

Transfiguration of the Lord

From the Pastors Desk



Slave or Servant?

The English word “slave” invokes the image of African - American slavery in recent centuries, however, the word itself has had a wide range of meanings, especially in the Greek and Roman world of the first century. At the Annunciation, when Mary says that she was the “handmaid of the Lord”, the word “handmaid” was the same word used for “slave”.

Slaves back then included various kinds of laborers:

A. The lowest end would be those who rowed the ships or worked in mines.

B. The next step up would be those who worked in households, much like the English butlers and servants, portrayed on stage and movies.

C. At the higher level were teachers, or administrators of farms and businesses.

Weekly Collections

First Collection \$11,589.50
(including online giving \$ 1,247.00)

Last Year \$ 9,721.00

Attendance for the week 723
Thank you for your generosity

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Daniel depicts God as a judge with many people standing before Him. He also describes a man who came to him, and was given power over all other people. This power is described as everlasting and never to be destroyed.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19

Peter discusses how the disciples witnessed Jesus being honored and spoken to by God, fulfilling all the prophecies. He also reminds us that these prophecies were God's words, delivered through a person moved by the Holy Spirit.

Gospel: Mt 17:1-9

Jesus took three of His disciples to a high mountain, where Elijah and Moses appeared and spoke to Him. Peter suggested they make three tents, one each for Jesus, Moses and Elijah. While he spoke, a voice came from a cloud saying, “This is my Son, the beloved one; listen to Him.” The disciples became very afraid and fell to their knees. Jesus told them to rise and not to be afraid. As they looked up, they saw only Jesus. As they left the mountain, Jesus warned the disciples not to mention this until he had risen from the dead. Although they did not understand, they obeyed.

Sunday

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Monday

Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday

Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday

Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday

2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

Friday

Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday

Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20

The Living Flame for the
Sanctuary Light will be
for the special intentions of the
Vaz Family
for the month of August, 2017



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

Religious Education

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

Baptism

*Our next **Baptism preparation meeting** will be on August 14th @ 7:00 pm in room 101. Please call the rectory to enroll and for any other information you may require.*

*Let us welcome into our family of faith **Sofia Carmela Komissar**, who received the sacrament of Baptism.*



FYI.....

The 7:00 am Mass resumed on August 1st.

Masses

Saturday, August 5th

8:30 am Julia Ubiera
5:00 pm Rose Nunez

Sunday, August 6th

7:00 am Graciella R. Goncalves
8:00 am Maurice & Francis Callahan
9:15 am Rose & Nicholas DiVincenzo
Frank Calabria
10:45 am Anthony Buglisi
Dorothy LaColla
12:15 pm Ruben Dumapit

Monday, August 7th

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

Tuesday, August 8th

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Connor Family
12:05 pm Robert Natoli

Wednesday, August 9th

7:00 am Gerald Mancuso
12:05 pm Special Intentions Joan Trezza

Thursday, August 10th

7:00 am Matilde Ubiera
12:05 pm Robert Natoli

Friday, August 11th

7:00 am Mollie Connor
12:05 pm Noreen Horsman

Saturday, August 12th

8:30 am Grace Buffardi
5:00 pm Marion Gregory

Sunday, August 13th

7:00 am Special Intentions - 50th Wedding Anniversary, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Skladany
8:00 am Pamela LeDonne
Michael Bonomo
Brian Osterhaut & Elizabeth Chorny
9:15 am Deceased Members of the Parish
10:45 am Dorothy LaColla
Dolores Pampaloni
Patricia Ruane
12:15 pm Susan O'Neil

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. Please join us on August 5, 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. 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: **August 18th.**

Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa. Bus leaves St. Christopher's parking lot at 9:15 am. Date: **August 14th.** 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 2: Cold cereal, granola bars, cookies, crackers, tuna, Chef Boyardee, canned chicken meat, canned fruit, shelf stable milk, bath tissue, paper towels.

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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Get up! Do not be afraid.

~Matthew 17:7

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.

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The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, August 10, 2017 at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany, at 7:30PM in room 101. Program: "Ask-It-Basket" (Bring Photos Of Your Child). For more information please call Lily Capriglione at: 973-568-4164.

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Please join us in congratulating Deacon Alan Lucibello for being nominated to receive the Vivre Christus Award. The presentation for the award will be celebrated during Vespers on Sunday, September 10th at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, N.J. at 3:30 pm. Following the presentation there will be a light reception for the honorees and their families.

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Reflections

Peter, James and John were astounded by the transfiguration of Jesus. They could hardly believe their eyes. Peter immediately thinks about setting tents - places to keep everyone where they were. We are often like Peter. We want to cling to a special moment and never move on. But that is not what special moments and insights are about. They are giving to us to help clarify our vision and understanding so that we can move on and take up the challenges that lie ahead. Recall some special moments in your own life that brought you some insight or clarity. Did you use those moments to move on or did you try to "preserve" them like a relic? Consider what these moments may have been preparing you for and how that awareness might help you in the future.

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8th Annual Mega 50/50 Raffle

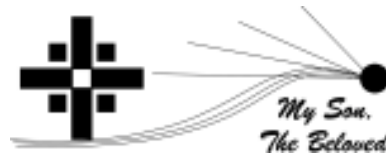
So far we have 354 shares sold with a total amount of \$8,850.00 collected. The drawing will be on September 17th @ 2:00 pm. Thank you to the people that have already purchased their shares to this important fundraiser.

Those in Military Service

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands, protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the sacrifices they make for us in our hour of need and give us peace.

We ask this in the Name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen

*If there is a family member you wish to be placed on a list, please call the rectory with the name and where they are stationed. *



To St. Christopher Parishioners,

I would like to thank you all for all your prayers, prayer cards and well wishes, they mean a lot to me, especially when I found it hard to pray for myself. I ask that you continue to pray for me that God will have mercy on my soul, forgive all my sins and journey with me on my way home. Come Marantha.

*With God's blessing,
Deacon Henry*

August 12th & 13th	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	A. Anastasi M. & A. Memoli	E. Shabet T. Racioppi L. & M. Sostak	M. Appio
7:00 am	The Lalo Family	B. Carroll	M. Dumapit
8:00 am	The Valle Family	A. Apro E. Haynes L. Vale	J. Valle
9:15 am	J. Summa A. Mogan A. Martell	B. Chmielewski P. GAti S. Hilgendorf J. Kobeszko	J. Lucibello
10:45 am	The Imperati Family	D. DeMaio Visit: C. Brown A. Calabria J. Mendez	L. Pascale
12:15 pm	D. Perez K. & N. Hardy	J. Alfonso K. Blunt S. Capozzi T. Copeland	M. Reyes

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.

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A Gentle man looking for rides to doctor, please contact rectory or Mr. Peter Elia (973-265-4156) if you can help out. Thank You.

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Missionary Cooperation Collection

Change of date:
From August 6th to
August 12th/13th.
Please use envelope on
August 12th /13th
Thank you!

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 prices**



For more information call 973-713-4939

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	

K ----- 11

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 _____