

# St. Christopher Church

*Second Sunday of Lent*

*Pastors Desk*

## A Special Lenten Fast

Give up harsh words....Use generous ones.  
Give up unhappiness....Take up gratitude.  
Give up anger....Take up gentleness and patience.  
Give up pessimism....Take up hope and optimism.  
Give up worrying....Take up trust in God.  
Give up complaining....Value what you have.  
Give up stress....Take up prayer.  
Give up judging others....Discover Jesus within them.  
Give up sorrow and bitterness....Fill your heart with joy.  
Give up selfishness....Take up compassion for others.  
Give up being unforgiving....Learn reconciliation.  
Give up words....Fill yourself with silence and listen to others.



### Journey through Lent 2017 - "Together in His footsteps"

1. Stations of the Cross - Every Friday night during Lent - 7:00 pm

2. Monday Evening Lent Series - 7:30 pm

#### The Seven Last Words of Christ

a. March 13<sup>th</sup> - Jesus said to his Mother, "woman, here is your Son," then He said to the disciple, "Here is your mother," (John 19:28)

b. March 20<sup>th</sup> - I am thirsty (John 19:28)

c. March 27<sup>th</sup> - Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise (Lk 23:43)  
- My God, My God, why have you forsaken me? (Mk 15:34)

d. April 3<sup>rd</sup> - It is finished (John 19:30)  
- Father, into your hands I commend my spirit (Lk 23:46)

3. Welcome Home Sacrament of Reconciliation -  
Monday evenings during Lent at 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm.

4. Lenten Dinner & Movie - March 16<sup>th</sup>  
Dinner 6:30 pm  
Movie 7:00 pm (Risen)

5. Lenten Penance Service -  
March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm

6. Lenten Anointing Mass -  
March 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am

### *Weekly Collections*

First collection \$ 13,700.85.75  
(including online giving \$ 2,364.00)

Ash Wednesday \$ 3,475.00

Last years \$ 12,916.00

*Attendance for last week 860*

Thank you for your generosity!

## Masses

### Saturday, March 11th

8:30 am Special Intentions - Lena Pietrkiewicz  
Martyna Pietrkiewicz  
5:00 pm Peter Daly

### Sunday, March 12th

7:00 am Molly Jo Picinich  
8:00 am Mary Hunter  
9:15 am Doña Teresa  
10:45 am Joseph Calabrese  
12:15 pm Philomena Ricci  
Special Intentions Larry  
Dolores Byrnes



### Monday, March 13th

7:00 am Secundino Trinidad  
12:05 pm Pamela LeDonne  
Rita & Mickey D'Ambrosa  
7:30 pm Terry DiFalco

### Tuesday, March 14th

7:00 am Matilde Ubiera  
12:05 pm John Zimmer

### Wednesday, March 15th

7:00 am Dominick Cecere  
12:05 pm Raymunda Ruguian

### Thursday, March 16th

7:00 am Grace Buffardi  
12:05 pm Frances Uy

### Friday, March 17th

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Connor  
Family  
12:05 pm Eileen Farley Garner

### Saturday, March 18th

8:30 am Mary Laffey  
5:00 pm Eileen Farley Garner

### Sunday, March 19th

7:00 am Helene Caldara  
8:00 am Pauline Symonds  
9:15 am Anita, Anthony, & Joseph Natoli  
10:45 am Joseph Calabrese  
12:15 pm Shriram & Padma - Special Intentions  
Salvatore Neglia

The Living Flame for the  
Sanctuary Light will be  
for the special intention of the  
**Purcaro Family**  
for the month of March, 2017

*Please remember in your prayers all the departed  
family and friends of St. Christopher's Parish,  
Especially: **Czeslaw Sushoski & Margaret Kiernan.***

## Religious Education

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

## Baptism

*Our next **Baptism preparation meeting** will be on  
March 13th @ 7:00 pm in room 101. Please call the  
rectory to enroll and for any other information you  
may require.*

## Reflections

*Living a Gospel life is not easy and it does not mean that  
everything will go your way. We have been called to be ho-  
ly - to follow Jesus' example. At times, it can seem to be an  
impossible goal. However, God's grace is with us and all  
we have to do is to accept this grace and keep trying each  
day. Our focus can not be on grasping perfection but on  
being faithful to the struggle and trusting that with God's  
grace we will become a little more like Jesus each day.*

*Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and our shield.  
-Psalm 33:20*

### **First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a**

*God calls Abraham to leave his family and people and go to a  
new land. God promises to make the people of this new nation  
great and to bless Abraham.*

### **Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10**

*Paul, from his place of imprisonment in Rome, writes words of  
encouragement to Timothy, telling him that Christ is for them  
everlasting life.*

### **Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9**

*Wishing to reveal His glory to Peter, James and John, Jesus  
takes them to a mountain where he is transfigured before them.  
When Peter exclaims that he  
will build three tabernacles here in honor of Jesus, Moses and  
Elijah, a voice from above proclaims: "This is My beloved Son  
on whom My favor rests. Listen to him*

## **Readings:**

### **Sunday**

Gn 12:1-4a; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

### **Monday**

Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

### **Tuesday**

Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

### **Wednesday**

Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

### **Thursday**

Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

### **Friday**

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

### **Saturday**

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

# 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**  
**Our next pre-cana class will be on Saturday, April 1, 2017. For more information please call the rectory at 973-539-7050.**

## St. Christopher Women's Book Club

Our book club meeting will be on **March 7th** at 7:00 pm in room 110. The February book selection:

A man called Ove, by: Fredrik Backman

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

\* **New book selection for the following month will be announced at meeting.**



## St. Christopher's Prayer Group

*Will be every Tuesday, at 10:30 am and Every Thursday, after 12:05 pm Mass*

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.**

**\*\*No Bingo on Ash Wednesday, March 1st.\*\***

**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'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: **March 17th.**

**Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa.** Bus leaves St. Christopher's parking lot at 9:15 am. Date: **March 13th.** 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.

**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, March 4th, 2017 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.

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**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 #1** Peanut butter, pasta, spaghetti sauce, juice, canned corn, baking mixes, mustard, ketchup, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, toothpaste, deodorant.

**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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**20 Week Club**  
**9th winner of our 20 Week Club:**  
**Connie Walsh**  
**Congratulations!!**

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**Pilgrimage to the National Shrine**

The Diocese of Paterson has set a date for its yearly pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. It will be on October 21, 2017.

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Craft and Vendor Fair will be held at St. Cecilia Church basement, located at 70 Church Street, Rockaway, NJ 07866 on Saturday, March 25, 2017 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Free admission and indoors. For further information Email: [saintceciliarosarysociety@gmail.com](mailto:saintceciliarosarysociety@gmail.com) or call 973-886-8023.

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**United in Faith**

Within the next couple of weeks you will receive a Summary Report detailing the results of our United in Faith. Several weeks ago we began this program. We are beginning to see signs that our Sunday offertory collections are growing through generosity of many parishioners. Thank you so very much to all who have chosen to participate in this very important program. Your generosity shows your willingness as faithful stewards to be a part of the ongoing missions of St. Christopher.

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**We are please to announce the following parishioner of St. Christopher Siobhan Mattaur has achieved Second Quarter First Honors at Paramus Catholic High School.**

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**Encounter Nutrition**— We encounter Evelina in Zambia as she and other mothers in her community learn new ways to provide nutritious meals for their growing children and families. How do we ensure that those who are hungry have not only food but true nourishment? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

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On April 21st, 22nd & 23rd The Parsippany Knights of Columbus #3680 will be having their Annual Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities Drive. They will be outside the Foodtown and Shoprite. Calling on all Knights both present and past, if interested please call Al Clark at 973-887-8588 or Dave Szmak at 973-887-6120.

**Soft yoga for hard times at St. Christopher**

Every Thursday from 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm in room 110. 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](mailto:pprosperi51@gmail.com).

Please join St. Ann's bus trip, on April 28th, to Sight & Sound Millennium Theater in Lancaster, PA., to see "Jonah." Cost is \$124.00 which includes: shopping at Kitchen Kettle Village, performance at Sight & Sound Millennium Theatre, dinner at Shady Maple Smorgasbord, and transportation. Bus leaves from St. Ann's parking lot, 781 Smith Road, at 10:00 am and returns at 10:30 pm. For tickets call Ginny at 973-884-1986. Seats sell out quickly. Deadline: March 26th.

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**LIVING STATIONS** will be performed at Saint Christopher's on Good Friday, April 14, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Anyone wishing to participate as an actor, reader, musician, or to help with lights, costumes, or props should come to the organizational meeting on Thursday, March 16th from 7:00 to 7:30 pm in the Church. If you wish to participate but cannot attend this meeting, please leave your name and phone number with the Religious Education Office (973-539-6208) or come to the next meeting on March 23rd from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Costumes will be distributed at this meeting.

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"GARAGE SALE" - The Saint Francis Residential Community, an Independent Senior Living Facility, located in Denville, NJ, is having their next GARAGE SALE on Friday, April 7, 2017 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM and on Saturday, April 8, 2017 from 10:00 AM to Noon, at 18 Pocono Road (new location, near the barn). Questions? Contact Sister Johnice at 973-627-5000, Sally Dankos 973-586-2181, or Ann Marie Lupia at 973-625-5382. Directions? Visit our website [www.saintfrancis.res](http://www.saintfrancis.res).

March 18th & 19th	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	D. Lipuma A. & A. DeNino	P. Alloca A. Calabrese C. Hendricks L. Bain	J. Cannavento
7:00 am	S. & I Lalo	B. Carroll	M. Dumapit
8:00 am	T. Metcalf B. & E. HOLLINGHURST	K. Hollinghurst P. Luther C. Metcalf	C. Johnson
9:15 am	B. & T. Wyka N. Anderson	M. Cupo S. DeMaio R. Di Maggio N. Gordon	M. Morales
10:45 am	J. Jacob J. Vadakkedem L. Taylor	E. Haynes Visit: C. Brown J. Hoffman C. Uy	A. Bilotti
12:15 pm	The Marsh Family	W. Koeller S. Marsh C. Ocker M. Pasuco	J. Cesaro

**To all Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Altar Servers: always refer to the schedule given to you, in case there is a change or any mistakes on the schedule listed above. If you have any questions please contact Mary**

**Ann at the Religious Education office.**

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## *A Prayer for Families*

*Heavenly Father, you sent Your own Son Jesus to become part of an Earthly Family with Mary & Joseph. And so You understand what families face each and every day.*

*Give this family the gift of Joy. May they find laughter and happiness in the moments shared with each other as they grow together.*

*Give this family the gift of Strength. May they turn to you in times of struggle and may they know the power of Your love, to help them through their darkest challenges.*

*Give this family the gift of peace. May their lives be free of worry and sadness. May they treasure every moment you have given them together.*

## ALL SAINTS ACADEMY CORNER



All Saints Academy is hosting a "Happy Camper -S'more Fun with Books" Scholastic Book Fair in the school library at 189 Baldwin Road, Parsippany. There will be a great assortment of books for children of all ages as well as plenty of books for adults such as cooking and crafting selections. The Book Fair will be open at the following times:

Monday, March 13th 8:30am - 8:00am

Tuesday and Wednesday, March 14th & 15th - 8:30 - 3:00pm

Thursday, March 16th 8:30am - 6:00pm

The Book Fair Family Night will be on Monday, March 13th from 6:00-8:00pm with a story from a special Guest Speaker at 7:15. pm. Stop by and browse the selections! Please contact our school office to schedule an appointment to visit us and tour our school. All Saints Academy is a nationally recognized STEM school of the Diocese of Paterson. Our school offers a comprehensive, multi-curricular, rigorous academic program, centered on values-based education. A strong and loving Catholic identity permeates the environment. A spirit of faith, respect and joy are evident in our school. In addition to religious instruction, students model Christian ideals through cooperative activities, spiritual and liturgical celebrations, participation in Sacraments, and service outreach. An active parent organization lends partnership and support to the school community. The Early Childhood Center offers classes for three and four year old children. 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 classroom visit.



# PASTA NIGHT

At St. Christopher's



Join us on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm in the All Purpose Room at St. Christopher's for our **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Wine & Pasta Night!!**

Price per person will be \$15.00 (21 and over only). Included with this price there will be linguini with clam sauce, tortellini alfredo, eggplant rollatine, penne pasta in marinara sauce, salad, bread, coffee, tea and dessert.

As an added feature we will have a representative of "*Make Wine with Us*" ([www.makewinewithus.com](http://www.makewinewithus.com)), for a wine tasting.

\*\*no wine purchase will be possible, it will be strictly tasting. However you are welcome to bring your own wine (no other type of alcohol permitted).

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

Number of adults attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Checks can be made payable to: Saint Christopher Church**

**Questions?? Feel free to contact the rectory at 973-539-7050 between 10:00 am / 4:00 pm daily or email Jean at [jekev3@yahoo.com](mailto:jekev3@yahoo.com)**

Be part of...

# St. Christopher's Family Easter Egg Hunt



- 3 to 8 year olds
- Meet and take pictures with the Easter Bunny
  - Join the Egg Hunt
  - Enjoy a short Easter Film
- There will be refreshments and snacks



Saturday, April 1, 2017 At 9:00 am in the  
All Purpose Room



**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**March 19, 2017**

**8:30 am – 12:00 pm**

**Location: All Saints Academy**

189 Baldwin Road, Parsippany, NJ

**All net proceeds will be used to support seminarian  
Elmer Nieto Cruz in his studies for the priesthood.**

\$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**

