seems to have preached in Greece and in areas to the north and east of Greece.

It seems certain that he was crucified by the Romans at a town called Patrae in southern Greece. He was not nailed to the cross but bound, in order to increase his sufferings.

It is often thought that he died on the form of cross shown in the picture, but there is no hard evidence for this.

He died on November 30th, A.D. 60.

CODEBREAKER!

The sentence below is to be found in one of today’s readings. Can you break the code and write in the sentence? Here are two clues: K = A and S = I.

VSFO SX RKBWYXI KXN
ZOKMO KXN DRO QYN YP
VYFO KXN ZOKMO GSVV
LO GSDR IYE.

ANSWER

love and peace will be with you

Live in harmony and peace, and the God of

A PICTURE FOR YOU TO FINISH

READING EXODUS 34, 4-6. 8-9

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The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

READING 1

EX 34:4B-6, 8-9

Early in the morning Moses went up Mount Sinai as the LORD had commanded him, taking along the two stone tablets.

Having come down in a cloud, the LORD stood with Moses there and proclaimed his name, "LORD." Thus the LORD passed before him and cried out, "The LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." Moses at once bowed down to the ground in worship. Then he said, "If I find favor with you, O Lord, do come along in our company. This is indeed a stiff-necked people; yet pardon our wickedness and sins, and receive us as your own."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

DN 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56

R. (52b) Glory and praise for ever!

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever;
And blessed is your holy and glorious name, praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory, praiseworthy and glorious above all forever.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

Blessed are you who look into the depths from your throne upon the cherubim, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

READING 2

2 COR 13:11-13

Brothers and sisters, rejoice.
Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the holy ones greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

ALLELUIA

CF. RV 1:8

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

JN 3:16-18

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.
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