

St. Christopher Church

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastors Desk

The family of believers

Honor everyone. Love the family of believers (1Peter 2:17)

We belong to many different families. First, we belong to our family of origin. Some of us also belong to a family we ourselves have established. Then we belong to our extended family, composed of grandparents, aunts, uncles, in-laws, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins of all kinds. We also belong to a local family. But in these words from St. Peter, we are reminded of another family to which we belong: the family of believers.

The truth is we are connected to our fellow Christians everywhere - from those we worship with on Sundays to those living on the other side of the planet. We are united with them on Sundays to those living on the other side of the planet. We are united with them on a deep level by our common baptism, our shared belief in Jesus and our religious practices, most notably the Eucharist and our acts of love and charity. What an encouragement this union can be for us! And the family of believers also extends beyond the grave to include those who have gone before us in faith. All of this means we are never alone. NEVER!

Sunday

Gn 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

Monday

2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28

Tuesday

Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday

Jer 15:10, 16-21; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday

Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53

Friday

Jer 26:1-9; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Saturday

Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12

Weekly Collections

First collection	\$ 7,667.00
(including online giving \$ 812.00)	
Last years collection	\$ 9,431.00

*Attendance for last week 692
Thank you for your generosity!*



First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

Abraham pleads with the Lord, who planned to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah because of the evil and sin in those cities. Abraham asks him if he would spare the city if fifty, forty, thirty, twenty or even only ten innocent people were found there. God says that he would spare the cities even for the sake of only ten.

Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14

Paul explains to the Colossians that through baptism, they are raised to life with Christ because they believed in the power of the God who raised him from the dead. Even though they once lived in sin, their sins have been pardoned through Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Jesus' disciples asked him how they should pray. He gave them some phrases similar to those now used in the Lord's prayer. Jesus also reminds the disciples how even men with sins are able to give good things to their children, and explains how much more the heavenly Father wants to give to us.

Masses

Saturday, July 23rd

8:30 am Paul Kachappilly
5:00 pm Deceased Members of the Parish

Sunday, July 24th

7:00 am Peg & R.J. Carroll
8:00 am Victor Young
9:15 am Patricia Klebes
10:45 am Yvette Deschaine
George S. Naseef, Sr. & Jr., Angelo,
Christopher, Ralph & Vincent
Calabrese

12:15 pm Deceased Members of the Parish

Monday, July 25th

12:05 pm Madeline Bangiola
7:30 pm Msgr. Frank B. Ferraioli

Tuesday, July 26th

12:05 pm Pamela LeDonne
Gene Piano

Wednesday, July 27th

12:05 pm Col. Paul A. Kelly

Thursday, July 28th

12:05 pm Richard Clay, Sr.

Friday, July 29th

12:05 pm Joseph McInerney


Saturday, July 30th

8:30 am Anita, Anthony & Joseph Natoli
5:00 pm Kathleen Sadowski

Sunday, July 31st

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish
8:00 am Victor Young
9:15 am Gail M. Dunn
10:45 am Herriet Furey
12:15 pm Harold Slavin
Ruben Dumapit

The Living Flame for the
Sanctuary Light will be
in memory of
Diana & Nicholas Lisi
for the month of July, 2016

Please remember  our 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 August 8th @ 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 **Caiden James Durkan**, who received the sacrament of Baptism.

Meditations

The Our Father is a prayer we say so often that we seldom stop to think about what we are saying. Take some time to say this prayer slowly out loud and reflect on each phrase. You may want to focus on one phrase at a time and take several days to go through the prayer. Notice what is asked for in the prayer: what is needed for today, forgiveness as we forgive others, and avoiding temptation. Reflect on what you need for the day. Consider how you have forgiven someone who has offended you - is this how you want to be forgiven? What are the temptations in your life? Do you take any active steps to avoid them.

The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; thy steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Psalm 138

Important Information

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

**GIVE
US
OUR
DAILY
BREAD**



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 26th at 10:30 am
Wednesday, July 27th 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: August 5th & 19th.

Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa. Bus leaves St. Christopher's parking lot at 9:15 am on August 8th. 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 #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.

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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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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Mega 50/50 Raffle

We are off to a great start with the 50/50 raffle. We have presently 294 shares sold, totaling \$7,350.00.

Thank you to the parishioners that joined already.

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The Compassionate Friends, a self help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, August 11th at St. Christopher Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), at 7:30 pm in room 101. Program: Vacations without our children, do we visit the same spots or avoid them?

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“And he said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says ‘Friend lend me three loaves of bread...’ ‘I tell you if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of his friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence...’ ‘Lord teach us to pray as John taught his disciples.’”

From our earliest days, we were taught to pray. We learned prayers, recited them with faith and devotion, and often used formulas which we did not really understand. The word today offers a remedy.

The apostles observed Jesus at prayer. Something special was portrayed before their eyes. This led them to ask for a prayer lesson. The petitions, the praise, the expression of remorse provide a summary for prayer 101. Perhaps they saw a special peace and intimacy reflected in Jesus.

The passage continues with the conversation and the request of one friend develops. The lesson is clear ‘don’t give up’ or ‘hang in there’, especially if you think that the Lord is too busy listening to others. Or ‘help me help the one in need.’ We don’t have to wait on line or jump through hoops to get God’s attention. He knows our needs, but only wants us to acknowledge our dependence and His generosity.

Perseverance in prayer is a gift from God. May I make it my first request.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

July 30th & 31st	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	D. Lipuma A. & A. DeNino	C. Hendricks A. Calabrese P. Allocca K. Lucibello	M. Floro
7:00 am		B. Carroll	M. Dumapit
8:00 am	T. & A. Pactwa	S. DeMaio B. & M. Pactwa	J. Lucibello
9:15 am	R. BilbaoLaVieja C. & C. Berardo	K. Blunt C. Callahan R. DiMaggio D. Giradelli	C. Mosiello
10:45 am	T. Metcalf G. & M. Harris	R. Vento Visit: J. Hoffinan C. Uy C. Metcalf	A. Bilotti
12:15 pm	The Marsh Family	S. Capozzi S. Marsh R. Lang C. Walsh	M. Reyes

Today, July 24th, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Christopher, patron of our parish. As you know St. Christopher is the patron of all travelers. After each mass a short prayer will be said and then as you leave all vehicles will be blessed with Holy Water.





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.

Private/Personal Information Sheet Kept in a Private File Cabinet

ST. CHRISTOPHER PARISH
 1050 Littleton Road
 Parsippany, NJ 07054

C.C.D. PROGRAM
 Registration Form
 2015-2016

Father's Name _____
 (First) (Last)

Father's Address _____
 (Street) (Town) (Zip) (Home/Cellphone)

Mother's Name _____
 (First) (Last)

Mother's Address _____
 (If Different) (Street) (Town) (Zip) (Home/Cellphone)

Child's Address _____
 (Street) (Town) (Zip)

Home Phone _____ School _____

The Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation require a two year immediate preparation.

CHILD'S NAME	Date of Birth	CCD Grade in Sept. 2015	

K ----- 11

1 child \$70

2 children \$95

3 or more children \$115

****If possible, include the fee with your registration form. If this is not possible, please call the CCD Office and speak to Mrs. Jacisin or Fr. Joe.***

*****Parents: If the family is not registered at St. Christopher Church please add \$15.00 per child to the registration fee.***

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **ST. CHRISTOPHER Church/CCD**

AMOUNT PAID _____ CHECK NUMBER _____ DATE ____/____/____

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