

St. Christopher Church

Third Sunday of Easter

Pastors' Desk

A Solid Foundation

The family is where we are formed as people. Every family is a brick in the building of society. A firm foundation is as important to the construction of a faithful person as it is to the structure of a building.

Big storms, fires, and earthquakes can demolish houses, leveling them. But under the debris the foundation remains, and it is possible to build again. The same thing happens with people. Life's storms come, suddenly and severely. They can strip us all the way to our foundation. This is the responsibility we have as parents, to make sure the faith foundation of our children has been carefully poured and solidly cured.

We ultimately have no control over the direction our children take in the future. What they build on that foundation or how many times they remodel is between them and God.

Lord, help me create a solid foundation of faith for my family. Empower and equip me to lead my people in the way we should go. May we never turn from you.

Sunday

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Monday

Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

Acts 7:51—8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday

Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

Friday

Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday

Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

Weekly Collections

First collection	\$ 8,646.00
(including online giving \$ 872.00)	
Project Faith	\$ 1,674.00
Additional Easter Collection	\$ 1,822.00
Last years collection	\$ 9,291.00

Attendance for last week 754

Thank you for your generosity!

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

The high priest chastised Peter and the other apostles for continuing to preach when they had been ordered to stop. Peter replied he would rather obey God than men, considering God's power even over death. They are again warned to stop speaking of Jesus, and then freed.

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

John had a vision of many angels and all the living creatures of the world gathered around a throne. The angels cried out that the slain Lamb was worthy of receiving power, glory and praise. Then every creature on earth called out praise to God and the Lamb, and the elders fell down and worshipped.

Gospel: John 21:1-19

Jesus appeared to the disciples for the third time since his resurrection while they were fishing. They hadn't caught anything, and then Jesus advised them to cast their net from the other side of the boat. When they did this, they caught a great number of fish. Jesus then asked Peter three times, "Do you love me?" When Peter said he did, Jesus asked him to tend and feed his sheep.

Masses

Saturday, April 9th

8:30 am Joseph Maciag, Sr.
Isabel Veloso
5:00 pm Richard DeCrose
Andrew Cicala

Sunday, April 10th

7:00 am John Lee
8:00 am Ann & Walter Kowalewski
Katazina Ordon
9:15 am Michael Bonomo
Deceased Members of the Bataille
Family

10:45 am Rose & Angelo Marotte

12:15 pm Joan Johnston

Monday, April 11th

7:00 am Kristen Ritter
12:05 pm Leonard Cohen
Judy Jackson
7:30 pm Joseph Sutton

Tuesday, April 12th

7:00 am Secundino Trinidad
12:05 pm John Zimmer

Wednesday, April 13th

7:00 am Scott Pallotta
12:05 pm Pamela LeDonne

Thursday, April 14th

7:00 am Julia Ubiera
12:05 pm Edward O'Mara

Friday, April 15th

7:00 am All Deceased Members of the Connor
Family

12:05 pm Patricia O'Brien

Saturday, April 16th

8:30 am Kristen Ritter
5:00 pm Rose & Dapper McCarthy

Sunday, April 17th

7:00 am Msgr. Frank B. Ferraioli
8:00 am Michael Bonomo
9:15 am Robert Haynes
10:45 am Charles & Helen Madia
Mary Dillon
12:15 pm Pedro Manuel Magcase
Ruben Dumapit



The Living Flame for the
Sanctuary Light will be
in Memory of
Barbara Bilotti McCann
for the month of April 2016



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

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 April 11th @ 7:00 pm in room 101. Please call the rectory to enroll and for any other information you may require.*

*Join us in welcoming into our family of faith: **Maya Bataille, Steven Varden Nieglos III, Caden O'Hara & Arya Esposito***

Meditations

There are times when we know we have really made a mess of things. We have done or not done something that we know was a very bad choice. It can be very easy to slide into depression and self loathing and even despair. At these times, it is good to reflect on Peter's story. He denied Christ three times! But, look at how Christ treated him. He did not focus on Peter's failure but on his strength. He asked Peter, "Do you love me?" In reaffirming his love for Christ, Peter was renewed and was able to continue his mission for Christ - "Feed my sheep." The Lord asks us the same question - What will you answer?

*You changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord, my God,
forever I will give you thanks.
-Psalm 30:11-12*



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.*

St. Christopher Women's Book Club

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:15 pm in room 110.

Book selection for May: Troublemaker by Leah Remini.

Book selection for June: A Fatal Grace by Louise Penny

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



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.**



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, April 12th at 10:30 am

Wednesday, April 13th 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.

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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 is hosting the 2000 Hail Mary Devotion, to our Blessed Virgin Mary, every First Saturday of every month. Please join us on Saturday, May 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 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

Bring a Snack! For details call Josie Mendez (973) 887-7835 or Jeanette East (973) 334-8766.

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. on April 15th.

Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa. on April 11th. 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 John Mola at 973-335-8947.

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.*

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.

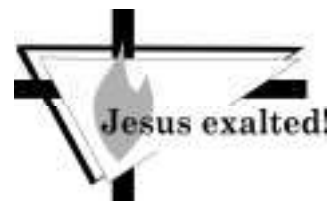
The Pope Francis Society

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 #3 - 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.



20 Week Club -

The winner of this week's 20 week club drawing (14th Winner):

#121 Joann Kiskiel
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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The Compassionate Friends, a self help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grand parents will be meeting on Thursday, April 14th at St. Christopher Church, 1050 Littleton Road, Parsippany, NJ. At 7:30 pm in room 101. Program: "Dealing with emotions, guilt, anger, regret". Come and help each other learn how to begin again.

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Garage Sale, sponsored by St. Peter the Apostle and the Rosary Altar Society on Saturday, June 4th, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at All Saints Academy Gym, 189 Baldwin Road, Parsippany, NJ, come join us for some great deals and a 50/50 Raffle. For more information call Lynn at 973-432-4807.

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Calling all the Knights of Columbus, past and present. The Parsippany Knights of Columbus #3680 is having the annual Retarded Citizen Fund Drive. This is when we stand outside the Foodtown and collect money for charity, on April 22nd, 23rd & 24th from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. All the money goes to charity. Like special Olympics, half way houses, Birth Haven, Safe Haven, etc. If interested, please call Al Clark at 973-887-8588.

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Dominican College will have an information session for those interested in Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees, including Undergraduate online programs is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13th from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the Hennessey Center. For more information call (845) 359-7800.

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Mount St. Dominic will have:

-Freshman for a day, where an eighth grader girl comes to visit, attends classes and experiences firsthand what life at the Mount is like.

-Spring Open House, for sixth, seventh and eighth grade girls and their families on Wednesday, April 27th at 6:30 pm in our Doris M. Byrne Performing Arts Center. For more information call 973-226-0660, ext. 1114 or 1122.

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2016 Easter Flower Offering Remembrance
 Charles W. Ehrenfeld



April 16th & 17th	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	The Lally Family	L. Asea M. Downing E. Lally L. Bain	R. Gelosa
7:00 am	R. Meigs	B. Carroll	B. Bonin
8:00 am	The Valle Family	L. Valle J.L. Reinke	J. Valle
9:15 am	The Przyhocki Family	C. Callahan P. Gatti E. Haynes E. Shabet	A. To
10:45 am	J. Summa D. Perez C. Ocker	V. Arcilla Visit: C. Brown A. Malsbury C. Metcalf	J. Cannavento
12:15 pm	M. & A. Memoli K. Gaydo	B. & J. East J. & S. Kobesco	L. Pascale

"But Peter and the apostles said in reply 'We must obey God rather than men. The God of our ancestors raised Jesus, though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him.' So they left the Sanhedrin rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name."

How amazing that in such a short time following Peter's denial, he boldly proclaimed his faith before the very same authority. He had no trouble stating that he and his companions were witnesses of the grace of the paschal mystery.

The Easter time is most appropriate for all to consider what it means to be a witness and how we can make this same mystery relevant to our needy world.

We remind ourselves of the basic steps. We have an encounter with the Risen Christ, through the scriptures, a special event, through one of His ministers. We are drawn to form a relationship with Him through prayer. This leads us to become like Peter, knowing the Christ and then willingly speak of Him, and His role in our lives.

Consider for a moment. What if Peter's talk had not been recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. What if he had failed to answer the question posed by Jesus - 'Peter do you love me?' Peter indicated he was a witness. Am I?

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Come join us for ...



St. Christopher's

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Friday, April 15th 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.



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

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...because you won't want to miss it!

FRIDAY, April 15, 2016

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. *Bring your own snacks!*
Tables can accommodate parties of 8. Tickets are non-refundable. *No guests* under 21 may attend.

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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

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| 4. | 8. |

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