

St. Christopher Church

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastors' Desk

Giftedness

The basis for all ministry is giftedness. A parishioner's call to ministry is a direct response to the gifts God has bestowed on that person, and ministry should flow from those gifts.

Ministry brings together various gifts to accomplish the mission of Jesus Christ in our Parish. The goal of Ministry is to discover ways to identify, release, utilize and unify the gifts of all baptized parishioners.

Implementation of Ministry calls for efforts to enable all parishioners to respond to their baptismal call and engage in ministry with other parishioners.

Listed below are ministries offered to parishioners of St. Christopher's Parish. Think about and pray over participating in these ministries:

1. *Liturgy of the Word for Children*
2. *Altar Linen cleaning*
3. *Lector*
4. *Eucharistic Minister*
5. *Martha & Mary Society*
6. *Peter & Paul Society*

If you are interested see Fr. Joe.

Weekly Collections

<i>Last week</i>	\$ 10,202.00
<i>(Online Giving \$805.00 included)</i>	
<i>World Mission Sunday</i>	\$ 1,500.00
<i>Last year</i>	\$ 9,357.50

*Thank you for your generosity!
Attendance for last week – 839*

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Jeremiah speaks of God reuniting the people of Israel after their exile. He states that although they departed in tears, God will lead them all back and protect them, because he is father to Israel.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

Each high priest is taken from among people and offers sacrifices for their sins. High priests do not choose to take on this honor, but are chosen by God. Even Christ did not choose this office, but was chosen by God to be a priest forever.

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

A blind beggar approached Jesus and pleaded that Jesus heal him. Jesus called the man over and said, "Your faith has healed you." The man immediately received his sight and proceeded to follow Jesus up the road.

Prayer of the Day

Prayers and Passages of St. Alphonsus De Liguori

He who prays is certain to be saved; while he who prays not is certain to be damned. All the saints were saved, and came to be saints by praying; all the accursed souls in hell were lost through neglect of prayer; if they had prayed, it is certain that they would not have been lost. And this will be one of the greatest occasions of their anguish in hell, the thought that they might have saved themselves so easily; that they had only to beg God to help them, but that now the time is past when this could avail them (from The Necessity of Prayer).

Visit our web site at:
www.stchristopherparispany.org

Masses

Saturday, October 24th

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

Sunday, October 25th

7:00 am Frances Mary McGrady
Norman Todero
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

Monday, October 26th

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish
12:05 pm Pamela LeDonne
C. Clemente
7:30 pm Muriel Vanderhoof
Richard Moore

Tuesday, October 27th

7:00 am Anne Paterno
Special Intentions for the Vaz Family
12:05 pm Col. Paul A. Kelly
Eugenne Piano

Wednesday, October 28th

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish
12:05 pm Christopher Di Lella

Thursday, October 29th

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish
12:05 pm Lillian Ocampo Lopez
Sue Zimmer

Friday, October 30th

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish
12:05 pm Anne L. Williams

Saturday, October 31st

8:30 am Kristen Ritter
5:00 pm Jerry Hoffman
Evelyn Ocampo Lopez

Sunday, November 1st All Saints

7:00 am Special Intentions
8:00 am Felipe Martines
Linda Price
9:15 am Rose & Nicholas DiVincenzo, Sam
& Connie Calabria, Rita & Mickey
D'Ambrosia
10:45 am Edith & Henry Lehto
Christopher Calabrese
12:15 pm Ruben Dumapit
Kayla Nakonechni
Kristen Ritter



*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*

*Susan L. Zimmer, Miroslaw Karlak,
& Mary F. Piccola*

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

*Bartimaeus refused to shut up despite the urging
of those around him. How persistent are
you? Do you worry about what people will
think of you? Are you afraid to speak up when
you think others want you to keep quiet? Bar-
timaeus told Jesus what he wanted and was
sure that Jesus would help him. Do you be-
lieve that Jesus is ready and willing to help
you? Do you tell Jesus what your heart is
yearning for-do you know what you are truly
yearning for?*

Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!

-Mark 10:47



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.

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St. Christopher's Prayer Group

Tuesday, October 27th at 1:00 pm & Wednesday, October 28th 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 #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.

A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Christopher Church on October 29th at 7:00 pm for Sr. Anne Joachim who recently passed away (September 25th). Sr. Anne was a Dominican Sister of Hope and taught at St. Christopher School from 1996 until 2007. All are welcome to attend.

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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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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

“In the poor, we see the face of Christ who for our sake became poor.”

“Corruption is a cancer on society.”

“Dear young friends, do not be afraid to give your all. Christ will never disappoint you.”

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Position available at Assumption College

This position is for the Spring 2016 semester:

Ps 202 Developmental Psychology (3 credits)

This course surveys the physical, intellectual, emotional, and social developmental stages of the human being from conception through aging. Applicants could send their resume to me at presdent@acs350.org or mail to Assumption College for Sisters, 200A Morris Ave., Denville, NJ 07834.

Oct. 31st/ Nov. 1st	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	A. Apro A. Azzizo B. Anastasi	J. Sole, A. Racine, J. & A. Rochacewicz	E. Shabet
7:00 am	R. Meigs I. Lalo	B. Carroll	C. Ramancionis
8:00 am	The Rankel Family	K. Anderson J. Mucerino L. Scangarella	J. Lucibello
9:15 am	A. & A. To J. Lance	B. Wyka B. & M. Pactwa C. To	C. Lipuma
10:45 am	S. Arcilla P. DeBenedette L. Taylor	R. Arcilla Visit: A. Malsbury C. Brown A. Calabria	M. Dumapit
12:15 pm	I. Perez N. & K. Hardy	M. Pasuco L. & R. Polanski	B. East

“On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say: ‘Jesus, son of David, have pity on me.’ And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent...Jesus stopped and said ‘Call him.’ So they called the blind man, saying to him, ‘Take courage, bet up, Jesus is calling you’. He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to Him reply, ‘What do you want me to do for you?’... ‘Master I want to see.’”

We have visited Jericho on several occasions. We remember the battle when Joshua brought the people into the promised land. We observed Zacchaeus climb the tree and Jesus visited his home. Today we find the blind beggar, sitting at the side of the road. He had the courage to call out to Jesus.

Others tried to impede him, but Jesus stopped, called him, and a beautiful eye opening conversation ensued. The question was asked, the answer given, sight was restored and Bartimaeus followed Him on the way. Sometimes we can get in the way of people like Bartimaeus, rather than facilitate their meeting Jesus. We become deaf when others are crying out in need. How different when we realize that we are the blind one, or deaf to Jesus’ call. He asks me today ‘what do you want me to do for you?’ Do I have an answer? Am I willing to ask the same question of Jesus? What does He expect of me?

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

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
									\$1000
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.

