

# St. Christopher Church

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 share bonds of blood and other times bonds of relationship, 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 our families safe and in your sight.

**FYI - We will be painting the Church the week of October 24th. It should only take one week. Please be careful and patient with us as the work is going on.**

### First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13

*Amalek and his people attacked the Israelites, so Moses instructed Joshua to lead some of the Israelites into battle the next day. While Moses kept his hands raised in prayer, the Israelites were winning. But when he put his hands down, they would begin to lose. So two others helped him keep his hands raised, and Joshua and the Israelites won the battle.*

### Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:2

*Paul tells Timothy that the Scriptures are inspired by God and are an excellent tool in teaching others about God's expectations of his people. Knowledge of the Scriptures, coupled with faith in Jesus, will lead many people to salvation. Paul urges Timothy to continue preaching the gospel, although this will sometimes be a difficult task.*

### Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

*Jesus speaks about a corrupt judge who lacked respect for either God or man. A widow repeatedly asked him to settle a case in her favor. He finally settled the case, only because he grew weary of listening to her requests. Jesus points out that if even this corrupt judge eventually listened, then God, who is just, will certainly answer the pleas of his people.*

#### Sunday

Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tm 3:14—4:2; Lk 18:1-8

#### Monday

Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21

#### Tuesday

2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9

#### Wednesday

Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48

#### Thursday

Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53

#### Friday

Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59

#### Saturday

Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9

## Weekly Collections

Last weeks collections	\$10,691.00
(online giving \$ 972.00 included)	
Project Faith	\$ 1,751.00
Last Years collection	\$ 10,219.00

Attendance for last week - 833

**Thank You for your generosity!**

## Masses

### Saturday, October 15th

8:30 am Grace Buffardi  
5:00 pm Jeronimo Vaz  
Henry Chemis  
Meghan Nugent

### Sunday, October 16th

7:00 am Joseph Shigo  
8:00 am Anne & Edna Szmak  
9:15 am Rose & Nicholas DiVincenzo  
Jean L. Kelly  
10:45 am Branca & Richter Families  
Miroslaw Karlak  
12:15 pm Mary F. Piccola

### Monday, October 17th

7:00 am All Deceased Members of the Parish  
12:05 pm Norma Tracey  
Fedora Corbisiero  
Gorizia Pellechio  
7:30 pm Julia & Matilde Ubiera

### Tuesday, October 18th

7:00 am Anne Bevilacqua  
12:05 pm Eugene Piano

### Wednesday, October 19th

7:00 am Sarah Giaimo  
12:05 pm Antonio Veloso

### Thursday, October 20th

7:00 am Marie Whalen  
12:05 pm John Ciak

### Friday, October 21st

7:00 am Eva Rodriguez  
12:05 pm Emil Thalmann

### Saturday, October 22nd

8:30 am Nancy Lopez  
5:00 pm Lionel G. Brace

### Sunday, October 23rd

7:00 am John Shimansky  
8:00 am John Mucerino  
Elizabeth Chorny  
9:15 am Paul Gerber, Jr.  
10:45 am Edward Corcoran  
Frederick F. Simeone  
12:15 pm Alvaro Ramones, Sr.  
Alvaro Ramones, Jr.  
Concepcion Ramones

The Living Flame for the  
Sanctuary Light will be  
for the special intentions of  
**The Purcaro Family**  
for the month of October, 2016



*Please remember in your prayers all  
the departed family and friends of  
St. Christopher's Parish, especially  
Napoleon V. Samaniego, Sr., Timothy  
Mallon & Marie G. Whalen*

### Religious Education

*If you have any questions concerning our CCD program, please call Mary Ann Jacisin in the CCD office at (973) 539-6208.*

### **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 November 14th @ 7:00 pm in room 101. Please call the rectory to enroll and for any other information you may require.*

*We welcome into our family of faith: **Tabitha M. Lopez, & Athena M. Solares**, who received the sacrament of Baptism*

### Reflections

*It is ironic that, often, it is the "unbeliever" who is the example of compassion and charity while many "Christians" seek vengeance and condemn those who have not "been saved" or who behave in ways they deem inappropriate. As disciples, we are called to imitate Jesus and respond to others as he would. While it is easier to find the faults in others, our challenge is to discover the good in others and treat everyone with respect and compassion.*

***The Lord is your keeper... He will keep  
your going out and your coming in.***

***-Psalm 121:5,8***

## 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.**

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### St. Christopher's Pre-Cana Program

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

### St. Christopher Women's Book Club

Our book club meetings will be on November 1st at 7:15 pm in room 110. The November book selection:

"The Dog of Jesus" by Michael P. Sakowski

**We hope to see you at our meeting. New members are always welcome!**

\* **New book list to be announced at meeting.**

### St. Christopher's Prayer Group



**Tuesday, October 18th at 10:30 am**

**Wednesday, October 19th 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.

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.**

**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, November 5th 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: October 21st. At 11:00 am.

**Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa.** Bus leaves St. Christopher's parking lot at 9:15 am. Dates: October 10th. 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.

**-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 #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](http://www.insidethewalls.org) or call  
**(973) 437-9741**

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**Trick or Treat and all the  
 Beefsteak You Can Eat**

Spend a fun filled evening with family and friends at a "Trick or Treat All the Beefsteak You Can Eat" fundraiser at St. Ann Parish, 781 Smith Road, Parsippany on October 29th from 6:00 - 9:00 PM. Enjoy endless beefsteak dinner served by Nightingale Catering, with all the fixings. Try your luck choosing prize boxes from the Pumpkin Patch; take a chance on winning \$250 at your "Favorite Date Calendar"; and bid on the Silent Auction with items valued up to \$1000. Don't forget the 50/50 raffle. Activities will be provided for the children who are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes to fully enjoy the holiday festivities. Cost is \$40 for anyone 13 or older, \$10 for children 6 - 12 and children under 6 are free. For tickets call (973) 884-1986. Deadline is October 24th.

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**Samson: The Musical.** Don't miss the bus! Join St. Ann's trip to Sight & Sound's production on December 9th. Cost \$125 which includes: shopping at Kitchen Kettle Village, performance at the Millennium Theatre, dinner at Shady Maple Smorgasbord, and transportation. To reserve a seat, call Ginny Bissig at 973-884-1986. Final payment due November 11th.

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**The Saint Francis Residential Community**, an independent Senior Living facility, 122 Diamond Spring Road, Denville, NJ sponsored its annual FALL FESTIVAL on Sunday, October 2, 2016 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. This was a fun and family oriented autumn event. The festival was held on the former Saint Clare's Harvest Festival Grounds, Pocono Road, Denville, NJ.

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**ALL SAINTS ACADEMY CORNER  
 ASA Student Thank You**

At All Saints Academy, our student stay connected to our parish communities through prayers and special activities. Amanda, grade 5, shared: "Thank you for supporting our school and for being part of our school community. We are grateful and blessed by your prayers and support. We hope you will visit All Saints Academy soon!" Indeed, we are a family of faith and we celebrate the joy of the Gospel message each day with our students. Contact our principal, Mrs. Judith Berg, at 973-334-4704, for more information regarding admission opportunities at All Saints Academy.

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**Saint Peter the Apostle is sponsoring a blood drive on Saturday, November 26th from 9AM - 2PM in the Parish Center (Gym) located at 189 Baldwin Road. You could save a life.**



Oct. 22nd & 23rd	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	The Rankel Family	J. Sole L. Asea M. Gelosa M. Downing	C. Mosiello
7:00 am	The Lalo Family	B. Carroll	L. Pascale
8:00 am	The Valle Family	J. & L. Reinke L. Valle	J. Valle
9:15 am	C. & C. Belardo T. Wyka	P. & K. Berardo K. Blunt C. Callahan	M. Rankel
10:45 am	J. Jacob J. Vaddakkedam L. Taylor	R. Vento Visit: A. Calabria M. & M. D'Ambrosa	J. Cesaro
12:15 pm	The Przychocki Family	C. Walsh S. Capozzi W. Koeller A. Malsbury	M. Appio

**Annual senior sisters sale to benefit religious teachers Filippini**

Villa Walsh, Mother Ninetta Hall, 455 Western Ave., Morristown, Nj. On Sunday. Nov. 6th from 12:00 pm until 5:00 pm. Villa Walsh will host their annual Christmas Boutique Extravaganza, where they will have unique gifts, 50/50 raffle, baked goods, there will be a food court and much more.

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**Seton Hall Prep School**, - N.J.'s oldest Catholic prep school - will be hosting its annual Open House for 7th and 8th grade boys and their families on Sunday, October 30th between 12:00 pm and 3:00pm. For more information, please contact the Director of Admissions at 973-325-6640 or visit sho.org.

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**Oak Knoll School Open House**, on November 5th from 9:30 am until 11:30 am. There will be an evening information session on Wednesday, December 7th from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm. For more information call 908-522-8109 or visit [www.oakknoll.org](http://www.oakknoll.org).

# SAINT CHRISTOPHER PARISH 20-WEEK CLUB MAINTENANCE & REPAIR FUND 2017

Raffle License #  
ID #375-01-0914

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 10 (\$500/each) two winners on week 17 (\$400/each) and five winners on week 20 (\$1000/each).

January 2017		February 2017		March 2017		April 2017		May 2017	
1/7	\$150	2/4	\$200	3/4	\$250	4/1	\$300	5/6	\$375
1/14	\$150	2/11	\$200	3/11	<b>\$500, \$500</b>	4/8	\$350	5/14	\$400
1/21	\$175	2/18	\$200	3/18	\$300	4/15	\$350	5/21	<b>\$1000</b>
									<b>\$1000</b>
1/28	\$175	2/25	\$250	3/25	\$300	4/22	\$375		<b>\$1000</b>
						4/29	<b>\$400, \$400</b>		<b>\$1000</b>

- 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 7, 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 6, 2017

20-week club# \_\_\_\_\_

Saint Christopher Church

Raffle License #

Calendar Raffle – 20-week club

ID #375-1-914

January, February, March, April, May 2017

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 payment in full

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20 partial payment

Come join us for ...



# St. Christopher's



Friday, October 28th 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.







**Paterson Federation**

# Respect Life Mass



**Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli, STD, SSL, DD**  
Bishop of Paterson  
Celebrant

**Rev. Jody Baran—Federation Chaplain**  
Concelebrant

**Saturday, November 19, 2016 — 10:00 A.M. Mass**  
Saint Margaret of Scotland Parish  
12 Columba Street  
Morristown, NJ 07960

**-Light refreshments will follow-**

Deacon Anthony O. Fierro, PGK  
Respect Life Mass - Chairman

Joe Miller, PGK, FDD  
Paterson Federation Chairman



# All Saints Academy Beefsteak Dinner

Friday October 21, 2016  
6:30 PM - 10:30PM

St. Ann Church  
781 Smith Road, Parsippany

\$45 per person

Includes: unlimited filet mignonette, thinly sliced bread, French Fries, salad, soda, coffee/tea, dessert

- BYOB -

Entertainment by DJ Pat Lyons

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$45.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Reserve tables of 8-10 guests.
- Groups of less than 8 will be seated with other guests.
- Include all guest names and complete payment (multiple checks are OK.)

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4.	9.
5.	10.

Make checks payable to All Saints Academy.  
Please send form and payment by October 15, 2016 to  
All Saints Academy - 189 Baldwin Rd. Parsippany, NJ 07054  
Questions: contact Dara O'Dowd at 973-590-0638



**Knights of Columbus**  
**Coats for Kids**

# **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT**



**October 30, 2016**

**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**  
**Council 3680**

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

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