

St. Christopher Church

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastors Desk

What Catholics Believe - Have you ever been asked to explain the Catholic faith to someone who wants to know more about it? To put what we believe into words can be a challenge. We need a summary, a common language to unite us in what we profess to believe. The early Church felt this need, especially as they prepared people for Baptism. In fact, our first profession of faith is at our Baptism. The word Creed comes from the Latin for "I Believe". The "Apostles Creed" bears that name because it is a faithful summary of the Apostles' faith. It is called the oldest Catholic Catechism. It's a treasure connecting us through the centuries to those who walked with Jesus.

The Nicene Creed had ancient roots as well, stemming from the first two ecumenical councils in 325 A.D. and 381 A.D. Praying the Creed in a meditative way brings us into communion with God, stirs our soul, and unites us with God, and us with all our brothers and sisters in faith. The Lord is very near to us, and doubt or questioning should never turn us away from God. It is an occasion to turn to the Lord in honesty and trust, knowing that our honesty opens up to grace.



First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

This reading is a short passage from the second song of the Servant of the Lord. The Lord will show his glory through His servant whose mission is to restore Israel and bring salvation "to the ends of the earth."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul sends greetings to the people of Corinth, who have been called to be holy and consecrated in Christ.

Gospel: John 1:29-34

When Jesus visits John, John recognizes Jesus as the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." John further indicates that Jesus is truly the Messiah and "God's chosen One."

Sunday
Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Monday
Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday
Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday
Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday
Heb 7:25—8:6; Mk 3:7-12

Friday
Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday
Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3:20-21

Weekly Collections

First collection	\$10,012.00
(including online giving \$ 1,137.00)	
Project Faith	\$ 1,863.00
Last years	\$12,110.00

Attendance for last week 781
Thank you for your generosity!

Masses

Saturday, January 14th

8:30am Msgr. Francis B. Ferraioli

5:00 pm Linda Sole

Sunday, January 15th

7:00 am Special Intentions Darbie Davidson

8:00 am Scott Polotta

9:15 am Deceased Members of the Ubiera-
Trinidad Family

10:45 am Thelma & Ronald Milos

Joe Calabrese

12:15 pm Virginia Roman

Special Intentions - the Roman Family

Sr. Jean Wagner

Monday, January 16th

7:00 am Jenny de la Cruz Polanco

12:05 pm Fred Yaroz

7:30 pm Dominick M. Cecere

Tuesday, January 17th

7:00 am Jenny de la Cruz Polanco

12:05 pm John Zimmer

Wednesday, January 18th

7:00 am Jenny de la Cruz

12:05 pm Fr. Joseph Nativo

Thursday, January 19th

7:00 am Stephen S. Martino

12:05 pm Alba Madrid

Friday, January 20th

7:00 am Frank P. Tampany

12:05 pm Elizabeth Methias

Saturday, January 21st

8:30am Dominick M. Cecere

5:00 pm Linda Sole

Sunday, January 22nd

7:00 am Jenny de la Cruz

8:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish

9:15 am Dominick Cecere

10:45 am Edward Corcoran

Joseph Calacrese

12:15 pm L'Echleyer Family - Special Intentions

The Living Flame for the
Sanctuary Light will be
in memory of
Ann R. Paterno
Beloved Wife and Mother
for the month of January, 2017

*Please remember in your 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 February 13th @ 7:00 pm in room 101. Please call the rectory to enroll and for any other information you may require.*

Reflections

We have been consecrated in baptism and called to be holy. Do you ever think about what that means? What do you think it means to be "holy" and do you think it applies to you? According to the dictionary, "holy" means belonging to God, consecrated, deserving deep respect, awe, and reverence. Holy is not something you become but what you are. You did not earn it but you can develop it. WE all have talents and abilities but they cannot bear fruit unless we develop them and hone our skills. So it is with holiness. Reflect on what it means to be holy and what you are doing to become more holy.

*To do your will, oh my God, is my delight, and your law is within my heart.
-Psalm 40:8*

Parish Anointing Mass:

Due to the cancellation of the Advent Anointing Mass on December 17th because of the snow storm, we will have a Parish Anointing Mass on January 28, 2017 at 11:00 am. All those who wish to be anointed with the Sacrament of the Sick are welcome.

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 February 7th at 7:15 pm in room 110. The February book selection:

The Forgotten Garden by Kate Morton

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

* **New book selection for the following month will be announced at meeting.**



St. Christopher's Prayer Group

Tuesday, January 17th at 10:30 am

Thursday, January 19th after 12:05 pm Mass

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.

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'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: January 20th.

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

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, January 7, 2017 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.

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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.

**** Patriots Pen Winners****

First place: Dylan B. Bautista

Second place: Shannon N. Ragg

Third Place: Leanne A. Abverica

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 #2 Cold cereal, granola bars, cookies, crackers, tuna, Chef Boyardee, canned chicken meat, canned fruit, shelf-stable milk, bath tissue, facial tissue, paper towels.

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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20 Week Club

**First winner of our 20 Week Club is:
#166 The McDermott Family**

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Pilgrimage to the National Shrine

The Diocese of Paterson has set a date for its yearly pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. It will be on October 21, 2017

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January is Human Trafficking Awareness month. LEARN about human trafficking in this country and particularly in your state and area. US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (sistersagainstrafficking.org).

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Woman's' Society

Arrangements have been made with the **Gourmet Cafe**, on Baldwin Road in Parsippany, for the Women's Society of St. Christopher's Church to have a fund raiser there on Monday, January 23, 2017. The Women's Society will receive a percentage of Gourmet Cafe's total revenue for the day. This includes income from sales of lunches, dinners and take out. If you would like to join a group from the Women's Society who are planning to be there for lunch that day please call Anne Bilotti at 973-267-5926.

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Bishops Annual Appeal

Be rich in good works

If you have not yet responded to the 2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal, there is still time to do so as the 2016 Appeal funds are used to support ministries and programs through the end of the diocesan fiscal year on June 30, 2017. Your gift is a great blessing and valued so we can serve Christ by serving his people. For your convenience, you can make an online gift at www.2016appeal.org.

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Craft and Vendor Fair will be held at St. Cecilia Church Basement, located at 70 Church Street, Rockaway, NJ 07866 on Saturday, March 25, 2017 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Free Admission and Indoors. For further information Email: saintceciliarosarysociety@gmail.com or call 973-886-8023

Help People with Disabilities – Support the Murray House Dinner Dance! www.dpd.org/murray

Please help support the Department for Persons with Disabilities (DPD), a Catholic Charities Agency, as they host their 47th Annual Murray House Dinner Dance at the Brownstone in Paterson. DPD provides care for over 100 adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout the Diocese of Paterson. The Annual Gala will be held on February 19th at 6:00 PM. This year, DPD will be honoring Joe Duffy, past Catholic Charities President as their Person of the Year, as well as several service recipients, volunteers and employees. Help support the event by attending, taking out an ad, or by sponsoring a DPD resident to attend. Last year over 60 individuals were sponsored to attend this event! For more information visit: www.dpd.org/Murray or contact DPD's Development Office at 973-406-1104 or at Chrisb@dpd.org.

Soft yoga for hard times at St. Christopher

Every Thursday from 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm in room 110. 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 Prosperi, who is the yoga instructor at pprosperi51@gmail.com.

“But as I say, I did not recognize him. The one who sent me to baptize with water told me: ‘When you see the Spirit descend and rest on someone, it is he who is to baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ Now I have seen for myself, and have testified, ‘This is God’s chosen One.’

A logo or trademark makes it easy to recognize a product. The sari of St. Teresa of Calcutta or the gentle smile of Pope Francis leave no doubt of whom we speak. A familiar melody or words from the scripture often bring joy to our ears. They stay with us. When the Baptist said he did not at first recognize the Christ until another sign was offered, he kept on looking. I ask myself, where can I recognize Christ today? How can I discover Him? The saint of Calcutta found Him in the poor and abandoned. The Holy Father tells us He is out on the streets, in the poor, homeless and needy. Where do I look? Many young people give of themselves as Jesuit Volunteers, builders for Habitat for Humanity, Big Brothers and Sisters for our youth. These serve a dual role – they discover Christ and bring Him as well. It is kind of like a smile – something I give away and hold on to at the same time. May others recognize the Christ in me.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Jan. 21st & 22nd	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	C. Rizzo A. & A. DeNino	P. Allocca L. Bain A. Calabrese C. Hendricks	L. Pascale
7:00 am	B. & E. Hollinghurst	B. Carroll	M. Appio
8:00 am	A. & D. Guzzardi C. Ocker	J. Mucerino C. Ocker E. Shabet	M. Montefusco
9:15 am	A. & A. To K. Gaydo	D. Giradelli B. Chmielewski C. To C. Uy	
10:45 am	T. Metcalf R. Bilboa- LaVieja J. Vadakkedam	C. Callahan Visit: C. Metcalf J. & L. Reinke	K. Lucibello
12:15 pm	M. & A. Memoli P. Whalen	V. & R. Arcilla J. & T. Racioppi	M. Reyes

Buses from Diocese traveling to Washington for annual March of Life

The following are a list of Parish groups with buses heading to Washington D.C. for the 43rd annual March of Life on January 27, 2017.

Independent (Buses leave from Shoprite Rt. 206 Chester). Andy Schlafly, aschlafly@aol.com

Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel, Cedar Knolls: Rose Fanelli (973) 428-8304

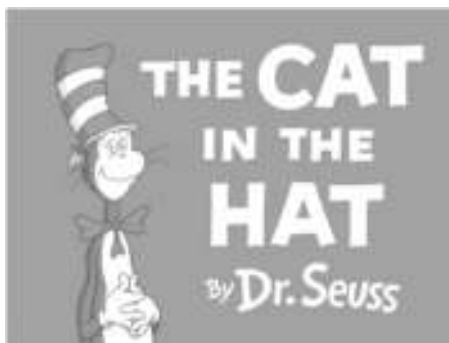
St. Mary, Denville: Jim Rizos, (973) 627-2596

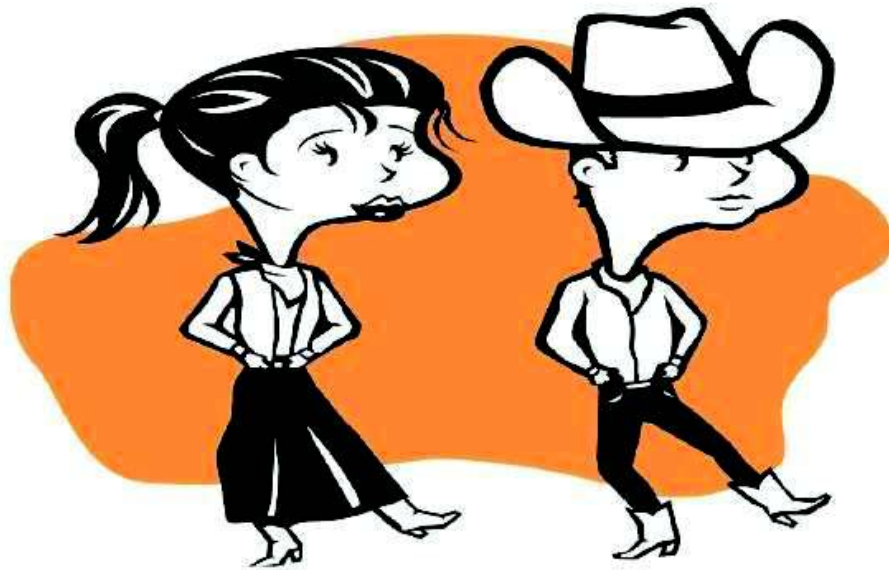
Contact the above to make reservations or for more information.



Save The Date

Sunday, March 12th we have reserved a limited amount of tickets for the play: Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat, at the Mayo Performing Arts Center, in Morristown, NJ. Tickets will be \$10.00 per person. A flier will be going out soon with all the information, and how to reserve your tickets.





*Family Line Dance at
St. Christopher*

**In the All Purpose Room on February 17, 2017
from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm**

Fun for the whole family,
ages 5 to adult.

Knowledge of Line Dance is not necessary
All steps will be taught and demonstrated.

Our caller will be Susan Kassab
** wear comfortable shoes**



All Saints Academy's 8th Annual Tricky Tray!

Friday, February 10, 2017 – Doors open at 5:30 PM

ADMISSION is \$35.00 (includes two sheets of Regular Prize tickets, coffee & dessert)

ADVANCE TICKET PACKAGES include 3 sheets of Regular tickets, 4 Grand Prize tickets, and 2 Super Grand Prize Tickets for \$40.00...a savings of \$15.00!

Tickets prices will be as follows on the night of the auction:

Regular	1 Sheet of 25 tickets	\$10.00
Grand	1 ticket	\$5.00 each or 4 for \$15.00
Super Grand	1 ticket	\$5.00 each or 4 for \$15.00

**Example: If you buy one Advanced Ticket Package, the total owed for your reservation is \$75.00
Admission Price (\$35) + Advanced Ticket Package (\$40) = \$75.00**

Assigned seating only - tables of 8 are available.

(please note if your reservation is less than 8, you could be combined with another party)

Please provide names of guests, phone numbers, and the number of ticket packages:

TABLE CAPTAIN: _____ **PHONE:** _____

	<u>Guest's Name(s)</u>	<u>Phone #</u>	<u># of Advance Ticket Packages</u>
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2.	_____	_____	_____
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5.	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____	_____

ADMISSION & ADVANCE TICKET PACKAGE payment: Please make checks payable to ALL SAINTS ACADEMY with "Tricky Tray" noted on the memo line.

of Guests _____ @ \$35 each = \$ _____
 # of Advance Ticket Packages _____ @ \$40 each = \$ _____
TOTAL = \$ _____

**ADVANCE TICKET PACKAGE PRICES DEADLINE IS
MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2017.**

**For additional info or questions, please call Debbie Dembek at 973-334-4704.
Visit www.allsaintspar.org for additional forms.**

*Due to any unforeseen circumstances, a snow date has been scheduled.
All tickets will be honored. No refunds.
ALL ATTENDEES MUST BE 21 YEARS OF AGE*



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Phone: 973-334-4704 ~ Fax: 973-334-0622
www.allsaintspar.org

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Mid-term exams will take place for grades four through eight next week. During this week, teachers have maintained a balance of exam preparation time and have continued with current instruction. The students are well prepared to demonstrate their understanding of previously covered schoolwork. Thank you for supporting your children with strong academic oversight at home so that, each day, they may be more successful in school. On January 12, 13 and 17, After Care students in grades 4, 5 and 6 may participate in mid-term study groups in the library. These study groups will be organized and supervised by Miss Kerry Graziano who is currently studying education at the College of New Jersey and substituting at ASA. Following mid-term exam week, second quarter grades will be complete, and our student Excellence Assembly will take place on Friday, February 3, following morning prayers in the cafeteria. Please note: *Due to the time needed to grade mid-terms and complete grading for the second marking period, the parent portal on Rediker will be closed from Friday, January 13, midday, until Friday, January 27.* This week, we will introduce some new and exciting technology in our classrooms. We have purchased four 70" *Sharp Aquos Touch Screen Board* monitors with built in computers with a portion of our annual federal IDEA funding. These units will be placed in grades 5, 8, the Spanish classroom and the library. We currently have similar models in the Tech Lab and grade 1 classroom. The *Aquos Boards* are state of the art instructional tools and replace the SMART Boards that were first introduced to classrooms in the 1990s. Teachers and students will definitely enjoy and benefit from the versatility and ease of the *Aquos Boards*! Have you organized your table for the upcoming Tricky Tray on Friday, February 10? We have received a steady stream of registration forms so we anticipate another "sell out" crowd. Our Tricky Tray committee has done a tremendous job with the planning and preparations for the gala. Thanks to the many families who are supporting this event by donating baskets and gifts, by volunteering time, and by participating as guests.

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated from January 29 through February 3. The students, faculty and Home and School Association have planned educational and enjoyable activities for the special week. At parish masses during the weekend of January 28 and 29, ASA parents and students have been invited to speak to parishioners about all of the great things happening in our school. If you and your family would like to serve as parish ambassadors to present these messages, kindly contact me for additional information about how you can help. We would love to include many families in this special activity. We are also asking all students that will attend Mass during the weekend of January 28 and 29 wear their ASA uniforms. This effort will promote school spirit and enhance the special connections that our school shares with our supporting parishes. A special Catholic Schools Week schedule will be distributed early next week. This Friday, our middle school students will visit the Morristown Performing Arts Center for a presentation by U.S. Astronaut Captain Scott Kelly. Kelly, a native of West Orange, spent a record-breaking year in space and captivated the world while laying the groundwork for the future of space travel and exploration. An American hero, Captain Kelly will share his adventures and reflections on his experiences, unparalleled life lessons, and commentary on his epic 143-million mile journey. We are looking forward to this special field trip and are grateful for the opportunity to be part of the audience. On January 15, we will wish a Happy Birthday to Mr. O'Meara. We are grateful for his good humor, helpfulness and special efforts to make our school a safe and comfortable home-away-from-home for our children. School will be closed on Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. We pause to reflect on the greatness of Dr. King and the timeless values of courage, truth, justice, compassion, dignity, humility and service that he shared through his example and leadership.

Sincerely,

Judith Berg
Principal

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