

# Seventh Sunday of Easter

## From the Pastors Desk



### **To be Christ for others**

*Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism is accepting God's invitation to love. God created us to be happy in him. But we abused our free will and turned away. Despite this, God never stops pursuing us in love, calling us back to him. Baptism makes it possible to experience eternity with him, a joy unlike anything we've ever known. Baptism also helps when we become aware that our lives are out of control. The sacrament is a kind of death. And, unless one lets their old life die, there is no possibility of new life. In the sacrament, God pulls us out of the death of our old lives and gives us life anew. But, this is only the beginning. Now that we have accepted the call to relationship with God and have put on Christ, now that we have been marked as his own and incorporated into the people of God, we must go out and be Christ for others.*

### **20th winners of our 20 Week Club:**

**#259 Earl Kinsey,  
# 269 Mr. & Mrs. John Rosamilla,  
# 280 Connie Walsh, # 281 Mary Farrell  
& #29 Costanza Callahan.  
Congratulations!!**

### *Weekly Collections*

First collection	\$ 10,104.25
(including online giving \$ 888.00)	
Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,151.00
Last year	\$ 9,584.00

*Attendance for last week 731  
Thank you for your generosity!*

#### **First Reading: Acts 1:12-14**

*After Jesus ascended into heaven, the eleven apostles returned to Jerusalem and prayed in the upstairs room. With them were some women and Mary, the mother of Jesus.*

#### **Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16**

*Christians are exhorted to rejoice in suffering because through suffering, they share in the life of Christ.*

#### **Gospel: John 17:1-11a**

*This is a continuation of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper. He tells the Father that he has made his name known, that he has finished the work his Father has given him, and that he wishes now to share in the glory at his side.*

#### **Sunday**

Acts 1:12-14; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a

#### **Monday**

Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

#### **Tuesday**

Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

#### **Wednesday**

Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Lk 1:39-56

#### **Thursday**

Acts 22:30, 23: 6-11; Jn 17:20-26

#### **First Friday**

Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

#### **First Saturday**

Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25

# Masses

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,  
especially **Henry N. Luther.***

## 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 June 12th @ 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 :  
**Dion L. Cintron, Alexander G. Espejo, &  
Thomas A. Santos** who received the  
sacrament of Baptism.*

*There will be no 7:00 am Mass during the week  
days, from June 26th until August 1st.*

### Monday, May 29th - Memorial Day

*The rectory will be closed*

*There will be only 1 Mass at 10:00 am*

*There will be **NO** novena and **NO** 7:30 pm Mass.*

### July 12, 2017

*2018 Mass Book Opening (10:00 am - 2:00 pm)*

*2018 Vigil Candles Available (first come first  
serve, one per family).*

## **Saturday, May 27th**

8:30 am Col. Paul A. Kelly  
5:00 pm Louise Bulgarini  
Joseph Battaglia  
Eli Ibanga

## **Sunday, May 28th**

7:00 am Michael Renn  
8:00 am Lee Lanza  
Lorraine Hathaway  
9:15 am Special Intentions - Adelina Nunez  
10:45 am Peter Clemente  
Edward Callahan  
Manny Uy  
12:15 pm Roberta Radler

## **Monday, May 29th Memorial Day**

10:00 am To All Deceased in the Manchester  
Massacre

## **Tuesday, May 30th**

7:00 am Marilyn Galan  
12:05 pm Danny Bodner

## **Wednesday, May 31st**

7:00 am Deceased Members of Connor Family  
12:05 pm Henry Luther

## **Thursday, June 1st**

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish  
12:05 pm Chester Kudlac

## **Friday, June 2nd**

7:00 am Henry Luther  
12:05 pm Rose & Nicholas DiVincenzo

## **Saturday, June 3rd**

8:30 am O'Connor Family  
5:00 pm Margaret Morgan

## **Sunday, June 4th Pentecost Sunday**

7:00 am John Vill  
8:00 am Clarence, Minnie & Craig Hall  
Salvatore Neglia  
9:15 am Constance Scaduto  
10:45 am Grace Foote  
12:15 pm Frank Diveny  
Eleanor Cobo



## 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

We hope to see you at our next meeting on June 6th. New members are always welcome!

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

### 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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**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: **June 2nd & 16th.**

**Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa.** Bus leaves St. Christopher's parking lot at 9:15 am. Date: **June 12th.** 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.\*\***

**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.*

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### 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.**

**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.

If you my heart speaks;  
You my glance seeks.  
-Psalms 27:8

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, June 8th at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany, at 7:30 pm in room 101. Program: Vacationing without your child. 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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#### Attention!!

**ELDERLY WOMAN IN GOOD HEALTH IS LOOKING FOR AN APARTMENT TO RENT. PLEASE CALL EILEEN AT 860-227-2214.**

### 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.



### All Saints Academy Corner

#### ASA CARDINAL SUMMER CAMP

Are you looking for a local summer camp with a fun and nurturing environment? All Saints Academy Cardinal Summer Camp is open to all children entering prekindergarten to grade five and for all families of the Parsippany area. Camp is directed by ASA teachers and staff, and we offer a variety of daily activities including technology time, arts & crafts, indoor & outdoor games, drama & music activities and more. Families may register for one week or all six weeks. Please contact the school office and website for more information. 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. 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.

### 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.

June 3rd & 4th	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	The Przyhocki Family	P. Allocca L. Bain A. Calabrese C. Hendricks	K. Lucibello
7:00 am	The Rozanitis Family	B. Carroll	C. Ramoncionis
8:00 am	A. Martell E. & B. Hollinghurst	K. Hollinghurst S. & S. Richards	C. Haney
9:15 am	K. Gaydo J. Summa P. Whalen	S. DeMaio R. DiMaggio D. Giradelli J. Hoffman	J. Rabadi
10:45 am	N. Anderson N. & A. Courtney	R. Vento Visit: C. Brown L. Eckel B. Wyka	J. Cesaro
12:15 pm	M. & A. Memoli D. Perez	R. Lang M. Pasuco B. & J. East	B. 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. **Especially for Ascension Thursday.** If you have any questions please contact Mary Ann at the Religious Education office.

### Reflections

*As Baptized Christians, we have been entrusted with the message Jesus gave to us. As the Father sent the Son to spread his message, so has the Son entrusted us with the mission to continue to spread this message. What is this message? Take some time to reflect on what Jesus said and did. Try to write down what Jesus was trying to teach us. In your own words, write the message you are to be spreading. Consider how you are doing that and how you could be more effective.*

# 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\*\*



"Overflowing with Hilarity and Heart"

# Private/Personal Information Sheet Kept in a Private File Cabinet

**ST. CHRISTOPHER PARISH**  
 1050 Littleton Road  
 Parsippany, NJ 07054

**C.C.D. PROGRAM**  
 Registration Form  
 2017-2018

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 (First) (Last)

Father's Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Street) (Town) (Zip) (Home/Cellphone)

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 (First) (Last)

Mother's Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 (If Different) (Street) (Town) (Zip) (Home/Cellphone)

Child/Children Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Street) (Town) (Zip)

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

**The Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation require a two year immediate preparation.**

CHILD'S NAME	Date of Birth	CCD Grade in Sept. 2017	

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1 child \$70

2 children \$95

3 or more children \$115

***\*If possible, include the fee with your registration form. If this is not possible, please call the CCD Office and speak to Mrs. Jacisin or Fr. Joe.***

***\*\*Parents: If the family is not registered at St. Christopher Church please add \$15.00 per child to the registration fee.***

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **ST. CHRISTOPHER CHURCH/CCD**

AMOUNT PAID \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_



# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

# SAINT CHRISTOPHER CHURCH

## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Mega 50/50 Raffle

\$25.00 per share

cash prizes distributed last year \$6037.50

### THREE (3) WINNERS

1<sup>ST</sup> WINNER - \$25% OF GROSS PROCEEDS

2<sup>ND</sup> WINNER - 20% OF GROSS PROCEEDS

3<sup>RD</sup> WINNER - 5% OF GROSS PROCEEDS

Please join us for the drawing on September 17<sup>th</sup> @ 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 inside of the rectory, small repairs in the rectory and new office furniture.

“NO SUBSTITUTION OF THE OFFERED PRIZES MAY BE MADE”

PLEASE PRINT WHEN FILLING OUT FORM \_\_\_\_\_

MEGA 50/50 TICKET # \_\_\_\_\_  
NJ LGCCC IDENTIFICATION #375-01-0914

SAINT CHRISTOPHER PARISH  
MUNICIPAL #

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_



10 SIGNS OF A  
**SAFE PROGRAM**  
FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

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1. **Screening** of staff / volunteers.
2. Adults trained in **safe environment strategies** and signs of abuse.
3. **Code of conduct** enforced.
4. **Open Communication** between parents and staff / staff and children / children and parents.
5. **Parents** always **Welcome**.
6. Children educated in **right relationships** & what to do if a relationship isn't right.
7. All children treated with **Dignity and Respect**.
8. **Clear Rules and Expectations**. consistent reinforcement / consequences
9. **Adequate supervision of youth**. team approach—accountability—no 1:1 isolation
10. All **abuse** is **reported**.

"If any person may have been abused by any priest, they should immediately contact their local County Prosecutor's Office and the Diocese's Victims Assistance Coordinator: Peggy Zanello at 973-879-1489. You may also be in touch with either of the Diocesan Response Officers: Rev. Msgr. James T. Mahoney, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, 973-777-8818 Ext. 205 or Sister Joan Daniel Healy, S.C.C., Chancellor/Delegate for Religious, 973-777-8818 Ext. 248.

The entire text of the Policy of the Diocese of Paterson in Response to Complaints of Sexual Abuse is available on the diocesan Web site: [www.patersondiocese.org](http://www.patersondiocese.org)."