

St. Christopher Church

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastors' Desk

Welcoming

We all yearn to be welcomed and belong. Our faith calls us to stretch and grow beyond our comfort zone or, as Pope Francis is so fond of saying, "go out of ourselves".

Hospitality is a hallmark of discipleship. Jesus considered it so important that he made hospitality a measure by which we will be judged. Think about the Corporal Works of Mercy. So, why is hospitality so important for Christians? What does welcoming entail?

Hospitality is grounded in our conviction that all human beings, regardless of status, state of life or cultural background, have worth and dignity. This conviction manifests itself in respecting and accepting not just those who are comfortably similar to us but also those, especially those, who are unfamiliar or seem strange or foreign.

Hospitality and welcoming demands a level of openness that some might find scary. Let the letter to the Hebrews remind us "Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels" (13:2). How do you show hospitality in our Parish?

Weekly Collections

Last week \$ 11,051.00
(Online Giving \$2,005.00 included)

Last year \$ 10894.00

*Thank you for your generosity!
Attendance for last week – 766*

Sunday

Is 50:5-9a; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

Monday

Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday

1 Tm 3:1-13; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday

1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday

1 Tm 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50

Friday

1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday

1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15

First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9a

Isaiah describes the willingness of the Suffering Servant to submit to the persecution of his enemies. This willingness stems from true faith in God, and the knowledge that the Lord will always be his help.

Second Reading: James 2:14-18

James states that if some one is hungry and you wish them well but do not help them, you have done them no good. He compares this to stating your faith, without backing it up with your actions. He reminds us that we must show our faith through our good works.

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

Jesus taught his disciples that as the Messiah, he had to suffer much, be put to death, and rise three days later. Peter began to disagree and Jesus reprimanded him for judging by human standards rather than by God's. He told them that whoever would be willing to lose their life for the sake of Jesus and the gospel, will in fact preserve their life forever.

Prayer of the Day

Prayer for Those On Medication

Gracious God, You have given us many healing remedies that are a benefit to us when we are sick. Through the miraculous intercession of St. Anthony, we ask Your blessing upon the medication prescribed for (mention name) so that he/she may experience healing, and be restored to full health in mind and body.

Amen.

Visit our web site at:
www.stchristopherparsippany.org

Masses

Saturday, September 12th

8:30 am Anita, Anthony & Joseph Natoli
Special Intentions for Marjorie Pernaselli
5:00 pm Edna Laudati
Frank Sayford

Sunday, September 13th

7:00 am John Halbig, Sr.
8:00 am Edward Gunderson
Special Intentions for Korbin Horn
9:15 am Bertha Theresa Blong
10:45 am Jean L. Kelly
12:15 pm Hilda & Arnold Passerini
Arnold Trauth

Monday, September 14th

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish
12:05 pm Winifred & Martin Walsh
Anthony Sargent
Special Intentions for Fr. Anthony Sargent - 3 years of Priesthood
7:30 pm Richard Moore

Tuesday, September 15th

7:00 am Altigracia Hernandez
12:05 pm John Zimmer
Carol Ann Parks

Wednesday, September 16th

7:00 am Msgr. Frank B. Ferraioli
12:05 pm Anthony Sargent

Thursday, September 17th

7:00 am Vincent Pannullo
12:05 pm Richard Moore

Friday, September 18th

7:00 am Matilde & Julia Ubiera
12:05 pm Richard Moore

Saturday, September 19th

8:30 am Inez Del Pizzo
5:00 pm Brother Robert Thomas Rochacewicz

Sunday, September 20th

7:00 am Wilhelmina Gray
8:00 am Robert Calabrese
9:15 am Ruben Dumapit
10:45 am Richard Moore
George Visich
12:15 pm Peter & Rose Policastro
Gene Spadavecchia



*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: Elizabeth M. Dailey*

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

*Every Sunday we pray for the poor, the needy, and
those in trouble. Many also contribute to the poor
box. We are moved by the plot of those who have lost
homes and loved ones when their stories appear on
the news. Prayer and empathy are important but they
are not enough. God likes to answer our prayers
through others - us. How are you helping God to
answer someone's prayer? You can't do everything but
you could mow your elderly neighbor's lawn, visit
someone who is ill, take a moment to talk to a
stranger, or tell someone they have done a good job.
Consider how you could become participants in
God's answer to our prayers.*

**Show me your faith without works, and I will
show you the faith that underlies my works.
-James 2:18**



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.

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'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 18th .
Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem , Pa. Dates for October to follow shortly. 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.

St. Christopher Women's Book Club

First book club meeting of the season was great as always, welcome to our new members and welcome back to all our other members. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 6th at 7:15 pm in room 109. Our new book selections are:

September: Good Mourning by Elizabeth Meyer.

October: The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot.

November: All the Light That We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr.

We hope to see you there.. New members are always welcome!

Coming soon - Brief synopsis of our book club selections on our website .. Keep checking more information to come www.stchristopherparsippany.org

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, October 3rd 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.*

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.



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.**

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 #2 - Cold cereal, granola bars, cookies, crackers, tuna, Chef Boyardee, canned chicken meat, canned fruit, shelf- stable milk, bath tissue, facial tissue, paper towels.

For more information contact the rectory and speak to Fr. Joe.

JESUS



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

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St. Christopher's Prayer Group
Tuesday, September 15th at 10:30 am & Wednesday, September 16th 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.

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.

50/50 Drawing will be Sunday September 13th at 2:00 pm in the All Purpose Room. There is still time to purchase tickets up until the drawing. Good luck to all!

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Dedication of Memorial to the Unborn - will take place on September 14th at 7:00 pm at the Memorial. All are invited.

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Women's Society - This group meets once a month, from September to June. The first meeting is tomorrow night, Monday, September 14th in the All Purpose Room immediately following the 7:30 pm Mass. We will discuss the schedule for the remaining meetings and upcoming events. Refreshments will be provided by the Women's Society officers. All are invited to attend this meeting and new members are always invited to join. Any questions please contact Anne Bilotti at 973-267-5926.

Dear Sisters and Brothers of St. Christopher parish,

In evening Vespers in our convent chapels, we pray Mary's Magnificat. I resonate with Our Blessed Mother's words, "My spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has looked with favor on His lowly servant" (Luke 1 47-48).

I truly thank Our Heavenly Father, our Lord Jesus Christ, and their Holy Spirit for the six years that I have been welcomed to live at St. Christopher's Convent. I am grateful to Fr. Joe, Msgr. Frank whose life and death we celebrated together, and now Fr. Jakub, to the office staff, Barbara and Eva, and to the Sisters whom I lived in community with, Sisters Peter Maria (Bernadette), Mary Kim, Aurelia, and Pat who is also a Missionary Sister of the Immaculate Conception but is not yet moved. I am grateful to the Wednesday evening prayer group, my 7 AM and Noon Mass compatriots, and to so many of you who have been kind and generous to me as friends.

The Sisters in our three Paterson community convents thank God for over 45 years of our province living and ministering in the city of Paterson. On September 1, 2, and 3, ten of us moved together to Our Lady of Sorrows Convent, 9 Pocono Road, First Floor, in Denville, NJ 07834. (Our internet, TV, or phone service is in process of being activated.)

I cherish many memories of Masses and events we shared at St. Christopher's, even of the power outages and the wakes and funerals of some dear people here. Because I will be back at times, I don't say Goodbye, but only Thank you, God bless you, and May Jesus keep us united in Eucharist wherever we are.

*Your Sister in Jesus and Mary,
Sr. Jane M. Abeln SMIC*

Sept. 19th & 20th	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	The DeNino Family	M. Gelosa A. Racine J. & A. Rochacewicz	R. Gelosa
7:00 am	Rozanitis Family	B. Carroll	L. Pascale
8:00 am	The Valle Family	K. Anderson J. Mucerino L. Scangarella	M. Appio
9:15 am	T. Pactwa M. Santos T. Metcalf	C. Metcalf K. Nolan M. R. Pactwa	Jr. Lector
10:45 am	J. Jacob T. Logan J. Vaddakedam	B. & J. East J. Hoffman R. Vento Visit: W. & A. Price C. Uy	M. Montefusco
12:15 pm	The Marsh Family	A. Marsh R. & L. Polanski C. Walsh	M. Reyes

Bishop's Annual Appeal 2015

Many members of our parish have received, or will receive, a letter from our Bishop requesting our support for the Bishop's Annual Appeal. This year, the theme of the Appeal is *Serving Christ Among Us*.

By coming together as a faith community, our collective gifts to the Appeal serve tens of thousands of people through our Catholic Charities agencies, as well as assistants our inner-city area schools, our retired diocesan priests at Nazareth Village and seminarian education. Please join with your fellow parishioners and make a big impact for people in need by making a generous pledge to the 2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have received the Bishop's letter, please prayerfully respond today. God bless you!

Parsippany Columbiette's Fourth Annual Tea Party

TEA IS SERVED... On October 17th, we will celebrate our 4th annual Tea Party and Tricky Tray. Our afternoon will begin at 12:00 and continue until 2:30. The cost is \$15.00. Attendance is limited, so please call Teresa Adubato at 973-483-1444 as soon as possible since no reservations will be accepted after September 15th. All reservations must be paid in advance and there will be no sales at the door. Please feel free to bring your favorite tea cup.

Victorian Elegance October 17, 2015

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.

Name _____
(First) (Last)

Address _____ Phone # _____

Number of adults attending _____ Number of children attending _____

Announcing the 2015 Public Square Rosary Crusade at St. Christopher Church on October 10th, at 12:00 pm

America is at a historic crossroad. Secularists are trying to push God from the public square. They reject His beneficial action upon society. But without God, where will our leaders get the wisdom to solve the great problems we face?

We must stop the secularist advance and pray to God for help. He will hear us, if we pray through the intercession of His Blessed Mother. That's why we're launching the 2015 Public Square Rosary Crusade.

In *The Secret of the Rosary*, Saint Louis de Montfort said: "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering."

For more information contact Catherine A. Kelly at 973-386-1346

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and its America Needs Fatima campaign
For questions or comments, e-mail us at
ANFRosaryRally@aol.com
Visit our website at www.ANF.org
1-866-584-6012

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".

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!