

# St. Christopher Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter

## Pastors Desk

### Hail Mary

The Hail Mary is a profound prayer with deeply scriptural origins that has endured centuries of schisms, attacks, and difficulties yet remains as strong, vibrant, and needed in today's world as every before. It is a prayer of hope for the lonely, the lost, and the suffering. In its simplicity can be found guidance and comfort for families, communities, and individuals. Including those who may not initially see the benefit of seeking the prayers of Mary.

Despite often cited misgivings and misunderstandings, the Hail Mary is not a prayer for Catholics alone. Developed from the Gospel of Luke, with Christ at the center, the Hail Mary is in fact appreciated and recited by Christians of multiple faiths.

The Rosary is a prayer of the Gospels with the mysteries and stories of the life of Jesus as the focal point of the prayers of the Rosary. When we pray the Rosary, often times the repeated Hail Mary prayer became like background music to our mindful meditations of the joyful, luminous, sorrowful, and glorious sets of mysteries which themselves are based on Scripture. Say a Hail Mary first thing in the morning. Teach children the Hail Mary. Repeat the Hail Mary as you are falling asleep each night. Pray the Hail Mary when driving. The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary.

**20 Week Club**  
**17th winners of our 20 Week Club:**  
**#38 Jill Scerbo**  
**&**  
**#278 Karen & Bob Blunt**  
**Congratulations!!**

### Weekly Collections

First collection	\$ 11,313.00
(including online giving \$ 1,232.00)	
Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,217.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 535.00
Last year	\$ 10,265.00

*Attendance for last week 765*  
Thank you for your generosity!

#### First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

With great authority, Peter proclaims to the people that the Christ who was crucified is indeed the Messiah. Urging them to reform and be baptized in the name of Christ, three thousand responded to his words and were baptized.

#### Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25

This is a strong exhortation from Peter to the people to endure suffering for Christ as he did for them. Healed by his wounds, they have "returned to the shepherd."

#### Gospel: John 10:1-10

Christ uses the beautiful image of the shepherd to describe his care for his sheep. He also says he is the sheepgate and promises that "Whoever enters through me will be safe."

#### Sunday

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

#### Monday

Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18

#### Tuesday

Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

#### Wednesday

Acts 12:24—13:5a; Jn 12:44-50

#### Thursday

Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

#### Friday

Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

#### Saturday

Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

The Living Flame for the  
Sanctuary Light will be  
for the special intentions of  
**Kaneesha Vaz**  
for the month of May, 2017

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 from Monday thru Thurs-  
day at (973) 539-6208.

### Baptism

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



### **Baptism Congratulations**

Let us welcome into our family of faith  
**Jacob C. Rydz, Colton L. Cavaleri,**  
**Anastasia G. Ryan and Carter M. Levine** who  
received the sacrament of Baptism.

## Masses

### Saturday, May 6th

8:30 am Deceased Members of the Parish  
5:00 pm Fray Scerbo  
Elaine Mulcahy

### Sunday, May 7th

7:00 am Margaret Kiernan  
Emil Orlando  
8:00 am Edward P. Gunderson  
9:15 am Jenny De La Cruz  
10:45 am Joseph Calabrese  
12:15 pm Virginia & Anthony Marotte  
Rose & Peter Policastro  
Concetta Azzizzo, Bella Ricci

### Monday, May 8th

7:00 am Special Intentions - Vincent Botte  
12:05 pm Special Intentions - Cherese Rambaldi  
7:30 pm Deacon John Boyle

### Tuesday, May 9th

7:00 am Carol Miller  
12:05 pm Anita, Anthony, & Joseph Natoli  
Julius Dumapit

### Wednesday, May 10th

7:00 am Jenny De La Cruz  
12:05 pm Madeline & Teresa Bangiola

### Thursday, May 11th

7:00 am Special Intentions - Darbie Davidson  
12:05 pm Michael Robert Wallin

### Friday, May 12th

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Fernandez  
Family  
12:05 pm Rosalyn Giordani

### Saturday, May 13th

8:30 am Pamela LeDonne  
5:00 pm Rose & Nicholas DiVincenzo  
Patrick Vita  
Brother Thomas Rochacewicz, C, Ss, R  
Linton Joseph Schellito

### Sunday, May 14th Mothers Day

7:00 am  
8:00 am  
9:15 am  
10:45 am  
12:15 pm

All Masses will be for all  
the Deceased  
Mothers of the Parish

**Only goodness and kindness follow  
me all the days of my life..**  
**-Psalm 23:6**

## Parish Activities...

**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 morning adult education** will resume on September 11, 2017. **New Topic: Pope Pius XII**

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**St. Christopher's has a 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 **May 2nd** at 7:00 pm in room 110. The February book selection: "The Girl Who Came Home: A Novel of the Titanic" by Hazel Gaynor.

**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.**

**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, June 3, 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.*

**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: **May 19th.**

**Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa.** Bus leaves St. Christopher's parking lot at 9:15 am. Date: **May 8th.** 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.

**\*\*Trip to Virginia Beach and Colonial Williamsburg, from Sept. 18th - 22nd. For information call Anne Purcaro at 973-887-5186.\*\***

### The Pope Francis Society

Our program helps 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.**

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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.

**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.

## Reflections

**Following Jesus' example is not easy. He did what was right even if others disagreed with him. He did not exchange insults with those who sought to put him down and harm him nor did he threaten to retaliate. How do you respond to those who disagree with you or seek to do you harm? Do you seek to "get back" at those your regard as your enemies? Do you strive to treat everyone with dignity and respect regardless of who they are or what they believe? Do you try to not only forgive those who try to hurt you but make an effort to treat them kindly and with respect?**

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, May 11th at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany, at 7:30 pm in room 101. Program: Coping Strategies for Stressful Times (Holidays, Remembrance days, Mother's Day, etc.). For more information please call Lily Capriglione at: 973-568-4164.

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### 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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### 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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### ALL SAINTS ACADEMY CORNER "Shadow Days" at All Saints Academy

Great things are happening at All Saints Academy! We'd like to share all the good news with you in person. Perhaps you have recently moved into Morris County? Maybe you are considering a change in the school setting for your child? It may be the perfect time to consider enrollment at All Saints Academy. We are taking appointments for student guests during the month of May in anticipation of September enrollment. Students may visit for a "Shadow Day" to experience life as an All Saints Academy student. This opportunity is available for students in grades 2-7. Also, registration is now "open" for the 2017-18 school year. 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, for more information.

### 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 Proserpi, who is the yoga instructor at [pprosperi51@gmail.com](mailto:pprosperi51@gmail.com).

**Blood Drive:** At the St. Francis Residential Community, 122 Diamond Spring Road, Denville, NJ; Wednesday, May 17th from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Sponsored by the Sunrise Rotary Club of Denville, the Denville Rotary Club, and New Jersey Blood Services.

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On Sunday, May 14th at 3:00 pm, our Diocese will honor the Mother of God. All are invited to our Annual May Crowning at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, in Branchville, NJ. All are welcome.

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### Catholic War Veterans of America Memorial Day Poppies Fundraiser

Members of the Army Chaplain Fr. Charles Watters, Parsippany Post 1967 will be offering Memorial Day Poppies after all the Masses on May 13th & 14th. Honoring America's war dead by wearing poppies is traditionally done every Memorial Day. Funds raised will help the Parsippany War Veterans Post continue to assist our local veterans, our local parishes and our local Catholic men's & women's organizations as well as educate and challenge the students of All Saints Academy with writing and oratory contest scholarship awards.

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Next week, our second collection will be for Peter's Pence, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).

May 13th & 14th	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	D. Perez A. & T. Pactwa	N. Gordon J. Kobeszko B. & M. Pactwa	B. Bonin
7:00 am	S. & I. Lalo	B. Carroll	M. Appio
8:00 am	E. & B. Hollinghurst	K. Hollinghurst D. & S. Kaschalk	C. Haney
9:15 am	The Rankal Family	K. & P. Berardo D. Giradelli B. Chmielewski	C. Rizzo
10:45 am	The Imperati Family	R. Vento Visit: M. & M. D'Ambrosa L. Eckel	A. Bilotti
12:15 pm	M. & A. Memoli N. Anderson	W. Koeller M. Pasuco L. & R. Polanski	J. East

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. If you have any questions please contact Mary Ann at the Religious Education office.

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**Diocese of Paterson presents Quo Vadis Days**, where you will be given the opportunity to learn to discern your vocation and learn more about priesthood.

Who: Young men, ages 15-25.

When: Tuesday, June 27th-12:00 noon through Thursday, June 29th-7:00 pm.

Where: Sacred Heart Spirituality Center,  
20 Swortwood Road, Newton, NJ 07860  
973-383-2620 (fax) 973-383-3083.

To register, please contact: Office of Vocations at 973-777-8818 ext.711.



**FUNDRAISING  
NIGHT**

Help Support

**CHRISTOPHER R. ARAYATA FOUNDATION**

**May 22, 2017**

**4:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.**

at the Panera Bread bakery-café at

**116 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. Purchase 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](http://www.PaneraBread.com/fundraiser)**



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May, 2017

Dear Friends in Christ,

This month, parishes throughout our Diocese will take up the annual Peter's Pence Collection. Our participation in this special collection assists in the charitable work of our Holy Father as he reaches out to those who are marginalized and struggling around the globe. By supporting this collection, the Church is able to support victims of war, natural disasters, and other difficult situations.

Let us join with our Catholic brothers and sisters in the Paterson Diocese and be a beacon of hope to those suffering in the world. I ask you to please be as generous as possible when this collection is taken up in your parish.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

+ *Arthur J. Serratelli*

Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D.  
Bishop of Paterson



Come join us for ...

St. Christopher's



Friday, May 12, 2017 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.

St. Christopher's Family Movie Night  
is here once again, and we are very excited to be presenting:



on June 16, 2017

Ice Cream Sundaes will be served at 6:30 pm with movie starting at  
7:00 pm

**\*\*Remember to bring chairs\*\***









# St. Christopher Parish Vacation Bible School 2017

August 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>  
from 9:00 am to 11:30 am  
CCD Office: 973-539-6208

All children Pre-K 4 to 5th grade as of September 2017 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 1, 2017 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 \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to volunteer to help out at VBS: Adult \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Gr. 6-12 \_\_\_\_\_