

St. Christopher Church

Second Sunday of Easter

Pastors' Desk

The Gift of Family

From the moment as children, when we first learn to pray, our prayers are for our families. These people, who sometimes shares bonds of blood and other times bonds of relationships and choosing, hold a special place in our lives for reasons nearly impossible to explain. They are just there and inseparable from us, and so we seek God's protection for them.

Families are pure gifts. Like other blessings in our lives, friends, health and sustenance of all kinds, we can work for our families but can never earn them. Gifts are never earned, they can only be accepted. When we ask for blessings and protection for our families, we place ourselves before the Giver of all life with gratitude, secure in knowing that only in God's hands can our loved ones ever really be safe. Lord, keep my family safe and in your sight.

Do not forget to pray for families.

Sunday

Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

Monday

Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday

Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday

Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday

Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

Friday

Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday

Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

Weekly Collections

First collection - Easter	\$24,724.00
(including online giving \$ 1,967.00)	
Holy Thursday	\$ 1,737.00
Good Friday	\$ 1,691.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 2,650.00
Last years collection	\$ 28,525.00

Attendance for last week 1783

Thank you for your generosity!

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

The people held the apostles in great esteem and brought sick people to them to be healed. Although some were afraid to be known, the number of Jesus' followers continued to grow steadily.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

John depicts a vision of lamp-stands of gold and one like the Son of Man in a robe with a sash of gold. This apparition told John he had nothing to fear and then described himself as one who was dead but now lived again. He then instructed John to record any other visions he might have.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Jesus appeared to the disciples and breathed on them saying, Receive the Holy Spirit. 'He gives them the power to forgive people's sins or hold them accountable. Thomas, who was not present, refused to believe Jesus had appeared until he came to them once more. Jesus told Thomas to believe and added, Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.'

Masses

Saturday, April 2nd

8:30 am Tom Dowd
5:00 pm Santos Ruguian

Sunday, April 3rd

7:00 am Josefina Renn
8:00 am Michael Bonomo
9:15 am Salvatore Pedone
Edith K. Bonker
10:45 am Carmen Lombardi
Lucy Selimo
12:15 pm Pamela Valenti
Deceased Members of the
Coari Family

Monday, April 4th

7:00 am Scott Pallotta
12:05 pm Mary Dillon
7:30 pm Nancy Lopez

Tuesday, April 5th

7:00 am All Deceased Members of the Parish
12:05 pm Martha Riley

Wednesday, April 6th

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish
12:05 pm The Pace Family

Thursday, April 7th

7:00 am All Deceased Members of the Parish
12:05 pm Mary Dillon
Giuseppina Ferro

Friday, April 8th

7:00 am All Deceased Members of the Parish
12:05 pm Mary Dillon

Saturday, April 9th

8:30 am Joseph Maciag, Sr.
Isabel Veloso
5:00 pm Richard DeCroze
Andrew Cicala

Sunday, April 10th

7:00 am John Lee
8:00 am Ann & Walter Kowalewski
Katazina Ordon
9:15 am Michael Bonomo
Deceased Members of the Bataille
Family
10:45 am Rose & Angelo Marotte
12:15 pm Joan Johnston

The Living Flame for the
Sanctuary Light will be
in Memory of
Barbara Bilotti McCann
for the month of April 2016



*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 pro-
gram, please call Mary Ann Jacisin in the CCD of-
fice at (973) 539-6208.*

Baptism

*Our next **Baptism preparation meeting** will
be on April 11th @ 7:00 pm in room 101.
Please call the rectory to enroll and for any
other information you may require.*

Meditations

*Even the disciples, who knew Jesus personally, had
doubts and fears. They did not know what to do. They
had failed him in so many ways. Still, Jesus did not
abandon them. He came to them He did not ask
what had happened to them - where they had been,
etc. His first words were, "Peace be with you." And
then he entrusted them to carry on his mission! He
knew their weakness and so he also gave them Holy
Spirit to help and guide them in their mission. Jesus
extends his peace to us everyday and has given us the
Spirit to help us. Each day give thanks for these gifts
and pray for the grace to receive and use them well.*

*Blest are they who have not seen and have believed.
-John 2*



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.*

St. Christopher Women's Book Club

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 5th at 7:15 pm in room 110. **Next book selection: The Blind Assassin by Margaret Atwood.**

We hope to see you at our next meeting, even if you just want to stop by and see what we are all about, no obligations just drop by :)

New members are always welcome!

Check our website for a brief synopsis of our book club selection .. www.stchristopherparsippany.org



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

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St. Christopher's Prayer Group

Tuesday, April 5th at 10:30 am

Wednesday, April 6th 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 or Karen Blunt at 973-887-1989 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, April 2nd 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 9:00 am and 5:00 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. The meeting will be at the Community Center, at 1130 Knoll Road, Lake Hiawatha, N.J. on April 15th.

Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa. on April 11th. 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 John Mola at 973-335-8947.

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.

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.



Thank You

Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say THANK YOU!! Don't forget to turn in your Rice Bowls.

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20 Week Club -

The winner of this week's 20 week club drawing (13th Winner):

**#131 Carolyn Olenowski
Congratulations!**

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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 grand parents will be meeting on Thursday, April 14th at St. Christopher Church, 1050 Littleton Road, Parsippany, NJ. At 7:30 pm in room 101. Program: "Dealing with emotions, guilt, anger, regret". Come and help each other learn how to begin again.

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The Woman's Society of St. Christopher Church, will meet on April 4th in the All Purpose Room at 8:00 pm immediately following the 7:30 pm Mass. At this meeting we will choose the restaurant for our June dinner and we also will celebrate Fr. Joe's upcoming birthday. Please join us, all are welcome.

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Assumption College for Sisters, Denville, will host their Fifteenth Annual Caring Basket Gala on April 14th, honoring Msgr. Kenneth E. Lasch, Kathleen Ginty Hyland, and Fred and Mary Alice Lawless. The event will be held at the Hanover Marriot from 6:30 pm -10:00 pm.

Featured during the event are a 50/50 cash raffle, wine pull, basket raffle along with a silent and live auction. All proceeds are primarily for the support and education of the 20 international Sisters from developing nations who are attending the college. For more information and for the invitation, visit www.acs350.org/events-2/

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2016 Easter Flower Offering Remembrance

*Mary Anna Popo
Antonio & Julia Livieri
Dianuzzo & Monahan Families*



April 9th & 10th	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	D. Lipuma B. & B. Davies	M. Gelosa J. Lipuma J. & M. Davies	C. Lipuma
7:00 am	I. & S. Lalo	B. Carroll	M. Appio
8:00 am	The Marsh Family	L. Scangarella N. Gordon K. Nolan	M. Dumapit
9:15 am	C. & C. Berardo C. Chambers	K. & P. Berardo C. Callahan M. Cupo	K. Hardy
10:45 am	A. & N. Courtney C. Chamber	K. Lucibello Visit: M. & M. D'Ambrosa C. Uy	J. Colleran
12:15 pm	J. Ratcliffe A. & D. Guzzardo	R. & L. Polanski T. & J. Racioppi	M. Montefusco

"Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. They were all together in Solomon's portico. None of the others dared to join them, but the people esteemed them. Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them... Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

The second Sunday of Easter, designated Divine Mercy Sunday by St. John Paul II, and a key moment in the Jubilee Year of Mercy finds us, not at Solomon's portico but in our homes and home parishes. The signs and wonders of the early church are manifest again, as others, through our efforts and invitation, return to the life of the church.

If each person would pause, pray, and then invite someone to experience the mercy of God and return to the life of the church, how different would our parish life be.

Before his election as Pope, our Holy Father as Archbishop of Buenos Aires wrote "Only someone who has encountered mercy, who has been caressed by the tenderness of mercy, is happy and comfortable with the Lord."

Have I offered this gift to someone else?

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Come join us for ...



St. Christopher's

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Friday, April 15th 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.



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FRIDAY, April 15, 2016

WHERE: All Saints Academy Gymnasium, 189 Baldwin Road, Parsippany

TIME: Doors open at 5:30 p.m. First game will be called at 7:00 p.m.

TICKETS: \$30/person includes 1 Bingo sheet for each of the regular games.

Additional sheets for regular and special games will be available for purchase at the event. Bring your own snacks! Tables can accommodate parties of 8. Tickets are non-refundable. No guests under 21 may attend.

www.allsaintspar.org

973.334.4704

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All Saints Academy's DESIGNER BAG BINGO ADMISSION FORM

NAME : _____ **PHONE :** _____

___ I am enclosing my Check # _____ for (number of admissions) _____ x \$ 30.00 each = _____

___ I am sitting at a table for 8 - Main Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Please list names of guests at this table of 8

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| 2. | 6. |
| 3. | 7. |
| 4. | 8. |

Please return this bottom portion to the school with your check made out to All Saints Academy by Monday, April 4, 2016.

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 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

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For more information call 973-713-4939