

# Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## From the Pastors Desk



### **Jesus, I trust you.**

*It's so fascinating to travel to the Holy Land and learn about the day to day lives of those who lived in Jesus' time. The best part is that, every once in a while, you stumble across something that brings a familiar gospel story to life. For example, it's helpful to learn that "carpenters" then most probably worked with stone as well as wood. In fact, St. Justin Martyr, writing in the year 90 A.D., said that carpenters make yokes and plows. There go any fanciful images of Jesus as a slight young man with soft hands! Imagine how strong and skilled he must have been, creating those sturdy implements in the blazing sun, and then. Imagine him telling his neighbors, the ones who grew up with him and know him all those years of his life in Nazareth, to take his yoke upon them, for it was easy and its burden was light. They know that he was talking both about the light yokes that he made for oxen, and the lightness of their hearts when they gave their burdens to him. Jesus, reminding his friends about his skills, urged them to trust him, to find relief and comfort in him, in the same way that their animals found comfort when one of his yokes was placed upon them.*

### **Weekly Collections**

First Collection	\$ 11,044.00
(including online giving \$1,288.00)	
Project Faith	\$ 1,637.00
Last Year	\$ 10,691.00

**Attendance for the week 757**  
**Thank you for your generosity**

#### **First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a**

*This passage describes the new Jerusalem as a heavenly banquet on the mountain with the Lord God wiping away all tears.*

#### **Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20**

*In simple, direct words, Paul thanks the Philippians for alleviating his hardships. He stresses, though, that he is as accustomed to poverty as to abundance and finds all his strength in Christ.*

#### **Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14**

*Once more speaking to the chief priests and the elders, Jesus relates the parable of the wedding banquet. A King, preparing a wedding banquet for his son, summons all the invited guests. When, after several invitations, no guests arrive, the King commands his servants to "go out into the byroads and invite anyone you come upon." Again, Jesus warns the elders, "the invited are many, the elect are few."*

#### **Sunday**

Is 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

#### **Monday**

Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32

#### **Tuesday**

Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41

#### **Wednesday**

2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9

#### **Thursday**

Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54

#### **Friday**

Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7

#### **Saturday**

Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12

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, October 14th

8:30 am Deceased Members of the Parish  
5:00 pm Deacon Henry Rohrmann  
Jesse Faunt - 1st Year Anniversary  
Richard Moore

### Sunday, October 15th

7:00 am Robert J. Carroll  
8:00 am Brian Osterhaut & Elizabeth Chorny  
9:15 am Maria Sophia Urmenta  
Grace Ward  
Fay Garciano  
10:45 am Dorothy LaColla  
Anthony Pierro  
12:15 pm Jeronimo Vaz  
Helen Moore

### Monday, October 16th

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish  
12:05 pm Branca & Richter Families  
Rose & Nicholas DiVincenzi  
Fay Garciano  
7:30 pm Jean L. Kelly

### Tuesday, October 17th

7:00 am Deacon Henry Rohrmann  
12:05 pm Norma Tracey  
Fedora Corbisieko  
Richard Suarez  
Gorizia Pellechio  
Fay Garciano

### Wednesday, October 18th

7:00 am Eugene N. Natoli  
12:05 pm Joyce Gaulin  
Fay Garciano

### Thursday, October 19th

7:00 am Miroslaw Karlak, Sr.  
12:05 pm Antonio Veloso  
Fay Garciano

### Friday, October 20th

7:00 am Special Intentions for Healing -  
Jocelyn Becker  
12:05 pm Deacon Henry Rohrmann  
Fay Garciano

### Saturday, October 21st

8:30 am Deceased Members of Healion &  
O'Sullivan Families  
Fay Garciano  
5:00 pm Paul Gerber, Jr.  
Margaret (Madge) Kiernan

### Sunday, October 15th

7:00 am Salvatore Brunetto  
8:00 am John Mucerino  
Edna & Annamarie Szmak  
9:15 am Henry Rohrmann  
Fay Garciano  
10:45 am Dorothy LaColla  
12:15 pm David Oskerson  
Anne & Grace Scannella



*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 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 **Han-  
nah S. Styrnik & Veronica R. McCormick**  
who received the sacrament of Baptism.*



## 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, November 7th 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:

**Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson.**



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 20th.**

**Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa.** Bus leaves St. Christopher's parking lot at 9:15 am. Date: **To be announced.** 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](http://www.insidethewalls.org) or call (973) 377-1004**

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He guides me in right paths for his name sake. With your rod and your staff that give me courage.

~Psalm 23:3, 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

*The parable of the wedding banquet should give us pause. We like to think of ourselves as good Christians - the invited guests. Do we think this gives us an automatic "in" with God? Jesus reminds us that what is truly important is responding to God's invitation. Everyday God invites us to be his hands, eyes, ears and heart and bring his love to others. Too often our daily obligations and worries block us from responding. We don't have time now - maybe later... Consider how you are responding to God's invitation.*

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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.**

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## 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](http://www.2017appeal.org). Thank you!

## All Saints Academy

**Clothing drive & used household goods collection**  
Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the parking lot.

*Before you pack away summer clothes. ... Before your plan for Thanksgiving guests ...*

*Before Santa delivers new toys and gifts!!! Donations of gently used clothing, bedding, shoes, small appliances, household items, toys, stuffed animals, reading books & small furniture (end tables, chairs, etc.) will be accepted. For more information, please call ASA's school office 973-334-4704 .*

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This has been a busy year for the Diocese and I thank each one of you who so patiently supported all our endeavors. Our 80th year has been one of celebration in many ways. Our diocese was established by Pope Pius XI on December 9, 1937. To celebrate this historic event, Bishop Seratelli will preside at a **9:30 a.m. Solemn Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist on December 9, 2017 followed by a Communion Breakfast at The Brownstone, Paterson, beginning at 11:00 a.m.** This is not a fundraiser; it is a chance for all of us to come together and celebrate our diocese. Tickets are \$40 per person and are available on line at: [www.rcdop.org/breakfast](http://www.rcdop.org/breakfast). This is a day of celebration for all of us in the Diocese of Paterson!

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Seton Hall Preparatory School—New Jersey's oldest Catholic prep school will be hosting its annual open house for 7th and 8th grade boys and their families on Sunday, October 29th between 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 pm. Visitors will tour the campus and our brand new 44 acre Kelly Athletic Complex, learn about the application process, enjoy a BBQ, and have the opportunity to meet with teachers, coaches, parents and current students. For more information call 973-325-6640.

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**Villa Walsh will host their annual Christmas Bazaar Extravaganza** on Nov. 5th, from 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm at Villa Walsh Mother Ninetta Hall, 455 Western Ave. Morristown, NJ. There will be unique gifts, crafts, money raffle, baked goods, and much more. Please come and show your support for the retired teachers and senior sisters housed in the infirmary.

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**Fall Craft Show** at the Parsippany Elks Lodge #2078 located at 230 Parsippany Road, on Saturday, November 4th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. This craft show is to benefit special needs children and veterans. Try your chances on winning the lottery tree (\$100.00 in lottery scratch off tickets). Walking Tacos will be available for purchase.

Oct. 21st & 22nd	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	B. & B. Davies	L. Asea M. & J. Davies M. Gelosa	L. Pascale
7:00 am	The Lalo Family	B. Carroll	E. Shabet
8:00 am	C. & L. Przyhocki A. Anastasi	K. Hollinghurst S. Marsh C. Metcalf	C. Mosiello
9:15 am	The Rankel Family	P. Gatti D. Giradelli E. Haynes R. DiMaggio	M. Rankel
10:45 am	T. Wyka T. & A. Pactwa	V. Arcilla Visit: B. Wyka A. Calabria L. Copeland	M. Appio
12:15 pm	C. Ocker M. & A. Memoli	C. Ocker M. Pasuco J. Alfonso S. Capozzi	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.

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### Public Square Rosary Crusade

This year we will not be able to gather at St. Christopher to say the rosary together on October 14th, but we encourage you to pray the rosary on that day and every day to obtain peace for the world and an end to all wars.



### ALL SAINTS ACADEMY CORNER Registration for Middle School, Fall 2017

All Saints Academy welcomes all prospective middle school 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. The Academy offers a comprehensive, multi-curricular, rigorous academic program, centered on values-based education. The departmentalized middle school is closely geared to strong high school preparation, offering a full year of high school algebra to students with advanced proficiency, a dedicated literature studies program, world language, engineering and project-based learning. 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. We also sponsor an active chapter of the National Junior Honor Society (JNHS) for middle school students. A collaborative parent organization lends partnership and support to the school community. Contact our school principal, Mrs. Judy Berg, at 973-334-4704, to schedule a tour and classroom visit in our middle school.

# 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



## All Souls Day

### Memorial Candles

November is the Month of Remembrance for all our departed loved ones. This commemoration begins with the Memorial of All Souls on November 2nd.

We are offering special Memorial Candles that will burn next to the altar during all Sunday masses throughout the month of November.

A label will be placed on the front of the candle with the name of your loved one. Candles have space for only 1 name.

**The requested donation for these candles is \$25.00 each.**

Please fill out the form below & place it in an envelope with the required donation and mark the envelope "*Memorial Candles*".

The envelope can be placed in the regular collection basket or dropped off at the Parish Office .

For an example of how the candles will be displayed on the altar please see the bulletin board in the Church vestibule.

### All Souls Day Memorial Candle

**\$25.00/candle (Please Print)**

**1 Name per Candle**

**Name of Person Ordering Candle** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name on Candle** \_\_\_\_\_

Please drop off in the Parish Office or  
Collection Basket in an envelope marked "Memorial  
Candle" Any Questions, please call Parish Office

973-539-7050



# SAINT CHRISTOPHER PARISH 20-WEEK CLUB MAINTENANCE & REPAIR FUND 2018

Raffle License #  
ID #375-01-0914

Location: 1050 Littleton Road  
Parsippany, NJ 07054  
Time: 12:00 noon

- A. Each participant pays \$100 once or \$20 a month for 5 months, starting January and ending in May.
- B. There is a winner selected each week, two winners on week 10 (\$500/each) two winners on week 17 (\$400/each) and five winners on week 20 (\$1000/each).

January 2018		February 2018		March 2018		April 2018		May 2018	
1/6	\$150	2/3	\$200	3/3	\$250	4/7	\$350	5/5	\$375
1/13	\$150	2/10	\$200	3/10	<b>\$500, \$500</b>	4/14	\$350	5/12	\$400
1/20	\$175	2/17	\$200	3/17	\$300	4/21	\$375	5/20	<b>\$1000</b>
									<b>\$1000</b>
1/27	\$175	2/24	\$250	3/24	\$300	4/28	<b>\$400, \$400</b>		<b>\$1000</b>
									<b>\$1000</b>
				3/31	\$300				<b>\$1000</b>

- C. A person can win more than once. Your name is put back in so you can win again.
- D. We are planning on having our first drawing on January 6, 2018. Drawings will be held each SATURDAY. A list of winners will be posted in the vestibule of the Church and in the bulletin.
- E. If a participant fails to pay the monthly dues, he/she will be disqualified for the remainder of the drawing.
- F. If gambling is a problem for you or someone in your family, DIAL 1-800-GAMBLER.
- G. The aggregate value of all prizes **\$11,300**. No substitution of the offered prizes may be made.

**PLEASE PRINT – FILL OUT FORM AND RETURN TO: St. Christopher Rectory**

All forms must be returned no later than January 5, 2018

20-week club# \_\_\_\_\_

Saint Christopher Church

Raffle License #

Calendar Raffle – 20-week club

ID #375-1-914

January, February, March, April, May 2018

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 payment in full

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20 partial payment

## LET US SHARE THE JOURNEY



Share the  
Journey  
#sharejourney

A Prayer for the Global Migration Campaign



Daniel Etter for CRS

Adonal, Lord and Master,  
Many are the journeys your people have taken:  
Abraham's journey led from fear to understanding;  
Moses' journey led from bondage to liberty;  
the disciples' journey led from death to new life.

Even today, your people journey—  
immigrants and refugees, pilgrims and nomads,  
searching for hope,  
searching for opportunity,  
searching for peace,  
searching for you.

Lord, I know that I too am called to journey.  
Yet too many times, I have heard your call,  
and my feet have remained unmoved.

Continue to call me  
beyond my comfort and into encounter.  
And when I meet a companion on the road,  
may we find you in each other's embrace.  
Let us share the journey.

Amen



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I prayerfully commit to participate in caring for immigrants and refugees in my community and/or around the world by:

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*(Write down one action you commit to do as a part of the global migration campaign. Then, post what you're doing and why, and invite others to do the same. Be sure to include #sharejourney in your post!)*

For ideas on what you can do, visit [loveyourneighbor.us](http://loveyourneighbor.us), and follow #sharejourney on social media.

# **All Saints Academy Family Holiday Photo Shoot**

**Tuesday October 24, 2017**

**Wednesday October 25, 2017**

**5:00pm - 8:00pm**



- ❖ **\$25 sitting fee (made payable to All Saints Academy)**
- ❖ **Parishioners, Friends and Families are welcome**
  - ❖ **10 minute photo shoot**
  - ❖ **Digital proofs available in one week**
  - ❖ **Free 8x10 from your private online gallery**
- ❖ **Holiday cards and additional photos available for additional purchase**
  - ❖ **Pets are welcome!**

**Reservations are necessary!**

**Please contact All Saints Academy for  
more details and to make a reservation**

**Call**

**1-4704**



# Family Roller Skating Party

Sponsored by: Saint Christopher Church

**Where:** Florham Park Roller Rink  
192 Ridgedale Ave.  
Florham Park, NJ  
973-377-0465

**When:** Sunday, November 19, 2017

**Time:** 6:00 to 8:00 pm

**Cost:** \$3.50 for skate rental, if you do not have  
your own

**Who can come:** Anyone associated with Saint  
Christopher's Parish Family is welcome

**\*\*\*Remember, all children must be accompanied by  
an ADULT FAMILY MEMBER \*\*\***

**Snack Bar Available at your own cost**

No R.S.V.P. needed, just show up!!!  
We have reserved the entire roller rink for our  
families.

Come Join Us