

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Pastors Desk



The path to a happy life.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.”

Mercy, a thread passing through God’s revelation to us, is intimately associated with justice. Even when we sin, God’s mercy remains. As Exodus says and the Psalms repeat: “The Lord is merciful and gracious, He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.” (ps 103)). In Jesus’ teaching, the parable of the prodigal son reflects God’s mercy.

Mercy tears down barriers between people just as Jesus turned the other cheek, so we, as Christians disciples, are called to be merciful when given the opportunity to be reconciled with someone who has wronged us. Like Jesus, a disciple responds with mercy. Each day ask yourself what would Pope Francis say or do.



Weekly Collections

**This weeks collections
will be in next weeks
bulletin.**

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9□10

This is a prophecy of the coming of the Messiah to Jerusalem. He will come, not as a King, but as a humble savior, riding on an ass.

Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11□13

Contrasting “flesh and spirit,” Paul urges that all who live for material things abandon the temptations of the flesh and rise to life in the “Spirit.”

Gospel: Matthew 11:25□30

Jesus speaks lovingly and gently when he invites all those who are weary and burdened with life to seek relief and respite in him. He says, “Your souls will find rest, for my yoke is easy and my burden light.”

Sunday

Zec 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

Monday

Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday

Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday

Gn 41:55-57, 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday

Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15

Friday

Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday

Gn 49:29-32, 50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33

The Living Flame for the
Sanctuary Light will be
in memory of
Nicholas & Diana Lisi
for the month of July, 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 Thursday at (973) 539-6208.

Baptism

*Our next **Baptism preparation meeting** will be on July 10th @ 7:00 pm in room 101. Please call the rectory to enroll and for any other information you may require.*

FYI.....

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

2018 Mass Book will be opening on July 12, 2017 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.

2018 Vigil Light (Sanctuary Light) will be available on July 12, 2017. First come, first serve, in person only. One per family.

Masses

Saturday, July 8th

8:30 am Deceased Members of the Parish
5:00 pm Robert J. Carroll

Sunday, July 9th

7:00 am Emil Orlando
8:00 am Lorraine Hathaway
9:15 am Rita & Mickey D'Ambrosa
10:45 am Peter & Jacqueline Stathqkis
Dorothy LaColla
12:15 pm Joanne Lopriano
Christopher Lopriano

Monday, July 10th

12:05 pm Joan Gorman
7:30 pm Nancy Lopez

Tuesday, July 11th

12:05 pm George Bain III
John Zimmer

Wednesday, July 12th

12:05 pm Emil Orlando

Thursday, July 13th

12:05 pm Pamela LeDonne

Friday, July 14th

12:05 pm Gloria DeMaio

Saturday, July 15th

8:30 am Scott Pollard
5:00 pm Ida Deseto
Gloria Monsalve

Sunday, July 16th

7:00 am Mattea & Antonio Piccinich
8:00 am Joseph Roman
9:15 am Carmen Trinidad
10:45 am Edward Gunderson, Jr.
Dorothy LaColla
12:15 pm Matilde & Julia

NO ONE KNOWS GOD



EXCEPT THROUGH JESUS

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

The book club is on summer hiatus, but for now here is the summer reading list:

"Stay Close" by Harlan Coben,
"The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown,
"The Forever Summer" by Jamie Brenner
"Same Beach Next Year" by Dorothea Benton Frank.

We look forward to seeing you when meetings resume in September.

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. The July meeting will be changed from July 1st to July 15th 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. 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: **July 21st.**

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

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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 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.

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.

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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The Lord lifts us all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

~Psalm 145:14

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.

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, July 13, 2017 at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany, at 7:30 pm in room 101. Program: A "The Things People Say" Thank You Kindly. For more information please call Lily Capriglione at: 973-568-4164.

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Pilgrimage to the National Shrine

The Diocese of Paterson Marian Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. will be on October 21, 2017. The spiritual journey includes: Holy Mass (Bishop Serratelli), confessions in crypt church, catechetical presentations, rosary (multi lingual), devotional time, Divine Mercy, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Deadline to sign up is June 30th. For price and more information, contact the rectory.

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Morris Catholic Baseball Camp

The Morris Catholic HS Baseball Team is hosting a summer camp for students entering grades 5-9. This camp will be designed to pass on baseball skills and philosophies that are taught at the high school level. The camp will be held July 18th-20th, 3:00-6:00 PM at Morris Catholic. For more information and to register, please visit MCSports.org.



"At that time Jesus exclaimed: I give praise to you Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will... Come to me all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon your shoulders for I am meek and humble of heart and you will find rest for yourselves."

Recently while watching a film clip with youth in a bible study, it was clear that they had a greater understanding of the message than I. They saw things, images, heard music, which revealed a deeper meaning and understanding of the lesson at hand. Yes, God does reveal to the childlike things which often pass us by.

The message for all of us is to place our trust and confidence in the Lord and in responding to His call, learn from Him and the little ones. He reveals Himself as meek and humble, two of the beatitudes which we are called to live. As the minister translated the beatitudes at the inauguration 'God blesses the poor in Spirit, God blesses the meek, God blesses the humble... He surely does.'

His Word Today by Rev. William J. Reilly

Reflections

Usually, when we find life a continuous struggle and we become stressed out and depressed, we never think that the problem might be within us rather than circumstances around us. Jesus has told us what to do when we find life burdensome— come to him and be refreshed. There will always be problems and things we find difficult but they don't have to overwhelm us. Take time to just sit with the Lord and pour out your heart to him. Ask for the grace to see clearly what you can do and to accept what you can not change. A peaceful spirit will enable you to endure any storm.

July 15th & 16th	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	J. Summa A. Zecena D. Perez	P. Allocca L. Bain A. Calabrese C. Hendricks	C. Johnson
7:00 am	The Rozanitis Family	B. Carroll	M. Dumapit
8:00 am	A. Anastasi A. & M. Memoli	E. Haynes D. & S. Kaschalk	E. Shabet
9:15 am	The Imperati Family	R. DiMaggio P. Gatti S. Hilgendorff T. Racioppi	C. Mosiello
10:45 am	A. Jerez A. To A. Mogan	S. DeMaio Visit: C. Brown A. Calabria J. Mendez	K. Lucibello
12:15 pm	T. & A. Pactwa A. Martell	W. Koeller B. & M. Pactwa M. Pasuco	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.



Prayer:

Look over me Lord

Make me deserving of the faith that I need to get near you. Forgive my shortage and light my way to the right path. Endowed me with the gift of humility and courage to confront the temptations of this world. Please Father, never leave my side and give me a shield to protect against envy from others and my own self pity.

Amen.

St. Christopher's Second Hand Rose Thrift Shop

Thank you to all our loyal patrons and looking forward to meeting new patrons

~ OPEN SUNDAYS AFTER 9:15 am MASS ~

SHOP HOURS: Wednesday & Friday 11:00 am– 4:00 pm Saturday and Sunday 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Located in the OLD Nursery School across from Church

**Come in and checkout all our great merchandise at
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SAINT CHRISTOPHER CHURCH

8th Annual Mega 50/50 Raffle

\$25.00 per share

cash prizes distributed last year \$6037.50

THREE (3) WINNERS

1ST WINNER - \$25% OF GROSS PROCEEDS

2ND WINNER - 20% OF GROSS PROCEEDS

3RD WINNER - 5% OF GROSS PROCEEDS

Please join us for the drawing on September 17th @ 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 _____

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 21st to 25th
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 _____