

St. Christopher Church

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastors Desk

St. Tarcisius

St. Tarcisius is the patron Saint of Altar Servers. He was said to have lived during the Roman Emperor Valerian's Persecution of Christians during the third century. He was a young acolyte who had volunteered for the dangerous task of delivering Communion to Christians, secretly meeting in homes or in Rome's prisons. Worried about the Boys' age, the priest asked, "Tarcisius, remember that a heavenly treasure has been entrusted to your weak hands, will you guard the Sacred Mysteries faithfully and safely?" "I would die" the twelve year old answered, "rather than let go of them."

Legend says that one day Tarcisius was carrying Communion to Christians in prison, when a group of boys stopped him. They asked him to play, but he declined. Knowing he was a Christian, they demanded to know what he was carrying, when he refused to tell them, they brutally beat him. Tarcisius was rescued by another Christian, and taken to the catacombs where he died from his injuries. He was buried at the catacombs of St. Calixtus.



First Reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

A king tortured a Jewish family, and tried to make them violate the laws. They all refused to give in and violate the laws. All of the family members told the king they would rather die at his hands than surrender their hope of being resurrected by God.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16—3:5

Paul prays that the Thessalonians will be strengthened by God. He also asks them to pray that God's word will continue to spread, despite the persecution of Christians that was occurring at that time.

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

Jesus encountered some Sadducees who did not believe in resurrection. Jesus refuted them by quoting Moses, who called the Lord the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Jesus then said. "God is not the God of the dead but of the living. All are alive for him."

Sunday

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thes 2:16—3:5; Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

Monday

Ti 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday

Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Thursday

Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25

Friday

2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday

3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8

Weekly Collections

Last weeks collections	\$ 9,758.00
(online giving \$ 917.00 included)	
Last Years collection	\$10,627.00

Attendance for last week - 807

Thank you for your generosity!

Masses

Saturday, November 5th

8:30 am Marie Whalen
5:00 pm Rose & Alex Scerbo
Sarah Giaimo
David Sutton

Sunday, November 6th

7:00 am Martin Lewis
8:00 am Patrick Garrity
9:15 am Juancho Arreglado
Caridad Pantino
10:45 am Edward Corcoran
Lorraine Buckley
12:15 pm Josephine Iacono

Monday, November 7th

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish
12:05 pm Msgr. Francis B. Ferraioli
7:30 pm Maryann Deodato

Tuesday, November 8th

7:00 am Special Intentions Aidan Badia
12:05 pm Alice Miskel

Wednesday, November 9th

7:00 am Michael Bevilacqua
12:05 pm Paul Bangiola, Jr.
Madeline Bangiola

Thursday, November 10th

7:00 am Special Intentions - Aidan Badia
12:05 pm Jean Marie Petrino

Friday, November 11th

7:00 am Special Intentions - Vincent Botte
12:05 pm Marge Natoli
Salvatore Brunetto

Saturday, November 12th

8:30 am Raymond G. Leonard
5:00 pm Ida Vita
Sarah Giaimo

Sunday, November 13th

7:00 am Lorraine Buckley
8:00 am Roger LeGroff
9:15 am Pamela LeDonne
10:45 am Joseph J. Corcoran
12:15 pm Ray & Betty Honsinger
Patrick Honsinger
Miroslaw Karlak, Sr.

The Living Flame for the
Sanctuary Light will be

in memory of

Ray Guimond

for the month of November, 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.

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.*

Reflections

The rule of law is held before us as a standard of justice and righteousness and yet it can be a stumbling block for those who wish to be disciples. Laws are there to help us lead good lives but they can also place unfair burdens on some people. Jesus was very clear that the one law we must hold above all others is to love God and love our neighbor as ourselves. This is the true "rule of law" that we should seek to follow.

Keep me as the apple of your eye, hide me in the shadow of your wings.

-Psalm 17:8

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 meeting will be on December 6th at 7:15 pm in room 110. The December book selection:

"The Language of Flowers" by Vanessa Diffenbaugh.

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, November 8th at 10:30 am

Wednesday, November 9th 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.

Wednesdays 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, December 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: November 18th.

Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa. Bus leaves St. Christopher's parking lot at 9:15 am. Dates: November 14th. 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 #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

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2016 Bishops Annual Appeal - Be rich in good works.
Thanks to your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal, Nazareth Village, our diocesan priests' retirement residence in Chester, NJ, is a home to a number of our priests who have served parishioners of our Diocese for decades. At Nazareth Village, the resident priests live in a community and many assist parishes in the area. Your support of the 2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal is a wonderful acknowledgement and recognition of the years of dedicated service these priests have given to Christ and his Church. Please be as generous as possible to this 2016 Appeal. For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2016appeal.org.

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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 Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, November 10th at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany, at 7:30 pm in room 101. Program: Guest Speaker: Dr. Michael Giuliano, A prominent Morristown Psychiatrist. "How to handle the Holidays."

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Monday, November 7th, the Women's Society will hold their meeting immediately following the 7:30 PM Mass in Church. The meeting will take place in the All Purpose room. This is a general meeting at which time we will be given information on several restaurants then choose the restaurant for our Christmas dinner which takes place Tuesday, December 6th. The meeting is open to all. Refreshments will be served.

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Union Catholic High School is hosting a General Information Night for prospective students and their families on November 9th at 7:00 pm. For more information, contact Betsy Thornton at 908-889-1600 ext. 302 or bthornton@unioncatholic.org.

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20 Week Club
Second week of the fundraiser and already we have 70 participants, with a total of \$7,000.00 collected. A big thank you to the contributors of the 20 Week Club.

The All Saints Academy chapter of the National Junior Honor Society is organizing a pajama drive to benefit The Pajama Program. This organization collects new pajamas for children (infants through age 18) living without the luxury of comfort and security. We accept: New and unused pajamas, Any size from infant to Adult XXL. Donated items must be a complete set (top and bottom). Look for collection boxes at the church entrance. Donations may also be dropped off at All Saints Academy c/o NJHS. For more information or to make a financial donation, please contact Leanne Gonzalez, NJHS Adviser, at lgonzalez@allsaintspar.org.

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Villa Walsh Academy, located in Morristown, NJ, is looking for part-time school bus drivers. Interested candidates must possess a CDL with both the passenger (P) and school bus (S) endorsements. Most trips are late afternoon/early evening. There are also some weekend trips available. Please contact Jen Fleury, Athletic Director, at fleuryj@villawalsh.org or call 973-538-3680 x145.

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Michael Milano from Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land on March 21, 2017 to March 31, 2017. The price will be \$3,599.00 per person including air from Newark, Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner daily. Mass daily at the Holy Sites. For a Flyer or more detailed information please call Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660.

Soft yoga for hard times at St. Christopher

Every Thursday from 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm in room 102. Come and experience for yourself the wonderful range of healthy benefits that yoga and meditation can offer you. For more information including price, contact Penny Prosperi, who is the yoga instructor at pprosperi51@gmail.com.

A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO FRANK SINATRA
Knights of Columbus Parsippany Council 3680 proudly presents "It Was A Very Good Year", A Multi-Media Tribute to Frank Sinatra" starring Tony Sands on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 8:00 PM at All Saints Academy Auditorium, 189 Baldwin Road, Parsippany. Not just another imitator, Tony captivates his audiences with the mannerisms, illusion, and romance that have made him one of the most popular entertainers from Atlantic City to Reno. All net proceeds will be donated in support of the Knights' Youth & Charity Fund. Advanced tickets are on sale now for only \$25; veterans, students and seniors, \$20. Call 914.260.7261 or email knights3680@yahoo.com to reserve your tickets while they last!

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ALL SAINTS ACADEMY VETERANS DAY CEREMONY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2016 at 1:30PM

Join us to celebrate & honor those who have proudly served our country. Join our tribute by submitting photos of the veterans in your life to: veterans@allsaintspar.org. We will include your photos in our video honoring US veterans. Contact ASA at 973-334-4704 for more information.

Nov. 12th & 13th	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	K. Gaydo R. Balboa LaVieja A. Jerez	C. Hendricks A. Calabrese P. Allocca L. Bain	E. Shabet
7:00 am	The Lalo Family	B. Carroll	C. Johnson
8:00 am	The Valle Family	P. Luther J. Mucerino L. Scangarella	K. Lucibello
9:15 am	N. & A. Shieffele J. Lance	P. Gatti B. Chmielewski R. DiMaggio J. Hoffman	J. Rankel
10:45 am	S. Arcilla J. Vadakkedam L. Taylor	V. Arcilla Visit: J. Mendez J. & L. Reinke	A. Bilotti
12:15 pm	T. Pactwa D. & A. Guzzardo	S. Capozzi S. Marsh R. Lang C. Walsh	J. Cesaro

The Parsippany Columbiettes are sponsoring a Membership drive. Any Catholic female age 18 and over may join. If you are interested in joining or have any questions stop by and see them or contact Membership Chairperson Sue Graziano at 973-993-8535 or email JVGSMSG@yahoo.com

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**ALL SAINTS ACADEMY
OPEN HOUSE AND SHADOW DAY!**

Thursday, November 10th

- Nationally certified STEM School @ all grade levels, PS-8
- Faith-based education and community
- Model Early Childhood Center
- Well-organized Middle School program
- Rigorous academics for competitive high school placement
- Positive family partnerships with faculty and staff
- SHADOW DAY STUDENTS ARE WELCOME!!**
- GRADES 2-7!**

Spend a day with us to see how ASA is the place for your future.

Limited Shadow Day appointments are available, phone today to arrange for you Shadow Day visit.
189 Baldwin Road, Parsippany NJ
973-334-4704

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St. Christopher Parish



Saturday, November 19th & Sunday, November 20th at all Masses

We will be collecting food for the needy, and putting the baskets all together as we do every year for those who request them.

We are in need of turkeys, hams, turkey breasts and chickens. We are requesting general varied groceries, for example: canned fruits, vegetables, meats, juices, rice, etc., this way the families will have groceries for later in December. Food can be dropped off in the vestibule of the Church on November 19th and 20th, along with the turkeys or hams, etc.

If you cannot shop, but still wish to participate, please put monetary contributions in an envelope marked Thanksgiving and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory.

Please, only non-perishable items, no frozen pies or vegetables.

**** All meats will be refrigerated until they are distributed****

Pick up date: Monday, November 21st



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	\$500, \$500	4/8	\$350	5/14	\$400
1/21	\$175	2/18	\$200	3/18	\$300	4/15	\$350	5/21	\$1000
									\$1000
1/28	\$175	2/25	\$250	3/25	\$300	4/22	\$375		\$1000
						4/29	\$400, \$400		\$1000

- 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



FUNDRAISING NIGHT

Help support

ALL SAINTS ACADEMY

**November 10, 2016
4:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.**

at the Panera Bread bakery-cafe at

**1161 Route 46
Parsippany, NJ 07054**

Bring this flyer when you dine with us and we'll donate a portion of the proceeds from your purchase. Please hand in a hard copy or show an electronic version of this flyer upon placing your order. Purchases of gift cards are not counted towards the event. It's a great way to combine great taste and great fun - for a great cause.

**Learn more about Fundraising Nights at Panera Bread at:
www.PaneraBread.com/fundraiser**



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Family Roller Skating Party

Sponsored by Saint Christopher Church

Where: Florham Park Roller Rink
192 Ridgedale Ave.
Florham Park, NJ
973-377-0465

When: Sunday, November 20, 2016



Time: 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Cost: \$3.50 for skate rental, if you do not have your own

Who can come: Anyone associated with Saint Christopher's Parish Family is welcome

*****Remember, all children must be accompanied by an ADULT FAMILY MEMBER *****

Snack Bar Available at your own cost

No R.S.V.P. needed, just show up!!!
We have reserved the entire roller rink for our families

Come Join us!



Paterson Federation

Respect Life Mass



Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli, STD, SSI, DID
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 Columbia Street
Morristown, NJ 07960

Light refreshments will follow.

Deacon Anthony D. Farris, PDK
Respect Life Vigil - Chairman

Joe Miller, PDK, STD
Paterson Federation Chairman

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S a i n t J o s e p h E n s e m b l e
CHRISTIAN FOLK & JAZZ

CHRISTIAN MUSIC CONCERT

A N S ' D A Y

Saturday, November 12th
at 6 pm, after evening Mass.

at:

SAINT CHRISTOPHER CHURCH

1050 Littleton Road
Parsippany, NJ 07054ZZZ

Iveta Galic (vocal), Pawel Klin (vocal, guitar&banjo),
Christina Hart (Cello), Tyler Luppi (double bass).

St. Joseph Ensemble, a is a Christian music group created by jazz musicians who want to worship God by their talents. Their original music can be placed somewhere between jazz and American folk. Lyrics are often rooted in the Bible, praise our Lord and tell the stories of the personal encounter with God.

www.pawelklin.com

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