

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Pastors Desk



A people on the move.

So many of the New Testament stories are about roads. Mary seems to be perpetually on the road from the moment of the conception of Jesus all the way through His time in Jerusalem, when she and Joseph searched frantically for him and finally found him utterly at home, in the temple. Immediately after the angel's visit to her, she set out on the 90 miles, young, pregnant, alone to the home of her cousin Elizabeth. She stayed with her for three months, to help with the last months of her pregnancy and with the birth of John the Baptist, and walked back home at the end of her first trimester. Then when she was ready to give birth, she and Joseph set out again, this time making the 69 mile trip from Nazareth down to Bethlehem.

The event of the appearance of Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego in 1531 happened on the road. Juan Diego was walking to morning Mass when he saw the "Beautiful Lady". That encounter changed the history of the Americas.

When you take your morning or evening walk watch for God's presence. The road, as St. Paul knew so well, is one of God's favorite places to meet us.

Weekly Collections

First Collection	\$ 11,392.00
(including online giving \$1,103.00)	
Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,421.00
Last Year	\$ 10,058.00

Attendance for the week 885

Thank you for your generosity

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Ezekiel reminds the people that if a sinner turns away from his iniquity, he will live, not die.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Paul urges the converts at Philippi to be united in spirit and ideals, avoiding rivalry and dissension. He ends with the beautiful hymn extolling the humility and sacrifice of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus speaks words of rebuke to the chief priests and the elders because they are not believing the teachings of John the Baptist. He warns them that tax collectors and prostitutes, who do believe John, will enter the Kingdom of God before them.

Sunday

Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

Monday

Zec 8:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday

Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday

Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Lk 10:1-12

First Friday

Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16

First Saturday

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24

The Living Flame for the
Sanctuary Light will be
in memory of
**Clarence, Minnie & Craig Hall &
Salvatore Neglia**
for the month of October, 2017

Masses

Saturday, September 30th

8:30 am Deceased Members of the Parish
5:00 pm Antoinette Galanti

Sunday, October 1st

7:00 am George Hughes
Decon Henry Rohrman
8:00 am Clarence, Minnie & Craig Hall
Salvatore Neglia
9:15 am Rita & Mickey D' Ambrosa
Rose LaFace
10:45 am Michele Mini
Patricia Moore
Dorothy LaColla
12:15 pm Arnold Trauth
Thekla & Otto Trauth
Fidela Azares

Monday, October 2nd

7:00 am Walter Pasuco
12:05 pm Special Intentions - Barbara Schmidt
Deacon Henry Rohrman
7:30 pm Deacon Henry Rohrman

Tuesday, October 3rd

7:00 am Napoleon Samaniego, Sr.
12:05 pm Chet Rosamilia

Wednesday, October 4th

7:00 am Deacon Henry Rohrman
12:05 pm Ronald J. Sprofera
Walter Pasuco

Thursday, October 5th

7:00 am Lorraine Buckley
12:05 pm Hedwig Falgowski

Friday, October 6th


7:00 am Deceased Members of the Ubiera &
Trinidad Families
12:05 pm Leonore Miggins

Saturday, October 7th

8:30 am Deceased Members of the Parish
5:00 pm Sam & Connie Calabria
Henry Chemis

Sunday, October 8th

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Connor
Family
8:00 am Lorraine Hathaway
Eugene Natoli
9:15 am Maria Saccani
Ron & Thelma Milos
10:45 am Dorothy LaColla
12:15 pm Frances Casolaro
Napoleon Samaniego

 Please remember in your prayers
all the departed family and
friends of St. Christopher's Parish,
especially **Walter Pasuco**.

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 October 9th @ 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 **Ayden
A. Amaro, Mia S. Gialanella & Frank S.
Maenza** who received the sacrament of Bap-
tism.



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 at 10:30 room 110.
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

Join us for our next book club meeting which will be on Tuesday, October 3rd at 7:00 pm in room 110. Delicious refreshments are always served, as well as a very animated discussion about the books. Definitely a fun time!

The new book selection is:

The Secret Wife by Gill Paul.

Hope to see you there, new members are always welcome.



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 October 7, 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: **October 6th & 20th.**

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

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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Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths.

~Psalm 25:4

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.

Reflections

Our human nature finds it very difficult to accept God's way of doing things as "just". Many of Jesus' parables tell us that God does not judge things the way that even we don't understand ourselves, much less anyone else. There is nothing to be gained by trying to measure our "goodness" nor in comparing it to others. Our focus should be on how well we are trying to follow Jesus and leave the rest in the hands of our merciful God.

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The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, October 12, 2017 at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany, at 7:30 pm in room 101. Program: Speaker: "Am I Making Progress?" or "Am I Stuck in my grief?" For more information please call Lily Capriglione at: 973-568-4164.

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The Women's Society of St. Christopher Church will hold their meeting Monday, October 2, 2017 at 1:00 pm in the All Purpose Room. Please note the change in time. We no longer will meet after the 7:30 pm Mass. All future meetings will now occur at 1:00 pm.

At this meeting Joan Mucerino will give us information concerning menus and prices of some restaurants we will consider for our Christmas dinner. Our guest speaker will be Father Michael. Refreshments will be served. Those on special diets, please feel free to bring your own lunch, refreshments, etc. All are invited and welcome to join us.

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Gold and Silver Anniversary Mass will be on November 5, 2017. For more information and to sign up please contact Eva at the rectory 973-539-7050. The deadline to sign up is October 16th.



2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal In Giving We Receive

The services provided by our Catholic Charities agencies are too long to list in our bulletin - but here are just a few: emergency housing for people in extreme poverty, out patient and residential substance abuse treatment, group homes for disabled adults, outreach for veterans who are homeless, family counseling, etc. Your gift to the Bishops Annual Appeal helps bring this important work life. In fact Catholic Charities receives the largest percentage of appeal funding. Your help is needed to continue providing this urgent care. Please be as generous as you are able to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2017appeal.org. Thank you!

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The Health Ministry of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Whippany invites you to a Healing Mass on Saturday, October 21st at 11:00 am in the Parish Center (lower Eden Lane entrance). The liturgy addresses physical, spiritual and emotional healing. Light refreshments will be served. Handicapped accessible. Please RSVP to olmHealthMinistry@ourladyofmercyparish.com or to (973) 887-8767.

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Saint Peter the Apostle's Rosary Society presents "Elvis...The Legend Lives" on Saturday, October 28th at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center, 189 Baldwin Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054. Tickets are \$25/each. BYOB and BYO Food. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Tickets may be purchased on line at: saintpetertheapostle.org or you may send a check to Saint Peter's Rosary Society, P.O.Box 314, Lake Hiawatha, NJ 07034. For more information, call Lorraine at 973-887-4538 or Florence at 973-263-7167.

The Diocese of Paterson is asking every parish to take up a second collection the weekend of September 30th/October 1st to help the hundreds of thousands suffering from Hurricane Harvey. The Diocese, upon receiving the proceeds from the collections will then send these funds directly to Catholic Charities USA. A network has been set up of all the Catholic Charities agencies in Texas, Louisiana and any other affected areas. They are already in position and getting resources directly to the needy.

Oct. 7th & 8th	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	D. Lipuma B. & B. Davies	A. Calabria L. & M. Sostak J. Lipuma	J. Cesaro
7:00 am	The Rozanitis Family	B. Carroll	M. Appio
8:00 am	K. Gaydo T. & A. Pactwa	B. & M. Pactwa P. Luther	C. Johnson
9:15 am	M. & A. Memoli D. Perez	B. Shmielewski S. Hllgendorf K. & P. Berardo	
10:45 am	The Marsh Family	N. Gordon Visit: A. Malsbury C. Mosiello C. Uy	J. Lucibello
12:15 pm	The Rankel Family	J. Alfonso B. & J. East J. Kobeszko	L. Pascale

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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“But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life, Since he has turned away from all the sins he has committed, he shall surely live...when John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him, but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.”

We are all called to conversion, to turn away from what is wrong or evil, and turn to what is good and beautiful. Unfortunately, some believe that conversion is an event of a single moment. God’s grace inspires or impels us to change and do what is right and just. The one shining moment comes and takes over. But for most of us, conversion is a lifelong process. We constantly are on guard to avoid what is evil, resist what impedes holiness, and continue the struggle as we ‘hang in there.’ We all experience that fight. Maybe we can use another approach. Conversion is not so much a turning from, but a turning to. We are summoned to turn to Christ, His life, the life of grace. It is whom we seek that is important. When we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the obstacles and barrier are lessened and the direction of our lives becomes clearer. When we realize that Jesus has His eyes on us and is seeking us, we come to THE shining moment.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly



ALL SAINTS ACADEMY CORNER

ASA – An Extension of Our Parish Community

Like our parish, All Saints Academy is a diverse community that celebrates the benchmarks of faith and practice traditionally found in the legacy of Catholic education. As a school in the Diocese of Paterson, All Saints Academy’s AdvancEd Accreditation and STEM Certification provide a standards-based educational framework, setting a path for continuous improvement in instruction, 21st century learning and student performance. The very important presence of faith education truly makes All Saints Academy an extension of the mission of our Catholic parish. All parish families are welcome in our school. Pope Benedict XVI said, “No child should be denied his or her right to an education in faith, which in turn nurtures the soul of a nation.” This is the time to consider All Saints Academy for your child’s faith-based education – an experience that will foster a lifetime. Contact our principal, Mrs. Judith Berg, at 973-334-4704, for more information regarding admission and scholarship opportunities at All Saints Academy.

Family Magic Night at St. Christopher



on October 20, 2017
In the All Purpose Room

Featuring:

Benjamin's Comedy Cascade Extreme Variety Show



Refreshments will go on sale at 6:30pm with the
show starting promptly at 7:00 pm.

All are welcome!



Paterson Federation

Respect Life Mass



Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli, STD, SSL, DD
Bishop of Paterson
Celebrant

Rev. Jody Baran—Federation Chaplain
Concelebrant

Saturday, November 18, 2017 — 10:00 A.M. Mass
Saint John the Baptist Cathedral
381 Grand Street
Paterson, NJ 07505

Deacon Anthony O. Fierro, PGK
Respect Life Mass - Chairman

Michael Vaclavicek, PGK, FDD
Paterson Federation Chairman

Please Join Us

NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY

Oct 1, 2017

2:00 - 4:00 pm

**Stop by anytime and Spend a few minutes with us
in prayer for the Unborn**

**Life Chain is a Prayer Vigil and not a Rally
Bring a Friend and Carpool**

**Rt. 46, Clifton
Day St. to Seventh St.**

Parking off Rt. 46 East along side streets - Pick up signs on Day St.

Will you pray with us?

njlifchain@yahoo.com

Signs are Provided

"Abortion Kills Children" "Adoption Is a Loving Option"

"Abortion Hurts Women" "Jesus Forgives & Heals"



Mark your calendars for...

Designer Bag BINGO!

Featuring designers like



FRIDAY, October 13, 2017

WHERE: All Saints Academy Gymnasium, 189 Baldwin Road, Parsippany
TIME: Doors open at 5:30 p.m. First game will be called at 7:00 p.m.
TICKETS: \$30/person includes 1 Bingo sheet for each of the regular games.

Additional sheets for regular and special games will be available for purchase at the event. Tables can accommodate parties of 8. Tickets are non-refundable. By law, no one under 21 may attend.

www.allsaintspar.org 973.334.4704 facebook.com/allsaintspar

All Saints Academy's DESIGNER BAG BINGO ADMISSION FORM

NAME : _____ PHONE : _____
 I am enclosing my Check# _____ for (number of admissions) _____ x \$ 30.00 each = _____
 I am sitting at a table for 8 - Main Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Please list names of guests at this table of 8	1.	5.
	2.	6.
	3.	7.
	4.	8.

Please return this bottom portion to the school with your check made out to All Saints Academy by Tues., October 10, 2017.