

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
From the Pastors Desk



Thank You

For sharing with your fellow parishioners, your time, talent and treasures during this Christmas Season. Your prayers, personal services to others and sacrifices are helping bring our parishioners closer to God and one another. All of us are slowly growing more conscious of the truth that we are God's people. May the love, the peace and the happiness the Holy Family shared fill your heart and home at Christmas and in the New Year. Let us join together in the prayerful hope that with God's help and your continued generous cooperation, St. Christopher's community will grow in the service of the Lord.

Thank You!

Time Change

Beginning on January 8, 2018 the mass on Monday evenings at 7:30 pm will be moved (incorporated) to Mondays at 12:05 pm followed by the Novena to the Miraculous Medal Novena at 12:30 pm.

There will be NO Novena or Mass on Monday evening beginning on January 8, 2018.

The Rectory will be closed on Monday, January 1st for New Years Day. We shall reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd .

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There will be Bingo on Wednesday, January 3rd

Weekly Collections

Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Collection \$ 10,793.00
(including online giving \$ 1,213.00)

Attendance for the week 647
Thank you for your generosity

Christmas Day

Christmas
First Collection \$ 33,673.00
(including online giving \$ 1,437.00)
Christmas Flowers \$ 2,7550.00
Last Year \$ 37,060.46

Attendance for the week 1746
Thank you for your generosity

Masses:

Sunday, December 31st
New Years Eve Mass - Vigil @ 5:00 pm
Monday January 1, 2018
Mary the Mother of God, @ 10:00 am

Masses

Saturday, December 30th

8:30 am Cipolla Family
5:00 pm Ann Price

Sunday, December 31st New Years Eve

7:00 am Raymond Guimond
8:00 am Harley
9:15 am Alvaro & Concepcion Ramones
Frank & Irene Dillon
10:45 am Ann Price
12:15 pm Ruth LaVelle
5:00 pm Jenny De La Cruz

Monday, January 1st New Years Day

10:00 am Domenick Cecere

Tuesday, January 2nd

7:00 am Special Intentions -
Jocelyn Becker
12:05 pm Thomas Dukich

Wednesday, January 3rd

7:00 am Special Intentions -
Matthew Tapia (1 yr old)
12:05 pm Ann Price

Thursday, January 4th

7:00 am Special Intentions -
Matthew Tapia (1 yr old)
12:05 pm Lawrence McLean

Friday, January 5th

7:00 am Special Intentions -
Jocelyn Becker
12:05 pm Gladys Cavallaro

Saturday, January 6th

8:30 am Gerard Arcieri
5:00 pm Robin Carr
Joseph Burns

January 7th

7:00 am Franklin McBlain
8:00 am Rose Fredrich
9:15 am John A. Blunt, Jr.
Mary O'Connell
10:45 am Ann Price
Jack Blunt
12:15 pm Special Intentions - Kaneesha Vaz

The Living Flame for the Sanctuary
Light will be in memory of
Ann Paterno
for the month of January 2018



*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

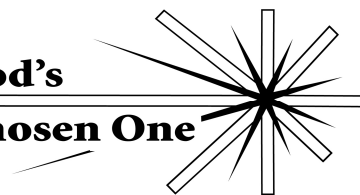
*Our next Baptism preparation meeting will
be on January 8th @ 7:00 pm in room 101.
Please call the rectory to enroll and for any
other information you may require.*

Reflections

*Each child is born with potential. They have natural
qualities and gifts as well as handicaps and weak-
nesses. Parents have the awesome task of providing a
foundation that will help their child grow and reach
their potential. It is not just a matter of providing
food and clothing and sending them off to school and
church. Parents teach by example. What they value is
shown by what they make time for and what they do
without. They have a major role in helping their child
discover and develop their gifts as well as acknowl-
edging and controlling their weaknesses. The good
news is that God works with us both as a child and as
a parent.*

- *The child grew in size and strength, willed with wisdom,
and the grace of God was upon him.*
- *Luke 2:40*

**God's
Chosen One**



Parish Activities...

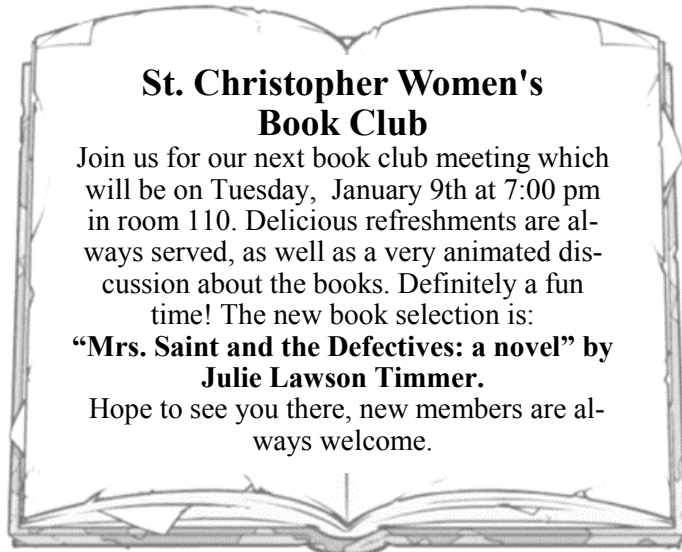
Men's Group - Issac Jogues Society - Meets on the second Wednesday of every month from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm, in room 101 in the school. Our Mission Statement is: "Life as a Catholic Man – A Truly Catholic and Spiritual Way of Life".

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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'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 January 6, 2018 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: **January 5th & 19th.**

Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa. Bus leaves St. Christopher's parking lot at 9:15 am. Date: **January 8th.** 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".

Food List: Peanut butter, pasta, spaghetti sauce, juice, canned corn, baking mixes, mustard, ketchup, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, toothpaste, deodorant, cold cereal, granola bars, cookies, crackers, tuna, Chef Boyardee, canned chicken meat, canned fruit, shelf stable milk, bath tissue, facial tissue, paper towels. Pancake mix, pancake syrup, tea, coffee (ground or instant), soup, rice, canned beans (any variety), jelly, macaroni & cheese, side dishes (rice-a-roni, pasta sides, etc).

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

20 Week Club

To date, we have 235 participants with \$23,500.00 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.



St. Christopher Needs You!!

By registering in our Parish, you are declaring your desire to be part of a Catholic faith community. Your registration affects us in many ways. Census numbers may determine how many priests are assigned to our Parish, what benefits and obligations the Parish has to the diocese, and how many Masses and programs are planned and scheduled.

Registration enables Fr. Michal and I to get to know you better, and helps us to be able to communicate with you by sending you mailings. Once you are registered, please notify us of any changes in address or phone numbers.

You will also receive a packet of envelopes to place your regular contributions. This is important if you want to receive a year end statement from the Parish for income tax purposes. Registered members can expect pastoral care from our Parish, including baptisms, anointing of the sick, funerals and weddings.



The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany, at 7:30PM in room 101.

Program: Learning to cope in the New Year. For more information please call Lily Capriglione at: 973-568-4164.

Jan. 6th & 7th	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	A. & A. DeNino A. Bowmann	M. & M. D'ambrosa M. Gelosa T. Racioppi	J. Cesaro
7:00 am	The Lalo Family	B. Carroll	C. Ramoncionis
8:00 am	S. & A. Valle C. Ocker	C. Ocker L. Scangarella L. Valle	J. Valle
9:15 am	The Przyhocki Family	S. DeMaio R. DiMaggio B. Chmielewski B. Pactwa	M. Memoli
10:45 am	L. Taylor A. Zecena T. Metcalf	S. Capozzi Visit: C. Metcalf J. & L. Reinke	M. Montefusco
12:15 pm	The Rinkel Family	J. Alfonso R. Lang R. & L. Polanski	M. Reyes

Readings

First Reading: Gn 15:1-6, 21: 1-3

Abram shows us the Lord keeps His promises, for his offspring were indeed many, like the stars in heaven. We, too, must trust in the Lord, so like Abram, our families might prosper.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

By faith Abraham and Sarah were blessed with Isaac, and through him, many descendants, because they trusted in God's promise and believed in what they could not see. We see that faith, trust and prayer bring forth God's miracles in our lives.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Jesus was brought to Jerusalem to be consecrated according to the law of Moses. A man named Simeon had learned he would not die until he had seen God's anointed. Upon seeing Jesus, he immediately declared he had witnessed "the glory of your people of Israel." The prophetess Anna also gave thanks and spoke of Jesus to all who would listen. Both recognized the power of Jesus, although he was still an infant.

Sunday

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday

1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday

1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34

Thursday

1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

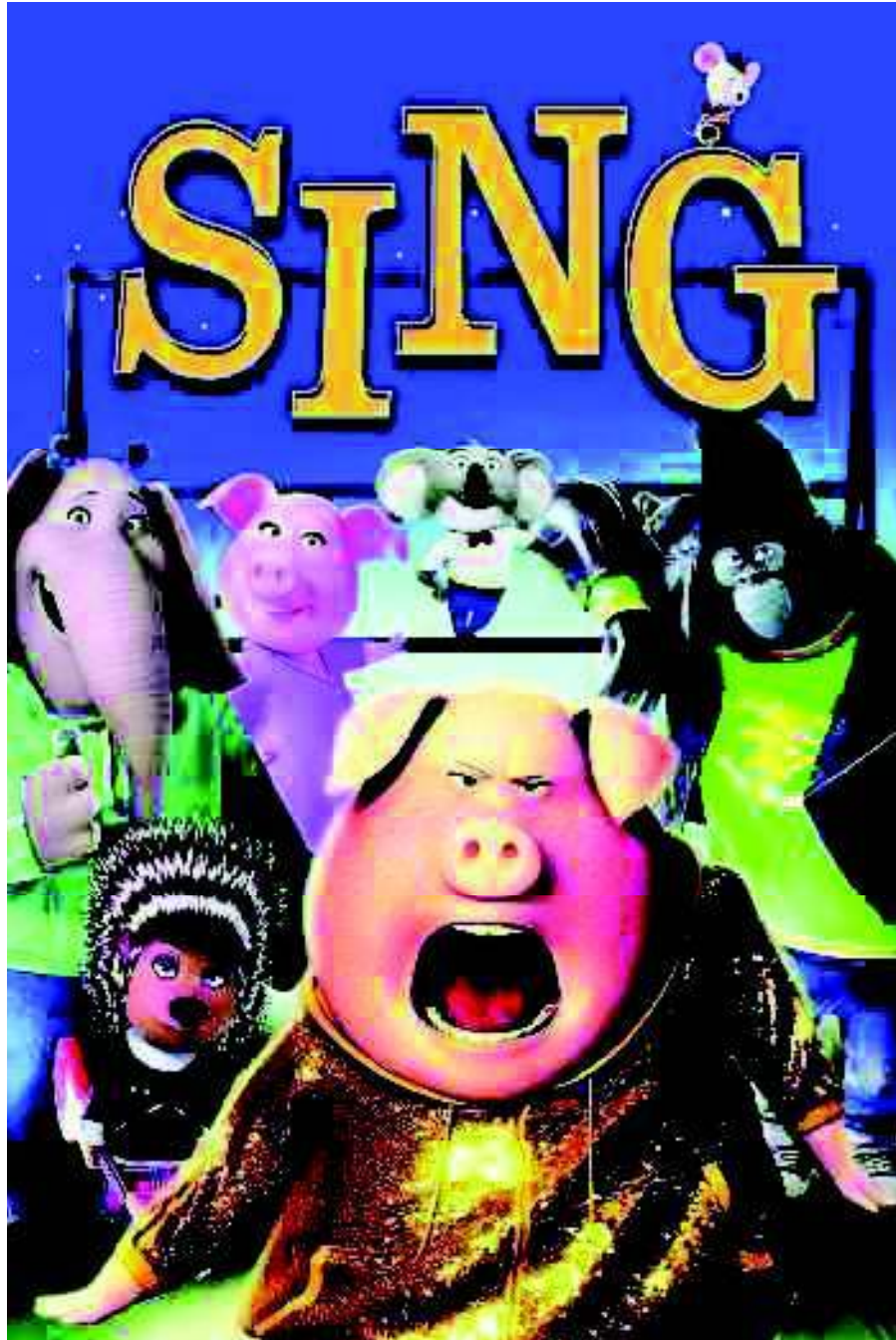
First Friday

1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51

First Saturday

1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38

**Get ready for Family Movie night
at St. Christopher
on Friday, January 12th at 6:30 pm
with the movie**



Refreshments will be served
Remember to bring chairs

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



Knights Of Columbus

PARSIPPANY COUNCIL, No 3680

P.O. Box 5572

Parsippany, New Jersey 07054
Grand Knight Frank Palmieri

Meetings
St. Christophers Church
1050 Littleton rd.
Second & Fourth
Monday at 8:00 PM

David Szmak
5 Caldwell Rd.

Parsippany N.J. 07054
Phone 973-887-6120

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

This year's Free Throw contest will be held on January 13, 2018 at 9 am at St. Christopher's All Purpose room. Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is open to boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 14. High school age athletes should be advised to check with their school athletic directors or their state's high school athletic association regarding possible eligibility conflicts. Each youngster may compete in only one council competition. Local champions may not represent more than one council. Championship entrants compete against youngsters of the same age and gender in five age divisions: 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14. At the council level, each competitor gets 15 free throws, and the one who makes the most shots wins.

POSTER CONTEST

Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest

Entries in the Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest must fall under one of these topics: Alcohol Awareness and Abuse & Drug Awareness and Abuse. Each poster must include a slogan reflecting either of the topics and an original visual image. Posters may only be entered under one topic. The Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest is open to all young people between the ages of 8 and 14. Posters will be judged following the 9 am free throw contest on JAN 13, 2018 at St. Christopher's All Purpose room.

Each poster should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan and any visual images) of a single person. Posters must be 11" x 17" in size. If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used, the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic. Posters may be in color or black and white. Each poster must be submitted with a Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest entry form. The name and age of the person entering the poster should be included on the back of the poster. All Entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council. Posters will not be returned.

ANY QUESTION CALL MR. ALBERT V. CLARK
(973) 887-8588