

St. Christopher Church

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastors Desk

A Covenant with God

He people of Israel took rightful pride in knowing that they were “the children of Abraham” and “God’s chosen People”. God had made “an everlasting covenant” with Abraham and all his descendants. The second Vatican council spoke respectfully of the Jews as “the people to whom the covenants and promises were made, and from whom Christ was born according to the flesh”. The council therefore condemned all forms of anti-Semitism.

At the same time, we rejoice that we are also the spiritual descendants of Abraham, Sarah, and the whole people of Israel. God’s promises to Abraham have been wondrously fulfilled in Jesus and all who have come to believe in him. Just as family ties were important for the Jewish people, so they are for us. The Church today continues to stand up for the right to life, for the sanctity of marriage and for the welfare of children.

Sunday

Gn 18:1-10a; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

Monday

Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday

Jer 1:1, 4-10; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday

Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Mt 13:10-17

Friday

Jer 3:14-17; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Saturday

Jer 7:1-11; Mt 13:24-30

Weekly Collections

First collection	\$ 9,807.00
(including online giving \$ 852.00)	
Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,434.00
Last years collection	\$ 8,890.24

Attendance for last week 788

Thank you for your generosity!

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a

The Lord appeared to Abraham, who saw three men standing near his tent. Sensing they were messengers, he hurriedly brought them food and water to refresh themselves. Upon leaving, the men told him that they would visit in a year, at which time his childless wife Sarah would have a son.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

Paul discusses the suffering Christ endured for his Church. He describes his willingness to also endure suffering in Jesus' name. Paul hopes that through his sacrifices, many people will become complete in Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Jesus was welcomed into the home of a woman named Martha. She complained to Jesus that her sister Mary sat listening to him instead of helping with the tasks of entertaining. Jesus told Martha that her sister had chosen the more important task, and should be allowed to listen.

Masses

Saturday, July 16th

8:30 am Carmen Trinidad
5:00 pm Marguerite Hubschman
Conrad Spring

Sunday, July 17th

7:00 am Angela Kasicizky
8:00 am Matea & Antonio Piccinich
Victor Young
Brian Osterhaut
9:15 am Paul D' Ambrosa
10:45 am Thomas Rafferty
12:15 pm Joseph Walsh
Julieta Banua

Monday, July 18th

12:05 pm Sr. Mary Aurelia
7:30 pm Richard Moore

Tuesday, July 19th

12:05 pm Anthony Sargent

Wednesday, July 20th

12:05 pm Mary McGinty

Thursday, July 21st

12:05 pm Robert Renaudette
Special Intentions - Barbara Sedam
Barbara Madajewski

Friday, July 22nd

12:05 pm Ann Paterno

Saturday, July 23rd

8:30 am Paul Kachappilly
5:00 pm Deceased Members of the Parish

Sunday, July 24th

7:00 am Peg & R.J. Carroll
8:00 am Victor Young
9:15 am Patricia Klebes
10:45 am Yvette Deschaine
Geroge S. Naseef, Sr. & Jr., Angelo,
Christopher, Ralph & Vincent Calabria
12:15 pm Deceased Members of the Parish

Important Information

- For the whole month of July there will be no 7:00 am Mass. **WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SUNDAYS!!!!**

LIVE
in the
presence
of God



The Living Flame for the
Sanctuary Light will be
in memory of
Diana & Nicholas Lisi
for the month of July, 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 program, please call Mary Ann Jacisin in the CCD office at (973) 539-6208.

Baptism

*Our next **Baptism preparation meeting** will be on August 8th @ 7:00 pm in room 101. Please call the rectory to enroll and for any other information you may require.*

Meditations

The story about Martha and Mary is often used to support the value of prayer and quiet time with the Lord. However, it can also be viewed in terms of a guide to hospitality. Hospitality is something we strive for whether it is making people feel at ease in our homes, offices or parishes. Martha made sure everything was in perfect order and looking good. But there was one thing missing. Martha was so busy taking care of "things" that she forgot the guests. Consider your hospitality rating. Are you more concerned with appearance or with the people?

Holy Spirit, grant me a spirit of hospitality so that those who enter my home may find peace and refreshment for their spirits.



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".

*** To be resumed in September. ***

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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. *** To be resumed in September. ***

***Thursday mornings at 10:30 am** in room 110 in the school. *** To be resumed in September. ***

St. Christopher Women's Book Club

Our book club meetings will resume in September. The summer reading list is:

- Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel
- Goldfinch by Donna Tartt
- A walk in the woods by Bill Bryson
- (optional) Ruthless: Scientology, my son David Miscavage by Ron Miscavage

We hope to see you at our meeting in September, the exact date will be posted at a later time. 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.



Wednesday at 11:30 am in the St. Christopher All Purpose Room.

St. Christopher's Prayer Group

Tuesday, July 19th at 10:30 am

Wednesday, July 20th 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, August 6th 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. Dates: to be announced.

Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa. Bus leaves St. Christopher's parking lot at 9:15 am; date to be announced. If you wish to learn more about the St. Christopher's Senior Social Club, please call 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.*

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.

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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When on vacation or out of town on business and would like to attend services you can visit www.masstimes.org, enter the required information and you will be given the Churches in your area as well as the mass times.

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Mega 50/50 Raffle

We are off to a great start with the 50/50 raffle. We have presently 278 shares sold, totaling \$6,950.00.

Thank you to the parishioners that joined already.

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On July 24th we will celebrate the Feast of St. Christopher, patron of our parish. As you know St. Christopher is the patron of all travelers. After each mass a short prayer will be said and then as

you leave all vehicles will be blessed with Holy Water.



July 23rd & 24th	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	M. Morales A. & A. To	L. Bain L. Asea J. Sole C. To	C. Haney
7:00 am		B. Carroll	M. Appio
8:00 am	A. Zecena D. Perez N. Shiefele	J. Mucerino L. Scangarella P. Luther	L. Pascale
9:15 am	I. & A. Imperati J. Lance	K. & P. Berardo M. Cupo N. Gordon	J. Cannaveno
10:45 am	J. Jacob J. Vaddakkedam K. Gaydo	E. Shabet Visit: J. Mendez C. Brown L. Eckel	K. Lucibello
12:15 pm	D. DeLaEspriela I. Perez A. Mogan	J. & T. Racioppi L. & R. Polanski	J. Cesaro

Assumption College for Sisters, Denville, has an opening for an adjunct instructor for the following course:

En 101 College English I 3 credits

This course is designed to present a review of grammar and to develop skills in writing, reading, and critical thinking. Students write essays with a purpose for a special audience, developing skills in expository, descriptive, narrative, and argumentative techniques.

Applicant must possess a Master's Degree in English. Please send resume to president@acs350.org. Applications will be accepted until August 1.

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ASSUMPTION COLLEGE FOR SISTERS located at 200A Morris Avenue, Denville, NJ 07834, offer Theology and Philosophy Courses for Fall 2016: August 22nd – December 12th. For more information please visit www.acs350.org.

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St. Christopher Parish Vacation Bible School 2016

August 15th to 19th from 9:00 am to 11:30 am
CCD Office: 973-539-6208



All children Pre-K 4th to 5th grade as of September 2016 are eligible to attend. It is a week well spent learning about Jesus in a fun environment. It includes the life of Jesus for children, music, story time, arts and crafts, playtime, and snacks.

Registration: One child \$50.00, two children \$65.00, three or more children \$75.00

Please return registration forms by August 3, 2016 to:

**St. Christopher Parish
Vacation Bible School**
1050 Littleton Road
Parsippany, NJ 07054

Child's Name _____

Grade in September _____ Home Phone Number _____

Address _____ City _____

Emergency Contact Person & Number _____

Allergies (Please list all including food allergies) _____

Parent Signature _____



SAINT CHRISTOPHER CHURCH

7TH ANNUAL MEGA 50/50 RAFFLE

\$25.00 PER SHARE

CASH PRIZES DISTRIBUTED LAST YEAR \$6375.00

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 17TH @ 2:00 PM IN THE ALL PURPOSE ROOM; REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED. WINNERS DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT. THE ENTIRE PROFIT FROM THE 50/50 MEGA RAFFLE WILL BE USED TO DEFRAY THE COST OF PAINTING THE CHURCH.

“NO SUBSTITUTION OF THE OFFERED PRIZES MAY BE MADE”

PLEASE PRINT WHEN FILLING OUT FORM

MEGA 50/50 TICKET # _____

SAINT CHRISTOPHER PARISH

NJ LGCCC IDENTIFICATION #375-01-0914

MUNICIPAL #RL1254

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____



Online Giving

If you have not signed up for online giving then please consider this option. This is a perfect tool. By using online giving you are helping the the parish to improve our operational efficiency.

See our parish bulletin or visit our parish website at www.saintchristopherchurch.org.

All you need to do is click on "create new account".

Your options are, you can use your checking account, Visa or MasterCard. You can choose to do a one-time gift or set up regularly scheduled contributions that are withdrawn on the date you specify in the system. It's easy and it's convenient.

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	

K ----- 11

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 ___/___/___

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

Located in the OLD Nursery School across from Church

Come in and checkout all our great merchandise at amazingly low price!



For more information call 973-713-4939