

St. Christopher Church

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastors' Desk

Jesus Calls us to Continue His Mission

Jesus opens the ears of a man who is deaf. (Mark 7:31-37) His lack of hearing separates the man who is deaf from society. He experiences the world as silent. Worse, his deafness impedes his speech and silences his voice in the conversation of the human community. These challenges marginalize the man and leave the seeing of his eyes and the commitments of his heart without words. Yet, this man communicates. He has friends, these friends beg Jesus to lay his hand on him. When Jesus says, "Be opened", he opens the man's ears to human conversation and gives him a voice. In fact, as events turn out, the miracle sets this man, who is a Gentile, free to participate fully in Jesus mission. For once Jesus looses his tongue and calls him into speech, he cannot be silenced nor can his friends. They will not keep Jesus healing power secret. They tell everyone the amazing healing the man has experienced. The miracle story shows us in cameo that God wants wholeness and freedom for all people.

Weekly Collections

<i>Last week</i>	\$ 10,219.00
<i>(Online Giving \$755.00 included)</i>	
<i>Project Faith</i>	\$ 1,613.00
<i>Last year</i>	\$ 9,230.00

*Thank you for your generosity!
Attendance for last week – 817*

Sunday

Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Monday

Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday

Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday

Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53

Friday

Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday

Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9

First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

Isaiah speaks of how the Servant of God will have to give his life up for the sins of other people. Because of this suffering the Servant will receive eternal life for himself and all the people whose sins are forgiven because of him.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Jesus is considered to be the new high priest and mediator between God and his people. Fortunately, Jesus has experienced the same temptations as other people, and so he has more tolerance of our weaknesses.

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Two of the disciples ask Jesus that they be allowed to sit at his right and left side when he comes into his glory. Jesus explains that they should not be concerned with their position. Instead they should concern themselves with serving others just as Jesus was planning to serve many in giving his own life for their sins.

Prayer of the Day

Prayer for Success in Work

Glorious St. Joseph, model of all those who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above my many sins; to work with thankfulness and joy, considering it an honor to employ and develop, by means of labor, the gifts received from God; to work with order, peace, prudence and patience, never surrendering to weariness or difficulties; to work, above all, with purity of intention, and with detachment from self, having always death before my eyes and the account which I must render of time lost, of talents wasted, of good omitted, of vain complacency in success so fatal to the work of God. All for Jesus, all for Mary, all after thy example, O Patriarch Joseph. Such shall be my motto in life and death. Amen.

Visit our web site at:
www.stchristopherparsippany.org

Masses

Saturday, October 17th

8:30 am Norma Tracey & Fedora Gartner
5:00 pm Ruben Dumapit
Henry Chemis

Sunday, October 18th

7:00 am Michael DeAngelis, Sr.
8:00 am Elizabeth Chorny
9:15 am Ann Hawley
10:45 am Carol Ann Parks
Frank Sayford
12:15 pm Special Intentions for Bridget Lyons
Anne & Grace Scanella

Monday, October 19th

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish
12:05 pm Ethel Kelly
7:30 pm Antonio Veloso

Tuesday, October 20th

7:00 am Richard Davis
12:05 pm John Zimmer

Wednesday, October 21st

7:00 am Special Intentions for Arianna Muti
12:05 pm Eugene Piano

Thursday, October 22nd

7:00 am Special Intentions for Arianna Muti
12:05 pm Special Intentions Mary & Michael
Pizzi - 25th Wedding Anniversary

Friday, October 23rd

7:00 am John Laffan
12:05 pm Teresa Arcieri
Michael Arcieri

Saturday, October 24th

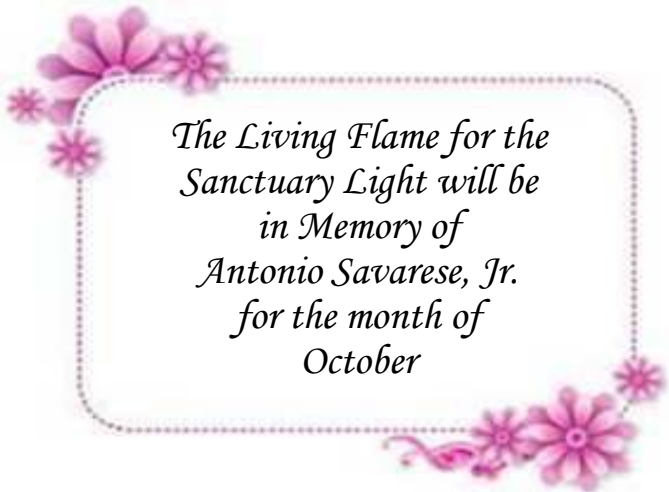
8:30 am Ann Paterno
5:00 pm Valerie Colangelo

Sunday, October 25th

7:00 am Frances Mary McGrady
8:00 am John Mucerino
9:15 am Ann Hawley
Paul Gerber, Jr.
10:45 am Marie & John Marchisa
Carol Parks
Helen Moore
12:15 pm Paul Gerber
Thekla & Otto Trauth
Maria Ferro
Kristen Ritter

***Anyone among you who aspires to
greatness must serve the rest.***

-Mark 10:43



*The Living Flame for the
Sanctuary Light will be
in Memory of
Antonio Savarese, Jr.
for the month of
October*



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

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
November 9th @ 7:00 pm in room 101. Please call
the rectory to enroll and for any other information
you may require.*

Meditations

*What does it mean to "serve" others? Does it
mean becoming a doormat, always doing
what everyone else wants you to do? Is it possible
to "serve" someone by not helping them
or not doing what they ask? Does it mean you
should always do whatever is asked of you
regardless of how it might impact your own
life and family responsibilities? Think about
what is the loving thing to do or do you just
jump in and do something? Do you need to
change anything?*



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: *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. November dates to be announced.

Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa. (dates to be announced). 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, November 3rd at 7:15 pm in room 110. Our new book selections are:

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, November 7th 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.

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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.

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.

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. Christopher's Pre-Cana Program For more information please call the rectory at 973-539-7050. Next Pre-Cana will be **October 24th.**

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St. Christopher's Prayer Group

Tuesday, October 20th at 1:00 pm & Wednesday, October 21st 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.



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.

The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Morris County is celebrating an All Souls Mass in memory of the deceased members and supporters of the organization on Thursday, November 12th at 7:30 pm at the Church of the Assumption, 91 Maple Ave. Morristown, N.J. Music will be provided by musical director Claudia Nardi and by “the Guard”, pipe and drum corp. A repast will follow in the Church Community room. All are welcome.

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SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples, were you married in 1965 or 1990? You are warmly invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Paterson. Bishop Serratelli will be the main celebrant at Mass at St. Mary Church, Denville on Sunday, November 8, 2015 at 4:00 pm.

Registrations will be accepted until Monday, October 26, 2015 Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. Information will be sent from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. Congratulations on this joyous occasion.

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St. Paul Inside the Walls...

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

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Knights of Columbus

If you are interested in helping those in need, serving our parish and community, and growing in faith, the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. The Parsippany Council Knights of Columbus will conduct a membership drive after each Mass here on the weekend of October 24th and 25th and invites you to join them in their charitable, faith based service to the parish and the community. We have done much but can do more with your help. For more information, you can contact Frank Palmieri at 973-299-2388 or at fpalmieri1954@gmail.com.

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The Compassionate Friends, a self help group for bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, November 12th, at St. Christopher’s Church at 7:30 pm in room 101. Program: Dr. Michael Giuliano, a prominent Morristown Psychiatrist, will be our guest speaker. Topic: How to Handle the Holidays.

For more information please call Kathy Farrell at 973-335-9389.

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Tweets from the Pope

“ Let us learn solidarity. Without solidarity, our faith is dead.”

“Work is important, but so too is rest. Shouldn’t we learn to respect times of rest, especially Sundays?”

“Dear young friends, ask the Lord for a free heart so as not to be ensnared by the false pleasures of the world.”

“The faith is not a gift just for me. Faith is given to be joyfully shared.”

October 24th & 25th	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	B. Anastasi E. & B. Hollinghurst	K. Hollinghurst S. Marsh E. Shabet J. Sole	L. Pascale
7:00 am	The Rozanitis Family	B. Carroll	M. Montefusco
8:00 am	The Valle Family	C. Uy F. & B. Zemo	J. Cannaveno
9:15 am	D. Lipuma B. & T. Wyka	P. Gatti D. Giradelli E. Haynes J. Lipuma	J. Rankel
10:45 am	C. Cham- bers J. & J. Jacob	B. Lyons Visit: K. Lucibello J. & L. Reinke	M. Reyes
12:15 pm	D. Perez I. Imperati N. Shieffele	D. & S. Kaschalk S. & J. Kobeszko	C. Haney

A Special Prayer for a Special Person who has departed so suddenly

Heavenly Father we know and believe that our times are in Your hands, but Lord it’s so often such a shock to us when a dear loved one meets with an unexpected death long before it would be expected.

Lord we bring before You today those who are having to go through such a tragic loss and pray that You would be very close to each one that is in mourning today over such a loss - and are perhaps confused or even angry that such a devastating occurrence has overtaken them - without any apparent warning.

You are the God of all comfort who comforts us in time of need and we pray that for those that are facing such a difficult trial today. Uphold them we pray, and ask that You draw very close to them ... raise up we pray, the right people to minister to them and to be a genuine comfort and support at this time of tragedy and grief.

Lord we don’t understand why our loved ones should suddenly be removed from us but Lord we trust You to soothe away the hurt in time - for shall not the God of all the earth do right.... In Jesus name we pray.

Amen

SAINT CHRISTOPHER CHURCH

20-WEEK CLUB

October 7, 2015

Dear 20-Week Club Members:

It is that time of year when I ask you to be as generous as you can in supporting our "20-Week Club". Apart from the weekly collection, this is our main source of revenue for the parish. It is our biggest fundraiser. Last year, we had 294 members participating and due to your participation, we were able to do the following:

salting/plowing of parking lot due to snow (5 different occasions)

replaced pump in boiler room

patched asphalt due to water main break

repaired pipe due to water main break

replaced zone valve motor in thrift shop

inspected and repaired all lights, switches, outlets

I appreciate you taking the time to consider this drawing and hope that you will make a real commitment in participating and helping our parish.

Thank you and God bless you and your family!!!

Fr. Joe

SAINT CHRISTOPHER PARISH 20-WEEK CLUB MAINTENANCE & REPAIR FUND 2016

Raffle License #
ID #375-1-914

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 11 (\$500/each) two winners on week 18 (\$400/each) and five winners on week 20 (\$1000/each).

January 2016		February 2016		March 2016		April 2016		May 2016	
1/2	\$150	2/6	\$200	3/5	\$300	4/2	\$350	5/7	\$400
1/9	\$150	2/13	\$200	3/12	\$500, \$500	4/9	\$350	5/14	\$1000
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1/16	\$175	2/20	\$250	3/19	\$300	4/16	\$375		\$1000
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1/23	\$175	2/27	\$250	3/26	\$300	4/23	\$375		\$1000
1/30	\$200					4/30	\$400, \$400		

- C. A person can win more than once. Your name is put back in so you can win again.
- D. We are planning to have our first drawing on January 2, 2016. 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 2, 2016.

20-week club# _____

Saint Christopher Church

Raffle License #

Calendar Raffle – 20-week club

ID #375-1-914

January, February, March, April, May 2016

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

_____ \$100 payment in full

_____ \$20 partial payment

**CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS
AND AUXILIARY
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INC.**

NATIONAL RECRUITMENT WEEK

OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 8, 2015



FOR GOD, FOR COUNTRY, FOR HOME

Promoting Catholic Values and assisting veterans of all faiths - since 1935

Join the CWV or the CWVA – WE need **YOU** with US to help THEM

Membership Eligibility Requirements

Catholic War Veterans - baptized Catholic, 90 days Active Duty, Honorable Discharge, any branch

CWV Auxiliary - baptized Catholic, male or female, related to a veteran

*Why not consider joining us? We'll be recruiting at local parishes Oct 31 - Nov 1 and Nov 7-8
and working in your community on Veterans Day, November 11*

For more information look for us on these dates or contact:

Cover this area with a sticker showing
the date, times, places for recruiting



Parsippany Knights of Columbus

Council 3680

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Proceeds go to KofC Coats for Kids

Winter Coats for Parsippany Youth

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT

Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage,
Donuts, Coffee, Tea, Orange Juice

November 1, 2015

8:30 am – 12:00 pm

Location: All Saints Academy

189 Baldwin Road, Parsippany, NJ

\$7.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for Senior Citizens

\$3.00 Children 4 - 10 years old

Children under 4 Free

Parsippany Knights of Columbus, P.O. Box 5572, Parsippany, NJ 07054

Nov 2015

Come join us for ...



St. Christopher's

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Friday, October 30, 2015 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.

