

# St. Christopher Church

*Our Lord Jesus Christ The King*

## *Pastors Desk*

### **Upper Room**

Scripture says that Mary and the disciples were gathered together in the Upper Room when the Holy Scripture descended upon them. Where was that Upper Room? The room is also known as the Cenacle. Scripture scholars believe it was the second floor of a synagogue located on Mount Zion.

Since the 4th century the site has also been thought to be the room where the Last Supper took place.

During the destruction of Jerusalem, in 70 A.D., the room was spared any damage and soon became known as the Church of the Apostles. That Church was later torn down and replaced by a new church in 382, which itself was destroyed nearly 300 years later when the Persians invaded Jerusalem. Crusaders built the present church in the 12th century. The structure retains portions of the original walls. The first floor of the Cenacle is also believed to contain King David's burial place. Currently Christians are allowed to pray at the Cenacle, but NO official Masses are permitted.

### **First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3**

*Samuel describes how all the tribes of Israel went to David in Hebron and said they were his bone and his flesh and it was he who led them back to Israel. The Lord told David he would be a shepherd to His people. David made an agreement with the elders and was anointed king.*

### **Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20**

*Paul explains to the Colossians that God has made them fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light and that through the Son we have redemption and forgiveness of sin. He describes Jesus as the image of the invisible God, the head of the church and in Him all things hold together.*

### **Gospel: Luke 23:35-43**

*Jesus is mocked by the crowd as he hung on the cross. Above him was an inscription that read "This is the king of the Jews." One of the men being crucified with Jesus tells Him to save them and Himself, while the other asks that he be remembered when Jesus is in his kingdom. Jesus said in reply, "Amen I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."*

#### **Sunday**

2 Sm 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

#### **Monday**

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4

#### **Tuesday**

Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11

#### **Wednesday**

Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19

#### **Thursday**

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9a; Lk 21:20-28

#### **Friday**

Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2; Lk 21:29-33

#### **Saturday**

Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36

### *Weekly Collections*

*For these past 2 weeks  
collections  
please see page 6*

## Masses

### Saturday, November 19th

8:30 am Isabel Veloso  
5:00 pm Carroll Seitz  
Sarah Giaimo  
Joan McGrath Proud

### Sunday, November 20th

7:00 am Thomas Carew  
8:00 am Michael Lanza & Marge Aquino  
9:15 am Linda Sole  
10:45 am Edward Corcoran  
Special Intentions for Healing -  
Larry Eckel

12:15 pm Sarah Giaimo

### Monday, November 21st

7:00 am Janaki & Saroja  
12:05 pm Special Intentions for Christina Azares  
7:30 pm Deceased Members of the Parish

### Tuesday, November 22nd

7:00 am Janaki & Saroja  
12:05 pm Special Intentions - Charles Corcoran

### Wednesday, November 23rd

7:00 am Janaki & Saroja  
12:05 pm Deceased Members of the Parish

### Thursday, November 24th Thanksgiving Day

10:00 am Special Intentions - Charles Corcoran

### Friday, November 25th

7:00 am Julia Ubiera  
12:05 pm Sr. Mary Helene, O.P.

### Saturday, November 26th

8:30 am Matilde Ubiera  
5:00 pm Pamela LeDonne  
Joanne McGrath Proud

### Sunday, November 27th

7:00 am Karlyn Scardone  
8:00 am Ralph Mucerino  
Clarence, Minnie & Craig Hall  
Salvatore Brunetto  
9:15 am Deceased Members of the Parish  
10:45 am Edward Corcoran  
Col. Paul Kelly  
Ramon Ibanga  
12:15 pm Carol Miller

The Living Flame for the  
Sanctuary Light will be

in memory of

**Ray Guimond**

for the month of November, 2016



*Please remember in your prayers all  
the departed family and friends of St.  
Christopher's Parish, especially:  
Linda Sole & Michael A. Perrini*

## 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 December 12th @ 7:00 pm in room 101. Please call the rectory to enroll and for any other information you may require.*

## Reflections

*For generations, people have often believed that the good prosper and when bad things happen to someone it is because they are being punished for their sins. Yet the very life of Jesus contradicts this notion. Who was more kind, compassionate, or just? Things that happen in our lives are not judgements against or for us. They are simply the realities we must deal with. If we seek God's help, we will have the graces we need to use all things, the positive and the negative for good.*

***Be transformed by the renewal of your mind,  
that you may prove what is the will of God,  
what is good and acceptable and perfect.***

***-Romans 12:2***

## 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 meeting will be on December 6th at 7:15 pm in room 110. The December book selection:

"The Language of Flowers" by Vanessa Diffenbaugh.

**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, November 22nd at 10:30 am**

**Wednesday, November 23rd 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.

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

**\*\*No Bingo on Wednesday November 23rd in observance of Thanksgiving\*\***

**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, December 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: to be announced

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

### 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](http://www.insidethewalls.org) or call

(973) 437-9741

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#### **2016 Bishops Annual Appeal - Be rich in good works.**

This past May, after years of study, ten men were ordained to the priesthood for our Diocese. As they prepared for their vocation, they were supported by family and friends. When you make a pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, they are also supported by family and friends. When you make a pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, they are also supported by you since Appeal funds are used to help meet the cost of priestly formation and education. Please support our seminarians by making a pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal today. For your convenience, you can make an online gift at [www.2016appeal.org](http://www.2016appeal.org).

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#### **20 Week Club**

We have 124 participants, with a total of \$12,400.00 collected. A big thank you to the contributors of the 20 Week Club.

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**The Compassionate Friends**, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, December 8th, 2016 at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany, at 7:30PM in room 101. Program: 20th Annual Candle Lighting (Please Bring a Picture of Your Child). For more information please call Lily Capriglione at: 973-568-4164.

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**The All Saints Academy chapter of the National Junior Honor Society** is organizing a pajama drive to benefit The Pajama Program. This organization collects new pajamas for children (infants through age 18) living without the luxury of comfort and security. We accept: new and unused pajamas, Any size from infant to Adult XXL. Donated items must be a complete set (top and bottom). Look for collection boxes at the church entrance. Donations may also be dropped off at All Saints Academy c/o NJHS. For more information or to make a financial donation, please contact Leanne Gonzalez, NJHS Adviser, at [lgonzalez@allsaintspar.org](mailto:lgonzalez@allsaintspar.org).

#### **A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO FRANK SINATRA**

Knights of Columbus Parsippany Council 3680 proudly presents "It Was A Very Good Year", A Multi-Media Tribute to Frank Sinatra" starring Tony Sands on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 8:00 PM at All Saints Academy Auditorium, 189 Baldwin Road, Parsippany. Not just another imitator, Tony captivates his audiences with the mannerisms, illusion, and romance that have made him one of the most popular entertainers from Atlantic City to Reno. All net proceeds will be donated in support of the Knights' Youth & Charity Fund. Advanced tickets are on sale now for only \$25; veterans, students and seniors, \$20. Call 914.260.7261 or email [knights3680@yahoo.com](mailto:knights3680@yahoo.com) to reserve your tickets while they last!

#### **Soft yoga for hard times at St. Christopher**

Every Thursday from 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm in room 102. Come and experience for yourself the wonderful range of healthy benefits that yoga and meditation can offer you. For more information including price, contact Penny Proserpi, who is the yoga instructor at [pprosperi51@gmail.com](mailto:pprosperi51@gmail.com).

**The Parsippany Columbiettes** are sponsoring a Membership drive. Any Catholic female age 18 and over may join. If you are interested in joining or have any questions stop by and see them or contact Membership Chairperson Sue Graziano at 973-993-8535 or email [JVGSMSG@yahoo.com](mailto:JVGSMSG@yahoo.com).

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#### **ALL SAINTS ACADEMY CORNER**

Thanksgiving Blessings from ASA  
Thanksgiving is a special time when we reflect on the many blessings in our lives. The All Saints Academy community is grateful and fortunate to be partners with our parishes in the important goals of Catholic education. Indeed, together, we are a family of faith, and we celebrate the joy of the Gospel message each day with our students. Thank you to every parish member for your kindness, prayers and support! We wish you a warm and wonderful Thanksgiving. We hope you will visit our building to experience the atmosphere of loving and learning. Contact our principal, Mrs. Judith Berg, at 973-334-4704, for more information regarding admission opportunities at All Saints Academy. [www.allsaintspar.org](http://www.allsaintspar.org).

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#### **Blood Drive at St. Peter the Apostle Church**

Saturday, November 26th at 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. At All Saints Academy Gym, 189 Baldwin Road, Parsippany, NJ. On day of donation eat a healthy breakfast, drink extra fluids, bring picture I.D. Appointments are preferred, to schedule one visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter the sponser keyword: St peter the apostle church, or contact St. Peter's rectory at 973-334-2090.

Nov. 26th & 27th	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	J. Summa A. Zecena P. Whalen	J. & S. Kobeszko J. & A. Rochacewicz	B. Bonin
7:00 am	The Rozanitis Family	B. Carroll	M. Appio
8:00 am	M. & A. Memoli J. Lance	P. Luther B. & F. Zemo	J. Lucibello
9:15 am	M. Morales D. Perez A. Jerez	M. & J. Davies N. Gordon J. Lipuma	I. Imperati
10:45 am	The Marsh Family	S. Marsh Visit: C. Brown A. Calabria J. Hoffman	M. Dumapit
12:15 pm	D. DeLaEspriela R. Bilboa-LaVieja C. Ocker	B. & J. East C. Ocker E. Shabet	L. Pascale

## Weekly Collections

First collection (Last Week) \$ 9,322.00  
(including online giving \$ 767.00)

All Souls	\$ 1,434.00
All Saints	\$ 1,722.00
Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,036.00
Last years collection	\$11,443.00

Collection for  
week ending 11-05-16 \$11,652.40  
Military Svs. Home Mission \$ 1,672.00

Attendance for last week 809  
Thank you for your generosity

# St. Christopher Parish



Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at all Masses

We will be collecting food for the needy, and putting the baskets all together as we do every year for those who request them.

We are in need of turkeys, hams, turkey breasts and chickens. We are requesting general varied groceries, for example: canned fruits, vegetables, meats, juices, rice, etc., this way the families will have groceries for later in December. Food can be dropped off in the vestibule of the Church on November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, along with the turkeys or hams, etc.

If you cannot shop, but still wish to participate, please put monetary contributions in an envelope marked Thanksgiving and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory.

Please, only non-perishable items, no frozen pies or vegetables.

**\*\* All meats will be refrigerated until they are distributed\*\***

**Pick up date: Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**



# SAINT CHRISTOPHER PARISH 20-WEEK CLUB MAINTENANCE & REPAIR FUND 2017

Raffle License #  
ID #375-01-0914

Location: 1050 Littleton Road  
Parsippany, NJ 07054  
Time: 12:00 noon

- A. Each participant pays \$100 once or \$20 a month for 5 months, starting January and ending in May.
- B. There is a winner selected each week, two winners on week 10 (\$500/each) two winners on week 17 (\$400/each) and five winners on week 20 (\$1000/each).

January 2017		February 2017		March 2017		April 2017		May 2017	
1/7	\$150	2/4	\$200	3/4	\$250	4/1	\$300	5/6	\$375
1/14	\$150	2/11	\$200	3/11	<b>\$500, \$500</b>	4/8	\$350	5/14	\$400
1/21	\$175	2/18	\$200	3/18	\$300	4/15	\$350	5/21	<b>\$1000</b>
									<b>\$1000</b>
1/28	\$175	2/25	\$250	3/25	\$300	4/22	\$375		<b>\$1000</b>
									<b>\$1000</b>
						4/29	<b>\$400, \$400</b>		<b>\$1000</b>

- C. A person can win more than once. Your name is put back in so you can win again.
- D. We are planning to have our first drawing on January 7, 2016. Drawings will be held each SATURDAY. A list of winners will be posted in the vestibule of the Church and in the bulletin.
- E. If a participant fails to pay the monthly dues, he/she will be disqualified for the remainder of the drawing.
- F. If gambling is a problem for you or someone in your family, DIAL 1-800-GAMBLER.
- G. The aggregate value of all prizes **\$11,300**. No substitution of the offered prizes may be made.

**PLEASE PRINT – FILL OUT FORM AND RETURN TO: St. Christopher Rectory**

All forms must be returned no later than January 6, 2017

20-week club# \_\_\_\_\_

Saint Christopher Church

Raffle License #

Calendar Raffle – 20-week club

ID #375-1-914

January, February, March, April, May 2017

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 payment in full

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20 partial payment

# BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



At St. Christopher's

On Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Santa will be arriving at 10:00 am.

There will be crafts, and be ready to take pictures with Santa.

Cost per family: \$10.00. For reservations please contact

Cathy Metcalf at 973-263-8741

Please detach the bottom and mail in with payment by: November 28, 2016

St. Christopher's Breakfast with Santa

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number : \_\_\_\_\_

St. Christopher Parish - 1050 Littleton Road, Parsippany, NJ (973) 539-7050

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Lake Parsippany Vol. Fire Co., Dist. #3  
Ladies Auxiliary  
14th Annual

# Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, November 27, 2016  
7:30am - 12:30pm



Adults ~ \$6.00  
Seniors (60 yrs. & over) ~ \$4.00  
Children under 5 yrs. old ~ \$4.00  
Children under 2 yrs. old ~ Free

Lake Parsippany Firehouse  
255 Halsey Road, Lk. Parsippany