

# St. Christopher Church

*Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Pastors' Desk*

## **Christian Hope**

*We all have dreams and hopes. Yet, we have no guarantee that all we hope for and dream will come to pass in this life. We might find ourselves disappointed, crushed, even despairing. Not so with Christian Hope.*

*Christian hope is grounded in God. It is a solid trust that God's promises of the kingdom will be fulfilled. We base our conviction on what God has already done for us. God's forgiving and reconciling love was manifested in Christ, for all. It is a communal hope based on God's covenant and expressed in our own work of reconciliation. Hope—directed to the future—bridges the imperfect unfulfilled reality of the now and the kingdom of holiness and wholeness yet to come. Christian hope is pure gift, a gift of the Spirit that motivates us to imagine and live our lives of faith more vividly and more deeply.*

*Pope Francis said: "Today amid so much darkness we need to see the light of Hope".*

### **Weekly Collections**

<i>Last week</i>	\$ 8,916.00
<i>(Online Giving \$745.00 included)</i>	
<i>Project Faith</i>	\$ 1,710.00
<i>Last year</i>	\$ 9,343.00

*Thank you for your generosity!  
Attendance for last week – 799*

### **Sunday**

Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

### **Monday**

Col 1:24—2:3; Lk 6:6-11

### **Tuesday**

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

### **Wednesday**

Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26

### **Thursday**

Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38

### **Friday**

1 Tm 1:1-2; 12-14; Lk 6:39-42

### **Saturday**

1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49

### **First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a**

*Isaiah tells the people to be strong and unafraid. God will save his people, and the blind will see, the deaf will hear, and the lame will walk. Streams will come forth in the desert, the sandy ground will become springs of water.*

### **Second Reading: James 2:1-5**

*James encourages the people to never show favoritism. He discusses an usher who escorted a rich man to the best seat, while ignoring a poor man. God chose poor people to be rich in faith, so we should never judge people by their riches.*

### **Gospel: Mark 7:31-37**

*Some people brought a deaf man who could not speak to Jesus and begged him to lay his hand on the man. Jesus opened the man's ears and cured his speech impediment. He ordered the people not to tell anyone, but they were too amazed to keep this to themselves.*

### **Prayer of the Day**

#### **A Prayer for One's Calling**

Jesus, Divine Caller of vocations, You invite some to chosen professions, Others to distinctive spiritual work! Your call may reflect one's ambitions, Or may be a command to a special calling. Inspire me to always know within my heart, What particular type of work is fitting to do Your will at that particular time. Your many callings vary immensely. They are all reflections of Your Holiness. Thank you for my heavenly calling and for maintaining the vocation of Your choice!



## Masses

### Saturday, September 5th

8:30 am Angelina, Rocco & Danny Cifelli  
5:00 pm Robert Krickus  
Joselito Navalta

### Sunday, September 6th

7:00 am Sophie Szucs  
8:00 am Thomas J. Cook  
9:15 am Rose & Nicholas DiVincenzo  
Robert Haynes  
William Strohmeier  
10:45 am The Bilotti Family  
Victoria Denard

12:15 pm John & Mamie Sileo

### Monday, September 7th Labor Day

10:00 am Raymond G. Leonard

### Tuesday, September 8th

7:00 am Sharon Kavanaugh  
12:05 pm Richard Moore

### Wednesday, September 9th

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish  
12:05 pm Richard Moore

### Thursday, September 10th

7:00 am Roseanne & Gerald Mancuso  
12:05 pm Special Intentions for  
Josephine McLean  
Natividad Reyes Lopez  
Joseph Burns 5th Anniversary

### Friday, September 11th

7:00 am Maria Theresa C. Santillan  
12:05 pm Richard Moore

### Saturday, September 12th

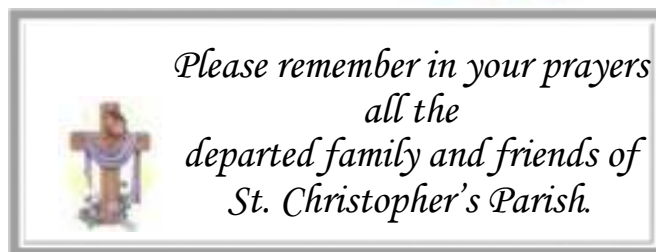
8:30 am Anita, Anthony & Joseph Natoli  
5:00 pm Edna Laudati  
Frank Sayford

### Sunday, September 13th

7:00 am John Halbig, Sr.  
8:00 am Edward Gunderson  
Special Intentions for Korbin Horn  
9:15 am Bertha Theresa Blong  
10:45 am Jean L. Kelly  
12:15 pm Hilda & Arnold Passerini  
Arnold Trauth



*The Living Flame for the  
Sanctuary Light will be  
In Memory of  
Deacon John Kelly  
for the month of  
September, 2015*



*Please remember in your prayers  
all the  
departed family and friends of  
St. Christopher's Parish.*

## Religious Education

*If you have any questions concerning our CCD program,  
please call Mary Ann Jacisin in the CCD office at (973)  
539-6208.*

## Baptism

*Our next **Baptism preparation meeting** will be on  
September 14th @ 7:00 pm in room 101. Please call  
the rectory to enroll and for any other information  
you may require.*

## Meditations

*There is a lot of talk in our country about discrimina-  
tion in relation to race, sex, or religion. However, we  
are all guilty of discrimination in ways that often go  
unnoticed. We treat people differently because of the  
way they talk or dress. We want those we respect to  
like us and go out of our way to be nice to them while  
ignoring those we feel are "beneath" us. This is dis-  
crimination. It is passing judgement on those we have  
decided are not worthy of our time, attention, and  
respect. Make an effort to treat everyone you meet  
with the reverence and respect that you would give to  
Christ.*

**Your faith in our Lord Jesus Christ glorified  
must not allow of favoritism.**

**-James 2:1**

## SEPTEMBER 7TH –

### LABOR DAY

**THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL MASS AT  
10:00 AM.**

**\*RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED**

**\*NO 7:00 AM AND NO 7:30 PM MASSES  
ON THAT DAY**



# Parish Activities...

## Coffee and Class- Morning & Evening Adult Education

**Men's Group – Issac Jogues Society** - Meets on the second Wednesday of every month from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm, in room 101 in the school. Our Mission Statement is: "Life as a Catholic Man – A Truly Catholic and Spiritual Way of Life".

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\***Monday mornings** in room 110 in the school, from 10:30 am to 11:45 am followed by the 12:05 pm Mass  
New topic for September: Protestant Reformation & The Council of Trent.

\***Thursday mornings at 10:30 am** in room 110 in the school, new topic: The Book of Revelation.

### St. Christopher Women's Book Club

Hello all!!! Its that time again.. Our book club is back from vacation! Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 8th at 7:15 pm in room 101. We will be discussing our summer readings and adventures:) and we will be picking our next book. We hope to see you there.. New members are always welcome!



**St. Christopher's Pre-Cana Program** For more information please call the rectory at 973-539-7050.



Come play Bingo with one of the best groups in town. Great food, great prizes (\$1000 worth of prizes with two 50/50).

You are sure to want to return and play every **Wednesday at 11:30 am in the St. Christopher All Purpose Room.**



**St. Christopher's Prayer Group**  
*Tuesday, September 8th at 10:30 am & Wednesday, September 9th at 7:00 pm*

Remember, Pray the Rosary every Monday – Friday after the 12:05 pm Mass. Novena & Rosary @ 7:00 pm followed by Mass at 7:30 pm every Monday at St. Christopher.

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**Jr. Choir practices** every **Thursday** from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm and they will sing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month at 9:15 am Mass. Contact Therese Steinel at 973-299-7977 for more information.



**St. Christopher is hosting the 2000 Hail Mary Devotion, to our Blessed Virgin Mary, every First Saturday of every month.** Please join us on Saturday, September 5th at the first floor of the Second Hand Rose Thrift Shop; stop by for an hour or the day, you are all most needed and welcomed anytime between 10:00 am and 6:00 pm. **Bring a Snack!** For details call Josie Mendez (973) 887-7835 or Jeanette East (973) 334-8766.

**St. Christopher's Senior Social Club** is a club to have fun and socialize. They will meet at the Community Center, at 1130 Knoll Road, Lake Hiawatha, NJ. on September 18th. **Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa.** on September 7th, only this first Monday in September. Will return to the second Monday of the month in October. Bus leaves St. Christopher's parking lot at 9:15 AM. For information call John Mola at 973-335-8947.

If you wish to learn more about the St. Christopher's Senior Social Club, please call either John Mola at 973-335-8947, or Anne Purcaro at 973-887-5186.

**Martha & Mary Society** - This is a group of dedicated women who maintain and decorate the Church throughout the year.

**Saints Peter & Paul Society** – As a companion to our Martha & Mary Society, this group handles all the handy man activities both inside & outside of the Church. *These two groups meet every Saturday at 9:00 am in the Church. All are welcome.*

**Catholic War Veterans of America - Parsippany Chapter - Named: Chaplain (Major) Charles Joseph Watters, USA Post 1967** –CWV will meet on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm in room 101 at the school.

**The N.J. State Commander Of the Catholic War Veterans, Commander Tony Moskol, will be holding his State Department meeting this month at St. Christopher Church on September 13th at 1:00 pm. Lunch will be served. This meeting is only for Catholic War Veterans, but all Catholic Veterans welcome.**

### The Pope Francis Society

Our new program to help Hope House Food Pantry, a program of Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Paterson, which in turn helps those in need. The food box will be in the entrance of the Church. **Mission statement:**

**"If you love me, feed me".**

**List #1** - Peanut butter, pasta, spaghetti sauce, juice, canned corn, baking mixes, mustard, ketchup, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, toothpaste, deodorant.

**For more information contact the rectory and speak to Fr. Joe.**

## Opening of Religious Education

Religious Education will begin on September 20th with our Opening Liturgy at 9:15 am. All students and their families are invited to attend. Classes will begin immediately after Mass.

### St. Paul Inside the Walls...

For programs and events and to register visit [www.insidethewalls.org](http://www.insidethewalls.org) or call (973) 437-9741

## Mega 50/50 Raffle

This raffle is coming to an end. We will be drawing the numbers on Sunday, September 13th. Right now we have sold 469 numbers with \$11,725.00 collected. There is still time to purchase tickets.

Sept. 12th & 13th	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	The Lally Family	M. Downing P. Allocca L. Asea K. Lucibello	J. Colleran
7:00 am	M. & A. Memoli	B. Carroll	C. Mosiello
8:00 am	M. Morales C. Chambers J. Suma	K. Anderson J. Mucerino L. Scangarella	J. Lucibello
9:15 am	C. & C. Berardo G. Harris	P. & K. Berardo C. Callahan M. Cupo	M. Floro
10:45 am	S. Arcilla B. & E. Hollinghurst	R. Arcilla D. & S. Kaschalk <b>Visit: A. Malsbury J. Mendez E. Montefusco</b>	M. Montefusco
12:15 pm	The Przyhocki Family	J. Alfonso R. Lang B. Lyons R. Parks	J. East

**Compassionate Friends** - a self help group for bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, September 10th at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany, NJ at 7:30 pm in room 101. Program: Dealing with guilt, anger, regret. For more information please call Kathy Farrell at 973-335-9389.

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**Knights of Columbus Council 514** is holding a Tricky Tray on Friday, September 11th at St. Clements Church, 154 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Rockaway, NJ. Doors open at 6:00 pm. For more information and reservation call Russ Hardy at (973) 769-9389.

**Dedication of Memorial to the Unborn** - will take place on September 14th at 7:00 pm at the Memorial. All are invited.

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**Morris Catholic High School** - College Night will be on Thursday, September 24th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at 200 Morris Ave., Denville, NJ. For more information call 973-627-6674

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**Mount Saint Dominic** - Open house for 7th & 8th grade girls and families on September 27th and October 18th at 1:30 pm at 3 Ryerson Ave., Caldwell, NJ. For more information call 973-226-0660.

## St. Christopher's Web Site

Our new web site is up and running. We apologize for the delay. We are using a company sponsored by our Diocese, and hopefully we will not encounter any other delays along the way, but if in any case we do please bear with us, we will do our best to solve it quickly. The site will continuously be updated with new information, stay tuned.

If you have any questions or need assistance accessing our web page, you can contact the rectory we will help you in any way we can.

**Our new web address is :**  
**[www.stchristopherparsippany.org](http://www.stchristopherparsippany.org)**

# SAINT CHRISTOPHER CHURCH

## 6th Annual Mega 50/50 Raffle

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**CASH PRIZES DISTRIBUTED LAST YEAR:      \$6,475.00**

**\$25.00 PER SHARE**

**THREE (3) WINNERS**

**1<sup>st</sup> WINNER - 25% OF GROSS PROCEEDS**

**2<sup>nd</sup> WINNER - 20% OF GROSS PROCEEDS**

**3<sup>rd</sup> WINNER - 5% OF GROSS PROCEEDS**

Please join us for the drawing on September 13<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 pm in the all-purpose room; refreshments will be served. Winners do not have to be present.

**This year, the entire 50/50 raffle profit will go to the repair of the parking lot.**

“No substitution of the prizes may be made”.

Please print when filling out form.

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Mega 50/50 ticket # \_\_\_\_\_  
NJ LGCCC identification #375-01-0914

St. Christopher Parish  
Municipal #RL1143

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_



# Saint Christopher's Family Picnic

Date: October 3, 2015

Time: 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Ending with outside Mass at 5:00 pm



We will supply & cook hamburgers & hotdogs, rolls, paper goods, as well as delicious watermelon for dessert.

We ask that you please bring a side dish to share (ex: macaroni salad, potato salad, green salad, baked beans, corn, etc.). Also bring a lawn chair or blanket for your family to sit.

*\*There will be games for the children\**

Please fill out and return the bottom portion of this flyer so we can have an accurate headcount. You can drop it in the collection basket, drop it off at the rectory or even mail back to us.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Last)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults attending \_\_\_\_\_ Number of children attending \_\_\_\_\_

## Announcing the 2015 Public Square Rosary Crusade at St. Christopher Church on October 10<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 pm

America is at a historic crossroad. Secularists are trying to push God from the public square. They reject His beneficial action upon society. But without God, where will our leaders get the wisdom to solve the great problems we face?

We must stop the secularist advance and pray to God for help. He will hear us, if we pray through the intercession of His Blessed Mother. That's why we're launching the 2015 Public Square Rosary Crusade.

In *The Secret of the Rosary*, Saint Louis de Montfort said: "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering."

For more information contact Catherine A. Kelly at 973-386-1346

Coordinated nationally by Tradition, Family and Property  
and its America Needs Fatima campaign  
For questions or comments, e-mail us at  
[ANFRosaryRally@aol.com](mailto:ANFRosaryRally@aol.com)  
Visit our website at [www.ANF.org](http://www.ANF.org)  
1-866-584-6012

# Family Roller Skating Party

## Sponsored by Saint Christopher Church

Where: Florham Park Roller Rink  
192 Ridgedale Ave.  
Florham Park, NJ  
973-377-0465

When: Sunday, September 27, 2015



Time: 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Cost: \$3.50 for skate rental, if you do not have your own

Who can come: Anyone associated with Saint

Christopher's Parish Family is welcome

**\*\*\*Remember, all children must be accompanied  
by an ADULT FAMILY MEMBER \*\*\***

Snack Bar Available at your own cost

No R.S.V.P. needed, just show up!!!

We have reserved the entire roller rink for our  
families

Come Join us!



# Diocesan Commission for Catholic Filipino Ministries

## DCCFM

is celebrating Filipino Saints



*San Lorenzo Ruiz*

*San Pedro Calungsod*

*"Pamilyang Pilipino Nagkakaisa kay Kristo"*

*(Filipino Family United with Christ)*

*Our Lady of the Valley Church*

630 Valley Rd., Wayne, NJ 07470

September 19, 2015, Saturday

12:30pm Rosary & Novena

1:00pm Holy Mass

Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S. L., D. D.

Bishop, Diocese of Paterson

Principal Celebrant

FELLOWSHIP follows immediately in the Parish Hall

For more information, please contact Jeanette East @ 973-334-8766

"Filipiniana Attire is encouraged".