

St. Christopher Church

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastors Desk

St. Junipero Serra

Born in 1713 on the island of Mallorca, Spain, Miguel Jose Serra entered the Franciscans at age 16. He took the name of Junipero, after Francis of Assisi's favorite companion. It would not have surprised anyone if Junipero Serra had devoted his life to academia. He taught theology and did well. But the 5'2" professor decided his calling was the missions and in 1750 went to serve in Mexico. On the way, his leg was bitten by mosquitoes and became infected. As a result, he suffered a painful limp that remained with him the rest of his life. Fr. Serra worked in north-central Mexico for 17 years. When the Franciscans were asked to take over the missions from the Jesuits in Baja, California, the 54 year old priest volunteered. In California he founded missions in San Diego and Monterey. He died in 1784 and is buried at the Mission San Carlos Borromeo on Carmel-By-The-Sea, California. On May 9, 1985, Fr. Junipero Serra was declared venerable. He was canonized by Pope Francis in Washington, D.C., on September 23, 2015.

Sunday

Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

Monday

2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday

Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

Thursday

1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51

Friday

1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday

1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30

Weekly Collections

Last weeks collections	\$ 8,756.00
(online giving \$787.00 included)	
Second Collection -	
Missionary Coop (Total)	\$ 2,050.00
Last Years collection	\$ 9,426.00

Attendance for last week - 680

Thank You for your generosity!

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Isaiah portrays a time when people from many nations will gather in Jerusalem and proclaim God's glory. God's messengers will teach many nations about God. Just as the Israelites bring offerings, these messengers will bring people from all nations to worship.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

The Hebrews are told that God disciplines those he loves. When a parent disciplines a child, the child usually learns what is expected of him. The Hebrews are encouraged to face life's trials as a form of discipline, and attempt to learn something from them.

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Jesus warns that the door to God's kingdom will be locked for those who ignored his wishes. Many people will come from all nations and take their place in God's kingdom. Others will not be recognized by God, and he will reject them.

Masses

Saturday, August 20th

8:30 am Msgr. Frank B. Ferraioli
5:00 pm Marion Gregory & Gregory Family
Martha Vogler
Peter & Rose Policastro
Mary Ann Kolinsky

Sunday, August 21st

7:00 am Walter Rudolph
8:00 am Lee Lanza
Ann Szmak
9:15 am Edward Corcoran
10:45 am Carmelo Imbergamo
12:15 pm All Deceased Members of the Connor
Family

Monday, August 22nd

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish
12:05 pm Special Intentions Mira Rambaldi
7:30 pm Robert Kavanaugh

Tuesday, August 23rd

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish
12:05 pm John Zimmer
Thomas Vaughan

Wednesday, August 24th

7:00 am Matilde Ubiera
12:05 pm Special Intentions - Vincent Botte

Thursday, August 25th

7:00 am Carol Miller
12:05 pm Edward Corcoran

Friday, August 26th

7:00 am Elaine Mulcahy
12:05 pm Gioachim Cipolla
Pamela LeDonne
Mary Maciag

Saturday, August 27th

8:30 am Thanksgiving Mass for Arra Lam
5:00 pm Col. Paul A. Kelly
Margaret Antonelli

Sunday, August 28th

7:00 am Michele Renee Sabia
8:00 am Clarence, Minnie & Craig Hall
9:15 am Igina Palazzo
10:45 am Jean Herr
Josephine & Frank Vignola
12:15 pm Thomas Paul

The Living Flame for the
Sanctuary Light will be
in memory of
Ann Paterno
for the month of August, 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.

**Religious Education classes will begin on
September 18th. Our Opening Liturgy
will be on September 18th at the 9:15 am
mass. Classes will begin immediately following
the mass.**

Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults

Would you like to become a Roman Catholic? Are you an adult and never were confirmed but would like to? Then R.C.I.A. is for you. Classes will be held on Sundays. If you are interested please call the Religious Education office at (973) 539-6208.

Baptism

*Our next **Baptism preparation meeting** will be on September 12th @ 7:00 pm in room 101. Please call the rectory to enroll and for any other information you may require.*

*Let us welcome into our family of faith:
Mia E. McCleary, Michael J. Wax & Luke D. Gallagher who received the sacrament of baptism.*



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: The Roman Catholic Church and the Civil War.**

***Thursday mornings at 10:30 am** in room 110 in the school. **New Topic: The Book of Revelations.**

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, August 23rd at 10:30 am
Wednesday, August 24th 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, September 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 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, new 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.

-CWV picnic supply sale, August 27th & 28th after all the masses.

-Special Veterans Day Mass, November 12th at the 5:00 pm mass

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 #3 Pancake mix, pancake syrup, tea, coffee (ground or instant), soup, rice, canned beans (any variety), jelly, macaroni & cheese, side dishes (rice-a-roni, pasta sides, etc.).

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



Mega 50/50 Raffle

We have presently 355 shares sold, totaling \$8,875.00. Thank you to the parishioners that joined already.



All Saints Academy, has openings for September 2016 for NJ certified elementary, special education or early childhood teachers and teacher aides for its After School Care Program. Positions are part time, Monday through Friday, 2:30 pm – 6 pm. Responsibilities include organizing and supervising approximately forty children, pre-school through grade 7, in an extended day setting. Please contact All Saints Academy's principal, Mrs. Judy Berg, at 973-334-4704 or jberg@allsaintspar.org to apply.

REGISTRATION FOR 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR

All Saints Academy welcomes all prospective students and their families that seek the academic, spiritual and social opportunities that exist uniquely in our school community. We are currently accepting new registrations for September 2016. All Saints Academy is a nationally certified STEM school of the Diocese of Paterson. The Early Childhood Center offers classes for three and four year old children and has both full and half day options. The elementary and middle school classes include kindergarten through grade eight. Contact our school principal, Mrs. Judy Berg, at 973-334-4704, to schedule a tour and admission information.



The Women's Society meeting will take place at 8:00 pm immediately following the 7:30 pm mass. The meeting will be held in the All Purpose Room. This is the opening meeting of the schedule at which we will review and set the dates for the meetings. Also we will discuss and schedule upcoming events, such as dinners, speakers, etc. Refreshments will be served. This meeting is open to anyone wishing to join us, we welcome all.



Meditations

From Biblical times to the present, people have often thought that if God was pleased with them, then good things would happen to them. If you experienced trials and troubles then you must have done something "wrong". That is not the message of the New Testament. It is not the example we are given in Christ's life. Good things are not rewards nor are bad things punishment. Both can be used to deepen our relationship with God. How do you see the good and bad things in your life. Do you see them as opportunities to grow closer to God?

Aug. 27th & 28th	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	D. Lipuma B. & B. Davies	L. Bain M. Downing J. Sole J. Lipuma	C. Lipuma
7:00 am		B. Carroll	J. Lucibello
8:00 am	S. & A. Valle	P. Luther L. Valle J. Mucerino	J. Valle
9:15 am	B. & E. Hollinghurst J. Summa	D. & S. Kaschalk K. Hollinghurst P. Gatti	M. Appio
10:45 am	K. Gaydo B. & T. Wyka	R. Vento Visit: L. Eckel K. Lucibello B. Wyka	J. Cannaveno
12:15 pm	M. & A. Memoli P. Whalen	C. Walsh M. Pasuco W. Koeller J. Alfonso	C. Mosiello

The Columbiettes of Parsippany 3680 - Will Never Forget September 11... a date this or any generation of American can never forget. The Columbiettes of Parsippany plan to assist Star 99.1, a radio station that promotes faith, as they honor and remember those lives lost by a display of The Empty Shoe Memorial. Throughout August, Star 99.1 will be collecting shoes – 2,996 pairs of shoes – one pair representing every person lost in the attacks at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and the four planes that crashed. Collection bins will be provided at the church until August 22nd. We ask that parishioners participate by donating shoes for this memorial. If you miss these collection dates you can go to the site for more information: <https://www.star991.com>



To the people of St. Christopher

Thank you for opening your hearts to Sr. Betty Vetter, SDS, during her visit the weekend of August 13th & 14th. Your gracious hospitality and spirit of fellowship uplifted Sr. Betty's enthusiasm to share about our Salvatorian international missions. The Sisters of the Divine Savior hold St. Christopher parish families in prayer as we carry on our mission, that all may know the Savior.

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

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CATHOLIC FILIPINO MINISTRIES
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***Invites you to celebrate the
Year of Mercy with Filipino Saints***



SAN LORENZO RUIZ DE MANILA

SAN PEDRO CALUNGSOD DE CEBU

17 September 2016 – Saturday

12:30pm ROSARY & NOVENA

1:00pm HOLY MASS

SAINT CLARE CHURCH

69 ALLWOOD ROAD, CLIFTON NJ 07014

His Excellency, The Most Reverend

ARTHUR JOSEPH 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 at 973.334.8766

FILIPINIANA ATTIRE IS ENCOURAGED

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