

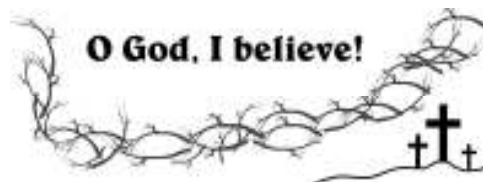
St. Christopher Church

Palm Sunday

Pastors Desk

Passion (Palm Sunday) - Refitting lost status

Modern celebrities are famous for dodging well deserved penalties with the challenge, “Do you know who I am?” We could imagine the innocent Jesus quoting that line as he hung on the cross, for his actual words confirm the lack of knowledge of his executioners: “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do”. Disciples of Jesus do not need to play the entitlement cards, for we are aware of our importance as children of God, the body of Christ and the light of the world. Still we do not boast our credentials for personal gain, for we embody the Lord’s overriding concern for the dignity of the forgotten, the outcast and the downtrodden. We do not dress for success then, but we refit our worldly cloths to “put on Christ” who rides to glory on a donkey. In this way the status of the ordinary and forgotten may be rescued from the anonymity of a celebrity culture and reinstated as celebrated children of God.



Journey through Lent 2017 - “Together in His footsteps”

Welcome Home Sacrament of Reconciliation –
Monday evenings during Lent at 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm

Weekly Collections

First collection	\$ 13,116.00
(including online giving \$ 1,128.00)	
Project Faith	\$ 1,903.00
Last year	\$ 8,646.00

Attendance for last week 954
Thank you for your generosity!

***** The Rectory will be closed for Good Friday *****



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

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

In a tone of quiet sadness, Isaiah describes the buffets and insults given to the Suffering Servant. The passage ends on a note of hope.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

In exultant tones, Paul tells the Philippians to rejoice because Christ became man, died on the cross, rose from the dead, and sits triumphantly at the right hand of the Father.

Gospel: Matthew 26:14—27:66

This is the solemn narrative of the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Matthew recounts the treachery and betrayal of Judas and then describes the events of the Last Supper, culminating in the institution of the Eucharist. Jesus endures the Agony in the Garden; he is then brought before Caiaphas and Pilate and condemned to death. After His resurrection, the centurions shouted, "Clearly this was the Son of God!"

Sunday

Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11;
Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

Monday

Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday

Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday

Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)
Chrim Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;
1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

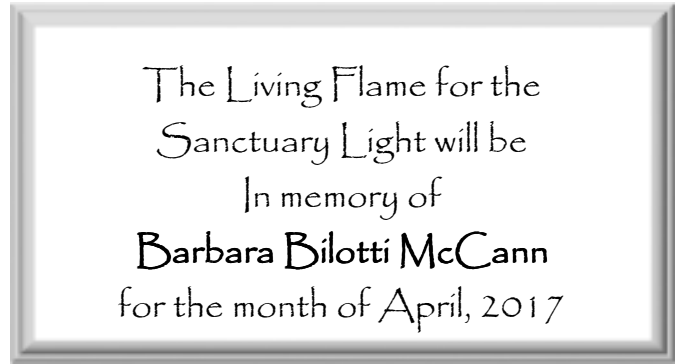
Friday

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)
Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday

Holy Saturday

Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2,
9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ex 14:15—15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11;
Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11;
Mt 28:1-10



Masses

Saturday, April 8th

8:30 am Thomas DeWinter
5:00 pm Special Intentions - John Purcaro
Dolores Pampaloni

Sunday, April 9th Palm Sunday

7:00 am Joseph Maciag, Sr.
8:00 am Mary Ruth Borst
9:15 am Rose & Nicholas DiVincenzo, Sam &
Connie Calabria, Rita & Mickey
D'Ambrosia & Frank Calabria
10:45 am Isabel Veloso
12:15 pm Special Intentions - LPPOA
Joseph & Lorraine Coari

Monday, April 10th

7:00 am Msgr. Frank B. Ferraioli
12:05 pm Deceased Members of the Parish
7:30 pm Maritza Morros

Tuesday, April 11th

7:00 am Maritza Morros
12:05 pm John Zimmer

Wednesday, April 12th

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Vaz Family
12:05 pm Deceased Members of the Parish

Thursday, April 13th Holy Thursday

7:00 pm Mass of the Last Supper

Friday, April 14th Good Friday

3:00 pm Service
7:00 pm Living Stations

Saturday, April 15th Holy Saturday

11:30 am Blessing of the Food
7:00 pm Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 16th Easter Sunday

7:00 am Ann R. Paterno
8:00 am Chorny, Lanza, Mucerino & Osterhaut
Families
9:15 am Deceased Members of the Parish
10:45 am Charles & Helen Madia
Jean LaColla
12:15 pm Anthony Graziano



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 has a 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 **April 4th** at 7:00 pm in room 110. The February book selection:

"The Girl Who Came Home: A Novel of the Titanic"
by Hazel Gaynor.

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

*Will be every Tuesday, at 10:30 am and
Every Thursday, 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.

****There will be NO BINGO on April 12th due to Wednesday of Holy Week****

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: **April 21st.**

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

****Trip to Virginia Beach and Colonial Williamsburg, from Sept. 18th - 22nd. For information call 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, May 6, 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.

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, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, toothpaste, deodorant.

For more information contact the rectory and speak to Fr. Joe.

St. Paul Inside the Walls...

Catholicism from Scratch – Making Sense: Questions about the Eucharist. This is a course in basic Catholicism for those who need a brush-up, those who missed it the first time around, or those who never heard it before. Fr. Paul Manning, presenter. *Madison, Saturday, April 29th from 10:00 a.m.-noon*

Being Single, Being Faithful (35+) Whether single by choice or by circumstance, we must live every “single” day to the fullest. We can find fulfillment in Christ and his Church by embracing the opportunities in the Church for spiritual growth, meaningful service and a sense of community. *Madison, Saturday, May 13th from 10:00 a.m.-noon*

Speaking of Faith - Fr. Manning talks with Dr. Brian Beyerl, deacon at Assumption Parish, Morristown and Chief of Neurosurgery at Morristown Medical Center, about his encounter with and response to God and the integration of faith into work and life. *Madison, Wednesday, May 17th, 2017 from 7:30-9:00 p.m.*

For programs and events and to register visit
www.insidethewalls.org or call
(973) 437-9741

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20 Week Club

**13th winner of our 20 Week Club:
#199 Margaret Granger.
Congratulations!!**

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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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Encounter our neighbors— We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter into our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, and others who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

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On April 21st, 22nd & 23rd The Parsippany Knights of Columbus #3680 will be having their Annual Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities Drive. They will be outside the Foodtown and Shoprite. Calling on all Knights both present and past, if interested please call Al Clark at 973-887-8588 or Dave Szmak at 973-887-6120.

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 Proseri, who is the yoga instructor at pproseri51@gmail.com.

Please join St. Ann's bus trip, on April 28th, to Sight & Sound Millennium Theater in Lancaster, PA., to see "Jonah." Cost is \$124.00 which includes: shopping at Kitchen Kettle Village, performance at Sight & Sound Millennium theater, dinner at Shady Maple Smorgasbord, and transportation. Bus leaves from St. Ann's parking lot, 781 Smith Road, at 10:00 am and returns at 10:30 pm. For tickets call Ginny at 973-884-1986. Seats sell out quickly. Deadline: March 26th.

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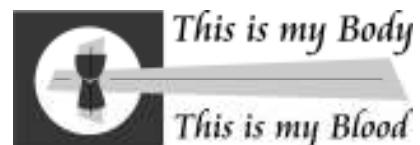
LIVING STATIONS will be performed at Saint Christopher's on Good Friday, April 14, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Dress rehearsal for Living Stations will be held on Wednesday, April 12th from 6:15 pm - 9:00 pm.

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Pampered Chef Fundraiser Party

Come join the Columbiettes for a fun night and help us raise money for all our great causes.

Cooking demo: 4/24/17 at 7:00 pm, arrive at 6:45 pm at Saint Anne's Church Hall located at 781 Smith Road, Parsippany. Bring a friend or 2 or if you can not attend but would like to help, go to www.pamperedchef.com/go/columbiettes to view & place order. All orders will be shipped direct to guests right when you place your order, no waiting for party to close to get your order. If you need a catalog or to RSVP contact Teresa by 4/19/17 at tmadubato@gmail.com.



April 15th & 16th Easter Vigil & Sunday	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
7:00 pm	E. & B. Hollinghurst K. Gaydo	C. UY L. Bain K. Hollinghurst K. Lucibello	L. Pascale J. Lucibello
7:00 am	I. & S. Lalo	B. Carroll	C. Ramon-cionis
8:00 am	The Valle Family	C. Metcalf L. Scangarella K. Nolan	J. Valle
9:15 am	C. & C. Berardo J. Lance	K. & P. Berardo A. Calabria E. Haynes	A. Licor
10:45 am	T. Metcalf S. Arcilla J. Summa	V. Arcilla Visit: C. Metcalf L. Eckel J. Hoffman	A. Bilotti
12:15 pm	C. Dumapit P. Whalen A. Jerez	T. & J. Racioppi S. & D. Kaschalk	M. Appio

To all Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Altar Servers: always refer to the schedule given to you, in case there is a change or any mistakes on the schedule listed above. If you have any questions please contact Mary Ann at the Religious Education office.

For Holy Thursday and Good Friday, Please refer to your schedule

You are invited to join the 40 Days for Life prayer campaign from March 1st – April 9th, to peacefully pray for the end of abortion - the leading cause of death in the world - outside the Planned Parenthood in Morristown, a facility that performs over 1,000 abortions each year. Just as Jesus prayed for the Father’s will to be done, so He now calls us to keep watch with Him in prayer and fasting for repentance and for people’s hearts to be open to life. Please join us, and those in over 340 cities around the world, in transforming our culture by praying for the babies and their mothers and fathers, for those who need post-abortive healing, and for those who work at Planned Parenthood. Please register for a time slot at 40DaysforLife.com and select the Morristown vigil

Reflections

Lent offers us a time to reflect on our discipleship. How well we are following the example Jesus gave us? Instead of comparing ourselves in light of the accomplishments and failures of others, we should be looking at Jesus. How do we treat others - with compassion and forgiveness or with harshness and condemnation? Do we look for ways to help people or do we focus on what they can do for us? What do we do with our resources and gifts - hoard them or share them with those around us? If you think you are doing a great job as a disciple, think again - none of us measure up to Jesus. Instead, be thankful for the progress you have made and look to what you can do to improve.

*But you, O Lord, be not far from me;
O my help, hasten to aid me..
-Psalm 22:19*



ALL SAINTS ACADEMY CORNER - Holy Week at ASA - 2017

As Lent comes to a close and we look to the Resurrection of our Lord on Easter, the students of All Saints Academy will have a special day of spiritual reflection for all classes, PreSchool through Grade 8. Our retreat day, on Wednesday, April 12th, will focus on the events and lessons of the Paschal Triduum that prepare us to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ. Children will grow spiritually within themselves and share a quiet, thoughtful connection to God. They will pray together, as a school, as they participate in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Through Eucharistic Adoration, our students develop a deep and personal relationship with Jesus who guides them through their entire lives. This time with Jesus in Adoration flows forth into their daily lives and teaches them to turn to Jesus often. And, they will enter the Easter Season with Jesus in their hearts.

The very important presence of faith education truly makes All Saints Academy an extension of the mission of our Catholic parish. This is the time to consider All Saints Academy for your child’s faith-based education – an experience that will foster a lifetime. Contact our principal, Mrs. Judith Berg, at 973-334-4704, for more information regarding admission and scholarship opportunities at All Saints Academy.

Holy Week Schedule

April 11th & 12th

7:00 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

Holy Thursday, April 13th

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Last Supper

Good Friday, April 14th

3:00 p.m. – Passion of the Lord

7:00 p.m. – Living Stations

Holy Saturday, April 15th

11:30 a.m. – Blessing of the Food

7:00 p.m. – The Easter Vigil

(No 5:00 p.m. Mass)

Easter Sunday – April 16th

Masses: 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m.,

10:45 a.m., & 12:15 p.m.

Please be aware there was a misprint in the Easter Leaflet with the masses. The Mass on Easter Sunday at 12:15 pm was omitted. The following is the corrected Holy Week Schedule.

Come join us for ...



St. Christopher's



Friday, May 12, 2017 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.

