

St. Christopher Church

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastors Desk

Pacem in Terris

On November 25, 1961, the Russian Secretary of State delivered an 80th birthday greeting from Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev to Pope John XXIII. It was the first communication between the Vatican and the Soviets since 1917, and it broke the ice between the two men. Soon they began to communicate privately.

When the Cuban Missile Crisis heated up in 1962, the Pope wrote a letter to the Soviet and United States leaders, urging negotiation. Many historians believe the Pope's letter helped diffuse a confrontation between the two world powers because the next day, Khrushchev and Kennedy agreed to resume negotiations about Soviet missiles in Cuba.

On April 11, 1961, John XXIII issued his landmark encyclical, "Pacem in Terris" (Peace on Earth). In it Pope John called for peace among nations based on truth, justice, charity and freedom. He pleaded for an end to the arms race, a ban on nuclear weapons, and eventual disarmament. Pope John XXIII died two less than two months after issuing "Pacem Terris".

Sunday

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

Monday

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16, 16:1-2; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday

Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday

Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday

Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14

Friday

Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday

Ez 43:1-7a; Mt 23:1-12

Weekly Collections

*Collection for week ending 7/31/16 \$ 9,721.00
(online giving \$787.00 included)*

*Last weeks collections \$ 9,764.00
(online giving \$787.00 included)*

Second Collection - Mission Coop \$ 1,511.00

Last Years collection \$12,189.00

Attendance for last week - 727

Thank You for your generosity!

First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Jeremiah urged the people of Jerusalem to surrender to the enemy. This angered the princes, who then requested that Jeremiah be put to death. The king allowed the princes to leave him in a cistern without food or water. But after Ebed Melech pleaded for Jeremiah's life, the king decided to free him.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4

This letter to the Hebrews inspires all Christians to persevere, in spite of the trials they may face. Jesus endured much suffering and was rewarded by God. Despite our struggles, we must remember Jesus' ability to endure and maintain strong faith in him.

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

Jesus tells his disciples that his message will not bring peace to the earth. Instead, even families will become sharply divided because some members will embrace him, while others condemn him.

Masses

Saturday, August 13th

8:30 am Linda Bongiovanni
5:00 pm Pamela LeDonne

Sunday, August 14th

7:00 am Rachel Brozostowski
8:00 am Maurice & Frances Callahan
9:15 am Gladys Bonilla
10:45 am Rodolfo R. Herrera
12:15 pm Emma Ubiera
Lydia Araujo

Monday, August 15th The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 am Edward Corcoran
12:05 pm Anita, Anthony & Joseph Natoli
7:30 pm Esta Poje
Special Intentions - Carol Clark

Tuesday, August 16th

7:00 am Special Intentions- Vincent Botte
12:05 pm Arlene Campagna

Wednesday, August 17th

7:00 am Frank Tampany
12:05 pm Rosalyn Giordani

Thursday, August 18th

7:00 am Nancy Lopez
12:05 pm Deceased Members of the Parish

Friday, August 19th

7:00 am Eva Rodriguez
12:05 pm Maria Clemente

Saturday, August 20th

8:30 am Msgr. Frank B. Ferraioli
5:00 pm Marion Gregory & Gregory Family
Martha Vogler
Peter & Rose Policastro
MaryAnn Kolinsky

Sunday, August 21st

7:00 am Walter Rudolph
8:00 am Lee Lanza
Ann Szmak
9:15 am Edward Corcoran
10:45 am Carmelo Imbergamo
12:15 pm All Deceased Members of the Connor
Family

The Living Flame for the
Sanctuary Light will be

in memory of

Ann Paterno

for the month of August, 2016



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

Religious Education

If you have any questions concerning our CCD program, please call Mary Ann Jacisin in the CCD office at (973) 539-6208.

**Religious Education classes will begin on
September 18th. Our Opening Liturgy
will be on September 18th at the 9:15 am
mass. Classes will begin immediately following
the mass.**

Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults

Would you like to become a Roman Catholic? Are you an adult and never were confirmed but would like to? Then R.C.I.A is for you. Classes will be held on Sundays. If you are interested please call the Religious Education office at (973) 539-6208.

Baptism

Our next Baptism preparation meeting will be on September 12th @ 7:00 pm in room 101. Please call the rectory to enroll and for any other information you may require.

Feast of the Assumption, August 15th is NOT a Holy Day of obligation. Regular mass schedule on this day.



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: The Roman Catholic Church and the Civil War.**

***Thursday mornings at 10:30 am** in room 110 in the school. **New Topic: The Book of Revelations.**

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, August 16th at 10:30 am

Wednesday, August 17th 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, September 3rd 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 19th.

Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa. Bus leaves St. Christopher's parking lot at 9:15 am, new 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.

-CWV picnic supply sale, August 27th & 28th after all the masses.

-Special Veterans Day Mass, November 12th at the 5:00 pm mass

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



Mega 50/50 Raffle

We have presently 346 shares sold, totaling \$8,650.00. Thank you to the parishioners that joined already.



All Saints Academy, has openings for September 2016 for NJ certified elementary, special education or early childhood teachers and teacher aides for its After School Care Program. Positions are part time, Monday through Friday, 2:30 pm – 6 pm. Responsibilities include organizing and supervising approximately forty children, pre-school through grade 7, in an extended day setting. Please contact All Saints Academy's principal, Mrs. Judy Berg, at 973-334-4704 or jberg@allsaintspar.org to apply.

REGISTRATION FOR 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR

All Saints Academy welcomes all prospective students and their families that seek the academic, spiritual and social opportunities that exist uniquely in our school community. We are currently accepting new registrations for September 2016. All Saints Academy is a nationally certified 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 community 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 and has both full and half day options. 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 admission information.



Meditations

Jeremiah never wanted to be a prophet because he knew it meant telling people what they did not want to hear. There are times when we are also called upon to say things that people do not want to hear. It can be hard to speak the truth when it isn't popular. It is equally hard to hear the truth when we find it challenging or unforgettable. Reflect on your own experiences. How did you respond to the opportunity to speak a truth that you knew would not be popular? How well did you accept a truth you did not want to hear? How can you become better at both?

Aug. 20th & 21st	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	A. & A. DeNino C. Rizzo	P. Allocca C. Hendricks A. Calabrese L. Bain	C. Johnson
7:00 am	I. & S. Lalo	B. Carroll	M. Dumapit
8:00 am	The Marsh Family	N. Gordon S. Marsh L. Scangarella	K. Lucibello
9:15 am	The Przyhocki Family	S. DeMaio E. Haynes E. Shabet B. Chmielewski	M. Montefusco
10:45 am	A. Jerez N. Schieffele R. BilbaoLaVieja	C. Callahan Visit: A. Calabria J. Hoffman C. Uy	M. Floro
12:15 pm	A. & D. Guzzardo C. Dumapit	L. & R. Polanski R. Lang S. Capozzi	M. Reyes

The Columbiettes of Parsippany 3680 - Will Never Forget September 11...

a date this or any generation of American can never forget. The Columbiettes of Parsippany plan to assist Star 99.1, a radio station that promotes faith, as they honor and remember those lives lost by a display of The Empty Shoe Memorial. Throughout August, Star 99.1 will be collecting shoes – 2,996 pairs of shoes – one pair representing every person lost in the attacks at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and the four planes that crashed.

Collection bins will be provided at the church on August 13th and 14th. We ask that parishioners participate by donating shoes for this memorial. If you miss these collection dates you can go to the site for more information: <https://www.star991.com>

Happy are those who make the Lord their trust.

Psalms 40:4



SISTERS OF THE DIVINE SAVIOR
FOUNDED 1888

The Sisters of the Divine Savior, also known as Salvatorian Sisters, live out our mission to make known the goodness and kindness of Jesus on **five continents in 27 countries**. We were **founded in 1888** in Tivoli, Italy by Father Francis Jordan and Terese von Willenweber. Today, there are nearly **1,100 professed members** and **many more in formation** worldwide. Salvatorian Sisters minister to their local people, and empower them to develop their own resources. **They depend on us for financial support.**



Our sisters in the **Democratic Republic of Congo** believe **education** holds a promise to open minds, instill dignity and empower their local people who struggle to survive due to poverty and political unrest. For more than 50 years, Sisters of the Divine Savior have served in this country formerly known as Zaire in Central Africa. In the Diocese of Kolwezi, our sisters operate nutrition clinics, dispensaries, two rural hospitals, three maternity facilities and a school. The Salvatorian School opened in 2002 and has continued to add classes up through grade 12.



Who would associate "life giving waters" with a concrete swimming pool? Salvatorian Sisters in Fortaleza, **Brazil** can attest to the power of the pool at a community center known as CEFORDS in our São Paulo Province. Located on the city's outskirts where jobs and transportation are lacking, the pool has become a gathering place for all good things happening at the center. It is used for hydrotherapy by **elderly people and disabled children**, and for swimming lessons for children and young adults. CEFORDS also offers training in computer science and computer maintenance as well as classes in the arts. Special attention is given to **women of all ages** through handicrafts, art therapy and psychotherapy.



We Salvatorian women strive to be in solidarity with the suffering world so that all may experience the fullness of life.

We invite you to partner with us in mission through your prayers and monetary gifts.



Pre-school Philippines



Housing Initiative Sri Lanka



In **India**, Salvatorian Sisters recognized the need to transform a long-held cultural attitude toward individuals with **mental and physical disabilities**. Twenty-five years ago, families were afraid to accept their children with developmental or physical disorders. Our Sathirhya Special School in Kerala, India has changed that attitude by giving families a support system and a reason to celebrate their special children. The dedicated sisters and staff give families hope that their loved ones with special needs can reach their highest potential for independence.

Since the 25-year civil war ended in **Sri Lanka**, Sisters of the Divine Savior have operated a home to care for girls who lost their families and their homes amid the destruction. Their priority is to raise the dignity and hope for children who have suffered so much in their short lives. The Salvatorian Sisters' mission in Sri Lanka was founded in 1954, and today our sisters are actively engaged in **teaching, nursing, vocation formation, pastoral care, and housing initiatives** for their "roofless" people.



Cebu City is one of **Philippines'** oldest cities. At our Salvatorian School there some students come from middle-income families, but many live hand-to-mouth. Our Filipina Sisters say, "learning equals living," and they have a commitment to help families lift themselves out of poverty through education. They're laying the groundwork for change at a very young age, serving **pre-school** age children in a warm, nurturing setting.



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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 # _____

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CATHOLIC FILIPINO MINISTRIES
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***Invites you to celebrate the
Year of Mercy with Filipino Saints***



SAN LORENZO RUIZ DE MANILA

SAN PEDRO CALUNGSOD DE CEBU

17 September 2016 – Saturday

12:30pm ROSARY & NOVENA

1:00pm HOLY MASS

SAINT CLARE CHURCH

69 ALLWOOD ROAD, CLIFTON NJ 07014

His Excellency, The Most Reverend

ARTHUR JOSEPH SERRATELLI, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D.

Bishop, Diocese of Paterson

Principal Celebrant

FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWS IMMEDIATELY IN THE PARISH HALL

For more information, please contact Jeanette East at 973.334.8766

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