

Pentecost Sunday

From the Pastors Desk



Catch the Spirit

The feast of Pentecost offers a model for the graceful cooperation of body and Spirit in the building of God's Kingdom. A driving wind cannot renew the face of the earth without physical structures to harness and direct its power. Disciples must be like spiritual windmills or sails that "catch the wind" of the Spirit. Pentecost also provides a spark to kindle the fire of God's love, but we must catch fire with the Spirit to fulfill Christ's dream: "I came to bring fire to the earth!" (Lk12:49).

Pentecost is the fulfillment of the Lord's pledge to send the Spirit a promise that could only be kept after Christ's departure: "If I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you" (John 16:7). This sounds like a contradiction until we reflect on human experience. We do not fully understand or appreciate a until after a loved one dies. Only then does that person fully live on in us. Only after the Ascension, then, are we truly alike to become the Church, the Body of Christ on earth.



Weekly Collections

First collection	\$ 10,939.50
(including online giving \$ 1,232.00)	
Ascension Thursday	\$ 1,593.50
Project Faith	\$ 1,512.00
Last year	\$ 9,381.00

*Attendance for last week 634
Thank you for your generosity!*

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

On the feast of Pentecost, the disciples were gathered together when suddenly tongues of fire rested upon them, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to speak in many tongues; those who heard them were filled with amazement.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Paul tells the Corinthians that each possesses different gifts and performs different ministries, but each works for the common good in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Jesus appears to the apostles after his resurrection and bestows upon them the power to forgive sins.

Sunday

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9; Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b; Ez 37:1-14; Jl 3:1-5; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Monday

Tb 1:3, 2:1b-8; Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday

Tb 2:9-14; Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday

Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Mk 12:18-27

Thursday

Tb 6:10-11, 7:1bcde, 9-17, 8:4-9a; Mk 12:28-34

Friday

Tb 11:5-17; Mk 12:35-37

Saturday

Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Mk 12:38-44

The Living Flame for the
Sanctuary Light will be
for the special intentions of
The Mola Family
for the month of June, 2017



*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 June 12th @ 7:00 pm in room 101.
Please call the rectory to enroll and for any
other information you may require.*



*There will be no 7:00 am Mass during the week
days, from June 26th until August 1st.*

July 12, 2017

*2018 Mass Book Opening (10:00 am - 2:00 pm)
2018 Vigil Candles Available (first come first
serve, one per family).*

Masses

Saturday, June 3rd

8:30 am O'Connor Family
5:00 pm Margaret Morgan

Sunday, June 4th Pentecost Sunday

7:00 am John Vill
8:00 am Clarence, Minnie & Craig Hall
Salvatore Neglia
9:15 am Constance Scaduto
10:45 am Grace Foote
12:15 pm Frank Diveny
Eleanor Cobo

Monday, June 5th

7:00 am Christina Azares - Special Intentions
12:05 pm Debbie Hughes
7:30 pm Special Intentions - Vincent Botte

Tuesday, June 6th

7:00 am Debbie Church
12:05 pm Doris Parisi

Wednesday, June 7th

7:00 am Special Intentions - Marilyn Galan
12:05 pm Michael D'Addario

Thursday, June 8th

7:00 am Special Intentions - Dorothy LaColla
12:05 pm Susanna & Gioachim Cipolla

Friday, June 9th

7:00 am Don Meyer
12:05 pm Daniel Herrera

Saturday, June 10th

8:30 am Emil Thalmann
5:00 pm Louise Bulgarini
Michael J. Del Bianco

Sunday, June 11th The Most Holy Trinity

7:00 am Filomena & Frank Zemo
8:00 am Edward & Catherine Alt
Lorraine Hathaway
9:15 am Chester Kudlac
10:45 am Grace Foote
Patricia Ruane
12:15 pm Patricia Ruane

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 will resume on September 11, 2017. **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

We hope to see you at our next meeting on June 6th at 7:00 pm in room 110 at the school. New members are always welcome!

* New book selection for the following month will be announced shortly.*

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 Saturday, June 3, 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. **Bring a Snack!** 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: **June 16th.**

Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa. Bus leaves St. Christopher's parking lot at 9:15 am. Date: **June 12th.** 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.

****Trip to Virginia Beach and Colonial Williamsburg, from Sept. 18th - 22nd. For information call 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 #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.

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.

When you send forth your spirit,
they are created, and you renew
the face of the earth.

-Psalms 104:30

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, June 8th at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany, at 7:30 pm in room 101. Program: Vacationing without your child. For more information please call Lily Capriglione at: 973-568-4164.

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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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Attention!!

**ELDERLY WOMAN IN GOOD HEALTH IS
LOOKING FOR AN APARTMENT TO RENT.
PLEASE CALL EILEEN AT 860-227-2214.**

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**Elderly gentleman needs a ride to Doctor, if
anyone can help him, please contact Fr. Joe
at the rectory (973-539-7050).**

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 Proserpi, who is the yoga instructor at pproserpi51@gmail.com.

“Brothers and sisters ‘No one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit. There are different forms of service, but the same Lord. There are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.”

On this great day we recall a new life given to the apostles and the church, we see the signs of tongues of fire, hear the noise and feel the wind which accompanied the Spirit. That same Spirit has directed the church through twenty centuries with great blessings, trying difficulties, but always manifesting an abiding presence. How true that is for us today.

I ask what are the gifts present and needed by the church today. I wonder about the service which the church can provide to our needy world. I look to observe the Spirit at work among us. Yes, the words of Paul are manifest today.

But I also must ask what am I doing to use the gifts I have received, or what service can I provide, or what work needs to be done, and if I don't do it, it will always remain undone. I ask that the Spirit of Pentecost will awaken me.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Pilgrimage to the National Shrine

The Diocese of Paterson has set a date for its yearly pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. It will be on October 21, 2017.

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Catholic High School Entrance Exam Prep Class Offered by Sandt's Excel

This program services boys and girls entering the 8th grade this fall. It provides an intensive review of math, reading, and language skills, instruction in quantitative and verbal reasoning, practice with all sections of the examination, and training in the appropriate test taking strategies. Summer classes offered in August at Mary Help of Christians Academy and Immaculate Heart Academy. Weekend fall classes will be held at St. John's Academy, Hillsdale. For more information and to register, visit us at www.sandtsexcel.com or call (201) 666-5956.

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This weekend the second collection is the combined collection:

1. For the Church in Latin America! Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection, which strengthens the faith of our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support is bringing the faith to those in remote villages who would otherwise not have access to church programs and outreach. Share your faith! Support the second collection. To learn more about the collection, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.
2. For Catholic Relief Services Collection, to respond to Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work towards peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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The Quo Vadis Days of Discernment retreat for young men ages 15-25 this year is to be held from June 27th thru 29th at the Sacred Heart Spirituality Center, 20 Old Swartswood Road in Newton, NJ. If there are any questions concerning QVD, please call the Vocations Office at 973-777-8818 ext.711, or send an email to mnun- ez@patersondiocese.org.

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The Rededication of the Cathedral, St. John the Baptist, will be on Saturday, June 24th at 10:00 am. Please remember those Parishioners who have been invited must have their tickets with them. No one will be admitted to the Cathedral without a ticket. Everyone is encouraged to arrive by 9:00 am to ensure parking at the garage on Grand street.



June 10th & 11th	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	D. Lipuma B. & B. Davies	A. Rochacewicz R. Gonzalez J. Lipuma M. Davies	M. Appio
7:00 am	I. & S. Lalo	B. Carroll	M. Dumapit
8:00 am	S. & A. Valle T. Pactwa	L. Valle P. Luther L. Scangarella	J. Valle
9:15 am	C. & C. Berardo A. Zecena	K. Berardo B. & M. Pactwa	A. To
10:45 am	The Imperati Family	V. Arcilla Visit: K. Lucibello M. & M. D'Ambrosa	A. Bilotti
12:15 pm	G. & M. Harris R. Bilboa-LaVieja	W. Koeller R. & L. Polanski J. East	C. Mosiello

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.

Reflections

Pentecost celebrates one of the most important gifts we have been given: the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is our companion & guide through life. The Spirit, if we are open to it, will help us see what we are called to be and do. Through the Spirit we discover our gifts and how to use them for the benefit of the whole community. How open are you to the promptings of the Spirit? Do you take some time each day to ask the Spirit to help and guide you? The Spirit speaks to us in many ways - through the silence in our hearts and through people we meet, even casually throughout our day. Pray to become more attune to what the Spirit is saying to you.



St. Christopher's Family Movie Night
is here once again, and we are very excited to be presenting:



on June 16, 2017

Ice Cream Sundaes will be served at 6:30 pm with movie starting at 7:00 pm

****Remember to bring chairs****



SAINT CHRISTOPHER CHURCH

8th Annual Mega 50/50 Raffle

\$25.00 per share

cash prizes distributed last year \$6037.50

THREE (3) WINNERS

1ST WINNER - \$25% OF GROSS PROCEEDS

2ND WINNER - 20% OF GROSS PROCEEDS

3RD WINNER - 5% OF GROSS PROCEEDS

Please join us for the drawing on September 17th @ 2:00 pm in the all-purpose room.
Refreshments will be served. Winners do not have to be present.

The entire profit from the 50/50 mega raffle will be used to defray the cost of painting the inside of the rectory, small repairs in the rectory and new office furniture.

“NO SUBSTITUTION OF THE OFFERED PRIZES MAY BE MADE”

PLEASE PRINT WHEN FILLING OUT FORM _____

MEGA 50/50 TICKET # _____
NJ LGCCC IDENTIFICATION #375-01-0914

SAINT CHRISTOPHER PARISH
MUNICIPAL #

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Private/Personal Information Sheet Kept in a Private File Cabinet

ST. CHRISTOPHER PARISH
 1050 Littleton Road
 Parsippany, NJ 07054

C.C.D. PROGRAM
 Registration Form
 2017-2018

Father's Name _____
 (First) (Last)

Father's Address _____
 (Street) (Town) (Zip) (Home/Cellphone)

Mother's Name _____
 (First) (Last)

Mother's Address _____
 (If Different) (Street) (Town) (Zip) (Home/Cellphone)

Child/Children Address _____
 (Street) (Town) (Zip)

Home Phone _____ School _____

The Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation require a two year immediate preparation.

CHILD'S NAME	Date of Birth	CCD Grade in Sept. 2017	

K ----- 11

1 child \$70

2 children \$95

3 or more children \$115

****If possible, include the fee with your registration form. If this is not possible, please call the CCD Office and speak to Mrs. Jacisin or Fr. Joe.***

*****Parents: If the family is not registered at St. Christopher Church please add \$15.00 per child to the registration fee.***

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **ST. CHRISTOPHER CHURCH/CCD**

AMOUNT PAID _____ CHECK NUMBER _____ DATE ____/____/____



St. Christopher Parish Vacation Bible School 2017

August 21st to 25th
from 9:00 am to 11:30 am
CCD Office: 973-539-6208

All children Pre-K 4 to 5th grade as of September 2017 are eligible to attend.

It is a week well spent learning about Jesus in a fun environment. It includes the life of Jesus for children, music, story time, arts and crafts, playtime and snacks.

Registration: One child \$50.00, two children \$65.00, three or more children \$75.00

Please return registration forms by August 1, 2017 to:

**St. Christopher Parish
Vacation Bible School**
1050 Littleton Road
Parsippany, NJ 07054

Child's Name _____

Grade in September _____ Home Phone Number _____

Address _____ City _____

Emergency Contact Person & Number _____

Allergies (Please list all including food allergies) _____

Parent Signature _____

I would like to volunteer to help out at VBS: Adult _____
Student Gr. 6-12 _____



DIOCESE OF PATERSON

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Clifton, New Jersey 07013

Office of
THE BISHOP

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June 2017

Dear Friends in Christ,

A special combined collection is being taken up in parishes across our Diocese in June. I ask you to reflect on the important work being done by the Church throughout the world and respond with a generous heart.

It may be difficult to imagine because of the many resources available to most parishes in the United States, but the Church in Latin America struggles to meet the needs of their large and active Catholic population. Your support of the *Collection for the Church in Latin America* provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation and other programs to build the faith of those who long to grow in their knowledge and love of Christ Jesus.

With your help, the *Catholic Relief Services Collection* supports people in some of the most marginalized communities in the world. The collection assists in providing aid to victims of persecution and natural disasters and advocates for the people who are all too often discarded by society. Your help is their hope.

I ask you to please support this special combined collection when it is taken up in your parish. May God bless you always for your concern for His people.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

+ *Arthur J. Serratelli*

Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D.
Bishop of Paterson