

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary

From the Pastors Desk



Why be an active member of St. Christopher?

There are two answers to this question. One is because St. Christopher's people, and that includes you! St. Christopher's is combined life of all who believe that Jesus Christ is savior; the other is because St. Christopher needs you!

As a follower of Christ, you are called to let your faith and your good works bring light and love to the world. Below are 12 reasons I believe you should be active in St. Christopher:

1. *Being an active member helps strengthen your commitment.*
2. *St. Christopher provides a sense of belonging and fellowship.*
3. *Being active helps you grow as a person.*
4. *Active membership can give you a sense of fulfillment.*
5. *Sharing your gifts helps you and St. Christopher grow.*
6. *Being active is an opportunity to serve others.*
7. *You can help fulfill Christ's mission in the world.*
8. *Active membership can help nurture children.*
9. *Being active helps put your faith into action.*
10. *Active membership helps build a sense of community.*
11. *We can offer support in time of crisis.*
12. *Being active can bring you spiritual joy.*



Weekly Collections

First Collection	\$11,403.50
(including online giving \$ 903.00)	
Beacon	\$ 919.00
Last Year	\$ 9,669.00

Attendance for the week 777
Thank you for your generosity

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Solomon, realizing that he will succeed his father David as King of Israel and Judah, begs the Lord to give him wisdom and understanding in order to rule his people well. The Lord grants his request saying, "...there will come no one to equal you."

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

As heirs of God and heirs with Christ, we suffer in order to be glorified with Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus speaks again about the "reign of God," telling the parables of the buried treasure and the merchant's search for pearls. In each parable, Jesus emphasizes that the "reign of God" is more precious and valuable than any treasure.

Sunday

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday

Ex 33:7-11, 34:5b-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday

Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53

First Friday

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Mt 13:54-58

First Saturday

Lv 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12

The Living Flame for the
Sanctuary Light will be
for the special intentions of the
Vaz Family
for the month of August, 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 August 14th @ 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 **Charles W.R. Ricker**, who received the sacrament of Baptism.*

Masses

FYI.....

The 7:00 am Mass will resume on August 1st.

Saturday, July 29th

8:30 am Scott Pollard
Lawrence McClean
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

Monday, July 31st

12:05 pm Brian Delaney
7:30 pm Deceased Members of the Parish

Tuesday, August 1st

7:00 am Carol Miller
12:05 pm Ruben Dumapit

Wednesday, August 2nd

7:00 am Matilde Ubiera
12:05 pm Barbara Blaine

Thursday, August 3rd

7:00 am Mike Cruz
12:05 pm Daniel Cordasco

Friday, August 4th

7:00 am All Deceased Members of the Trinidad Family
12:05 pm Dr. Ray Mutter

Saturday, August 5th

8:30 am Julia Ubiera
5:00 pm Rose Nunez

Sunday, August 6th

7:00 am Graciella R. Goncalves
8:00 am Maurice & Francis Callahan
9:15 am Rose & Nicholas DiVincenzo
Frank Calabria
10:45 am Anthony Buglisi
Dorothy LaColla
12:15 pm Ruben Dumapit

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: **August 4th & 18th.**

Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa. Bus leaves St. Christopher's parking lot at 9:15 am. Date: **August 14th.** 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 or call

(973) 437-9741

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Let your kindness comfort me according to your promise to your servants.

~Psalm 119.76

**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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Please join us in congratulating Deacon Alan Lucibello for being nominated to receive the Vivre Christus Award. The presentation for the award will be celebrated during Vespers on Sunday, September 10th at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, N.J. at 3:30 pm. Following the presentation there will be a light reception for the honorees and their families.



Reflections

Do you really believe that all things will work for the good of those who have faith? When things are going well, it seems obvious, but when there are setbacks and problems, it is easy to doubt this truth. Discipleship is not an insurance policy that protects us from the problems and failures of life. It is a way of being a mind set that keeps us focused on what is truly important. When we encounter life's downs and ups, we do not just passively accept them. Rather, we see them all as gifts that can teach us something that will deepen our love of God and neighbor. In that way, all things work for our good.

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8th Annual Mega 50/50 Raffle

So far we have 331 shares sold with a total amount of \$8,275.00 collected. The drawing will be on September 17th @ 2:00 pm. Thank you to the people that have already purchased their shares to this important fundraiser.

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Jesus said to his disciples "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."

Jesus, the teacher, offers three parables today for our reflection. The two the treasure and the pearl, followed by the net, ask us to consider what the kingdom is really like. Do I find it in my church? What is the treasure I am looking for, His kingdom? It is His grace, the Sacraments, the life of the church. The pearl is the Christian life which I sometimes fail to appreciate.

I am the one searching for a treasure, the pearl and I live in a community where the net has been thrown and collects all, bad and good. I am asked to sit down and sort out what is good for me and what is not. I resolve to continue my search, discover the treasure offered to me, and work hard to preserve and persevere in my quest. The kingdom is now.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

August 5th & 6th	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	A. Jerez N. Anderson G. & M. Harris	J. Sole D. & S. Kashchalk P. Allocca	J. Cannaveno
7:00 am	The Rozanitis Family	B. Carroll	C. Ramoncionis
8:00 am	T. & A. Pactwa A. Mogan	B. & M. Pactwa K. Nolan	C. Haney
9:15 am	C. & C. Berardo A. Zecena	K. & P. Berardo A. Calabria D. Giradelli	K. Lucibello
10:45 am	The Marsh Family	S. Marsh Visit: J. Hoffman C. Mosiello L. Eckel	A. Bilotti
12:15 pm	P. Whalen J. Vadakkedam L. Taylor	M. Pasuco W. Koeller R. Lang C. Brown	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. 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

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	

K ----- 11

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 _____