

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Pastors Desk



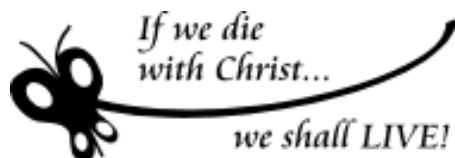
Who am I to judge?

With those five words, it feels to me, that we are changing course in mid-journey. None of us are unaware of the shift in attitude, in spirit, and, most of all, in hopefulness about the future. Pope Francis could have quoted Matthew's Gospel "judge not, lest you be judged" (Mt. 7:1) but I don't believe it would have been as powerful or effective. The self deprecating twist that he has given to almost every gesture has disarmed his critics, inspired many of the faithful, and indeed, fascinated the secular press.

My personal reflection involves Pope Francis effectiveness in proclaiming the message of Jesus. In witnessing Pope Francis style in ministry, I am amazed. The message of Jesus presented through "a pastoral filter" is more attractive than the message of Jesus presented through a "dogmatic filter".

All of us filter the message of Jesus. And that filter, has more or less success in presenting the beauty if the central message to those who witness our lives. It seems to me by observing, pastoral filters are more attractive filters than dogmatic ones!

Look at the excitement in our Church - Now!



Weekly Collections

First Collection	\$ 9,840.00
(including online giving \$ 1,103.00)	
Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,192.00
Last year	\$ 8,487.00

Attendance for last week: 714
Thank you for your generosity!

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8□11, 14□16a

A woman in Shunem believed strongly in the holiness of the prophet Elisha. To reward her, Elisha promised that she and her aging husband would, within the year, be the parents of a son.

Second Reading: Romans 6:3□4, 8□11

Paul explains to the Romans that by immersion in water at baptism, they "die" to their sins; by rising from the water, they rise from "death and sin" to new life in Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 10:37□42

With simplicity, Jesus tells his apostles that everyone should love him above all others father, mother, son or daughter. He adds, "He who welcomes you, welcomes me."

Sunday

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

Monday

Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29

Tuesday

Gn 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday

Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday

Gn 22:1b-19; Mt 9:1-8

First Friday

Gn 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8, 62-67; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday

Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Mt 9:14-17

The Living Flame for the
Sanctuary Light will be
in memory of
Nicholas & Diana Lisi
for the month of July, 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 from Monday thru Thurs-
day at (973) 539-6208.*

Baptism

*Our next **Baptism preparation meeting** will
be on July 10th @ 7:00 pm in room 101.
Please call the rectory to enroll and for any
other information you may require.*

Baptism Congratulations

*Let us welcome to our family of faith
**Joseph D. Vallier &
Jacob N. Paniccia**
who received the sacrament of baptism .*

FYI.....

**3rd & 4th of July - Rectory will be closed in ob-
servance of 4th of July Holiday.**

4th of July: There will be only 10:00 am Mass.

**There will be no 7:00 am Mass during the week
days, from June 26th until August 1st.**

*2018 Mass Book will be opening on July 12, 2017
from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.*

*2018 Vigil Light (Sanctuary Light) will be available
on July 12, 2017. First come, first serve, in person on-
ly. One per family.*

Masses

Saturday, July 1st

8:30 am Dorothy LaColla
Special Intentions for Healing for Ann
5:00 pm Frank Riggio

Sunday, July 2nd

7:00 am Charles & Julia Vill
8:00 am Lorraine Hathaway
Henry Luther
9:15 am Jean Widovic
10:45 am Marion Balback
Dorothy LaColla
12:15 pm Susan O'Neill
Anthony Scannella
Arnold Trauth

Monday, July 3rd

12:05 pm Rose & Nicholas DiVincenzo
7:30 pm Deceased Members of the Parish

Tuesday, July 4th Independence Day

10:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish

Wednesday, July 5th

12:05 pm John & Cecilia Kelly

Thursday, July 6th

12:05 pm Frank DeChino

Friday, July 7th

12:05 pm Lucille Klein

Saturday, July 8th

8:30 am Deceased Members of the Parish
5:00 pm Robert J. Carroll

Sunday, July 9th

7:00 am Emil Orlando
8:00 am Lorraine Hathaway
9:15 am Rita & Mickey D'Ambrosia
10:45 am Peter & Jaqueline Stathqkis
Dorothy LaColla
12:15 pm Joanne Lopriano
Christopher Lopriano

*Those who
lose
their life
for me*

will find it....



Parish Activities...

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 morning adult education will resume on September 11, 2017. **New Topic: Pope Pius XII**

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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

The book club is on summer hiatus, but for now here is the summer reading list:

"Stay Close" by Harlan Coben,
"The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown,
"The Forever Summer" by Jamie Brenner
"Same Beach Next Year" by Dorothea Benton Frank.

We look forward to seeing you when meetings resume in September.

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.

St. Christopher is hosting the 2000 Hail Mary Devotion, to our Blessed Virgin Mary, every First Saturday of every month. The July Meeting will be changed from July 1st to July 15th 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. For details call Josie Mendez (973) 887-7835 or Jeanette East (973) 334-8766.

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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: **July 7th & 21st.**

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

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The Pope Francis Society

Our program helps 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.

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.

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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I promise you that whoever gives a cup of cold water to one of these lowly ones because he is a disciple will not want for his reward.

~Matthew 10:42

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.

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, July 13, 2017 at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany, at 7:30 pm in room 101. Program: A "The Things People Say" Thank You Kindly. For more information please call Lily Capriglione at: 973-568-4164.

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Pilgrimage to the National Shrine

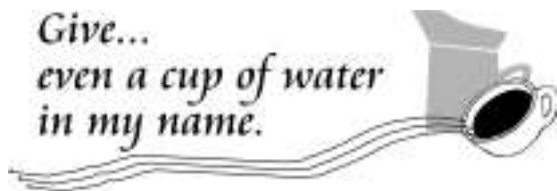
The Diocese of Paterson Marian Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. will be on October 21, 2017. The spiritual journey includes: Holy Mass (Bishop Serratelli), confessions in crypt church, catechetical presentations, rosary (multi lingual), devotional time, Divine Mercy, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Deadline to sign up is June 30th. For price and more information, contact the rectory.

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Morris Catholic Baseball Camp

The Morris Catholic HS Baseball Team is hosting a summer camp for students entering grades 5-9. This camp will be designed to pass on baseball skills and philosophies that are taught at the high school level. The camp will be held July 18th-20th, 3:00-6:00 PM at Morris Catholic. For more information and to register, please visit MCSports.org.

Give...
even a cup of water
in my name.



“Whoever receives you receives me and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me... And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because this little one is a disciple, amen, I say to you he will surely not lose his reward.”

One of the gifts Pope Francis extols, is the gift of hospitality. In our families, in our church, we have the ability to open the door and make others feel welcome. A familiar Irish expression reads “A Hundred Thousand Welcome.”

Elisha the prophet in the Book of Kings, was offered hospitality by a wealthy woman, and she was rewarded for her gift. The person ready and willing to give ONLY a cup of cold water in the name of Jesus to a little one will not go without a reward.

In the past it was not common to see people carrying a water bottle in public. Sometimes we looked for a fountain for a drink. Maybe the gift of water and hospitality for us can be welcoming a stranger, assisting someone in need, listening to a person who has suffered a loss or suffering a sickness. Whatever gesture I offer can be the Elisha gesture and the water offering which might seem small, but does not go unrewarded.

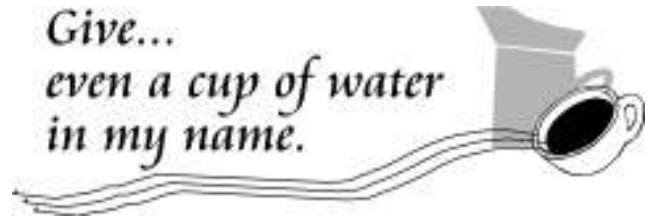
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Reflections

We all manage to do things that we are not very proud of and would prefer that others not know about them. The scriptures remind us that what is hidden will become known. There is a saying: "Never do or say anything you would not like to see printed in the morning newspaper". Consider what guides your choices. How do the things you are ashamed of affect you? What would help you make better choices - choices you would not need to hide?

July 8th & 9th	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	The Marsh Family	M. Downing S. Marsh L. & M. Sostak	J. Cannaveno
7:00 am	The Rozanitis Family	B. Carroll	L. Pascale
8:00 am	K. Gaydo B. & T. Wyka	P. Luther S. & S. Richards	C. Haney
9:15 am	M. Morales C. & C. Berardo	K. & P. Berardo D. Giradelli C. Callahan	J. Lucibello
10:45 am	P. Whalen G. & M. Harris T. Metcalf	R. Vento Visit: A. Malsbury C. Metcalf C. Mosiello	A. Bilotti
12:15 pm	A. & D. Guzzardo C. Dumapit	B. & J. East L. & R. Polanski	J. Cesaro

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. If you have any questions please contact Mary Ann at the Religious Education office.



*Father's Day
Remembrance 2017
Joseph Skladany
John Cerny*

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

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SAINT CHRISTOPHER CHURCH

8th Annual Mega 50/50 Raffle

\$25.00 per share

cash prizes distributed last year \$6037.50

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 inside of the rectory, small repairs in the rectory and new office furniture.

“NO SUBSTITUTION OF THE OFFERED PRIZES MAY BE MADE”

PLEASE PRINT WHEN FILLING OUT FORM _____

MEGA 50/50 TICKET # _____
NJ LGCCC IDENTIFICATION #375-01-0914

SAINT CHRISTOPHER PARISH
MUNICIPAL #

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

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
2017-2018

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/Children 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. 2017	

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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 ___/___/___



St. Christopher Parish Vacation Bible School 2017

August 21st to 25th
from 9:00 am to 11:30 am
CCD Office: 973-539-6208

All children Pre-K 4 to 5th grade as of September 2017 are eligible to attend.

It is a week well spent learning about Jesus in a fun environment. It includes the life of Jesus for children, music, story time, arts and crafts, playtime and snacks.

Registration: One child \$50.00, two children \$65.00, three or more children \$75.00

Please return registration forms by August 1, 2017 to:

**St. Christopher Parish
Vacation Bible School**
1050 Littleton Road
Parsippany, NJ 07054

Child's Name _____

Grade in September _____ Home Phone Number _____

Address _____ City _____

Emergency Contact Person & Number _____

Allergies (Please list all including food allergies) _____

Parent Signature _____

I would like to volunteer to help out at VBS: Adult _____
Student Gr. 6-12 _____