

St. Christopher Church

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastors Desk

Forgiving our imperfections

So after we think of temptations only in terms of corrupt or immoral behavior, but it is withholding of our love that is truly destructive. Sadly, differences over choices, beliefs and values often cause irreparable damage between parents and their children, especially as those children grow into adulthood.

There was a time when my idea of parental love was rooted more in fear than faith in a merciful God. Too often our love depended on our children behaving in a manner that conformed to our ideals and values. However, as our image of God changed, so did our understanding of what it means to love as God loves. Relating to one another with an open heart may well mean letting go of our desire to control others and forgiving one another for not being perfect.

Sunday

Dt 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

Monday

Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday

Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30

Friday

Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday

Mi 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21

Weekly Collections

First collection	\$ 8,827.25
(including online giving \$ 1,007.00)	
Latin Mission/Catholic Relief	\$ 1,649.00
Last years collection	\$10,508.00

Attendance for last week 695

Thank you for your generosity!

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses petitions the people to follow the commandments God has set before them. He reminds them that the laws are not in the sky or far away at sea, but are accessible to them and meant to be followed if they wish to prosper.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Paul discusses the divine nature of Jesus, and explains that Jesus was created before anything else. Everything else was "created through him, and for him".

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

While discussing everlasting life, a lawyer mentions loving one's neighbor as oneself. The lawyer then asks Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus tells him about a man beaten by robbers, who was ignored by both a priest and a Levite before a Samaritan stopped and offered him aid. Jesus asks the lawyer who was neighbor to the injured man. The lawyer says "the one who treated him with compassion." Jesus encourages him to go and do the same.

Masses

Saturday, July 9th

8:30 am All Deceased Members of the Parish
5:00 pm Rita & Mickey D'Ambrosia
Robert J. Carroll

Sunday, July 10th

7:00 am Carmen Trinidad
Charles & Julia Vill
8:00 am Victor Young
9:15 am Patricia Klebes
10:45 am Peter & Jacqueline Stathakis
12:15 pm Joseph Lubertowicz
Joanne Lopriano
Andrew DeLanzo

Monday, July 11th

12:05 pm George Bain III
7:30 pm Deceased Members of the Parish

Tuesday, July 12th

12:05 pm John "Jack" Fahy
John Zimmer

Wednesday, July 13th

12:05 pm Pamela LeDonne

Thursday, July 14th

12:05 pm Deceased Members of the Parish

Friday, July 15th

12:05 pm Deceased Members of the Panfili
Family

Saturday, July 16th

8:30 am Carmen Trinidad
5:00 pm Marguerite Hubschman

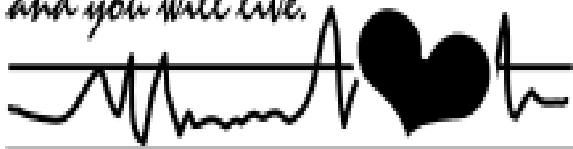
Sunday, July 17th

7:00 am Angela Kasicizky
8:00 am Matea & Antonio Piccinich
Victor Young
Brian Osterhaut
9:15 am Paul D'Ambrosia
10:45 am Thomas Rafferty
12:15 pm Joseph Walsh

Important Information

- For the whole month of July there will be no 7:00 am Mass. **WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SUNDAYS!!!!**

*Return to God with all your heart
and you will live.*



The Living Flame for the
Sanctuary Light will be
in memory of
Diana & Nicholas Lisi
for the month of July, 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 July 11th @ 7:00 pm in room 101. Please call the rectory to enroll and for any other information you may require.*

Meditations

Once again we hear the parable of the Good Samaritan. Those who passed by the injured man, good people who were well respected in their communities. They had important responsibilities and schedules to keep. Others were relying on them and they do not feel they could take the time and risk to stop and help this man. Your day is filled with responsibilities, appointments to keep, and people count on you to do things and be places. It is very easy to rationalize why you must pass by those who need your help. In fact, you may be so caught up in what you are about that you do not even notice them. Try spending a day alert to the needs of others and do what you can help them.

Holy Spirit, help me to order my priorities rightly, let not my work blind me from seeing the needs of others in my life.



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".

*** To be resumed in September. ***

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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. *** To be resumed in September. ***

***Thursday mornings at 10:30 am** in room 110 in the school. *** To be resumed in September. ***

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. 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.



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

St. Christopher's Prayer Group

Tuesday, July 12th at 10:30 am

Wednesday, July 13th 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, August 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 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: July 15th.

Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa. Bus leaves St. Christopher's parking lot at 9:15 am, on July 11th. 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 or call
(973) 437-9741

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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.

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

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Thank you for your generosity in last week's Collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign. Because of your support, millions of faithful will have the opportunity to deepen their faith through daily resources on the internet, television, radio, and in print media. Remember, half of your donations are staying in our (arch)diocese to support local communications needs. To learn more about the important work supported by this collection, please visit www.usccb.org/cc.

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Mega 50/50 Raffle

We are off to a great start with the 50/50 raffle. We have presently 266 shares sold, totaling \$6,650.00.

Thank you to the parishioners that joined already.



July 16th & 17th	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	B. & B. Davies C. Rizzo	M & J. Davies J. & S. Kobeszko	C. Mosiello
7:00 am	I. & S. Lalo	B. Carroll	M. Montefusco
8:00 am	The Valle Family	J. Mucerino L. Scangarella L. Valle	J. Valle
9:15 am	K. Gaydo P. Whalen A. Mogan	C. Callahan A. Calabria D. Giradello K. Nolan	J. Lucibello
10:45 am	T. & B. Wyka S. Arcilla	R. Arcilla Visit: K. Lucibello A. Malsbury B. Wyka	E. Shabet
12:15 pm	D. & A. Guzzardo C. Dumapit	B. & J. East W. Koeller C. Walsh	M. Dumapit

“Moses said to the people: ‘If only you would heed the voice of the Lord, your God, and keep his commandments and statutes that are written in the book of the law, when you return to the Lord your God with all your hearts and with all your soul...’ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart...being...strength...and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.’ He replied to him, ‘You have answered rightly, do this and you will live.’ ‘And who is my neighbor?’”

Perhaps the best known parable of Jesus, using the law of the first testament, tells us how we remain ‘connected’ a very popular expression. Whether we are using an ipad, cell phone or computer, being connected is essential. I can ask myself if I really work at being connected - with my heart, my being, my strength and soul - to my God. Do I have the courage to approach the Lord as did the scholar of the law?

I pray, I keep the commandments, the beatitudes are a guiding force in my life, as I address the needs of my neighbor. How wonderful to live so well. But am I willing to take the extra step as portrayed in the person who treated the downtrodden one with mercy? Pope Francis has told us that when we have experienced mercy, it is then that we can exhibit mercy. We are all called to be the Good Samaritan.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly



St. Christopher Parish Vacation Bible School 2016

August 15th to 19th 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

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

7TH ANNUAL MEGA 50/50 RAFFLE

\$25.00 PER SHARE

CASH PRIZES DISTRIBUTED LAST YEAR \$6375.00

THREE (3) WINNERS

1ST WINNER - \$25% OF GROSS PROCEEDS

2ND WINNER - 20% OF GROSS PROCEEDS

3RD WINNER - 5% OF GROSS PROCEEDS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE DRAWING ON SEPTEMBER 17TH @ 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

MEGA 50/50 TICKET # _____

SAINT CHRISTOPHER PARISH

NJ LGCCC IDENTIFICATION #375-01-0914

MUNICIPAL #RL1254

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____



Online Giving

If you have not signed up for online giving then please consider this option. This is a perfect tool. By using online giving you are helping the the parish to improve our operational efficiency.

See our parish bulletin or visit our parish website at www.saintchristopherchurch.org.

All you need to do is click on "create new account".

Your options are, you can use your checking account, Visa or MasterCard. You can choose to do a one-time gift or set up regularly scheduled contributions that are withdrawn on the date you specify in the system. It's easy and it's convenient.

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