

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Pastors Desk



Veterans Day Message

Every year, we set aside Veterans Day to honor all the men and women who have served our country in uniform. We celebrate veterans from generations past. We welcome a new generation of veterans home from war, and we thank our future veterans, still serving at home and abroad. They are serving our nation through their engagement across the globe. Some are in West Africa, some are in the Middle East, some are in Afghanistan. For our troops serving around the world today, and those transitions out of the military, our obligations are only beginning. Taking care of them, and their families is a sacred responsibility we must always uphold. Lets celebrate them by telling their stories. Lets help those who need it, while supporting their strength and resilience. Lets honor our veterans by creating new opportunities for them to contribute after their service, so they can continue making a difference in the world.

To all you veterans - Thank You. Thank you for everything you've done for our country.

Weekly Collections

First Collection	\$ 9,602.00
(including online giving \$ 1,008.00)	
All Saints	\$ 1,846.00
All Souls	\$ 1,460.00
Last Year	\$ 8,555.00

Attendance for the week 768
Thank you for your generosity

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

An encomium for a good and worthy wife, this passage from Proverbs extols all the virtues which a worthy wife possesses – fidelity, industriousness, skill, charity to the poor, and fear of the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Once again, Paul reassures the Thessalonians, who are anxious about the coming of Christ, that they need not fear being unprepared because they are “children of light.”

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus narrates the parable of the talents – in the story, the silver pieces given to the three men. Two of the men invest their coins and double their worth, but the third buries his coins in the ground and earns no return. The message of Jesus is that we must use to the fullest the talents we have received.

Sunday

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thes 5:1-6;
Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday

2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday

1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44

Friday

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday

1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40

The Living Flame for the
Sanctuary Light will be
in memory of
Anthony G. Bilotti
for the month of November, 2017

Masses

Saturday, November 18th

8:30 am Patrick Fagan
5:00 pm Rose & Alex Scerbo
Walter Pasuco

Sunday, November 19th

7:00 am John Coster
8:00 am Michael Lanza
9:15 am Teresa Intiso - Ober
10:45 am Isabel Veloso
Dorothy LaColla
12:15 pm Donald T. Morgan -
50th Anniversary

Walter Pasuco
Blas Banua, Sr.

Monday, November 20th

7:00 am Patrick Fagan
Barbara McCabe
12:05 pm Carol Miller
7:30 pm Msgr. Frank B. Ferraioli

Tuesday, November 21st

7:00 am Eleanor Deal Smith
12:05 pm Maurice Downs

Wednesday, November 22nd

7:00 am Special Intentions -Vincent Botte
12:05 pm Mark Lindenblad

Thursday, November 23rd Thanksgiving

10:00 am Frank DeChino

Friday, November 24th

7:00 am Ann Corcoran
12:05 pm Charles & Mary Borst

Saturday, November 25th

8:30 am Hedwig Falgowski
5:00 pm Sr. Elise Mary

Sunday, November 26th

7:00 am Marilyn Irrizary
8:00 am Ralph Mucerino
Salvatore Neglia
Pamela LeDonne
Clarence, Minnie & Craig Hall
9:15 am Sr. Lorraine Gallagher
James Paddon
10:45 am Ramon Ibang, Sr.
Patricia Werra & Ron Pfeiffer, Jr.
12:15 pm Josephine Coppo
Walter Pasuco
Cindy Talia Farrell



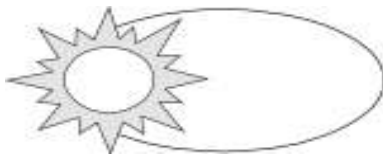
*Please remember in your prayers
all the departed family and
friends of St. Christopher's.*

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 December 11th @ 7:00 pm in room
101. Please call the rectory to enroll and for
any other information you may require.*



**The rectory will be closed on
Thursday, November 23rd &
Friday November 24th in ob-
servance of Thanksgiving.**



*Happy are you who fear the Lord,
who walk in His ways.
-Psalm 128:1*

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 at 10:30 room 110.
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

Join us for our next book club meeting which will be on Tuesday, December 5th at 7:00 pm in room 110. Delicious refreshments are always served, as well as a very animated discussion about the books. Definitely a fun time! The new book selection is:

The life we bury by Allen Eskens.

This book is very good, I am sure you all will enjoy it! Hope to see you there, new members are always welcome.



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 Wednesday, November 22nd.

St. Christopher is hosting the 2000 Hail Mary Devotion, to our Blessed Virgin Mary, every First Saturday of every month. Please join us on November 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. 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. 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.

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.

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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.

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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) 377-1004



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 Prospero, who is the yoga instructor at pprosperi51@gmail.com.

This has been a busy year for the Diocese and I thank each one of you who so patiently supported all our endeavors. Our 80th year has been one of celebration in many ways. Our diocese was established by Pope Pius XI on December 9, 1937. To celebrate this historic event, Bishop Serratelli will preside at a **9:30 a.m. Solemn Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist on December 9, 2017 followed by a Communion Breakfast at The Brownstone, Paterson, beginning at 11:00 a.m.** This is not a fundraiser; it is a chance for all of us to come together and celebrate our Diocese. Tickets are \$40 per person and are available on line at: www.rcdop.org/breakfast. This is a day of celebration for all of us in the Diocese of Paterson!

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20 Week Club

To date, we have 130 participants with \$1,300.00 collected. 1st drawing will be on January 5th and will end May 20th. Thank you to all members who have already joined this very important fund raiser.

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2017 Bishops Annual Appeal

In Giving We Receive

This time of the year, as our nation plans to celebrate Thanksgiving, let us reflect on how we use all of the gifts given to us by a loving God. Consider showing your thanks for all your blessings by making a gift to the 2017 Bishops Annual Appeal. As we are reminded in this year's Appeal theme - In Giving We Receive - your participation not only impacts the lives of tens of thousands of people in need, but it benefits you as well. Please make a pledge today! For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2017appeal.org.

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Retirement for the Religious - will be on Sunday, December 3rd here are St. Christopher, the guest speaker for this National Campaign Appeal will be Sr. Peter.

The generous support you have given through the years is very much appreciated by the women and men Religious who depend on this fund to help support their elderly and retired members. Many of these men and women have served the People of God in the Diocese of Paterson and well beyond its borders.

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Dominican College in Orangeburg, NY is hosting Immediate Decision Days for high school juniors and seniors, as well as transfer students and their families.

-Saturday, December 3rd from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. Will be held in the Lawrence Room Rosary Hall.

For more information visit www.dc.edu or call 845-359-7800.

Reflections

Each of us have been blessed with abilities and talents that are given to us to use in the service of others. Reflect on yours. Ask the Spirit to help you identify what they are. Consider what they have done to develop those gifts. Look at how you are using them or can use them to help others. Acknowledging and developing our gifts is not pride but an act of humility. Using those gifts for others is an act of gratitude to God who gave them to us.

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Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the U.S. are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

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“When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her has an un-failing prize. She brings him good and not evil all the days of her life... She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy.”

The teaching of the book of Proverbs is both profound and practical. It opens our eyes to appreciate the gifts we already possess, and often overlook.

We are reminded that the fundamental message of Jesus is love, and its expression is found in respect. When we work to make both part of our lived experience at home, with others, or even in a quiet moment of appreciation, then we begin to appreciate once again, how special we are with a good wife, a loving husband, faithful friends.

Unfortunately, we sometimes fail to recognize how important it is to improve our family life, to work at it as a primary goal, so that God's peace, presence and happiness are found behind our front door. They become a driving force in our lives. Now is the time to begin.

Is Christ part of our lived experience? Is prayer something I bring to my family on a daily basis? Do I reflect joy, ask for forgiveness, and show my concern and interest in what my children are doing?

I recall a picture hanging in a home with the face of Christ. Beneath it was written, ‘Christ is the head of this house, the guest who becomes our host at every meal, the silent listener to every conversation.’ Is this my experience? May we appreciate what Proverbs teaches us today.

His Word Today by Rev. William J. Reilly

Nov. 25th & 26th	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	S. & T. Lally A. Baumann	M. Gelosa L. Asea M. & J. Davies	J. Cesaro
7:00 am	The Rozanitis Family	B. Carroll	E. Shabet
8:00 am	T. & A. Pactwa C. Rizzo	B. & M. Pactwa K. Nolan	C. Johnson
9:15 am	The Marsh Family	E. Haynes S. Hilgendorf K. Hollinghurst S. Marsh	M. Memoli
10:45 am	R. BilbaoLaVieja N. Anderson L. Taylor	V. Arcilla Visit: C. Uy A. Malsbury C. Mosiello	J. Cannaveno
12:15 pm	The Imperati Family	L. & R. Polanski J. & B. East	J. Lucibello

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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From: Saint Paul Inside the Walls - Respect Life

To All,

We need your help to try to get a bill passed in New Jersey to protect babies in the womb after 20 weeks / 5 months.

Please write to your respective councilman/woman and senators
Sample letter:

Honorable _____

I am writing to you to ask you to support and to co-sponsor bill A3452/S2026, The Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act which will protect babies in the womb at 20 weeks(5 weeks and beyond).

We Know:

- Neurologists have proven that the baby in the womb at 20 week “feels pain.”

- Babies as young as 20 weeks can survive with appropriate treatment.

- New Jersey has no restrictions on abortion. This puts us in the group with China, North Korea, Vietnam, Singapore, Canada and the Netherlands.

- 60% of Americans support legislation limiting abortion after 20 weeks.

Please consider these facts and support and co-sponsor bill A3452/S2026, **Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.**

Respectfully,

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 PARISH 20-WEEK CLUB MAINTENANCE & REPAIR FUND 2018

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 2018		February 2018		March 2018		April 2018		May 2018	
1/6	\$150	2/3	\$200	3/3	\$250	4/7	\$350	5/5	\$375
1/13	\$150	2/10	\$200	3/10	\$500, \$500	4/14	\$350	5/12	\$400
1/20	\$175	2/17	\$200	3/17	\$300	4/21	\$375	5/20	\$1000
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1/27	\$175	2/24	\$250	3/24	\$300	4/28	\$400, \$400		\$1000
									\$1000
				3/31	\$300				\$1000

- C. A person can win more than once. Your name is put back in so you can win again.
- D. We are planning on having our first drawing on January 6, 2018. 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 5, 2018

20-week club# _____

Saint Christopher Church

Raffle License #

Calendar Raffle – 20-week club

ID #375-1-914

January, February, March, April, May 2018

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

_____ \$100 payment in full

_____ \$20 partial payment



*St. Christopher's
Giving Tree*

Saturday, December 9th & Sunday, December 10th

The Giving Tree will go up the weekend of November 18th & 19th. The gifts will go to local parish families and individual children and adults that have been selected by Hope House, the Catholic Community Day Care, Friends Corner Day Care, Straight and Narrow and inner-city Parishes.

Please take a tag and return the tag with the unwrapped gift on the weekend of December 9th & 10th

If you would like to give the usual gifts listed below, we will be glad to accept those also, they will be distributed by Catholic Charities. Children and Adults are invited to bring a new, unwrapped gift to Mass on Saturday or Sunday, December 9th & 10th. Children are encouraged to earn the money and help in selection of the gift. The gifts may be placed on or around the Christmas tree before the beginning of Mass.

Items needed include: socks, mittens, watches, pajamas, coloring books, crayons, magic markers, puzzles, cd's, mp3 players (inexpensive), games, new toys, adult & child toiletries, scarves, hats, sweaters, sweatshirts.

2x and 3x sizes are always needed.

Thank you in advance for your generosity, especially in these hard times.

Family Roller Skating Party

Sponsored by: Saint Christopher Church

Where: Florham Park Roller Rink
192 Ridgedale Ave.
Florham Park, NJ
973-377-0465

When: Sunday, November 19, 2017

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Cost: \$3.50 for skate rental, if you do not have
your own

Who can come: Anyone associated with Saint
Christopher's Parish Family is welcome

*****Remember, all children must be accompanied by
an ADULT FAMILY MEMBER *****

Snack Bar Available at your own cost

No R.S.V.P. needed, just show up!!!
We have reserved the entire roller rink for our
families.

Come Join Us

Children's Motorized Truck Raffle

R.C. Ride on car

Perfect for children ages 3 to 6 years old

\$5.00 per raffle ticket (purchase date to be announced shortly)

Drawing will be on December 17th



All proceeds from this raffle will be used to help defray the cost of running our Family Fun Activities.

St. Christopher Parish



*Saturday, November 18th & Sunday, November 19th
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 18th and 19th, 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 20th

Thank you for your generosity and cooperation!



Breakfast with Santa



On Saturday, December 2nd 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 24, 2017

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

www.stchristopherparsippany.org





Simbang Gabi

*A Filipino tradition of a
nine-day novena of Masses during Advent
(December 15 - 23, 2017) in preparation for the
Nativity of our Savior, Jesus.*



You are cordially invited to join our Diocesan and parish-sponsored *Simbang Gabi* (Filipino for “Mass of the Night or Evening”) celebration:

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

Thursday, December 21, 2017

**Eucharistic Mass at 7:00 p.m.
Main Celebrant: Rev. Joseph Buffardi**

**This nine-day novena is coordinated by the
Diocesan Commission for Catholic Filipino
Ministries (DCCFM) of the Diocese of Paterson**

**Refreshment immediately follows Mass
For more information please contact
Jeanette East (973) 334-8766**



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November 2017

Dear Friends in Christ,

This month, parishes in our Diocese are taking up a special national collection for Catholic Home Missions. I hope you respond to this important cause.

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal provides much needed assistance to dioceses in the United States and its territories that lack the resources to provide even basic pastoral ministry to their people. Catholic Home Missions principally focuses on evangelization activities, religious education, ministry training for priests, deacons and religious and support of poor parishes across the country.

As a result of parishioners' generosity throughout the country, Catholic Home Missions impacts the lives of millions of Catholics each year. I thank you in advance for whatever you can do to help your Catholic brothers and sisters as they learn about their faith and embrace the Gospel message of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Arthur J. Serratelli

Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D.
Bishop of Paterson