

St. Christopher Church

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastors' Desk

Steps Towards Forgiveness

How do we forgive? How can we be set free from the power of our anger and not let ourselves become better persons?

To not forgive is like trying to get rid of a pesky rat by drinking rat poison and then waiting for the rat to die. The rat will be just fine. We die.

As I see it, the three steps for forgiveness are:

- 1. We make an act of the will and choose it.*
- 2. We surrender it to God.*
- 3. We do steps one and two again and again.*

The reason Jesus said we must forgive 70 x 7 times is not necessarily because there are that many transgressions, but because we often feel anger again and again over the same wrong.

Forgiveness is essential to our souls. The process is not easy. But it is the path to a meaningful and joy filled life. Forgiveness will truly set us free.

Merciful God, you call me to forgive, but you will not force me. You made me free. Help me surrender to your wisdom. Give me a heart like yours.

Sunday

Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Monday

1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday

1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday

1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12

Friday

1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21

Weekly Collections

First Collection \$ 12,110.00

(including Online Giving \$ 765.00)

Project Faith \$ 1,911.00

Last Weeks Collection \$13,510.00

Attendance for last week 844

Thank you for your generosity!



First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Isaiah prophesizes that Jerusalem will again be held in high esteem by God. He states that all nations will witness its glory. He compares a groom's joy toward his bride to the joy that God will feel toward Jerusalem.

Second Reading: I Corinthians 12:4-11

Paul discusses the different gifts and talents bestowed upon different individuals. He explains that each individual receives various talents so that everyone can contribute something to society.

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Jesus and Mary attended a wedding where Mary informed Jesus that there was no more wine. At first he said it did not concern him, but then he turned several jugs of water into wine. His disciples were also present, and believed in him more strongly after they witnessed the first sign of glory he revealed to them.

Masses

Saturday, January 16th

8:30 am Eleanor Mary Shenuski
5:00 pm Martha Riley

Sunday, January 17th

7:00 am Robert Renaudette
8:00 am All Deceased Members of the Parish
9:15 am All Deceased Members of the Parish
10:45 am George Naseef
12:15 pm Col. Paul A. Kelly

Monday, January 18th

7:00 am Special Intentions for Healing
12:05 pm Deceased Ubiera Family Members
7:30 pm Grace Buffardi

Tuesday, January 19th

7:00 am Stephen F. Martino
12:05 pm John Zimmer

Wednesday, January 20th

7:00 am Frank Tampany
12:05 pm Rose & Nicholas DiVincenzo

Thursday, January 21st

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish
12:05 pm Tommy Farrell

Friday, January 22nd

7:00 am Special Intentions for the Vilorio-Hazim Family
12:05 pm Deceased Members of the Parish

Saturday, January 23rd

8:30 am Special Intentions for Healing
5:00 pm Martha Riley

Sunday, January 24th

7:00 am Robert Renaudette
8:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish
9:15 am Domenica Capozzi
10:45 am George Naseef
12:15 pm Deceased Members of the Trinidad Family

The Living Flame for the
Sanctuary Light will be
in Memory of
Col. Paul A. Kelly
for the month of January 2016



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 February 8th @ 7:00 pm in room 101. Please call the rectory to enroll and for any other information you may require.*

Meditations

Paul reminds the Corinthians that while there are many gifts there is the same Spirit. Each of us has been given a gift - a manifestation of the Spirit - that has been entrusted to us to use for the common good. What gift have you been given? Your gifts may not be ones that are readily acknowledged by society, like being a great actor or teacher or athlete. They may be more "hidden" or unnamed. There is the gift of hospitality - making people feel at ease. The confident who people can share their hopes and fears with. It may be a knack for cooking or sewing or working with children. Think about the things you are good at - things other people think you do well. These are your gifts. How are you using your gifts for the benefit of others?

You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the Lord, a royal diadem held by your God.

-Isaiah 62:3



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: *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

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 2nd at 7:15 pm in room 110. **Next book selection:** The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd

We hope to see you at our next meeting, even if you just want to stop by and see what we are all about, no obligations just drop by :)

New members are always welcome!

Check our website for a brief synopsis of our book club selection .. www.stchristopherparsippany.org



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 Pre-Cana Program For more information please call the rectory at 973-539-7050.

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St. Christopher's Prayer Group

Tuesday, January 19th at 10:30 am
Wednesday, January 20th 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.



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

St. Christopher's Senior Social Club is a club to have fun and socialize. The meeting will be at the Community Center, at 1130 Knoll Road, Lake Hiawatha, N.J. Dates for February will be announced shortly.

Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa. Bus leaves St. Christopher's parking lot at 9:15 AM. Dates will be announced shortly. 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.

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, February 6th 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.

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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 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 #3 - Pancake mix, pancake syrup, tea, coffee (ground or instant), soup, rice, canned beans (Any variety) jelly, macaroni & cheese, side dishes (rice a roni, pasta sides, etc)

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

20 Week Club -

The winners of this week's 20 week club drawing:

#28 Jean & Kevin Istok

Congratulations!

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St. Paul Inside the Walls...

For programs and events and to register visit www.insidethewalls.org or call (973) 437-9741

Third Annual Catholic Trivia Super Bowl

Build your own five-person team and tackle multiple-choice questions on the Catholic Faith! Rules: Only one priest, religious brother/sister, or theologian allowed per team. Cost: \$25.00 per team in advance, \$30.00 at the door.

Madison, Saturday, January 30 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Being Single, Being Faithful (35+)

Whether single by choice or by circumstance, we must live every "single" day to the fullest. We can find fulfillment in Christ and his Church by embracing the opportunities in the Church for spiritual growth, meaningful service and a sense of community.

Madison, Saturday, February 6 from 10:00 a.m.-noon

The God of Mercy: A Biblical Understanding of Mercy in the Old and New Testament

What is the biblical understanding of wrath, anger and mercy and how do we reconcile the idea of God's wrath along with his infinite mercy for his children? Allan Wright, presenter.

Madison, Monday and Tuesday, February 8 and 9 from 10:00-11:30 a.m.

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"Step into the chapel and adore in the Most Blessed Sacrament, My Heart, which is full of mercy. Come to Me, all of you." (Jesus to St. Faustina)

The Perpetual Adoration Chapel at St. Peters Church in Parsippany, is open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. Step into the chapel, visit or sign up as an adorer or substitute. Call Kim (973-402-1289)

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Bishops Annual Appeal 2016

Serving Christ Among us.

If you have not yet responded to the 2015 Bishops Annual Appeal, there is still time to do so as the 2015 Appeal funds are used to support ministries and programs through the end of the diocesan fiscal year on June 30, 2016. Your gift is a great blessing and valued so we can serve Christ by serving his people.

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Dominican College located in Ogdensburg, N.Y. is hosting an open house for High School and Transfer Students and their families on Saturday, January 23rd at 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. The event will be held in the Hennessey Center. Please RSVP by going to www.dc.edu/register.

Jan. 30th & 31st	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	The Lally Family	C. Hendriks A. Calabrese P. Alloca M. Long	K. Lucibello
7:00 am	The Rozanitis Family	B. Carroll	M. Montefusco
8:00 am	C. Ocker I. Imperati C. Dumapit	N. Gordon P. Luther C. Ocker	M. Dumapit
9:15 am	The Przyhocki Family	M. & M. D'Ambrosa S. DeMaio R. DiMaggio	A. Apro
10:45 am	T. & A. Pactwa Dan De-LaEspriella	B. Pactwa Visit: J. Hoffman J. & L. Reinke	J. Cannoveno
12:15 pm	J. & J. Jacob J. Vadakkedam	S. Capozzi M. Pasuco C. Rogers C. Walsh	B. East

"ASA Angels" at All Saints Academy

Did you know that there are "angels" at All Saints Academy? Our *ASA Angel Fund* provides scholarships as well as assistance for families in need due to temporary financial setbacks. Our program seeks financial support from the school community, as well as the community at large, to help with the current and future needs of school families. At times, a family may need to leave our school because of an unexpected, economic concern. Through generous donations, students may continue their Catholic education at All Saints Academy. Our hope is that those who cannot pay now will "pay it forward" when they have the opportunity. Donations for full or partial scholarships are now being accepted.

Please contact our school office to schedule an appointment to visit us and tour our school. All Saints Academy is a nationally recognized STEM school of the Diocese of Paterson. Our school offers a comprehensive, multi-curricular, rigorous academic program, centered on values-based education. A strong and loving Catholic identity permeates the environment. A spirit of faith, respect and joy are evident in our school. In addition to religious instruction, students model Christian ideals through cooperative activities, spiritual and liturgical celebrations, participation in Sacraments, and service outreach. An active parent organization lends partnership and support to the school community. The Early Childhood Center offers classes for three and four year old children. The elementary and middle school classes include kindergarten through grade eight. Contact our school principal, Mrs. Judy Berg, at 973-334-4704, to schedule a tour and classroom visit.



*Family Square Dance at
St. Christopher*

**In the All Purpose Room on February 19, 2016
from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm**

Fun for the whole family,
ages 5 to adult.

Knowledge of Square Dance is not necessary
All steps will be taught and demonstrated.

Our caller will be Susan Kassab
** wear comfortable shoes**

Holy Week 2016

Lenten Penance Service
Wednesday, March 16th at
7:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday Masses
Vigil, March 19th at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 20th at 7:00 a.m.,
8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

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Holy Week Masses

March 21st
7:00 a.m., 12:05p.m., & 7:30 p.m.

March 22nd & March 23rd
7:00 a.m. & 12:05p.m.

Holy Thursday, March 24th
7:00 p.m. Mass of the Last Supper

Good Friday, March 25th
3:00 p.m. – Passion of the Lord
7:00 p.m. – Living Stations

Holy Saturday, March 26th
11:30 a.m. – Blessing of the Food
7:00 p.m. – The Easter Vigil
(No 5:00 p.m. Mass)

Easter Sunday – March 27th
Masses: 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m.,
10:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

FISH AND CHIPS DINNER

CATERED BY THE FAMOUS ARGYLE'S RESTAURANT, Kearny, NJ

WHEN: Friday, February 12, 2016

WHERE: Saint Christopher's All Purpose Room

TIME: 5:30pm-7:30pm **EAT-IN ONLY** (No Seating till 5:30)

5:00pm-7:00pm **TAKE-OUT ONLY**

PRICE: **\$15.00** per person/Senior Citizens **\$13.00** per person

*Children's meal will be available at a cost of **\$8.00 per child.***

Children may choose Mozzarella Sticks, Chicken Fingers, or Fish (all served with fries).

Come join us for a delicious dinner of fish and chips in the All Purpose Room, or, if you prefer, you can place an order for "take out". Either way, you will receive a generous portion of fresh fish, French fries, and Cole slaw.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Number of dinners (please specify below):

\$15.00 (Adult) _____

\$13.00 (Senior) _____

\$8.00 (Child) Fish _____ Chicken _____ Mozz Stix _____

Total Due: \$ _____

Eat In: _____ Take Out (pick-up time): _____

Checks can be made payable to: Saint Christopher Church

Questions?? Feel free to contact the rectory at 973-539-7050

between 10am / 4pm daily or email Jean at jekev3@yahoo.com.

“Make a Difference Monday”
January 25th at



*Fresh, Creative Italian Cuisine
in a Warm, Welcoming Setting - - BYOB*

136 Baldwin Road – Parsippany

Baldwin Plaza

Lunch 11:30am – 2:30pm

Dinner 5 – 8 pm

Take Out Lunch/Dinner

973-316-0088

Reservations Recommended



**Enjoy a fabulous meal and
Gourmet Cafe will donate
10% of sales to
All Saints Academy**