

St. Christopher Church

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastors Desk

Seeking and finding

One of the most powerful gospels can be found in Luke 15 1-32.

Seeking and finding: When you think about it, there are basically three different settings in which you seek and find. There is loosing something, where by you begin a diligent search to find it. There is the game of "hide and go seek" where you purposely hide so as not to be found. And there is hunting, where you seek someone or something who hides out of fear. Seeking and finding is different for each setting.

The Gospel finds Jesus surrounded by tax collectors and sinners. To share a meal and have conversation while teaching someone is to share your life with them. The Pharisees and Scribes considered it a scandal that Jesus was sharing his life and table with such as these. Yet Jesus goes right into the midst of sinners to be as close as possible to them. He wanted to bring them out of sin and darkness to God. Jesus reveals God as one who goes in search of those who are lost to bring them back to Himself. When we understand the setting of this gospel we can then see the context of these beautiful parables.

-A shepherd leaves his heard and goes in search of the one lost sheep.

-A woman loses one silver coin and searches and cleans her home leaving no spot untouched.

-The prodigal son has a different twist. Rather then focusing on the son, it focuses on the father.

These parables reveal God as treasuring us beyond all else. God never gives up on us. We, like countless prodigal children before us, must come back to our loving God by taking advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. God is present, not to scold and punish, but to console and welcome.



First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

The prophet Habakkuk cries out despairingly to God because of the state Jerusalem has fallen into. He asks why God does nothing to stop the violence and misery. God assures him that a time will come when only the just and faithful will live.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Paul writes to Timothy from prison and urges him to continue to spread the gospel without fear or shame. He also tells Timothy to draw upon the strength of the Holy Spirit to help him face the hardships he will encounter while preaching.

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

The disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith. Jesus replies that "faith the size of a mustard seed could transplant a sycamore," indicating that a person either has faith, strong and complete, or none at all. Jesus also explains that a servant will not receive gratitude for simply following his master's orders. In the same way, we are all God's servants doing no more than our duty when we obey God's commands.

Saturday

Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday

Hb 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

Monday

Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday

Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday

Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13

First Friday

Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26

Weekly Collections

Last weeks collections	\$10,058.00
(online giving \$ 812.00 included)	
Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,537.00
Last Years collection	\$ 10,764.00

Attendance for last week - 873

Thank You for your generosity!

Masses

Saturday, October 1st

8:30 am Fred Simeone
Fidela Azares
5:00 pm Rita & Mickey D'Ambrosa

Sunday, October 2nd

7:00 am Charles Waugh
8:00 am Charles, Minnie & Craig Hall
9:15 am Andrew Russoniello
10:45 am Edward Corcoran
Frederick Simeone
12:15 pm Arnold Trauth

Monday, October 3rd

7:00 am Frederick F. Simeone
12:05 pm Louise Dessources
7:30 pm Marilyn McCarthy

Tuesday, October 4th

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish
12:05 pm Chet Rosamilia

Wednesday, October 5th

7:00 am Robert Renaudette
12:05 pm Eugene Dellaguzzo
Special Intentions – Freddie Vilorio

Thursday, October 6th

7:00 am Matilde Ubiera
12:05 pm Russell Desimone

Friday, October 7th

7:00 am Juaquin Carmine
12:05 pm Sam & Connie Calabria
Frank Calabria

Saturday, October 8th

8:30 am Jose Fernandez
5:00 pm Carroll Seitz

Sunday, October 9th

7:00 am Robert J. Carroll
8:00 am Donald Poskitt
9:15 am Ismael Guzman
10:45 am Lucy Naseef, Lucille & Aurora
Calabrese
Edward Corcoran
12:15 pm Josephine Severino

The Living Flame for the
Sanctuary Light will be
for the special intentions of
The Purcaro Family
for the month of October, 2016



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

Religious Education

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

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 October 10th @ 7:00 pm in room 101. Please call the rectory to enroll and for any other information you may require.*

Reflections

Are you ashamed of your faith? Do you refrain from objecting to the off color remarks, gossips, backbiting, or other things that you believe to be unkind or cruel? We often choose to remain silent for fear of rocking the boat or being laughed at but is that God's Spirit moving us or our own ego? What good is a faith that is reserved for the privacy of our hearts and never put into action?

***The Spirit God has given us is no
cowardly spirit,
but rather one that makes us strong,
loving and wise.
- 2 Timothy 1:7***

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 be on October 4th at 7:15 pm in room 110.

October book selection:

The Golden Son by Shilpi Gowda

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

St. Christopher's Prayer Group



Tuesday, October 4th at 10:30 am

Wednesday, October 5th 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, October 1st 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: October 7th & 21st.

Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa. Bus leaves St. Christopher's parking lot at 9:15 am. Dates: October 10th. 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.

-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.

Monday, October 3rd the Woman's Society, will hold their meeting immediately following the 7:30 pm Mass in Church. The meeting will take place in the All Purpose Room. At this meeting our guest speaker is Marion Oxenhorn who is professionally known as "America's Funniest Grandma". Those who saw her recently at the Parsippany Library enjoyed her and said they laughed through her entire performance. Therefore, if you would like to share some laughs and be entertained, come join us. The meeting is open to all.

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The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, October 13th at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany, at 7:30PM in room 101. **Program:** Coping strategies for stressful times (Holidays, remembrance days, etc.) For more information please call Lily Capriglione at: 973-568-4164.

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Healing Mass

The Health Ministry of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Whippany invites you to a Healing Mass on Saturday, October 15th at 11:00 AM in the Church. The liturgy addresses physical, spiritual and emotional healing. If desired, participants will receive an individual blessing. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP before Oct. 12, 2016 by email to lisa.dempsey@ourladyofmercyparish.com or call (973) 887-0767.

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2016 Bishops Annual Appeal Be Rich in Good Works
Our Catholic Charities agencies, the largest recipient of funds from the Bishop's Annual Appeal, serve tens of thousands of people each year, from seniors and disabled adults to those with addictions and in need of counseling. In fact, a record number of people have been seeking the services of Catholic Charities over the years. Please be as generous as you are able to the 2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal so we can continue to serve those in desperate situations. For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2016appeal.org.

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The Blessing of the Pets in honor of St. Francis will take place on Saturday, October 1st at 12:00 pm in front of the All Purpose Room.

The president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Archbishop Kurtz has called for an emergency collection to assist the works of Catholic Charities USA in meeting the needs of these people.
We will be having this Special Collection for the Louisiana Flood Victims on October 1st & 2nd.

St. Paul Inside the Walls...
For programs and events and to register visit www.insidethewalls.org or call (973) 437-9741

Oct. 8th & 9th	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	A. & A. DeNino C. Rizzo	L. Asea M. Downing J. & S. Kobeszko	B. Bonin
7:00 am	The Rozanitis Family	B. Carroll	M. Dumapit
8:00 am	A. & S. Valle	B. & M. Pactwa L. Scangarella	K. Lucibello
9:15 am	The Przyhocki Family	K. Hollinghurst D. & S. Kaschalk K. Nolan	
10:45 am	T. Metcalf C. Ocker T. Logan	A. Price Visit: A. Malsbury J. Mendez C. Metcalf	J. Lucibello
12:15 pm	A. & N. Courtney M. Morales	L. & R. Polanski J. & T. Racioppi	M. Reyes

Crossing the Goal.. Leading Men to the Cross. 2016 Men's Conference.

Saturday, October 15th from 8:30 am-1:00 pm at 205 Madison Ave., Madison, NJ. Check in begins at 7:30 am. Tickets: Adults - @20.00/Students - \$10.00 Father/Son(s) - \$30.00. Adult + Student Sponsorship \$30.00. Prices increase after September 30th.

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Trick or Treat and all the Beefsteak You Can Eat

Spend a fun filled evening with family and friends at a "Trick or Treat All the Beefsteak You Can Eat" fundraiser at St. Ann Parish, 781 Smith Road, Parsippany on October 29th from 6:00 - 9:00 PM. Enjoy endless beefsteak dinner served by Nightingale Catering, with all the fixings. Try your luck choosing prize boxes from the Pumpkin Patch; take a chance on winning \$250 at your "Favorite Date Calendar"; and bid on the Silent Auction with items valued up to \$1000. Don't forget the 50/50 raffle. Activities will be provided for the children who are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes to fully enjoy the holiday festivities. Cost is \$40 for anyone 13 or older, \$10 for children 6 - 12 and children under 6 are free. For tickets call (973) 884-1986. Deadline is October 24th.

Come join us for ...



St. Christopher's

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Friday, October 28th at 6:30 pm
in the All Purpose Room.



Hot dogs and refreshments will be available for purchase with free snacks for the kids.

Game Night fun includes Kids Bingo and a kid's tricky tray.





Announcing the 2016

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

America is at a historic crossroad. Secularists are trying to push God from the public square. They reject His beneficial action upon society. But without God, where will our leaders get the wisdom to solve the great problems we face?

We must stop the secularist advance and pray to God for help. He will hear us, if we pray through the intercession of His Blessed Mother. That's why we're launching the 2016 Public Square Rosary Crusade.

In *The Secret of the Rosary*, Saint Louis de Montfort said: "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering."

JOIN THE 2016 PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE TODAY!

What: The Holy Rosary

Where: St. Christopher Church -

1050 Littleton Rd. Parsippany, NJ

When: Saturday, October 15th at 12:00pm

For more information, contact:

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Paterson Federation

Respect Life Mass



Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli, STD, SSL, DD
Bishop of Paterson
Celebrant

Rev. Jody Baran—Federation Chaplain
Concelebrant

Saturday, November 19, 2016 — 10:00 A.M. Mass
Saint Margaret of Scotland Parish
12 Columba Street
Morristown, NJ 07960

-Light refreshments will follow-

Deacon Anthony O. Fierro, PGK
Respect Life Mass - Chairman

Joe Miller, PGK, FDD
Paterson Federation Chairman

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!



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