

# St. Christopher Church

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastors' Desk

## **The Grace to Forgive**

To forgive does not mean to act like no wrong was done. When we forgive, we are not saying that what that other person did or didn't do was ok. It is not forgiveness if we don't think there is any wrong. Many people don't forgive because they wrongly think that means they would be saying that what the other person did was ok. NO. Nor does forgiveness mean we have to stay in a situation where we will be wronged again and again. We are not meant to live in abusive situations. Sometimes, abusers will try to manipulate the other to make him or her stay in an abusive situation by making statements like: "The Bible says we must forgive" or "Aren't you a Christian?" or whatever. No, we need to set boundaries. And sometimes forgiveness means we need to step away from someone.

Jesus knows that forgiveness is tremendously difficult. Jesus also knows the damage of not forgiving is terrible. You and I will never know the freedom and joy that God wants for our lives unless we do the hard work of forgiveness.

**Mathew 18:33** "Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?"

### **Sunday**

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13; Lk 4:21-30

### **Monday**

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20

### **Tuesday**

Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

### **Wednesday**

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6

### **Thursday**

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13

### **First Friday**

Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29

### **First Saturday**

1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34

## Weekly Collections

First collection \$ 4,040.00  
(including online giving \$ 765.00)

Last years collection \$ 10,036.00

Attendance for last week 232

Thank you for your generosity!

## **First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19**

God tells Jeremiah that he was chosen to be a prophet to the nations before he had even been born. He also promises him strength and protection, providing Jeremiah does as God asks.

## **Second Reading: I Corinthians 12:31—13:13**

Paul discusses the importance of love and claims that one who possesses any gift, but lacks love, has nothing. He explains that true love never fails, although knowledge or other talents can fail to endure in the same manner. Paul says that three things last: faith, hope, and love, the greatest of these being love."

## **Gospel: Luke 4:21-30**

Jesus spoke in the synagogue at Nazareth, at first appealing to all who were present. But he knew that they would be expecting him to do the things he had already done in other towns. He reminded them of other prophets who had preached and gained acceptance in foreign places instead of their home towns. This angered the people, who expelled him from town.

## Masses

### Saturday, January 30th

8:30 am Fernando DeRosa  
5:00 pm Edna Laudati

### Sunday, January 31st

7:00 am Robert Renaudette  
8:00 am Ralph Mucerino  
9:15 am All Deceased Members of the Parish  
10:45 am George Naseef  
12:15 pm Dennis Coari  
Arnold Trauth  
George Sutton  
Special Intentions for Joline Azril

### Monday, February 1st

7:00 am Special Intentions for Baby Sasha  
12:05 pm Grace & Anne Scannella  
7:30 pm Enrico Ferrera

### Tuesday, February 2nd

7:00 am Msgr. Frank B. Ferraioli  
12:05 pm Frank Calabria

### Wednesday, February 3rd

7:00 am Scott Pallotta  
12:05 pm Dominic & Clem Christiano

### Thursday, February 4th

7:00 am Special Intentions for Master Ryan  
12:05 pm Enrico Ferrera  
Robert Wald

### Friday, February 5th

7:00 am Fred & Catherine Corcoran  
12:05 pm David J. Schappell

### Saturday, February 6th

8:30 am Joseph Goffredo  
5:00 pm Catherine Cutrone

### Sunday, February 7th

7:00 am Robert Renaudette  
8:00 am Clarence, Minnie & Craig Hall  
9:15 am All Deceased Members of the Parish  
10:45 am Eleanor & Eugene Garzone  
George Naseef  
12:15 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish

The Living Flame for the  
Sanctuary Light will be  
in Memory of  
**Anthony Bilotti**  
for the month of February 2016



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

*Helen K. Patella & Linda Sweeny*

### *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.*

*Please welcome into our family of faith  
**Lucas A. Rosado & Grayson R. Santillan,**  
who received the holy sacrament of Baptism.*

### *Meditations*

*There are in the end three things that last: faith, hope, and love, and the greatest of these is love.*

- 1 Corinthians 13:13



*No matter what our gifts and abilities, no matter how others may praise and appreciate them, they are worthless if we lack love. Love is not an emotion that rises and falls with the changing winds. Love is a choice we make on how to treat others. Love demands that we put the needs of others before our own, that we respect them and forgive them. How well do you love others? Do you make an effort to treat others with respect and kindness? What can you do to become more aware of the needs of those around you? Ask the Spirit to help you become a reflection of God's love to all you meet.*



# 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.*

**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 or Karen Blunt at 973-887-1989 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. on February 5th & 19th at 11:00 am.

**Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa.** Bus leaves St. Christopher's parking lot at 9:15 am. On February 8th. 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 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](http://www.stchristopherparsippany.org)*

**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.*



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.**

**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.



**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, February 2nd at 10:30 am**

**Wednesday, February 3rd 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.

## 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 winner of this week's 20 week club drawing (4th Winner):

#491 Gary Gluen  
**Congratulations!**

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### 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

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Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports Catholic organizations that provide affordable shelter and training for seminarians in a region that still struggles from the effects of soviet rule. By providing pastoral care, catechesis, and funding for building renovations, your donations help restore the Church and build the future in the region. Please give generously to the collection next week. Visit [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee).

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### The Women's Society

Due to the absence of some officers of St. Christopher's Women's Society the meeting for Monday, February 1st has been canceled. The next scheduled meeting will be on March 7th at 8:00 pm.

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**The Compassionate Friends**, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, February 11th, at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany, at 7:30 pm in room 101. **Program:** "Valentines Day With A Broken Heart". Come and let us help each other learn how to begin again. For more information please call Lily Capriglione at 973-568-4164.

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### Mark Your Calendar

St. Ann's Parish invites you to this year's Lenten Mission "The Year of Mercy" which will be held on three consecutive Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM. On February 16th Father Joseph Garbarino, who is well versed in scripture and has a keen sense of humor, will present "Compassion on the Journey." Fr. Joe is the pastor of St. Philip the Apostle Parish, Clifton. Father John Andrew Connell will be the presenter on February 23rd. His talk will be "Journey to Mercy" reflecting on the gospel of Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32. Fr. Connell is retired and was the former pastor of Resurrection Parish, Randolph. He has given numerous retreats and missions throughout NJ and other states. The final presenter on March 1st is Fr. Paul Manning who will speak on "His Mercy Endures Forever" Fr. Paul is the Executive Director of St. Paul Inside the Walls and Vicar for Evangelization for the Paterson Diocese. For additional information call 973-884-1986.

Feb. 6th & 7th	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	The DeNino Family	M. Gelosa J. Lipuma J. & M. Davies	C. Lipuma
7:00 am	R. Meigs I. Lalo	B. Carroll	C. Ramoncionis
8:00 am	M. Morales M. & A. Memoli	K. Anderson C. Uy N. Gordon	M. Floro
9:15 am	C. & C. Berardo K. Gaydo	K. & P. Berardo C. Callahan M. Cupo	J. Ratcliffe
10:45 am	The Rankel Family	K. Lucibello <b>Visit:</b> <b>L. Eckel</b> <b>A. Malsbury</b> <b>C. Brown</b>	C. Mosiello
12:15 pm	I. Perez N. & K. Hardy	R. & L. Polanski T. & J. Racioppi	A. Bilotti

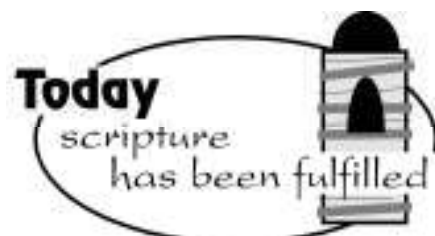


### All Saints Academy Corner

All Saints Academy will participate in Catholic Schools Week from January 31st to February 5th with many fun and educational activities that celebrate our community and spirit. All Saints will host an Open House for current and incoming families, as well as parishioners, on Tuesday, February 2nd, 9 am - 6 pm. Information regarding enrollment for the 2016-17 school year will be available. Please contact the school office at 973-334-4704 to register for an Open House visit.

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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).



# ***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.

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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](mailto:jekev3@yahoo.com)***



*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\*\*

# **The Joy of Mercy - Forgiving and Forgiven**

## **The Season of Lent 2016**

### **I. Stations of the Cross**

Every Friday Night during Lent – 7:00 pm

### **II. Monday Evening Lent Series – 7:30 pm**

Our Catholic Symbol, a rich spiritual heritage

a. February 15<sup>th</sup> Lent: Symbols of the Holy Spirit

b. February 22<sup>nd</sup> Symbols of Faith: contradictory or complimentary

c. February 29<sup>th</sup> Symbols of a Church, our home of faith

d. March 7<sup>th</sup> Symbolic persons from Scripture

e. March 14<sup>th</sup> Symbols of the Easter Vigil: Plunge into the presence of God

### **III. Welcome Home, Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Monday evenings during Lent – 7:00 pm, to 8:15 pm

### **IV. Lenten Anointing Mass**

February 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am

### **V. Lenten Dinner & Movie ( Molokai)**

March 3<sup>rd</sup> Dinner 6:30 pm

Movie 7:00 pm

### **VI. Lenten Penance Service**

March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

# Holy Week 2016

**Lenten Penance Service**  
*Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at*  
*7:00 p.m.*

**Palm Sunday Masses**  
*Vigil, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.*  
*Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup>**  
*7:00 a.m., 12:05p.m., & 7:30 p.m.*

**March 22<sup>nd</sup> & March 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
*7:00 a.m. & 12:05p.m.*

**Holy Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**  
*7:00 p.m. Mass of the Last Supper*

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

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

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