

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2017

5:00 PM *Vigil* Living Members of Drs. Memar and Shafieyan Families

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

MONDAY, JULY 10, 2017

8:30 AM Faye Lynch

TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2017

8:30 AM Faye Lynch

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2017

8:30 AM Bernie Gallagher

THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2017

8:30 AM Michael J. Stack, Jr.
(6th Anniversary) and
John Mulholland

FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2017

8:30 AM Charles Pulli

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2017

8:00 AM Robert Gilmore
5:00 PM *Vigil* Matthew Burg & Russ DeLarso
(Birthday Remembrance)

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

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

**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.

**St. Christopher
Elder Care Program**

Our Care Manager, Anna Kozlowska, educates older parishioners and their caregivers regarding the choices available to them and helps them navigate the complex world of government agencies, healthcare and general aging services. To learn more about The St. Christopher Elder Care Program and what it means to you, please call the St. Chris Parish Office at 215-673-5177 extension 36.

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.

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

GOD BLESS OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED
KELLAN EDWARD WEBB-SACKS

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

While I like to get a letter to you every week, sometimes there is not a whole lot of current stuff to share with you. In that light, let me put some perennial things about which you may have interest.

Low gluten hosts – for people who have been diagnosed with celiac disease, we have special Communion wafers which have just enough wheat starch (1/1000 of .1%) to make the host “valid matter.” These hosts have been approved by the celiac society for people with a celiac condition. Please make yourselves known to the priests and we will find a way to make sure the host you receive at Mass is one of these special ones. Please do not refrain from going to Holy Communion if this pertains to you. We can be very discreet about giving you a special host. About a half dozen of our current parishioners take these special hosts. We have had a few others who are no longer in the parish.

Sunday envelopes – We send Sunday envelopes out to all new parishioners and to current parishioners who use them regularly. By your use of Sunday envelopes, we are able to see that you are attending Mass regularly. This is important if you are ever called upon to get a letter of eligibility to be a godparent or Confirmation sponsor. In so large a parish as ours, we don't always know for sure who is at Mass each week. Regular use of Sunday envelopes is also important for our school families who seek the lower stewardship rate of tuition. We are encouraging *E-giving*. If you sign up for this, money is automatically transferred from your checking account to the Church. We would still like for you to use the envelope. Check the e-giving box on the empty envelope and place it in the collection basket. That way, we'll know you were at Church.

Burial wishes – It is particularly painful when devout parishioners pass away, and their children forgo a funeral Mass for their Mother or Father. Often, the adult children do not observe their faith, and they either don't bother to have a religious service for their deceased parent or they opt for a service at a funeral home instead of a Mass. Nowadays, you need to be crystal clear and be that way *in writing* to make sure your wishes are carried out. I sometimes tell the story of a parishioner with terminal cancer who literally dragged himself to Church each and every Sunday. When he died, his adult children did not schedule a Mass for him. I pleaded with them to give their Dad a Mass, but they declined. Instead, they had a funeral service at the funeral home which I conducted. Afterward, I went to the grave for the burial. When the man's body was buried, I returned to our Church and celebrated a funeral Mass for him in the empty Church. That way, the man's Christian funeral was complete – albeit in a different order than usual. So, make your wishes known and empower someone to carry them out.

I hope the above were helpful or at least interesting to you. Have a good week and enjoy your summer.

Sincerely in Christ,



**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

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.)

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Collection on July 1 & 2, 2017	\$18,886
<i>(includes \$3,291 from E-giving)</i>	
Collection on July 2 & 3, 2016	\$19,252

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

- PETER TREMPER
- CHRISTINE GEARTY
- JOANNE BRADLEY
- ALICE BRIGGS

Archbishop Ryan High School

Scholarship Prep Program

August 21-25, 2017

Session 1 8:30 to 11:30

Session 2 12:00 to 3:00

This program has been specifically designed for students in 8th grade in September 2017. Students from Catholic, public, and charter schools are eligible to register for the program. Seating is limited!

\$150 fee includes: 15 hours of classroom instruction, Practice materials, Math and verbal skills practice, Test taking strategies, Air conditioned classroom.

For more information contact:

Mrs. Pam McPeak '78, Admissions Director
215-637-1800 ext. 281 or

Admissions@ArchbishopRyan

Register online at ArchbishopRyan.com/SummerCamps

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

10th Annual Basketball Camp for boys and girls (ages 7-16) at St. Ephrem's air conditioned facility. 2 great weeks for only \$200 or one week for \$125, (July 24-28/July 31-Aug. 4), free Basketball & T-shirt. Under the direction of former College Coach, Dan Williams. More info: DanW1001@aol.com

Baseball Camp Sluggersville is conducting a Baseball Camp from July 10-14 at Thornton & Comly Roads (Palmer Playground) for ages 7 to 14. Times are 9am to 2pm. Cost is \$150 for the week. To register stop by Sluggersville at 9490 Blue Grass Road. Any questions or concerns, call 215-913-8852

Position Available: Full Charge Bookkeeper needed for a Parish in Northeast Philadelphia. This is a full time position. Applicant needs to be proficient in Quickbooks with knowledge of Accrual Accounting.

Send resume to clindsay@maternitybvm.net.

Calling All Archbishop Ryan High School Alums

Join us at the **Annual Ryan Shore Reunion** on Saturday, July 29th at Westy's Irish Pub, 101 E. Walnut Street in North Wildwood, NJ from 5:00 to 10:00 PM.

Cost is \$30 per person in advance/\$35 at the door. To purchase tickets, contact Terri Evans at 215.637.1800 ext.221 or Alumni@ArchbishopRyan.com

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: 215-671-8138

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!

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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 Martdt, Catherine Martin, Anna Marie McCreesh, Stephen McEntyre, Mary Lou McIlvain, Mike McKee, Mary McKeever, Medlin Family, Paul Martin, Raymond Moleski, Elizabeth Morris, Mary Lew Naderoski, 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 Quarter of the 2016-2017 School Year..

Archbishop Ryan High School

The following students ranked in the top ten of their respective classes:

- Senior:** Mary Grace Berchick ranked number 9
- Junior:** Katie Elizabeth Rogers ranked number 10
- Sophomore:** Ava R. Brakoniecki ranked number 3

First Honors

- Senior:** Mary Grace Berchick, Patrick K. DeTreu, Amanda M. Hearn
- Junior:** Amber Marie Fanelli, Delaney McDonnell, Katie Elizabeth Rogers, Julia Paige Wilson
- Sophomore:** Ava R. Brakoniecki, Peter Marcellino

Second Honors

- Senior:** Kristen Theresa Findlay, Jettaka R. McWilliams, Emily Mulvenna, Hayley S. Retter, Brendan P. Ruskowski
- Junior:** Grace E. Camillo, Kaylie A. Jurgelewicz, Erica L. Wagner
- Sophomore:** Colleen M. Dean, Lauren McDonnell, Tierney A. McGinley, Olivia M. Simmons
- Freshman:** Emme A. McDonough, Sophia R. Smargissi

Father Judge High School

The following students ranked in the top ten of their respective classes:

- Junior:** Antonio J. Pfleegor ranked number 8
- Freshman:** Brendan P. McLernan ranked number 4

First Honors

- Junior:** Michael B. Campellone
- Freshman:** Brendan P. McLernan

Second Honors

- Senior:** Thomas J. Ferry, Daniel D. Quigley
- Junior:** Brian N. Egolf, Antonio J. Pfleegor
- Sophomore:** Tyler M. Donnelly
- Freshman:** Nicholas G. Schmid, Daniel J. Wildonger