

# St. Christopher Church

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Fathers Day

## Pastors Desk - *The Bonds of Family and Friends*

*"He has put my family far from me, and my acquaintances are wholly estranged from me." (Job 19:13)*

*In this passage from the Book of Job, Job is describing some of his trials and sufferings. This verse I believe states one of Jobs greatest sufferings: Job is separated from his family and friends. In other words, Job feels estranged from his loved ones.*

*Some of us are blessed with a supportive family and caring friends. But, even if we are, sometimes, circumstances can separate us from those we love and we can feel estranged or even abandoned. Also, none of us have the ideal family or friends. At times our loved ones can fall short of meeting our needs or expectations. When this happens, it is good to recall that patience and forgiving lie at the heart of all good and healthy relationships. Remember, too, that on the cross, Jesus was abandoned by most of His family and friends. But, after the Resurrection, He forgave His apostles for deserting Him, thus restoring the bond between them. Jesus, help me to strengthen the bonds of our family and friends by patience and forgiveness. Help us to become more like You.*

### Sunday

Zec 12:10-11, 13:1; Gal 3:26-29; Lk 9:18-24

### Monday

2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Mt 7:1-5

### Tuesday

2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Mt 7:6, 12-14

### Wednesday

2 Kgs 22:8-13, 23:1-3; Mt 7:15-20

### Thursday

2 Kgs 24:8-17; Mt 7:21-29

### Friday

Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17  
Day: Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

### Saturday

Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Mt 8:5-17

## Weekly Collections

First collection	\$10,007.00
(including online giving \$ 742.00)	
Last years collection	\$ 9,990.00

Attendance for last week 765

Thank you for your generosity!



### **First Reading: Zechariah 12:10-11, 13:1**

*Zechariah describes the mourning that will occur over Jesus' crucifixion. The people of Jerusalem will mourn him as they would mourn an only son or a fallen king.*

### **Second Reading: Galatians 3:26-29**

*Paul reinforces that all those who accept Christ are equal in God's eyes. Man or woman, Jew or Greek, is unimportant in God's eyes if you have true faith in Jesus.*

### **Gospel: Luke 9:18-24**

*Jesus asks the disciples who they think he is. They reply that he is the Messiah. Jesus forbids them to tell this to others, and explains that first he must suffer, be put to death, and rise up on the third day. He explains to them that they also must be willing to suffer for his sake if they wish to be saved..*

## Masses

### Saturday, June 18th

8:30 am Elaine Mulcahy  
5:00 pm Brother Thomas Rochacewicz  
For the Sainato Family  
John "Jack" Fahy

### Sunday, June 19th Fathers Day

7:00 am  
8:00 am  
9:15 am  
10:45 am  
12:15 pm

*All Masses are for all  
Deceased Fathers of the  
Parish*

### Monday, June 20th

7:00 am James J. Cook  
12:05 pm Barbara A. McInerney  
7:30 pm Msgr. Frank B. Ferraioli

### Tuesday, June 21st

7:00 am Dolores Sesta  
12:05 pm Sam & Connie Calabria  
Frank Calabria

### Wednesday, June 22nd

7:00 am John H. Sexton  
12:05 pm Elaine Mulcahy

### Thursday, June 23rd

7:00 am Mary Torsiello  
12:05 pm Mary J. Mitchell

### Friday, June 24th

7:00 am Angela Rallo  
12:05 pm Robert Haynes

### Saturday, June 25th

8:30 am Johanna Esposito  
5:00 pm Frank Calabria  
Joseph J. Corcoran  
Theresa DeCesare

### Sunday, June 26th

7:00 am Ricardina Bentekovics  
8:00 am Special Intentions - George & Loida  
Azares, 40th Wedding Anniversary  
Pamela LeDonne  
Marie Lanza  
Marie & James Bonomo  
9:15 am Sam & Connie Calabria  
Frank Calabria  
Cesare Madamba  
10:45 am Anita, Anthony & Joseph Natoli  
Eli Matthew Ibanga  
12:15 pm Harry Vitale  
Kathleen Sadowski

### Important Information

- For June 27th, 28th, 29th & 30th and for the whole month of July there will be no 7:00 am Mass. **WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SUNDAYS!!!!**

The Living Flame for the  
Sanctuary Light will be  
for the special intentions of  
**The Mola Family**  
for the month of June, 2016



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

### 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 July 11th @ 7:00 pm in room 101. Please call the rectory to enroll and for any other information you may require.*

*Let us welcome into our family of faith  
**Scarlet Lila Rivera**, who received the  
sacrament of Baptism.*

### Meditations

*Paul tells us that in Christ we are one. The differences of nationality, social status, sex or any other differences our human nature may perceive are of no importance. We are bonded together on a deeper level. How do you see the people in your life? Do you find yourself looking down on some or in awe of others? Do you go out of your way only for those you deem worthy of your efforts? How do your attitudes measure up to the concept that we are all one body in Christ? Make a special effort to see the invisible people you walk past every day and be especially kind and courteous to everyone you meet. Reflect on how this affects your day, your spirit, as well as the responses of those around you.*

*Lord, help me to see others through your eyes so that I may respond to them with your loving kindness.*



# 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 book club meetings will resume in September. The summer reading list is:

Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel

Goldfinch by Donna Tartt

A walk in the woods by Bill Bryson

(optional) Ruthless: Scientology, my son David Miscavage by Ron Miscavage

We hope to see you at our Meeting in September, the exact date will be posted at a later time.

## St. Christopher's Pre-Cana Program

We will be having our next pre-Cana class on **June 25th**. 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.



**Wednesday at 11:30 am in the St. Christopher All Purpose Room.**

## St. Christopher's Prayer Group



*Tuesday, June 21st at 10:30 am*

*Wednesday, June 22nd 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 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 is hosting the 2000 Hail Mary Devotion, to our Blessed Virgin Mary, every First Saturday of every month.** Please join us on Saturday, July 2nd 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 9:00 am and 5:00 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. The meeting will be at the Community Center, at 1130 Knoll Road, Lake Hiawatha, N.J.

Dates: June 17th .

**Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa.** Bus leaves St. Christopher's parking lot at 9:15 am, date to be announced. If you wish to learn more about the St. Christopher's Senior Social Club, please call 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 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 #2** - Cold cereal, granola bars, cookies, crackers, tuna, Chef Boyardee, canned chicken meat, canned fruit, shelf stable milk, bath tissue, facial tissue, paper towels.

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



**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**



**The Compassionate Friends**, a self help group for bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, July 14th at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany, NJ at 7:30 pm in room 101. Program: Summer time with all it's memories (Share pictures of our beloved children.) For more information please call Lily Capriglione at 973-568-4164.



**QUO VADIS – WHERE ARE YOU GOING?**

**JUNE 25th – JULY 1st**

Vocations Discernment for young men 15-25, "Quo Vadis – Where are you going?" Where is the Spirit acting in your life? Where is the Lord encouraging you to go? Quo Vadis Days is a time of recreation, fellowship, and prayer to help you explore the Lord's call in your life. Activities will include prayer, Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Liturgy of the Hours, Rosary, games, sports, talks, great food and discussions. It is a time to share our faith and meet other young men seeking God's will. Quo Vadis Days will be held June 29th-July 1st at Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Newton, NJ. There is no cost. For more information and/or registration, call the coordinators: Fr. Jared Brogan and Fr. Edgar Rivera in the Vocations Office at 973-777-8818 ext. 711. You can also email Frs. Brogan and Rivera at [jbrogan@patersondiocese.org](mailto:jbrogan@patersondiocese.org) or [fredgar@patersondiocese.org](mailto:fredgar@patersondiocese.org).



**DIOCESAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

The Catholic Schools Office, Diocese of Paterson, is seeking applicants for the 2016-2017 school year for the following position: Principal, St. Patrick Elementary School, Chatham, NJ., Principal, St. Andrew the Apostle Elementary School, Clifton, NJ and Principal, St. Therese Elementary School, Succasunna, NJ. And Holy Family in Florham Park. Information and application materials can be found at: <http://www.patdioschools.org/administrative-openings>.



On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the staff and our clients, I gratefully acknowledge your donation of hundreds of pounds of assorted groceries for all these past months in support of the Catholic Family & Community Services programs. We appreciate your continued support of the Catholic Family & Community Services and its mission. Catholic Family & Community Services is stronger and better able to serve the ongoing needs of our community because of your support. We could not reach out to so many if you had not reached out to us with your support. Thank you again for your donation.

Sincerely,  
 Diane Silbernagel, RN, MSN  
 Executive Director  
 Catholic Charities

June 25th & 26th	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	The Lally Family	C. Hendricks A. Calabrese E. Lally P. Allocca	M. Appio
7:00 am	I. & S. Lalo	B. Carroll	C. Haney
8:00 am	The Valle Family	K. Nolan C. Uy L. Valle	J. Valle
9:15 am	The Przyhocki Family	A. Calabria M. & M. D'Ambrosia S. DeMaio	J. Colleran
10:45 am	B. & E. Hollinghurst J. Vaddakdem	S. Marsh Visit: A. Malsbury C. Uy B. Wyka	K. Lucibello
12:15 pm	A. Alfonso I. Perez C. Dumapit	M. Pasuco J. & T. Racioppi C. Walsh	J. East

When on vacation or out of town on business and would like to attend services you can visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org), enter the required information and you will be given the Churches in your area as well as the mass times.

**Bishop Arthur Serratelli**  
**will be celebrating the**  
**10:45 am mass here at**  
**St. Christopher's on**  
**June 26, 2016,**  
**all are invited to attend.**



# St. Christopher Parish Vacation Bible School 2016

August 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 11:30 am  
CCD Office: 973-539-6208



*All children Pre-K 4th to 5th grade as of September 2016 are eligible to attend. It is a week well spent learning about Jesus in a fun environment. It includes the life of Jesus for children, music, story time, arts and crafts, playtime, and snacks.*

Registration: One child \$50.00, two children \$65.00, three or more children \$75.00

Please return registration forms by August 3, 2016 to:

**St. Christopher Parish  
Vacation Bible School**  
1050 Littleton Road  
Parsippany, NJ 07054

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Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in September \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Person & Number \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies (Please list all including food allergies) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_





# SAINT CHRISTOPHER CHURCH

## 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEGA 50/50 RAFFLE

\$25.00 PER SHARE

CASH PRIZES DISTRIBUTED LAST YEAR \$6375.00

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 17<sup>TH</sup> @ 2:00 PM IN THE ALL PURPOSE ROOM; REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED. WINNERS DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT. THE ENTIRE PROFIT FROM THE 50/50 MEGA RAFFLE WILL BE USED TO DEFRAY THE COST OF PAINTING THE CHURCH.

“NO SUBSTITUTION OF THE OFFERED PRIZES MAY BE MADE”

PLEASE PRINT WHEN FILLING OUT FORM

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# **St. Christopher's Second Hand Rose Thrift Shop**

Thank you to all our loyal patrons and looking forward to meeting new patrons

**~ OPEN SUNDAYS AFTER 9:15 am MASS ~**

***SHOP HOURS:*** Wednesday & Friday 11:00 am– 4:00 pm  
Saturday and Sunday 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

***Located in the OLD Nursery School across from Church***

**Come in and checkout all our great merchandise at amazingly low price!**



For more information call 973-713-4939