

Second Sunday In Advent

From the Pastors Desk



May Advent be a time of hope. We go to encounter the Lord who comes to encounter us.

God of my hopeful prayers, I often struggle to find you in the commotion of this season. Even in my moments of quiet prayer and worship, I can't hear your voice or understand your will. But here's what I have learned over the years: you are always present when I call out to you, always trying to find me. So often I lack the confidence of knowing that if I but reach out toward you, I will reach you. Embolden me, Lord! Instill hope in me, I pray. And, especially as I prepare myself for your Incarnation, allow me to know that you are always there, waiting for me to turn towards you.

Take time this week to read Psalm 145:18.

Time Change

Beginning on January 8, 2018 the mass on Monday evenings at 7:30 pm will be moved (incorporated) to Mondays at 12:05 pm followed by the Novena to the Miraculous Medal Novena at 12:30 pm.

There will be NO Novena or Mass on Monday evening beginning on January 8, 2018.

Weekly Collections

First Collection	\$ 12,355.00
(including online giving \$ 979.00)	
Retired Religious	\$ 4,478.00
Last Year	\$ 12,230.00

Attendance for the week 838
Thank you for your generosity

Advent Anointing Mass

*Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 12:00 noon. For Physical, emotional, spiritual, relational and financial healing. Those who are ill, dealing with the reality of aging or will soon have surgery, may receive the anointing of the sick. **There is no age limit.***

Advent Penance Service

Our Advent Penance Service will be celebrated on December 20th at 7:00 pm in Church. There will be a number of guest priest helping with the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Seek
Wisdom**



The Living Flame for the
Sanctuary Light will be
in memory of
Deacon John Kelly
for the month of December 2017

Masses

Saturday, December 9th

8:30 am Ann Price
5:00 pm Deceased Members of the Herrera
Family

Sunday, December 10th

7:00 am Roseanne & Gerald Mancuso
8:00 am Clarence, Minnie & Craig Hall
Salvatore Neglia
9:15 am Jack Blunt
10:45 am Deacon Henry Rohrmann
Ann Price
12:15 pm Concetta & Giovanni Azzizzo

Monday, December 11th

7:00 am Special Intentions Matthew Tapia
12:05 pm Joseph Walsh
Msgr. Frank B. Ferraioli
Mary Borst
7:30 pm Charles R. Deeks, Jr.

Tuesday, December 12th

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish
12:05 pm Special Intentions - Jill Scerbo
Agnes Joan Haggarty

Wednesday, December 13th

7:00 am Special Intentions for Healing -
Jocelyn Becker
12:05 pm Pamela LeDonne

Thursday, December 14th

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish
12:05 pm Ann & Michael Bevilacqua
Rose & Michael Eagan

Friday, December 15th

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish
12:05 pm Lisa Dahse

Saturday, December 16th

8:30 am Deceased Members of the Parish
5:00 pm Frances Carnevale

Sunday, December 17th

7:00 am Antonio & Laura Brunetto
8:00 am Harold Rozell
Rita Poakley
9:15 am Paul Gerber, Jr.
Robert Decker & The Jackiewicz
Family
10:45 am Angela Marie Imbergamo
Petolino & Corcoran Families
Joseph Mato
12:15 pm Peter & Rose Policastro
Bella Ricci



*Please remember in your prayers
all the departed family and
friends of St. Christopher's.*

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 December 11th @ 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
**Anthony J. DeVincenzo, Victoria A. Hadish-
now & Hazel J. Marques, who recieved the
sacrament of Baptism.***

*The Advent candle for 2017 will be in
memory of the deceased members of the
prayer group:*

*Kitty Marvin, Pauline Moran, Arlene Hak,
Mary Lucibello, Mary Quinn, Ada Cezsak,
Mary Elen Clemente, Tessie Gajdek,
Esther Treuting, Jeanne Chmura,
Nancy DeLue, Betty Rydyfski, Phyllis
Burns, Agnes Hogan, Tania Monteith,
Ruth Vasta.*

*Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God.
-Isaiah 40:1*

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, December 5th 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:

The life we bury by Allen Eskens.

This book is very good, I am sure you all will enjoy it! 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 November 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.

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: **December 15th.**

Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa. Bus leaves St. Christopher's parking lot at 9:15 am. Date: **January 8th.** 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.

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.

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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.

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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 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.

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 or call (973) 377-1004

**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.

20 Week Club

To date, we have 159 participants with \$15,900.00 collected. 1st drawing will be on January 5th and will end May 20th. Thank you to all members who have already joined this very important fund raiser.

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St. Isaac Jogues

There will be no meeting on December 13th because of our Christmas Pageant Practice. We will resume our meeting on January 10, 2018. Thank you!

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Carol Service

Please join the **Contemporary Choir** in celebrating the Birthday of the King! The celebration begins on December 24 with a Carol Service at 11:30 p.m. and is immediately followed by Midnight Mass. The Carol Service prepares us to celebrate the Lord's birth through reading and carols depicting the birth of Jesus.

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St. Christopher Needs You!!

By registering in our Parish, you are declaring your desire to be part of a Catholic faith community. Your registration affects us in many ways. Census numbers may determine how many priests are assigned to our Parish, what benefits and obligations the Parish has to the diocese, and how many Masses and programs are planned and scheduled. Registration enables Fr. Michael and I to get to know you better, and helps us to be able to communicate with you by sending you mailings. Once you are registered, please notify us of any changes in address or phone numbers. You will also receive a packet of envelopes to place your regular contributions. This is important if you want to receive a year end statement from the Parish for income tax purposes. Registered members can expect pastoral care from our Parish, including baptisms, anointing of the sick, funerals and weddings.

**Christmas Schedule
2017**

Penance Service

Wednesday, December 20th
7:00 pm

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*Fourth Sunday of Advent, December
24th –

will be the regular Sunday schedule *

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Christmas Eve Masses

Sunday, December 24th
5:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 12:00 am (Midnight
Mass)

Christmas Day Masses

Monday, December 25th
7:00 am, 8:00 am, 9:15 am, 10:45 am,
12:15 pm

Sunday, December 31st

New Year's Eve Mass - Vigil
5:00 pm

**Mary the Mother of God
Monday, January 1, 2018**

10:00 am



Dec. 16th & 17th	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	The Pactwa Family A. Bowman	P. Allocca C. Hendricks C. Callahan N. Gordon	J. Cesaro
7:00 am	The Lalo Family	B. Carroll	L. Pascale
8:00 am	The Valle Family R. Bilboa-LaVieja	K. Hollinghurst K. Nolan L. Valle	E. Shabet
9:15 am	The Imperati Family	R. DiMaggio P. Gatti D. Giradelli M. Cupo	J. Rabadi
10:45 am	B. & T. Wyka T. Metcalf	R. Arcilla Visit: L. Eckel C. Metcalf B. Wyka	K. Lucibello
12:15 pm	The Marsh Family	S. Marsh B. & M. Pactwa C. Walsh	C. Haney

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.

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Isaiah emphasizes that from the desert to the mountains, all people must prepare for “the glory of the Lord to be revealed.” Rather than looking only at God’s power, Isaiah focuses on God’s kindness, comparing it to a shepherd who feeds and cares for his flock.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

For those who are impatient for the Second Coming, Peter explains that time is different to God than to people. He reminds them that they should be grateful for the extra time to prepare, and concentrate on striving to become all that God would want them to be.

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

In this passage, John the Baptist stressed the importance of the coming of the Messiah. He acknowledged that he was only the messenger, and unfit to “stoop and untie his sandal straps.” John urged them to prepare for one far holier than he, who would walk among them.

Sunday

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Monday

Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday

Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday

Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

Friday

Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

*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

Located in the OLD Nursery School across from Church

Come in and checkout all our great merchandise at amazingly low prices

For more information call 973-713-4939



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	\$500, \$500	4/14	\$350	5/12	\$400
1/20	\$175	2/17	\$200	3/17	\$300	4/21	\$375	5/20	\$1000
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1/27	\$175	2/24	\$250	3/24	\$300	4/28	\$400, \$400		\$1000
									\$1000
				3/31	\$300				\$1000

- 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

Children's Motorized Truck Raffle

R.C. Ride on car
Perfect for children ages 3 to 6 years old

\$5.00 per raffle ticket Drawing will be on
December 17th



All proceeds from this raffle will be used to help
defray the cost of running our Family Fun
Activities.

**Get ready for Family Movie night
at St. Christopher
on Friday, January 12th at 6:30 pm
with the movie**



Refreshments will be served
Remember to bring chairs



*St. Christopher's
Giving Tree*

Saturday, December 9th & Sunday, December 10th

The Giving Tree will go up the weekend of November 18th & 19th. The gifts will go to local parish families and individual children and adults that have been selected by Hope House, the Catholic Community Day Care, Friends Corner Day Care, Straight and Narrow and inner-city Parishes.

Please take a tag and return the tag with the unwrapped gift on the weekend of December 9th & 10th

If you would like to give the usual gifts listed below, we will be glad to accept those also, they will be distributed by Catholic Charities. Children and Adults are invited to bring a new, unwrapped gift to Mass on Saturday or Sunday, December 9th & 10th. Children are encouraged to earn the money and help in selection of the gift. The gifts may be placed on or around the Christmas tree before the beginning of Mass.

Items needed include: socks, mittens, watches, pajamas, coloring books, crayons, magic markers, puzzles, cd's, mp3 players (inexpensive), games, new toys, adult & child toiletries, scarves, hats, sweaters, sweatshirts.

2x and 3x sizes are always needed.

Thank you in advance for your generosity, especially in these hard times.



Simbang Gabi

*A Filipino tradition of a
nine-day novena of Masses during Advent
(December 15 - 23, 2017) in preparation for the
Nativity of our Savior, Jesus.*

You are cordially invited to join our Diocesan and parish-sponsored *Simbang Gabi* (Filipino for “Mass of the Night or Evening”) celebration:

St. Christopher Parish

1050 Littleton Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054


Thursday, December 21, 2017

Eucharistic Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Main Celebrant: Rev. Joseph Buffardi

**This nine-day novena is coordinated by the
Diocesan Commission for Catholic Filipino
Ministries (DCCFM) of the Diocese of Paterson**

**Refreshment immediately follows Mass
For more information please contact
Jeanette East (973) 334-8766**





Join us for
All Saints
Academy's
Musical Christmas
Celebrations!

Tuesday, December 12
Evening Christmas Concert
Featuring Kindergarten through Grade 8
7pm - ASA Gymnasium



Wednesday, December 13
Morning Christmas Concert
Featuring PreSchool &
PreKindergarten Students
8:30am - ASA Gymnasium





Knights Of Columbus

PARSIPPANY COUNCIL, No 3680

P.O. Box 5572

Parsippany, New Jersey 07054
Grand Knight Frank Palmieri

Meetings
St. Christophers Church
1050 Littleton rd.
Second & Fourth
Monday at 8:00 PM

David Szmek
5 Caldwell Rd.
Parsippany N.J. 07054
Phone 973-887-8120

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

This year's Free Throw contest will be held on January 13, 2018 at 9 am at St. Christopher's All Purpose room. Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is open to boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 14. High school age athletes should be advised to check with their school athletic directors or their state's high school athletic association regarding possible eligibility conflicts. Each youngster may compete in only one council competition. Local champions may not represent more than one council. Championship entrants compete against youngsters of the same age and gender in five age divisions: 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14. At the council level, each competitor gets 15 free throws, and the one who makes the most shots wins.

POSTER CONTEST

Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest

Entries in the Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest must fall under one of these topics: Alcohol Awareness and Abuse & Drug Awareness and Abuse. Each poster must include a slogan reflecting either of the topics and an original visual image. Posters may only be entered under one topic. The Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest is open to all young people between the ages of 8 and 14. Posters will be judged following the 9 am free throw contest on JAN 13, 2018 at St. Christopher's All Purpose room.

Each poster should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan and any visual images) of a single person. Posters must be 11" x 17" in size. If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used, the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic. Posters may be in color or black and white. Each poster must be submitted with a Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest entry form. The name and age of the person entering the poster should be included on the back of the poster. All Entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council. Posters will not be returned.

ANY QUESTION CALL MR ALBERT V. CLARK
(973) 887-8588