

St. Christopher Church

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastors' Desk

What Christian Freedom Means (Part II)

Freedom is hard work. It requires ongoing conversion, a life of discipleship. No matter our circumstances, gifts, talents and skills, each and every one of us can use our freedom in God's service and participate in God's ongoing work of creation and redemption.

While we enjoy religious freedom in the United States, that is not only the case for Christians across the globe. Persecution against Christians today is actually worse than in the first centuries of the Church, and there are more Christians martyrs today than in that era. What is a martyr? From the Greek word meaning "witness"; a person who is killed and suffers greatly for a religion or a cause.

Pray for all of our brothers and sisters who are being persecuted because of their faith.

Weekly Collections

Last week \$ 9,674.00
(Online Giving \$745.00 included)
Last year \$ 8,136.00

*Thank you for your generosity!
Attendance for last week – 800*

Sunday

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday

1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11

First Friday

Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39

First Saturday

Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Moses tells the people to always observe the statutes God has given them, without adding or subtracting from these laws. He reminds them that the law is just, and that any nation who heard their statutes would consider them a wise nation.

Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

James discusses the gifts that God has given to all people and implores them to respond by welcoming the words of truth that can save them. He emphasizes that through good deeds and pure conduct, our faith in God is proven to him.

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Pharisees observed some of Jesus' disciples eating without first purifying their hands and ask the disciples why they are going against their ancestor's traditions. Jesus responds that nothing from the outside can make a person impure. The only true evil, acts such as fornication, murder, and greed among others, come from within and make a person impure.

Prayer of the Day

Prayer for Protection by the Holy Cross

Assist us, O Lord our God;
and defend us evermore by the might of Thy holy
Cross, in whose honor Thou makest us to rejoice.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Masses

Saturday, August 29th

8:30 am Anne M. Leonard
5:00 pm Joseph Bodner

Sunday, August 30th

7:00 am Sophie Szucs
8:00 am Clarence, Minnie & Craig Hall
9:15 am Paul Gerber, Jr.
10:45 am Richard Moore
Christopher Calabrese
12:15 pm Angela Parrillo

Monday, August 31st

7:00 am John Mucciolo
12:05 pm Richard Moore
7:30 pm Warren Swan

Tuesday, September 1st

7:00 am Jerry Hoffman
12:05 pm Joseph Maciag, Jr.

Wednesday, September 2nd

7:00 am Felipe Martinez
For Special Intentions
12:05 pm Thomas Cook

Thursday, September 3rd

7:00 am For Special Intentions
12:05 pm Arthur Vita

Friday, September 4th First Friday

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish
12:05 pm Sr. Marie Fidelis

Saturday, September 5th

8:30 am Angelina, Rocco & Danny Cifelli
5:00 pm Robert Krickus
Joselito Navalta

Sunday, September 6th

7:00 am Sophie Szucs
8:00 am Thomas J. Cook
9:15 am Rose & Nicholas DiVincenzo
Robert Haynes
William Strohmeyer
10:45 am The Bilotti Family
Victoria Denard
12:15 pm John & Mamie Sileo

SEPTEMBER 7TH – LABOR DAY

**THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL
MASS AT 10:00 AM.**

***RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED
*NO 7:00 AM AND NO 7:30 PM
MASSES ON THAT DAY**

*The Living Flame for the
Sanctuary Light will be
In Memory of
Deacon John Kelly
for the month of
September, 2015*



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

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.*

*Please welcome into our family of faith **Jack Patrick
Young**, who received the sacrament of Baptism.*

Meditations

*What kind of Christian are you? Do you go to Church
every week, contribute to the Church funds, obey all
of the Commandments, etc.? It would be nice if that
was all that was required but it isn't. Observing tradi-
tions and customs does not get to the heart of the
Gospel and what it means to be a Christian. Jesus
was very clear that the most important thing for those
who would follow him was to love both God and one
another. How do your actions reflect your love for
others? Read over the Epistle of James and consider
what changes you can make to be a better Christian.*

*He wills to bring us to birth with a word spo-
ken in truth so that we may be a kind of first
fruits of his creatures.*

-James 1:18

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
New topic for September: Protestant Reformation & The Council of Trent.

***Thursday mornings at 10:30 am** in room 110 in the school, new topic: The Book of Revelation.

St. Christopher Women's Book Club

Hello all!!! Its that time again.. Our book club is back from vacation! Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 8th at 7:15 pm in room 101. We will be discussing our summer readings and adventures:) and we will be picking our next book. We hope to see you there.. New members are always welcome!



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, September 1st at 10:30 am &
Wednesday, September 2nd 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.

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. on September 4th & 18th .

Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem , Pa. on September 7th, only this first Monday in September. Will return to the second Monday of the month in October. Bus leaves St. Christopher's parking lot at 9:15 AM. For information call John Mola at 973-335-8947.

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.

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 #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.



Opening of Religious Education

Religious Education will begin on September 20th with our Opening Liturgy at 9:15 am. All students and their families are invited to attend. Classes will begin immediately after Mass.

St. Paul Inside the Walls...

For programs and events and to register visit www.insidethewalls.org or call (973) 437-9741

Mega 50/50 Raffle

To date, we have 418 shares sold. The amount is up to \$10,450.00. Lets exceed last years' shares of 518. Thanks to all who have participated so far!

Compassionate Friends - a self help group for bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, September 10th at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany, NJ at 7:30 pm in room 101. Program: Dealing with guilt, anger, regret. For more information please call Kathy Farrell at 973-335-9389.

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Shred it Saturday, September 12, 2015 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at St. Ann's Church located at 781 Smith Road, Parsippany, NJ. \$10 per box, Shred your paperwork safely and securely.

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Knights of Columbus Council 514 is holding a Tricky Tray on Friday, September 11th at St. Clements Church, 154 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Rockaway, NJ. Doors open at 6:00 pm. For more information and reservation call Russ Hardy at (973) 769-9389.

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The Diocesan Commission for Catholic Filipino Ministries (DCCFM) is honoring two Filipino Saints - San Lorenzo Ruiz and San Pedro Calungsod, on September 19, 2015, Saturday at Our Lady of the Valley Church located at 630 Valley Road, Wayne, NJ 07470. This year's theme is "Pamilyang Pilipino Nagkakaisa kay Kristo" (Filipino Family United In Christ).

Please come at 12:30 pm in the afternoon for the Rosary, Novena and Holy Mass. Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, Bishop of Paterson Diocese, will be the principal celebrant at the Mass. Fellowship and a brief program will immediately follow at the parish hall.

Come and celebrate with us!

Sept. 5th & 6th	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	D. LaPuma B. & B. Davies	L. Bain C. Hendricks A. Calabrese M. Downing	L. Pascale
7:00 am	R. Meigs I. Lalo	B. Carroll	C. Ramoncionis
8:00 am	The Valle Family	K. Anderson J. Mucerino L. Scangarella	C. Haney
9:15 am	B. Anastasi A. & A. To	P. Gatti D. Giradelli C. To C. Uy	E. Shabet
10:45 am	B. & T. Wyka P. DeBe- nadette	A. Calabria K. Holling- hurst M. Pasuco Visit: B. Wyka C. Brown, J. Hoffman	M. Appio
12:15 pm	C. Dumapit K. & N. Hardy	S. Capozzi W. Koeller L. & R. Polanski	J. Cannoveno

St. Christopher's Web Site

Our new web site is up and running. We apologize for the delay. We are using a company sponsored by our Diocese, and hopefully we will not encounter any other delays along the way, but if in any case we do please bear with us, we will do our best to solve it quickly. The site will continuously be updated with new information, stay tuned.

If you have any questions or need assistance accessing our web page, you can contact the rectory we will help you in any way we can.

Our new web address is :
www.stchristopherparsippany.org

SAINT CHRISTOPHER CHURCH

6th Annual Mega 50/50 Raffle

CASH PRIZES DISTRIBUTED LAST YEAR: \$6,475.00

\$25.00 PER SHARE

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 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.

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

St. Christopher Parish
Municipal #RL1143

Name _____

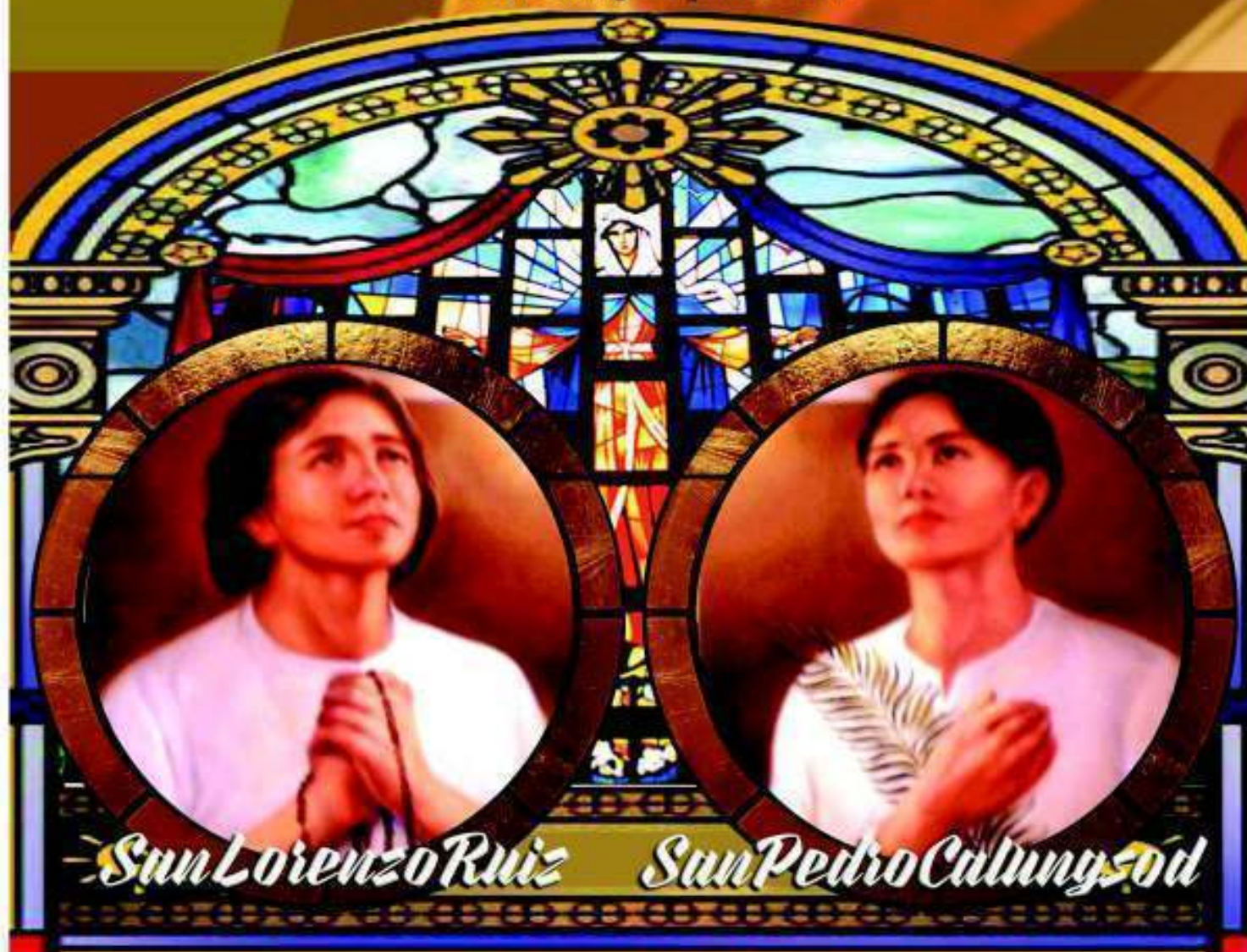
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Diocesan Commission for Catholic Filipino Ministries

DCCFM

is celebrating Filipino Saints



San Lorenzo Ruiz

San Pedro Calungsod

"Pamilyang Pilipino Nagkakaisa kay Kristo"

(Filipino Family United with Christ)

Our Lady of the Valley Church

630 Valley Rd., Wayne, NJ 07470

September 19, 2015, Saturday

12:30pm Rosary & Novena

1:00pm Holy Mass

Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S. L., D. D.

Bishop, Diocese of Paterson

Principal Celebrant

FELLOWSHIP follows immediately in the Parish Hall

For more information, please contact Jeanette East @ 973-334-8766

"Filipiniana Attire is encouraged".

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
2015-2016

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's 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. 2015	

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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 ___/___/___



Saint Christopher's Family Picnic



**October 3, 2015 from
2:00 pm to 5:00pm.
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 children **

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

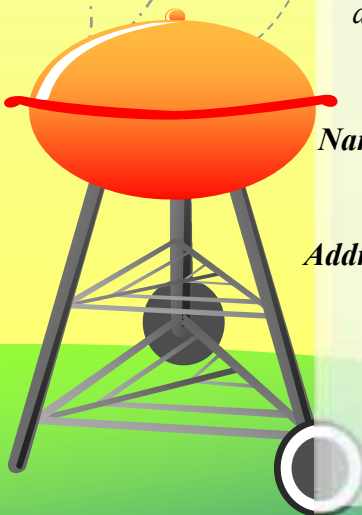
Name _____
(First) (Last)

Address _____

Phone # _____

Number of adults attending _____

Number of children attending _____



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, September 27, 2015



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!