

# St. Christopher Church

*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Pastors' Desk*

## ***Freedom of Religion Part II***

*Increasingly aggressive denials of religious freedom are found on college campuses, in military, in the marketplace, workplace, and social services. Since January of 2012 we have seen the rise that is the HHS mandate tightening around our Catholic Institutions, a vise that left unchecked, will crush the life and liberty out of Catholic practices and institutions in a way unimagined by us all.*

*In opposition to the government mandate coming out of the Affordable Care Act, approximately 100 lawsuits representing over 300 plaintiffs have been filed to protect their 1st Amendment Religious Freedom.*

*We say that we might stand together in strength and courage with our faith in God and our love of America's freedom's guiding the actions we must take. These rights to life and liberty are not ours to lose. They were gifted to us by God and conveyed to us by our forefathers. In closing, Thomas Jefferson said "The God who gave us life gave us liberty".*

### ***Weekly Collections***

*Due to Vacation the Weekly Collection amounts will be back (with all the totals) on the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 23, 2015.*

#### **Sunday**

Prv 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

#### **Monday**

Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22

#### **Tuesday**

Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30

#### **Wednesday**

Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16

#### **Thursday**

Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14

#### **Friday**

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40

#### **Saturday**

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12

### **First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6**

*A rich woman invites many guests to her home to eat and drink. She appeals to those who lack understanding to forsake foolishness and "advance in the way of understanding."*

### **Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20**

*Paul advises the Ephesians to abandon foolish ways and evil deeds. All Christians should concentrate on doing God's will before all other things. He reminds them to always give thanks to God in the name of Jesus Christ.*

### **Gospel: John 6:51-58**

*Jesus had just told the crowd that anyone who ate of the bread he planned to give would live forever, and that this bread was his flesh, which he would give up for the sake of the world. The people do not understand, but Jesus reassures them that his flesh is real food and that "those who feed on this bread shall live forever."*

## Masses

### Saturday, August 15th

8:30 am Anita, Anthony & Joseph Natoli  
5:00 pm Este Poje  
David Minsavage

### Sunday, August 16th

7:00 am Msgr. Frank B. Ferraioli  
8:00 am Ursula Lanza  
9:15 am Msgr. Frank B. Ferraioli  
10:45 am Carmelo Imbergamo  
Martha Vogler  
12:15 pm Marion Gregory & Gregory Family

### Monday, August 17th

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish  
12:05 pm Elsie & Henry Dow  
Rosalyn Giordani  
7:30 pm Frank B. Tampany

### Tuesday, August 18th

7:00 am Msgr. Frank B. Ferraioli  
12:05 pm Marian E. Curran  
John Zimmer

### Wednesday, August 19th

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish  
12:05 pm Arthur Vita

### Thursday, August 20th

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish  
12:05 pm Arthur Vita

### Friday, August 21st

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish  
12:05 pm Frank Sayford

### Saturday, August 22nd

8:30 am Msgr. Frank B. Ferraioli  
5:00 pm Margaret Antonelli

### Sunday, August 23rd

7:00 am Walter Rudolph  
8:00 am Ursula Lanza  
9:15 am Barbara Jean Tordella  
10:45 am Charles Mittmaier  
Denis Kilian  
12:15 pm Joe O'Hara  
Adolf Passerini  
Yvonne Passerini

*Forsake foolishness that you may live;  
advance in the way of understanding  
-Proverbs 9:6*

*The Living Flame for the  
Sanctuary Light will be  
In Memory of  
Clarence, Minnie & Craig Hall  
for the month of  
August, 2015*

*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 at (973) 539-6208.*

## Baptism

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

## Meditations

*Again this Sunday's readings remind us of the importance of the Eucharist. Jesus assures us that in partaking of his body and blood we will remain in him and he will remain in us. The grace we receive will transform us and help us become more in tune with God's love. We will hunger for what is good and grow in our desire to imitate Christ. This transformation will happen little by little as the Spirit works within us. Each time you receive the Eucharist, ask the Spirit to help you to respond more fully to the grace you have been given.*

# Parish Activities

## Coffee and Class- Morning & Evening Adult Education

**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 mornings** in room 110 in the school, from  
10:30 am to 11:45 am followed by the 12:05 pm Mass  
and **Thursday evenings** in room 110 in the school, from  
7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. New topic for September:  
*Protestant Reformation & The Council of Trent.*

### St. Christopher Women's Book Club

-We meet the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:15 pm  
in room 110 in the school. The book club meetings  
will resume in September with yet more exciting  
books to read, but until then, here is our summer  
reading list:

What Alice Forgot by Liane Moriarty, Still Life

(Chief Inspector Armand Gamache Mysteries  
No.1), Where'd You Go Bernadette? By Maria  
Simple and as an optional choice The Book of  
Love (Magdalene Line) by Kathleen McGowen.

**St. Christopher's Pre-Cana Program** For  
more information please call the rectory at  
973-539-7050.

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  
every **Wednesday at 11:30 am in the St. Christopher  
All Purpose Room.**

### St. Christopher's Prayer Group

**Tuesday, August 18th at 10:30 am &  
Wednesday, August 19th at 7:00 pm**

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.

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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 for more information.

**St. Christopher is hosting the 2000 Hail Mary Devotion, to our Blessed Virgin Mary, every First Saturday of every month.** Please join us on Saturday, September 5th 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 10:00 am and 6:00 pm.

**Bring a Snack!** For details call Josie Mendez (973) 887-7835 or Jeanette East (973) 334-8766.

**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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**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.

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### The Pope Francis Society

Our new program to help 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 #3** - 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.**

**St. Christopher's Senior Social Club** is a club to have fun and socialize. They will meet at the Community Center, at 1130 Knoll Road, Lake Hiawatha, NJ. September date to follow.

**Bus trip to Sands Casino**, in Bethlehem, Pa. September date to be announced soon. Buses leave St. Christopher parking lot at 9:15 am.

If you wish to learn more about the St. Christopher's Senior Social Club, please call either John Mola at 973-335-8947, or Anne Purcaro at 973-887-5186.

**St. Christopher's Senior Social Club** is having a bus trip to Portland and Kennebunkport, Maine, from September 14th - 17th, if interested, call Anne Purcaro, 973-887-5186.

## St. Paul Inside the Walls...

For programs and events and to register visit [www.insidethewalls.org](http://www.insidethewalls.org) or call (973) 437-9741

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### Mega 50/50 Raffle

We are off to a great start with our 6th Annual Mega 50/50 Raffle. To date, we have 347 shares sold. The amount is up to \$8,675.00. Lets exceed last years' shares of 518. Thanks to all who have participated so far!



#### A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

*"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world....unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day."*

How many times Jesus uses the 'I am' statements to describe Himself. This is the name God revealed to Moses in the book of Exodus. Usually the references are descriptive, as the good shepherd giving His life for the sheep, or the vine and branches needing to be connected. Sometimes Jesus uses them to describe Himself, as way, truth and life, or the gate and gate-keeper. Constantly we are reminded of these descriptions.

The passage today speaks of the reality, He is the bread of life, and the prime source of life for us. Christ is present to give us the gift of eternal life. The Eucharist is the source of that life. We are called to approach this sacrament with faith, reverence and devotion. After receiving the great gift of the Eucharist, take time to reflect, to thank and realize that Christ is present in me, to give me life.

What I do with that life is supported and directed by Him. It is this gift which will lead me home.

August 22nd &	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	The DeNino Family	M. Downing J. Sole A. Racine L. Bain	R. Gelosa
7:00 am	R. Meigs	B. Carroll	C. Ramacionis
8:00 am	I. Imperati N. Shieffele M. Santos	R. Vento P. Gatti D. Giradelli	J. Lucibello
9:15 am	A. Jerez J. Summa B. Anastasi	T & J Racioppi A. Calabrese C. Hendricks	K. Lucibello
10:45 am	A. Apro T. Pactwa T. Metcalf	B. & M Pactwa B. Lyons <b>Visit:</b> <b>C. Metcalf</b> <b>A. Malsbury</b> C. Uy	J. Colleran
12:15 pm	I. Perez C. Dumapit A. Alfonso	R. & L. Polanski R. Lang J. Alfonso	M. Dumapit

### Nurses Corner

#### Preventing Children from Falls

Play safely. Falls on the playground are a common cause of injury. Check to make sure that the surfaces under playground equipment are safe, soft, and well-maintained (such as wood chips or sand, not dirt or grass).

Make your home safer. Use home safety devices, such as guards on windows that are above ground level, stair gates, and guard rails. These devices can help keep a busy, active child from taking a dangerous tumble.

Keep sports safe. Make sure your child wears protective gear during sports and recreation. For example, when in-line skating, use wrist guards, knee and elbow pads, and a helmet.

Supervision is key. Supervise young children at all times around fall hazards, such as stairs and playground equipment, whether you're at home or out to play.

# Saint Christopher's Family Picnic

Date: October 3, 2015

Time: 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

*Ending with outside Mass at 5:00 pm*



We will supply & cook hamburgers & hotdogs, rolls, paper goods, as well as delicious watermelon for dessert.

We ask that you please bring a side dish to share (ex: macaroni salad, potato salad, green salad, baked beans, corn, etc.). Also bring a lawn chair or blanket for your family to sit.

*\*There will be games for the children\**

*Please fill out and return the bottom portion of this flyer so we can have an accurate headcount. You can drop it in the collection basket, drop it off at the rectory or even mail back to us.*

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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Last)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults attending \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children attending \_\_\_\_\_

# SAINT CHRISTOPHER CHURCH

## 6th Annual Mega 50/50 Raffle

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**CASH PRIZES DISTRIBUTED LAST YEAR:        \$6,475.00**

**\$25.00 PER SHARE**

**THREE (3) WINNERS**

**1<sup>st</sup> WINNER - 25% OF GROSS PROCEEDS**

**2<sup>nd</sup> WINNER - 20% OF GROSS PROCEEDS**

**3<sup>rd</sup> WINNER – 5% OF GROSS PROCEEDS**

Please join us for the drawing on September 13th @ 2:00 pm in the all-purpose room; refreshments will be served. Winners do not have to be present.

**This year, the entire 50/50 raffle profit will go to the repair of the parking lot.**

“No substitution of the prizes may be made”.

Please print when filling out form.

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Mega 50/50 ticket # \_\_\_\_\_  
NJ LGCCC identification #375-01-0914

St. Christopher Parish  
Municipal #RL1143

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_



# **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 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

***Located in the OLD Nursery School across from Church***

**Come in and checkout all our great merchandise at amazingly low price!**



For more information call [973-713-4939](tel:973-713-4939)