

St. Christopher Church

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Pastors' Desk

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"Lord, it is good for us to be here!" (Mt. 17:4)

We can certainly relate to the disciples' desire to set up tents on the mountainside and settle in to savor the transfiguration. This feeling is what inspires pilgrimages to famous shrines like Lourdes and Fatima that seem to radiate divine energy and presence. Not all of us can travel to the iconic shrines of faith, but we have personal shrines that represent key moments of faith, hope or love. These might include the house where we grew up, the parish where we got married or a nature trail where we felt mystical awareness. Revisiting those shrines evokes a flood of memories and graces. Suddenly we realize with the disciples, "Lord, it is good for us to be here."

Lord, make every life a living shrine of your presence.

Sunday

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

Monday

1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday

Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday

Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday

Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Friday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Weekly Collections

First collection	\$ 9,068.00
(including online giving \$ 770.00)	
Ash Wednesday	\$ 2,645.00
Last years collection	\$ 7,084.00

Attendance for last week 750

Thank you for your generosity!

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

God told Abram that he would give him the land of Egypt and his descendants would become a great people. Abram then made sacrifices to God, cutting them in half. A torch passed between the pieces, as a visible sign to Abram of God's promise.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17—4:1

Paul urges the Philippians to avoid becoming too interested in material possessions. He reminds them that their most important wealth is their faith in Jesus, which will lead them to eternal life.

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

Jesus took Peter, John and James to a mountain to pray. When his clothes grew incredibly white, Moses and Elijah appeared. They spoke of the scripture he was to fulfill. Then a cloud came down and a voice said, This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him. The disciples who had seen Jesus' glory did not disclose this experience to anyone until much later.

Masses

Saturday, February 20th

8:30 am Deceased Members of the Parish
5:00 pm Joseph Bodner
Peter Hoffman

Sunday, February 21st

7:00 am Robert Renaudette
Ann & Gus Raimo
8:00 am Betty Rozell
9:15 am Emil Thalmann
10:45 am Anthony Bilotti
Fran DiCianni
12:15 pm Rosa Nunez

Monday, February 22nd

7:00 am Arlene Campagna
12:05 pm Sr. Mary Aurelia
7:30 pm Deceased Members of the Buffardi
Family

Tuesday, February 23rd

7:00 am Carly Rose Serrecchia
12:05 pm John Zimmer

Wednesday, February 24th

7:00 am John Miller
12:05 pm Sr. Mary Aurelia

Thursday, February 25th

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish
12:05 pm Carly Rose Serrecchia

Friday, February 26th

7:00 am Sr. Mary Aurelia
12:05 pm Pamela LeDonne

Saturday, February 27th

8:30 am John Miller
5:00 pm Col. Paul A. Kelly

Sunday, February 28th

7:00 am Robert Renaudette
Catherine Alt
8:00 am Sr. Mary Aurelia
9:15 am Special Intentions for Healing -
Larry Eckel
10:45 am Al Jones
George Naseef
12:15 pm Joline Avril

The Living Flame for the
Sanctuary Light will be
in Memory of
Anthony Bilotti
for the month of February 2016



*Please remember in your prayers all the departed
family and friends of St. Christopher's Parish,
Especially: Carly R. Serrecchia*

Religious Education

*If you have any questions concerning our CCD pro-
gram, please call Mary Ann Jacisin in the CCD of-
fice at (973) 539-6208.*

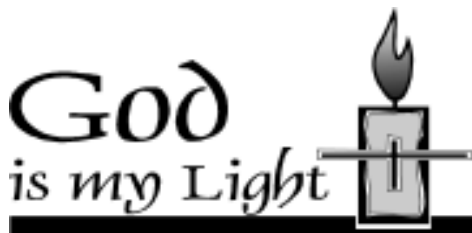
Baptism

*Our next **Baptism preparation meeting** will
be on March 14th @ 7:00 pm in room 101.
Please call the rectory to enroll and for any
other information you may require.*

Meditations

*It is easy to talk about Christian values but
the real challenge is to live them. Lent pro-
vides us with a good time to take stock of our
lives. What is your heart set upon? How im-
portant are your possessions? Are you willing
to go into debt to get that new what-not? Are
you focused on acquiring more and better
things? How does that square with your faith?
How often do you look at what you have to
give or share with others? This week try to
observe what you focus on and care about
and how it reflects your face.*

*Your presence, O Lord, I seek.
Hide not your face from me.
-Psalm 27:8-9*



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 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 to follow.

Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa. Bus leaves St. Christopher's parking lot at 9:15 am. Dates to follow. 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 Purcuro at 973-887-5186.

St. Christopher Women's Book Club

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 1st at 7:15 pm in room 110. **Next book selection: The Devil in the White City by Eric Larson.**

We hope to see you at our next meeting, even if you just want to stop by and see what we are all about, no obligations just drop by :)

New members are always welcome!

Check our website for a brief synopsis of our book club selection .. 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, March 5th 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.

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St. Christopher's Prayer Group

Tuesday, February 23rd at 10:30 am

Wednesday, February 24th 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 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 #1 - Peanut butter, pasta, spaghetti sauce, juice, canned corn, baking mixes, mustard, ketchup, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, toothpaste, deodorant.

For more information contact the rectory and speak to Fr. Joe.

Second Week of Lent

This week, CRS Rice Bowl begins in Colombia, where coffee beans are changing lives! What actions can we take this Lent to change lives - at home and around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

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20 Week Club -

The winners of this week's 20 week club drawing (7th Winner):

**#97 Mr. & Mrs. James Visoskas
Congratulations!**

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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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LIVING STATIONS will be performed at Saint Christopher's on Good Friday, March 25, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Anyone wishing to participate as an actor, reader, musician, or to help with lights, costumes, or props should come to the organizational meeting on Thursday, February 25th from 7:00 to 7:30 pm in the Church. If you wish to participate but cannot attend this meeting, please leave your name and phone number with the Religious Education Office (973-539-6208) or come to the next meeting on March 3rd from 7:00 to 8:00 pm.

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2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal - Serving Christ Among Us

If you received a final request from our Bishop asking for your support of the 2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal, please respond as your means permit. The Appeal is essential to the work of the Church in reaching out to those in great need who come to our Catholic Charities agencies. It also supports seminarian education, inner city area education, and our priests' retirement residence. Every gift is important so whatever you can do is a blessing. Please respond today. May God bless you for your support!

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St. Christopher Women's Retreat Living in the Mercy of God

Would you like to make retreat this year at the San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch? This Redemptories run Spiritual Center is on eight beautiful acres along the Jersey coast. The weekend begins on Friday with dinner and ends on Sunday after lunch. There are outdoor shrines, a prayer garden, expansive lawns, a beautiful chapel, comfortable individual rooms and the Atlantic Ocean. This year's retreat theme is "Living in the Mercy of God". Please join us for the upcoming weekend of April 15th-16th-17th. The cost is \$210 with a deposit of \$50 due by March 1st. For reservations or information on any questions you might have, please call Sue Stevens 973-586-0303 or Josie Mendez 973-887-7835.

Feb. 27th & 28thg	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	The Lally Family	C. Hendricks A. Calabrese E. Lally P. Allocca	J. Colleran
7:00 am	The Rozanitis Family	B. Carroll	M. Dumapit
8:00 am	The Valle Family	K. Nolan C. Uy L. Valle	J. Valle
9:15 am	C. & C. Berardo K. Gaydo	E. Montefusco K. & P. Berardo S. DeMaio	R. MAgparangalan
10:45 am	The Marsh Family	S. Marsh Visit: K. Lucibello W. & A. Price	A. Bilotti
12:15 pm	I. Perez K. & N. Hardy	M. Pasuco J. & T. Rocioppi R. Lang	J. East

Mount Saint Dominic Academy located at 3 Ryerson Ave. Caldwell, N.J., has an open house for 7th & 8th grade girls and their families on February 25th at 6:30 pm. For more information call 973-226-0660, ext. 1122 .

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The Joy of God's Mercy on February 27th, 9:00 am at St. Francis Residential Community, Denville, NJ. Guest speaker, Fr. Jhohn Madrid, who has been chosen by Pope Francis to be a Missionary of Mercy. As an opportunity to reflect during this season of Lent on this Jubilee Year, he will be talking about "the Joy of God's Mercy". A talk that combines both central messages of Pope Francis: the joy of the gospel and God's tender mercy. For more information and to register call Lesley at 973-586-3130.

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The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, March 10, 2016 at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany, at 7:30 pm in room 101. Program: "Spring Forward With New Hope" (Sharing Photos Of Our Children). Come and let us help each other learn how to begin again.

He is Risen Car Magnets



The Parsippany Knights of Columbus Council 3680 is selling "He Is Risen" car magnets with all net proceeds donated to the Haiti missions run by the Missionaries of Charity, the religious order founded by Blessed Mother Theresa. This is a great way to spread the Easter message during the fifty days of Eastertime starting on Easter Sunday through Pentecost Sunday. These durable, attractive magnets are a new offering from the Knights and will last for years. The cost is only \$5. Magnets will be sold after all Masses on February 27th - 28th. Supplies are limited!

The Joy of Mercy - Forgiving and Forgiven

The Season of Lent 2016

I. Stations of the Cross

Every Friday Night during Lent – 7:00 pm

II. Monday Evening Lent Series – 7:30 pm

Our Catholic Symbol, a rich spiritual heritage

- a. February 15th Lent: Symbols of the Holy Spirit
- b. February 22nd Symbols of Faith: contradictory or complimentary
- c. February 29th Symbols of a Church, our home of faith
- d. March 7th Symbolic persons from Scripture
- e. March 14th Symbols of the Easter Vigil: Plunge into the presence of God

III. Welcome Home, Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday evenings during Lent – 7:00 pm, to 8:15 pm

IV. Lenten Anointing Mass

February 27th at 11:00 am

V. Lenten Dinner & Movie (Molokai)

March 3rd Dinner 6:30 pm
Movie 7:00 pm

VI. Lenten Penance Service

March 16th at 7:00 pm

Holy Week 2016

Lenten Penance Service
Wednesday, March 16th at
7:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday Masses
Vigil, March 19th at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 20th at 7:00 a.m.,
8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

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Holy Week Masses

March 21st
7:00 a.m., 12:05p.m., & 7:30 p.m.

March 22nd & March 23rd
7:00 a.m. & 12:05p.m.

Holy Thursday, March 24th
7:00 p.m. Mass of the Last Supper

Good Friday, March 25th
3:00 p.m. – Passion of the Lord
7:00 p.m. – Living Stations

Holy Saturday, March 26th
11:30 a.m. – Blessing of the Food
7:00 p.m. – The Easter Vigil
(No 5:00 p.m. Mass)

Easter Sunday – March 27th
Masses: 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m.,
10:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

Be part of...

St. Christopher's Family Easter Egg Hunt



- 3 to 8 year olds
- Meet and take pictures with the Easter Bunny
 - Join the Egg Hunt
 - Enjoy a short Easter Film
- There will be refreshments and snacks



Saturday, March 12, 2016 At 9:00 am in the
All Purpose Room



HOLY YEAR OF MERCY
"YOU ARE PETER." WE ARE PETER!



PARISH
LENTEN
MISSION

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

PRESENTER:
MSGR. CHRIS DI LELLA

Monday, 7:30 PM

The "look of mercy" that changes everything.

Benediction & Adoration

Tuesday, 7:30 PM

God's mercy upon Peter and us.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday, 7:00* PM

"You are Peter." We are Peter!

**Liturgy & Refreshments*

SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE CHURCH



Parsippany Knights of Columbus

Council 3680

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT

Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage,
Donuts, Coffee, Tea, Orange Juice

March 6, 2016

8:30 am – 12:00 pm

Location: All Saints Academy

189 Baldwin Road, Parsippany, NJ

\$7.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for Senior Citizens

\$3.00 Children 4 - 10 years old

Children under 4 Free

Parsippany Knights of Columbus, P.O. Box 5572, Parsippany, NJ 07054