

St. Christopher Church

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastors' Desk

Am I Nicodemus?

The people of the Gospel aren't so very different from us. Nicodemus is intrigued by Jesus but unwilling to be seen publically with him. How often have you learned that someone you've known for a long time is or was raised as a Catholic? This is particularly true of famous people who are afraid that making their faith public will harm their careers. Sometimes we fall victim to this same temptation, hiding our faith out of fear, while we fear that we may be mocked or made fun of for our faith, in some parts of the world today people are being killed for their Christian beliefs. Truly the words of St. John 3:16 are at the very center of our faith. Let us not forget that we are all called to let our faith show in our daily lives, with joy and enthusiasm.

Something to think about:

- 1. Do the people I work with or go to school with, and spend free time with know that I am Catholic?*
- 2. Who encourages me most of all in my faith?*
- 3. Who can I encourage?*
- 4. Read St. John 3:16-21*

Weekly Collections

Last week \$ 10,919.00

(Online Giving \$885.00 included)

Last year \$ 10,403.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Attendance for last week – 911

Sunday

Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46

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

First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11

This poem discusses how the spirit of wisdom is far more beautiful than any riches could be. All gold is no more than sand when compared to the importance of wisdom, which often leads people to the other good things in life.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

God's perception of people is called "sharper than any two-edged sword." God is able to know the thoughts and feelings of all his people. We can hide nothing from him, and will need to account for all he has seen in us.

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

A man asks Jesus how he can share in everlasting life. Jesus tells him to sell his possessions and travel with them. The man refuses and Jesus tells his disciples how difficult it is for a rich person to enter heaven if they are too concerned with their possessions. The disciples remind Jesus that they gave up everything for him, but he assures them they will be rewarded with everlasting life.

Prayer of the Day

A Prayer for the Way to Peace

Father of love, hear my prayer. Help me to know Your will and to do it with courage and faith. Accept my offering of myself, all my thoughts, words, deeds, and sufferings. May my life be spent giving You glory. Give me the strength to follow Your call, so that Your Truth may live in my heart and bring peace to me and to those I meet, for I believe in Your Love. Amen

Visit our web site at:
www.stchristopherparsippany.org

Masses

Saturday, October 10th

8:30 am Sr. Anne Joachim Vari, O.P.
5:00 pm Frances Marinaccio

Sunday, October 11th

7:00 am Sophie Szucs
8:00 am Brian Osterhaut
9:15 am Carol Vento Parks
10:45 am Richard Moore
Carol Ann Parks
George & Lucy Naseef
Lucille, Angelo & Aurora Calabrese
12:15 pm Ruben Dumapit
Carol Ann Parks

Monday, October 12th

7:00 am Evan Murray
12:05 pm Lori Adams
7:30 pm Sr. Anne Joachim Vari, OP

Tuesday, October 13th

7:00 am Francisco Casacuberta
12:05 pm The Calabrese Family

Wednesday, October 14th

7:00 am Charles McCaig
12:05 pm Jeff Cohen

Thursday, October 15th

7:00 am John Fox
12:05 pm Megan Nugent
Josephine Shanahan

Friday, October 16th

7:00 am Roseanne G. Mancuso
Jean L. Kelly
12:05 pm Deceased Members of the Branca &
Richter Families
Rose & Nicholas DiVincenzo

Saturday, October 17th

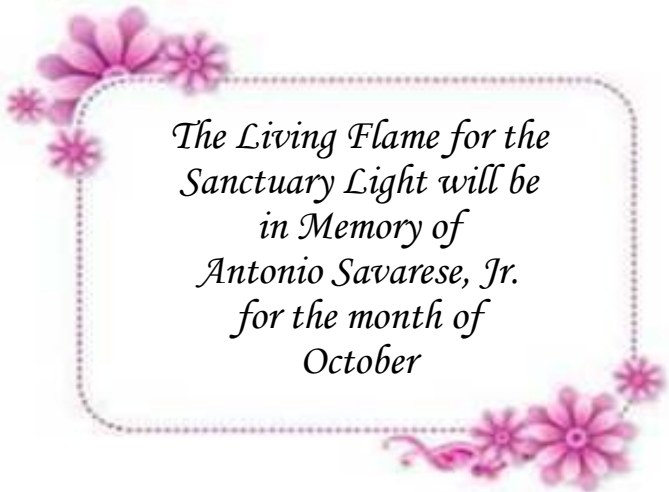
8:30 am Norma Tracey & Fedora Gartner
5:00 pm Ruben Dumapit
Henry Chemis

Sunday, October 18th

7:00 am Michael DeAngelis, Sr.
8:00 am Elizabeth Chorny
9:15 am Ann Hawley
10:45 am Carol Ann Parks
Frank Sayford
12:15 pm Special Intentions for Bridget Lyons
Anne & Grace Scanella

With God all things are possible.

-Mark 10:27



*The Living Flame for the
Sanctuary Light will be
in Memory of
Antonio Savarese, Jr.
for the month of
October*



*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 at (973)
539-6208.*

Baptism

*Our next **Baptism preparation meeting** will be on
October 12th @ 7:00 pm in room 101. Please call
the rectory to enroll and for any other information
you may require.*

Meditations

The rich young man in today's gospel could not give up his possessions to follow Jesus. We all have "riches" that we hold on to for various reasons. What are the riches you cling to? Can you imagine giving them up? How might they be keeping you from following Jesus? Have you asked God to help you recognize and let go of these riches that keep you from following Jesus? Have you asked God to help you recognize and let go of these riches that keep you from being the disciple you are meant to be? Do you believe that with God's help anything is possible?



Parish Activities...

Coffee and Class- Morning & Evening Adult Education

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 mornings** in room 110 in the school, from 10:30 am to 11:45 am followed by the 12:05 pm Mass
New topic: *Protestant Reformation & The Council of Trent.*

***Thursday mornings at 10:30 am** in room 110 in the school, new topic: *The Book of Revelation.*

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 for more information.

St. Christopher's Senior Social Club is a club to have fun and socialize. They will meet at the Community Center, at 1130 Knoll Road, Lake Hiawatha, NJ on October 16th. **Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa.** will be on October 12th. Bus leaves St. Christopher's parking lot at 9:15 AM. For information call John Mola at 973-335-8947. If you wish to learn more about the St. Christopher's Senior Social Club, please call either John Mola at 973-335-8947, or Anne Purcaro at 973-887-5186.

St. Christopher Women's Book Club

First book club meeting of the season was great as always, welcome to our new members and welcome back to all our other members. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 3rd at 7:15 pm in room 110. Our new book selections are:

October: The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot.

November: All the Light That We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr.

We hope to see you there.. New members are always welcome!

Coming soon - Brief synopsis of our book club selections on our website .. Keep checking more information to come www.stchristopherparsippany.org

St. Christopher is hosting the 2000 Hail Mary Devotion, to our Blessed Virgin Mary, every First Saturday of every month. Please join us on Saturday, November 7th 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 10:00 am and 6:00 pm. **Bring a Snack!** For details call Josie Mendez (973) 887-7835 or Jeanette East (973) 334-8766.

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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.*

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 every **Wednesday at 11:30 am in the St. Christopher All Purpose Room.**

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. Christopher's Pre-Cana Program For more information please call the rectory at 973-539-7050. Next Pre-Cana will be **October 24th.**

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The Pope Francis Society

Our new program to help 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.

St. Christopher's Prayer Group

Tuesday, October 13th at 1:00 pm & Wednesday, October 14th at 7:00 pm

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.



The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Morris County is celebrating an All Souls Mass in memory of the deceased members and supporters of the organization on Thursday, November 12th at 7:30 pm at the Church of the Assumption, 91 Maple Ave. Morristown, N.J. Music will be provided by musical director Claudia Nardi and by “the Guard”, pipe and drum corp. A repast will follow in the Church Community room. All are welcome.

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SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples, were you married in 1965 or 1990? You are warmly invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Paterson. Bishop Serratelli will be the main celebrant at Mass at St. Mary Church, Denville on Sunday, November 8, 2015 at 4:00 pm.

Registrations will be accepted until Monday, October 26, 2015 Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. . Information will be sent from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. Congratulations on this joyous occasion.

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St. Paul Inside the Walls...

Finding Time for Family Builds the Future

How does your family spend time together? Constantly on the run? Pope Francis says, “In the family we learn how to love, to forgive, to be generous and open...” Come share dinner and a discussion about ways parents can keep the family close. For parents and children. \$10 per person ages 6 and up (under 6 – free). Please visit www.insidethewalls.org for more information and to register. Madison, Wednesday, October 14 from 6-7:30 pm.

Divorce and the Church - As the Synod of the Family discusses marriage, family life and faith in Rome, join us locally for an open discussion on marriage, divorce, and the Catholic Church. Presented by Fr. Marc Mancini, J.C.L. of the Diocesan Tribunal. Madison, Wednesday, October 21st from 7:30-9:00 pm.

For programs and events and to register visit www.insidethewalls.org or call (973) 437-9741

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Knights of Columbus

If you are interested in helping those in need, serving our parish and community, and growing in faith, the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. The Parsippany Council Knights of Columbus will conduct a membership drive after each Mass here on the weekend of October 24th and 25th and invites you to join them in their charitable, faith based service to the parish and the community. We have done much but can do more with your help. For more information, you can contact Frank Palmieri at 973-299-2388 or at fpalmieri1954@gmail.com



October 17th & 18th	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	The Lally Family	C. Hendrixs A. Calabrese E. Lally M. Long	J. Colleran
7:00 am	R. Meigs M. DeBenedette	B. Carroll	M. Appio
8:00 am	C. Ocker M. Morales A. Zecena	R. Vento P. Luther C. Ocker	M. Floro
9:15 am	B. & B. Davies P. Whalen	M. Cupo M. & J. Davies R. DiMaggio	A. To
10:45 am	J. Vaddakedan T. & A. Pactwa	A. Calabria Visit: W. & A. Price C. Uy	E. Corcoran
12:15 pm	N. Rigolosi J. Ratcliffe C. Dumapit	J. & B. East W. Koeller R. Lang	K. Lucibello

“Indeed the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart... ‘You are lacking in one thing. Go sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven, then come, follow me.’”

We call these reflections ‘His Word Today’ asking that what we read and hear, might have an effect upon us here and now. Surely, the teaching of Hebrew about the word and the question posed by the young man are familiar. The former might lead me to ask if the word is truly alive, does it make a difference, does it really touch my heart, does that word lead me to a real encounter with Jesus? The encounter of the one who met Jesus, could be the question I raise. I know the word and I try to put it into practice. I ask myself, what’s the one thing I am lacking? Surely there is something I can or must do. I don’t need to wait for Jesus to tell me, I am aware of it because His word has touched my heart. Surely there is something I can give away to someone – money, kindness and concern, needed encouragement, and then, perhaps for the first time I can really say I am following Him.

May the word of God be truly alive and effective.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal Diocese of Paterson



Serving Christ Among Us

Your generosity to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports:

- Catholic Charities
- Seminarian Education
- Inner-city area Catholic schools
- Nazareth Village, our retirement residence for our diocesan priests

50% of all funds received over a parish's Appeal goal is returned for its own needs.

DIOCESE OF PATERSON CATHOLIC CHARITIES IS HERE FOR YOU!

Morris County

Group home for disabled adults • Gruenert Center for disabled adults • Emergency services • Family and individual counseling • Veterans services • Assistance for people with HIV/AIDS • Supportive services for seniors • Food pantry • Behavioral health counseling • Mental health counseling

Passaic County

Group homes for disabled adults • Child care for working poor families • Residential/outpatient drug/alcohol counseling • Emergency services • Assisted transportation • Veterans services • Food pantry and clothing needs • Special child health services • Paterson adult day center • Disaster response • Early intervention services • Residential care for boys • Pre-school education • Developmentally-disabled adult day program • Veterans clothing boutique *

Sussex County

Group homes for disabled adults * Gruenert Center for disabled adults • Emergency services • Partnership for Social Services • Family and individual counseling • Food pantry and clothing needs • Assistance for people with HIV/AIDS • Meals on Wheels • Senior transportation services • Homeless veterans housing services • Veterans clothing boutique

CARING FOR OUR HOMELESS VETERANS

In Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties, Catholic Charities is able to help homeless veterans receive housing and utility services. In the past year, Catholic Charities opened veteran-specific clothing boutiques in Passaic and Sussex County where veterans can receive clothing for free whether for a job interview or everyday use. In June, the Sussex County site was able to renovate its food pantry and thrift store to better suit the needs of those seeking these services.

Main Phone Numbers:

Catholic Family and Community Services: 973-279-7100
Department for Persons with Disabilities: 973-406-1100
Straight and Narrow: 973-345-6000



How You Can Help

There are several ways to provide financial support to the 2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal:

- One-time gifts or pledges paid over several months with reminders sent for your convenience
- Credit card contributions – see information on your pledge card or call 973-777-8818, ext. 218 for details
- On-Line gifts – go to www.2015appeal.org and follow instructions for making a pledge

The Difference Between Partners in Faith and our Bishop's Annual Appeal

Money raised in Partners in Faith supported needs outside the annual diocesan operating budget including the establishment of specific endowments to help with future needs.

On the other hand, the Bishop's Appeal is an annual drive designed to help meet the annual operating expenses of four specific ministries of the Diocese: Catholic Charities, seminarian education, inner-city area Catholic schools and our diocesan priests' retirement residence.

NEXT WEEKEND IS COMMITMENT WEEKEND FOR THE 2015 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL!

ALL THE FAITHFUL in the Paterson Diocese are invited to participate in the 2015 Appeal. Below is a sample Commitment Weekend form that will be distributed next weekend at all Masses. Please consider a sacrificial gift pledged over five months.

<p>Please check one: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. and Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. PLEASE PRINT BELOW:</p> <p><u>John</u> <u>Smith</u> <u>Mary</u> First name Last name Spouse (if applicable)</p> <p><u>123 First Street</u> Address</p> <p><u>Anytown</u> <u>NJ</u> <u>01234</u> City State Zip</p> <p><u>566-345-1265</u> <u>email@domain.com</u> Phone E-mail</p> <p><u>St. Mary's, Anytown</u> Please credit my gift to (Parish Name and City)</p> <p>I wish to pay by credit card: <input type="checkbox"/> Entire pledge amount <input type="checkbox"/> Payments over five months</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard <input type="checkbox"/> American Express <input type="checkbox"/> Discover Exp. Date </p> <p>Credit Card # </p> <p>Print name as it appears on card</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I have already made my 2015 pledge <input type="checkbox"/> I do not wish to contribute at this time</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white;"> <th colspan="4">2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Suggested Pledge</th> <th>5 Monthly Payments</th> <th>Suggested Pledge</th> <th>5 Monthly Payments</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="2">Deo Gratias Society</td> <td colspan="2">Circle of Faith</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000.00.....</td> <td>\$200.00</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> \$ 400.00.....</td> <td>\$ 80.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ 300.00.....</td> <td>\$ 60.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> \$ 250.00.....</td> <td>\$ 50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Circle of Love</td> <td colspan="2">Other Gift Levels</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> \$ 900.00.....</td> <td>\$180.00</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> \$ 175.00.....</td> <td>\$ 35.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> \$ 750.00.....</td> <td>\$150.00</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> \$ 125.00.....</td> <td>\$ 25.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Circle of Hope</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> \$ 100.00.....</td> <td>\$ 20.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> \$ 600.00.....</td> <td>\$120.00</td> <td colspan="2"><input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> \$ 500.00.....</td> <td>\$100.00</td> <td colspan="2"></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td>Total Amount Pledged</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ <u>300</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amount Enclosed</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ <u>60.00</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance To Be Paid</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ <u>240.00</u></td> </tr> </table>	2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal				Suggested Pledge	5 Monthly Payments	Suggested Pledge	5 Monthly Payments	Deo Gratias Society		Circle of Faith		<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000.00.....	\$200.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 400.00.....	\$ 80.00			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ 300.00.....	\$ 60.00			<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 250.00.....	\$ 50.00	Circle of Love		Other Gift Levels		<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 900.00.....	\$180.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 175.00.....	\$ 35.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 750.00.....	\$150.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 125.00.....	\$ 25.00	Circle of Hope		<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 100.00.....	\$ 20.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 600.00.....	\$120.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____		<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 500.00.....	\$100.00			Total Amount Pledged	\$ <u>300</u>	Amount Enclosed	\$ <u>60.00</u>	Balance To Be Paid	\$ <u>240.00</u>
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Come join us for ...



St. Christopher's

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Friday, October 30, 2015 at 6:30 pm
in the All Purpose Room.



Hot dogs and refreshments will be available for purchase with free snacks for the kids.

Game Night fun includes Kids Bingo and a kid's tricky tray.





ALL SAINTS ACADEMY

Beefsteak Dinner

Friday, October 23, 2015

6:30PM- 10:30PM

St. Ann's Church - 781 Smith Road
Parsippany, NJ 07054

\$40 per Person

Includes: unlimited, mouth watering filet mignonette on thinly sliced bread, French fries, salad, soda/water, coffee/tea, & dessert - featuring Nightingale Caterers of Clifton.

- BYOB -

with great entertainment by Patsy Palma, serenading us with classic standards and oldies!

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Number of Single Tickets: _____ x \$40.00 = Total: _____

- Reserve a table of eight to ten guests.
- Groups of less than eight will be seated with other guests.
- Include all guest names & complete payment (multiple checks - ok).

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Make checks payable to: All Saints Academy
Please Send Form and Payment by September 26 to:
All Saints Academy - 189 Baldwin Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054
Questions: Contact Dara O'Dowd - 973/590-0638

THE JUNIOR CHOIR WANTS YOU!!



Do you like to sing? Then c'mon and give it a try!!
We practice every Thursday from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.
and we sing on the 2nd Sunday of every month!

For more info contact:
Sara and Therese: therese.mary@optonline.net
862-268-3917 (cell)
Karen: 973-887-1989 (home)

