

# Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## From the Pastors Desk



### Four ways to share your Faith

Five building blocks of Catholic evangelization will help us to live and grow as disciples. We place block upon block, we share the importance of our growing relationship with Christ with our families, parish, communities and world.

1. *Parents model faith* - At the heart of all faith formation is the family - children, parents, grandparents, and extended family members - and the mission entrusted to them of passing on a living faith from generation. The single most important social influence on the religious and spiritual lives of children is their parents and grandparents.
2. *Faith family practices* - Nurturing the growth of faith at home occurs through religious activities connected with daily family routines: eating together, praying, having family conversation, displaying sacred objects, celebrating holy days, providing moral guidance, engaging in family devotions and reading the bible.
3. *Intergenerational relationships* - If we want to inspire deep and growing faith in children and youth, we need to help them build webs of relationships with committed, faithful, and caring adults. Intergenerational relationships and faith experiences provide a foundation for vital commitment faith in the young adult years.
4. *Parish community* - Participation in a community in which everyone can experience a lived Catholic faith, think and reflect with others about faith, and join together in mission and outreach to the world deepens our faith. These activities equip us to live our faith in everyday life.
5. *Online content and connections* - We live in an age that offers an abundance of faith forming content in digital form:
  - a. *Vatican Insider*
  - b. *NCRonline.org*
  - c. *www.catholicnewsagency.com*

### Weekly Collections

First Collection	\$10,672.00
(including online giving \$ 1,048.00)	
Last Year	\$ 9,807.00

**Attendance for the week 705**  
**Thank you for your generosity**

#### First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

*This passage from the Book of Wisdom addresses itself to God, giving praise and thanksgiving for his mercy.*

#### Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

*Paul indicates that since people are, in general, unaccustomed to the manner of praying, of speaking directly to God, the Holy Spirit will intercede for them.*

#### Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

*According to Matthew, Jesus speaks of the "reign of God" in three parables: the man who soweth good seed, the mustard seed, and the yeast. In each parable, Jesus demonstrates that once the "reign of God" had been established, it grew and spread.*

#### Sunday

Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

#### Monday

Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42

#### Tuesday

2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28

#### Wednesday

Memorial Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Mt 13:1-9

#### Thursday

Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Mt 13:10-17

#### Friday

Ex 20:1-17; Mt 13:18-23

#### Saturday

Ex 24:3-8; Mt 13:24-30

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, especial Catherine Maluk.*

### **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.*

*Let us welcome into our family of faith **Anthony L. Sorrentino, Jr., Winnie R. Mejia LaValle & Alexa M. Bendel**, who received the sacrament of Baptism.*

**FYI.....**

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

## **Masses**

### **Saturday, July 22nd**

8:30 am Ann R. Paterno  
Emil Orlando  
5:00 pm Arthur & Mary Lou Vita

### **Sunday, July 23rd**

7:00 am Peg & R.J. Carroll  
8:00 am Gail Bellog  
9:15 am Rosemary Bell  
10:45 am Anthony Buglisi  
Henry N. Luther III  
12:15 pm Ronald J. Sprofera  
Bebe Ratcliffe  
Donna Pallotta-Lowe

### **Monday, July 24th**

12:05 pm Peter Daly  
7:30 pm Gerald Mancuso

### **Tuesday, July 25th**

12:05 pm Michael Perrini  
Anthony, Anita & Joseph Natoli  
Eugene Piano  
Madeline Bangiola

### **Wednesday, July 26th**

12:05 pm Pamela LeDonne  
Grace M. Lane - 1st Anniversary

### **Thursday, July 27th**

12:05 pm Col. Paul A. Kelly

### **Friday, July 28th**

12:05 pm Dr. Ray Mutter

### **Saturday, July 29th**

8:30 am Scott Pollard  
5:00 pm Robert Natoli

### **Sunday, July 30th**

7:00 am Emil Orlando  
8:00 am Gail Bellog  
9:15 am Rosemary Bell  
10:45 am Yvette Deschaine  
Dorothy LaColla  
12:15 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish



## 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.** Please join us on August 5, 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. 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 2:** Cold cereal, granola bars, cookies, crackers, tuna, Chef Boyardee, canned chicken meat, canned fruit, shelf stable milk, bath tissue, paper towels.

**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](http://www.insidethewalls.org) or call (973) 437-9741

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All who are thirsty, come to water!

-Isaiah 55:11

## 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.

## On Sunday, August 6th here at St. Christopher, Bishop Serratelli will be concelebrating at the 10:45 am mass. All are welcome to attend.

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The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, August 10, 2017 at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany, at 7:30PM in room 101. Program: "Ask-It-Basket" (Bring Photos Of Your Child). For more information please call Lily Capriglione at: 973-568-4164.

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On Saturday, October 21, 2017, Sacred Doorways welcomes nationally acclaimed storyteller, author & theologian John Shea, along with teachers & authors Drs. Catherine & Michael Carotta for a retreat experience Finding New Eyes: Awakening to the Call of the Spirit. This retreat invites all to learn how to open our spiritual eyes & awaken with new breath: God's breath. She will offer thru story certain practices which invite us to cooperate with the Spirit & direct our spiritual development, no matter our age. The Carottas will invite us to consider that calls from God in life expand far beyond work to encompass the direction of each individual life. They will offer concrete ways to sustain the Spirit & fulfill our commitment to become who God has created us to be.

By learning to see with the eye of the Spirit, we can awaken to who we are & begin to live a new life more in tune with our true calling - regardless of age - individually & communally.

Registration now open -Join us October 21st, 9 to 4 pm at St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway, NJ. For further info or to register, contact us! Phone (609) 702-7858 or online at [sacreddoorwaysnj.org](http://sacreddoorwaysnj.org).

Please reserve September 18th, 7:00 pm at St. Mary's Church, Denville! Sponsored by Assumption College for Sisters, Chris Lowney will speak on the topic of leadership, featuring his latest work, Everyone Leads: How to Revitalize the Catholic Church. Chris Lowney chairs the board of Catholic Health Initiatives, one of the nation's largest healthcare/hospital systems. He formerly served as a Managing Director of J.P. Morgan & Co. in New York, Tokyo, Singapore and London until leaving the firm in 2001. He has lectured in more than two-dozen countries on leadership, business ethics, and other related topics. He is the author of five books, including the bestselling Heroic Leadership and Pope Francis: Why He Leads the Way He Leads, which was called "a book for the ages" and became the # 1 bestseller on Amazon's "Popes and the Vatican" list. Chris's most recent work is, "Everyone Leads: How to Revitalize the Catholic Church." During his talk, Chris will explore some of the profound challenges now facing the Church and will invite each of us to step up and help lead the Church's revitalization.

Chris founded and speaks on behalf of Pilgrimage for Our Children's Future, which funds education and healthcare projects in the developing world. He is a one-time Jesuit seminarian, and a summa cum laude graduate of Fordham University, where he also received his M.A. He is holder of five honorary Doctoral degrees.

There is no admission; however, a free will offering can be made for Lowney's foundation, Pilgrimage for Our Children's Future.

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## Reflections

*Nothing can separate us from the love of God. No matter what may be happening in our lives, no matter how many stupid, thoughtless things we may have done, God still loves us and is ready to give us the grace we need at the moment. This is the most profound and amazing gift we have been given and it is difficult for us to understand or even accept it. Every moment of every day, God offers us his love and grace. The only thing we need to do is accept it - not "earn" it. The more open we become to God's love and grace, the more peaceful our spirit becomes and the better we can cope with whatever happens in our life. Do you believe in God's love?*



July 29th & 30th	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	D. Lipuma A. & A. DeNino	L. Bain S. DeMaio N. Gordon M. Gelosa	J. Lucibello
7:00 am	I. & S. Lalo	B. Carroll	C. Johnson
8:00 am	E. & B. Hollinghurst	K. Hollinghurst P. Luther C. Callahan	C. Mosiello
9:15 am	C. Rizzo M. Morales R. Bilaolavieja	G. & L. Azares S. & S. Richards	L. Pascale
10:45 am	B. & T. Wyka T. Metcalf	R. Vento Visit: A. Malsbury C. Metcalf B. Wyka	A. Bilotti
12:15 pm	K. & N. Hardy K. Gaydo	B. & J. East L. & R. Polanski	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. If you have any questions please contact Mary Ann at the Religious Education office.



## Missionary Cooperation Collection

**Change of date:**  
From August 6th to  
August 12th/13th.  
Please use envelope on  
August 12th /13th  
Thank you!

# 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 amazingly low prices**



*For more information call 973-713-4939*

# 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 #

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# 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 \_\_\_\_\_