

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Pastors Desk



A Special “Thank You”

Thank you for sharing with your fellow parishioner of St. Christopher’s Parish your time, talent, and treasure during Christmas. Your prayers, personal services to others and sacrifices are helping to bring parishioners closer to God and one another. Thank you for your participation and generosity during our Christmas Liturgies. A special thank you to our Choirs, Ministries and Altar Servers. Also, thank you to our Martha & Mary and Peter & Paul Societies for their dedication and commitment to the Parish. All of us are growing more conscious of the truth that we are God’s people. With God’s help - all things are possible! With your help all things are made easier. Thank you and God bless you all!

Weekly Collections

Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Collection	\$ 11,755.00
(including online giving \$ 1,273.00)	
Last Year	\$ 10,012.00

Attendance for the week 732
Thank you for your generosity

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

This powerful story describes Samuel, who at the time was the servant of the high priest. The Lord called out to Samuel, who twice thought Eli had called him. They gradually realized that it was the Lord who called for him. So the third time Samuel answered and the Lord remained with Samuel as he grew.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Paul explains to the Corinthians that their body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. He tells them to avoid lewd conduct, and glorify God by keeping their bodies pure.

Gospel: John 1:35-42

John told two of his disciples that Jesus is the Lamb of God. They turned and followed him, immediately curious and attracted to him. Andrew told his brother Simon about Jesus. Simon also came to meet Jesus, who renamed him Cephas, or Peter.

Sunday

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Monday

1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday

1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday

1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12

Friday

1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21

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

Masses

Saturday, January 13th

8:30 am Manny Uy
 Anne Paterno
 5:00 pm Michelle Devrieze

Sunday, January 14th

7:00 am Marion Kramaritsch
 8:00 am Clarence, Minnie & Craig Hall
 Salvatore Neglia
 9:15 am Ruth LaVelle
 Rocco, Angelina & Danny Cifelli
 10:45 am Ann Price
 Gladys Cavallaro
 12:15 pm Henry Rohrmann
 Ruth LaVelle
 Deacon Ed Lally

Monday, January 15th

7:00 am Special Intentions - Cheryl Lotito
 12:05 pm Marion Kramaritsch

Tuesday, January 16th

7:00 am Special Intentions - Jocelyn Becker
 12:05 pm James Miller, Jr.

Wednesday, January 17th

7:00 am Domenick Cecere
 12:05 pm Joseph Kurdyla

Thursday, January 18th

7:00 am Deceased Members of Herrera Family
 12:05 pm Special Intentions - John Butler

Friday, January 19th

7:00 am Deacon John Kelly
 12:05 pm Deacon Henry Rohrmann
 Deacon Ed Lally

Saturday, January 20th

8:30 am Frank P. Tampany
 John Joseph Shanahan
 Jack Collins
 5:00 pm Rose & Nicholas DiVincenzo
 Billy McGinty
 Evelyn Asea

Sunday, January 21st

7:00 am Marion Kramaritsch
 8:00 am Special Intentions - Cheryl Lotito
 9:15 am Mary O'Connell
 10:45 am Ann Price
 12:15 pm Msgr. Frank B. Ferraioli
 Deacon Ed Lally



Please remember in your prayers all the departed family and friends of St. Christopher, Especially:
Marion J. Kramaritsch, Laurie A. Hennessy & Deacon Edward Lally

**** Unfortunately we have lost another one of our beloved Deacons this past week. The wake for Deacon Edward Lally will be here at St. Christopher on Sunday, January 14th from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm, with the Funeral on Monday, January 15th at 10:00 am. ****

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 February 12th @ 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 Selynah J. Bilbao LaVieja, who received the sacrament of baptism.

Reflections

The Lord calls each of us to do his will. The problem is that we do not always listen or respond. We get caught up in our own plans and projects. Consider how interested you are in doing God's will? Perhaps you are not sure you want to respond. What holds you back? What do you need to become more willing to respond? Consider practical things you could do each day to learn how to listen to God's word for you and become more willing to respond.

- *Sacrifice or oblation you wished not, but ears open to obedience you gave me..*
- *Psalm 40:6*

Parish Activities...

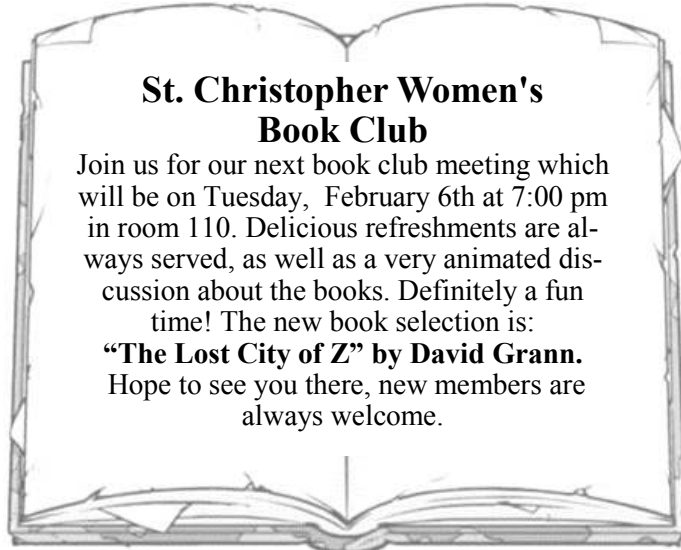
Men's Group - Issac Jogues Society - Meets on the second Wednesday of every month from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm, in room 101 in the school. Our Mission Statement is: "Life as a Catholic Man – A Truly Catholic and Spiritual Way of Life".

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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

Pray the Rosary every Monday – Friday after the 12:05 pm Mass.

Miraculous Medal Novena & Rosary will be at 12:30 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 February 3, 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 19th.**

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".

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

Our first number was drawn for the 20 Week Club this past Saturday.

The Lucky winner was: **#99 John La Colla**. Congratulations John!! We had a total of 259 participants this year, with the grand total of \$25,900.00 collected. Thank you all for contributing to such a very important fundraiser.

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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.

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Bringing Our Children Back to the Church

When our kids were baptized we promised to train them in the practice of the faith. We accepted the duty to bring them up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor. But, they left the church and we're afraid to try any more. Are we keeping our vow to God? How will God judge us if they don't make it to Heaven for eternity, because we didn't continue to try? We have a small group, studying the book "Return, How to draw your children back to the church", and supporting each other in an effort to do just that. Do you want to try? Call the St Virgil Church office and join us on Thursday mornings at 11AM in the School Library.

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Bishops Annual Appeal - In Giving We Receive

If you have not yet responded to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal, there is still time to do so as the 2017 Appeal funds are used to support ministries and programs through the end of the diocesan fiscal year on June 30, 2018. Your gift is a great blessing and valued so we can serve Christ by serving his people. For your convenience, you can make an online gift at www.2017appeal.org.

Jan. 20th & 21st	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	D. Lipuma B. & B. Davies	M. & J. Davies E. Lally J. Lipuma	K. Lucibello
7:00 am	The Lalo Family	B. Carroll	M. Dumapit
8:00 am	J. Lance A. Jerez A. Mogan	C. Callahan S. & S. Richards	L. Pascale
9:15 am	C.J. Hilgen-dorf C. & C. Berardo	P. Gatti D. Giradelli E. Haynes A. Calabria	J. Renkel
10:45 am	L. Taylor M. Villanueva J. Tran	J. Racioppi Visit: C. Metcalf L. Copeland C. Uy	J. Cannaveno
12:15 pm	K. & N. Hardy A. Anastasi	W. Koeller E. Shabet C. Walsh A. Malsbury	B. East

“John was standing with two of his disciples and as he watched Jesus walk by he said ‘Behold the Lamb of God.’ The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following Him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to Him, Rabbi...where are you staying?’ He said to them ‘Come, and you will see.’”

The scene from John's gospel is simple and clear. John, the arrow, points out Jesus, with words we hear as we celebrate the Eucharist. It aroused the curiosity of Andrew. The conversation continues, as He asks, ‘what are you looking for?’ The same question is posed for the followers of Jesus today but we can change the what to who. ‘Come and you will see.’ This encounter with Jesus led Andrew to bring Peter to Jesus, and the rest is history. Pope Francis in his beautiful book ‘Walking with Jesus’ points out for us today the way of Jesus. May we look and find Him.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly



FISH AND CHIPS DINNER

CATERED BY THE FAMOUS ARGYLE'S RESTAURANT, Kearny, NJ



WHEN: Friday, February 16, 2018

WHERE: Saint Christopher's All Purpose Room

TIME:

5:30pm-7:30pm **EAT-IN ONLY**
(No Seating until 5:30)

5:00pm-7:00pm **TAKE-OUT ONLY**

PRICE: Adult **\$16.00**/Senior Citizen **\$15.00**/Child **\$8.00** (*Children may choose Mozzarella Sticks, Chicken Fingers, or Fish, all served with fries.*)

Come join us for a delicious dinner of fish and chips in the All Purpose Room, or, if you prefer, you can place an order for "take out". Either way, you will receive a generous portion of fresh fish, French fries, and cole slaw.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Number of dinners (please specify below):

\$16.00 (Adult) Fish _____

\$15.00 (Senior) Fish _____

\$8.00 (Child) Fish _____ Chicken _____ Mozz Stix _____

Total Due: \$ _____

Eat In: _____ Take Out (pick-up time): _____

Checks can be made payable to: Saint Christopher Church

Questions?? Feel free to contact the rectory at 973-539-7050 between 10am / 4pm daily or email Jean at jekev3@yahoo.com

Come join us for ...



St. Christopher's

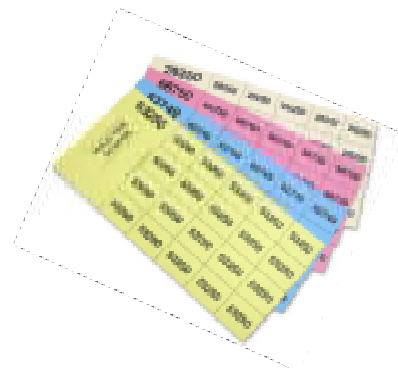


Friday, February 23, 2018 at 6:30 pm
in the All Purpose Room.



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.



Pasta Night at St. Christopher's



Join us on Friday, March 23rd at 7:30 pm in the All-Purpose Room at St. Christopher's for our 2nd Annual Wine & Pasta Night.

Price per person will be \$15.00 (21 and over). Included with this price will be linguini with clam sauce, tortellini alfredo, eggplant rollatini, penne pasta in marinara sauce, salad, bread, coffee, tea and dessert.

As an added feature we will have a representative of "Make Wine with Us" (www.makewinewithus.com), for a wine tasting.

***No wine purchase will be possible, it will be strictly tasting. However, you are welcome to bring your own wine (no other type of alcohol will be permitted).*

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Number of adults attending: _____

Total Due: \$ _____

Checks can be made payable to: Saint Christopher Church

Questions?? Feel free to contact the rectory at 973-539-7050 between 10:00 am / 4:00 pm daily or email Jean at jekev3@yahoo.com

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