

St. Christopher Church

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastors Desk

Charles O'Conor

He was the first Catholic candidate from a major political party to run for the presidency of the United States.

Born in New York City in 1804, he was a second generation Irish American, who became a successful lawyer. One of his earliest cases involved a dispute over the election of trustees for St. Paul Catholic Church, a parish in his old neighborhood. Considered one of the greatest legal minds of his time, his name was mentioned as a possible presidential candidate. Even though he had declined the nomination, his name appeared as a candidate for the Straight-Out-Democratic Party in the 1872 election. O'Conor received less than one percent of the popular vote. Later, he was named the defense attorney for Confederate President Jefferson Davis, who was accused of treason following the Civil War.

He died on May 12th, 1884. His funeral was held at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York, where he is buried in the family vault.

Sunday

Wis 9:13-18b; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Monday

1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday

1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday

1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Friday

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49

Weekly Collections

Last weeks collections \$ 9,211.00
(online giving \$812.00 included)

Last Years collection \$ 8,916.00

Attendance for last week - 763

Thank You for your generosity!

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b

This reading acknowledges that people have had a difficult time attempting to know God's wishes. At times we have difficulty understanding the things that happen on earth. Therefore, learning of things in heaven would have been impossible, except that God sent us wisdom and the Holy Spirit to help us understand him.

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Paul writes to Philemon regarding Onesimus, a slave who ran away and encountered Paul. Although Paul wished Onesimus could remain with him, he did not want to violate Philemon's wishes. Paul asks that Philemon receives his friend Onesimus as a beloved brother, not as a slave. He closes by saying, "Welcome him as you would me."

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Jesus warns people who wish to follow him that they must abandon everyone else first. A person calculates the amount of money needed to complete a project before they begin it. In the same way, Jesus warns these people to consider exactly what is involved before they make a commitment to follow him.

Masses

Saturday, September 3rd

8:30 am John Stromolo
5:00 pm Charlie Mesina
James Mayfield

Sunday, September 4th

7:00 am Michael Tilton
8:00 am John Stromolo
9:15 am Carrol Seitz
10:45 am Special Intentions - Anne Bilotti
12:15 pm Special Intentions - Kristen & Chad
Rossy

Peter Fisher

Monday, September 5th Labor Day

10:00 am Sr. Marie Fidelis

Tuesday, September 6th

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish
12:05 pm Rose & Nicholas DiVincenzo
Robert Haynes

Wednesday, September 7th

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish
12:05 pm Raymond G. Leonard

Thursday, September 8th

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish
12:05 pm John Stromolo

Friday, September 9th

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish
12:05 pm Special Intentions for Josephine
McClean

Saturday, September 10th

8:30 am Joseph Burns
5:00 pm Paul Gerber, Jr.
Shirley Zovak
Ceferina Lascano

Sunday, September 11th

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

All masses will be for all those
who lost their lives on 9/11

The Living Flame for the
Sanctuary Light will be
in memory of
Clarence, Minnie & Craig Hall
for the month of September, 2016



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

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.*

Let us welcome into our family of faith:

Alice B. McMahon & Sean F. Carr,
who received the sacrament of baptism.

Note: On Monday, September 5, 2016

- The Rectory will be closed in observance of Labor day.
- There will only be one Mass at 10:00 am.



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.**

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St. Christopher's Pre-Cana Program

For more information please call the rectory at 973-539-7050.

St. Christopher Women's Book Club

Our book club meetings will resume on September 6th. At 7:15 in room 110.

We hope to see you at our meeting. New members are always welcome!

* **New book list to be announced at meeting.**

St. Christopher's Prayer Group



Tuesday, September 6th at 10:30 am

Wednesday, September 7th 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.

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.

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: September 2nd & 16th.

Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa. Bus leaves St. Christopher's parking lot at 9:15 am, on September 12th. 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 #1 Peanut butter, Pasta, spaghetti sauce, Juice, canned corn, baking mixes, mustard, Ketchup, dish-washing liquid. Laundry detergent, toothpaste, deodorant.

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 402 shares sold, totaling \$10,050.00. Thank you to the parishioners that joined already.



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. 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.



The Women's Society first meeting will take place on September 12th at 8:00 pm immediately following the 7:30 pm mass. The meeting will be held in the All Purpose Room. This is the opening meeting of the schedule at which we will review and set the dates for the meetings. Also we will discuss and schedule upcoming events, such as dinners, speakers, etc. Refreshments will be served. This meeting is open to anyone wishing to join us, we welcome all.



The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, September 8th at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany, at 7:30PM in room 101. **Program:** Speaker: Lisa Athens; Grief Specialist. For more information please call Lily Capriglione at: 973-568-4164.

| Sept 10th & 11th | Altar Servers | Eucharistic Ministers | Lectors |
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| 5:00 pm | C. Rizzo A. & A. DeNino | J. & S. Kobeszko D. & S. Kaschalk | K. Lucibello |
| 7:00 am | A. Zecena N. Schieffele | B. Carroll | M. Floro |
| 8:00 am | The Przyhocki Family | K. Nolan E. Shabet L. Scangarella | C. Johnson |
| 9:15 am | A. & A. To A. Jerez | C. To E. Haynes B. & M. Pactwa | J. Cannaveno |
| 10:45 am | T. Metcalf J. Summa D. Perez | C. Brown Visit: A. Malsbury C. Metcalf A. Calabria | B. Bonin |
| 12:15 pm | C. Ocker G. & M. Harris | C. Ocker M. Pasuco R. & L. Polanski | J. East |

Meditations

Human beings always like pat answers. We want things to go according to an orderly plan - preferably one we have designed. We like to think we know exactly what God wants of ourselves and others. The problem is that God doesn't work within our rules. Things seldom work out just as we intended. We need to trust that they are still part of God's plan. Reflect on how much you try to control your world and how willing you are to let God be in control. Can you recall a time when you were able to admit you could not control things and put yourself in God's hands? What can you do to learn to trust God more?

*Teach us to number our days aright,
 that we may gain wisdom of heart.
 -Psalm 90:12*

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 | |
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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 ___/___/___

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 _____

**DIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR
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

FILIPINIANA ATTIRE IS ENCOURAGED

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