

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Pastors Desk

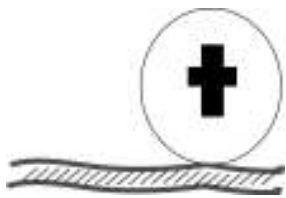


A TIME TO LIVE IN HOPE!

“Hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us”.

Romans 5:5

What does it mean to be Christians? We are those who believe that God is Father. We are not orphans but have a Father and our Father is God. We believe that Jesus descended among us, shared our life, making himself companion above all to the poorest and most frail. WE believe that the Holy Spirit works unceasingly for the good of humanity and of the world, and that even the worst suffering of history will be overcome. This is the hope that awakens us each morning. We believe that every affection, every friendship, every good yearning every love, even the most minute and neglected, one day will find fulfillment in God. This is the power that spurs us to embrace our daily life with enthusiasm. And this is our hope: to live in hope and live in light, in the light of God the Father, in the light of Jesus the savior, in the light of the Holy Spirit who urges us to go forth in life. How has drawing closer to Jesus given you greater hope?



Weekly Collections

First Collection	\$ 10,117.00
(including online giving \$ 878.00)	
Project Faith	\$ 1,982.00
Last Year	\$ 10,558.00



Attendance for the week 804
Thank you for your generosity

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Jonah set out for Nineveh as God asked and told the people that their city would be destroyed in forty days. The people believed him and repented from their evil ways.

God did not destroy their city, showing his mercy for those who see the evil of their ways and correct it.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul advises the Corinthians that their world is changing, so they should not take their daily trials too seriously. We should remember that the problems of everyday living will not last forever, but the eternal life God promises us will.

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Jesus observes Simon and Andrew where they are fishing and tells them to come with him and become “fishers of men.” They abandon their nets without hesitation to follow him. Next he calls James and his brother John, who also leave what they are doing and follow him without question.

Sunday

Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

Monday

Lectionary for Ritual Masses, vol. IV “Mass for Peace & Justice”, nos. 887-891

Tuesday

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday

Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18

Friday

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41

The Living Flame for the Sanctuary
 Light will be in memory of
Ann Paterno
 for the month of January 2018

Masses

Saturday, January 20th

8:30 am Frank P. Tampany
 John Joseph Shanahan
 Jack Collins
 5:00 pm Rose & Nicholas DiVincenzo
 Billy McGinty
 Evelyn Asea

Sunday, January 21st

7:00 am Marion Kramaritsch
 8:00 am Special Intentions - Cheryl Lotito
 9:15 am Mary O'Connell
 10:45 am Ann Price
 12:15 pm Msgr. Frank B. Ferraioli
 Deacon Ed Lally

Monday, January 22nd

7:00 am James Miller, Jr.
 12:05 pm Sr. Lorraine Gallagher

Tuesday, January 23rd

7:00 am Grace Buffardi
 12:05 pm Gorizia Pellechio
 Anne O'Sullivan
 John Zimmer

Wednesday, January 24th

7:00 am Dennis K. Ackerman
 12:05 pm Deacon Ed Lally

Thursday, January 25th

7:00 am Deacon Ed Lally
 12:05 pm Joseph Natoli

Friday, January 26th

7:00 am Anne Paterno
 12:05 pm Deacon Ed Lally

Saturday, January 27th

8:30 am Col. Paul A. Kelly
 5:00 pm Tessie Giampietro
 Peter D. Daly - 1st Anniversary

Sunday, January 28th

7:00 am Special Intentions - Cheryl Lotito
 8:00 am Ralph Mucerino
 9:15 am Anne M. Leonard
 Nancy Rafanello
 Ann Price
 10:45 am
 12:15 pm Dennis Coari



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

Christopher, Especially:

Dennis K. Ackerman

Religious Education

If you have any questions concerning our CCD program, please call Mary Ann Jacisin in the CCD office from Monday thru Thursday at (973) 539-6208.

Baptism

*Our next **Baptism preparation meeting** will be on February 12th @ 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

***Gavin J. Duarte**, who received the sacrament of baptism.*

Reflections

The problem with listening to God and trying to do his will is that it does not always lead us in directions we like or believe to be practical. Consider Jonah who had to go and preach repentance to the most despicable, sinful people in the region. People he felt God should wipe out because of their evil. What made matters worse was that Jonah knew if the people repented, they would be forgiven. Consider how you feel about God's judgments and how that may affect your own..

- *Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths.*
- *Psalm 25:4*

Parish Activities...

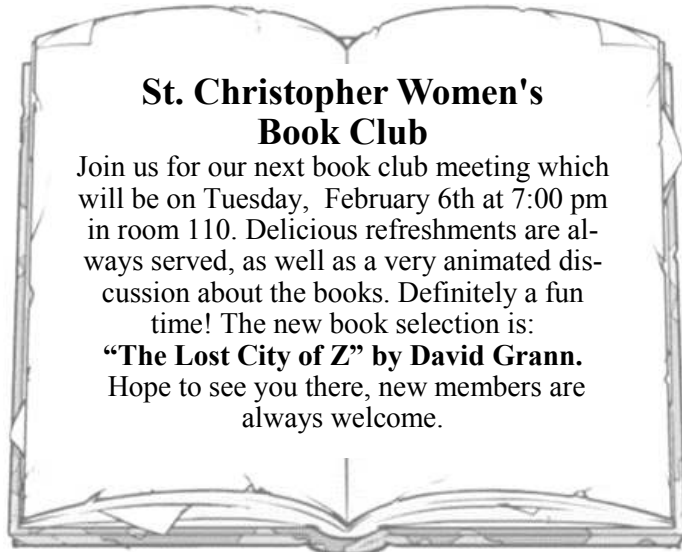
Men's Group - Issac Jogues Society - Meets on the second Wednesday of every month from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm, in room 101 in the school. Our Mission Statement is: "Life as a Catholic Man – A Truly Catholic and Spiritual Way of Life".

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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's Prayer Group
Will be every Tuesday, at 10:30 am and every Thursday, after 12:05 pm Mass

Pray the Rosary every Monday – Friday after the 12:05 pm Mass.

Miraculous Medal Novena & Rosary will be at 12:30 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 February 3, 2018 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: **to be announced.**

Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa. Bus leaves St. Christopher's parking lot at 9:15 am. Date: **To be announced.** 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".

Food List: Peanut butter, pasta, spaghetti sauce, juice, canned corn, baking mixes, mustard, ketchup, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, toothpaste, deodorant, cold cereal, granola bars, cookies, crackers, tuna, Chef Boyardee, canned chicken meat, canned fruit, shelf stable milk, bath tissue, facial tissue, paper towels.

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.

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

Our second lucky winner was: **#121 Marcey & DJ Vallauri**. Congratulations!! Thank you all for contributing to such a very important fundraiser.

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The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany, at 7:30PM in room 101.

Program: "Preserving Precious Memories" (Bring in Photo of your child/sibling/grandchild). For more information please call Lily Capriglione at: 973-568-4164.

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**ALL SAINTS ACADEMY CORNER
"Open House" at All Saints Academy**

All Saints Academy will host an OPEN HOUSE on Tuesday, January 30th, 9am-6pm. New and current families, parishioners, neighbors and friends are welcome to visit to learn about all of the great things happening at our parish school. This is a perfect opportunity to tour our building, meet our teachers and staff, and see genuine STEM instruction and learning in process. This Open House is held in conjunction with NCEA's National Catholic School Week. If you are not able to participate on January 30th, please contact our school office to schedule an appointment to visit us and tour our school on another day.

All Saints Academy is a nationally recognized STEM school of the Diocese of Paterson. Our school offers a comprehensive, multi-curricular, rigorous academic program, centered on values-based education. A strong and loving Catholic identity permeates the environment. A spirit of faith, respect and joy are evident in our school. In addition to religious instruction, students model Christian ideals through cooperative activities, spiritual and liturgical celebrations, participation in Sacraments, and service outreach. An active parent organization lends partnership and support to the school community. The Early Childhood Center offers classes for three and four year old children. The elementary and middle school classes include kindergarten through grade eight. Contact our school principal, Mrs. Judy Berg, at 973-334-4704, to schedule a tour and classroom visit.

Jan. 27th & 28th	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	A. & A. DeNino M. Morales	J. Sole P. Allocca L. Bain C. Hendricks	C. Haney
7:00 am	The Rozanitis Family	B. Carroll	K. Longo
8:00 am	The Valle Family C. Ocker	N. Gordon C. Ocker L. Valle	J. Valle
9:15 am	M. & A. Memoli P. Whalen	L. & M. Sostak M. Cupo B. Chmielewski	C. Rizzo
10:45 am	B. & T. Wyka P. Whalen	Ryan Arcilla Visit: J. & L. Reinke A. Calabria	A. Bilotti
12:15 pm	B. & E. Hollinghurst C. Dumapit	S. Kobeszko R. Lang S. Capozzi P. Duong	M. Reyes

"After John had been arrested Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: 'This is the time of fulfillment, the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel.' ...Jesus said to them; 'Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.'"

We meet Jesus as He begins His public ministry as reported by Mark. In summary form the gospel writer tells us what will follow. The message of Jesus is quite clear: Repent and Believe. In a few weeks we will hear those same words, as the blessed ashes are traced upon our foreheads, the external sign, reflects the disposition of our hearts. I ask myself, if I not only hear the words, but listen to them. As Jesus invited the two sets of brothers to join Him in His ministry, so He calls us today, because this is the time of fulfillment as we are Missionary Disciples. If I truly believe the gospel is the Good News of Jesus, I walk with Him and bring His message to others.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly



Pasta Night at St. Christopher's



Join us on Friday, March 23rd at 7:30 pm in the All-Purpose Room at St. Christopher's for our 2nd Annual Wine & Pasta Night.

Price per person will be \$15.00 (21 and over). Included with this price will be linguini with clam sauce, tortellini alfredo, eggplant rollatini, penne pasta in marinara sauce, salad, bread, coffee, tea and dessert.

As an added feature we will have a representative of "Make Wine with Us" (www.makewinewithus.com), for a wine tasting.

***No wine purchase will be possible, it will be strictly tasting. However, you are welcome to bring your own wine (no other type of alcohol will be permitted).*

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Number of adults attending: _____

Total Due: \$ _____

Checks can be made payable to: Saint Christopher Church

Keep in mind we are limited to 145 people, so please reserve ASAP.

Questions?? Feel free to contact the rectory at 973-539-7050 between 10:00 am / 4:00 pm daily or email Jean at jekev3@yahoo.com

FISH AND CHIPS DINNER

CATERED BY THE FAMOUS ARGYLE'S RESTAURANT, Kearny, NJ



WHEN: Friday, February 16, 2018

WHERE: Saint Christopher's All Purpose Room

TIME:
5:30pm-7:30pm **EAT-IN ONLY**
(No Seating until 5:30)

5:00pm-7:00pm **TAKE-OUT ONLY**

PRICE: Adult **\$16.00**/Senior Citizen **\$15.00**/Child **\$8.00** (*Children may choose Mozzarella Sticks, Chicken Fingers, or Fish, all served with fries.*)

Come join us for a delicious dinner of fish and chips in the All Purpose Room, or, if you prefer, you can place an order for "take out". Either way, you will receive a generous portion of fresh fish, French fries, and cole slaw.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Number of dinners (please specify below):

\$16.00 (Adult) Fish _____

\$15.00 (Senior) Fish _____

\$8.00 (Child) Fish _____ Chicken _____ Mozz Stix _____

Total Due: \$ _____

Eat In: _____ Take Out (pick-up time): _____

Checks can be made payable to: Saint Christopher Church

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Come join us for ...



St. Christopher's

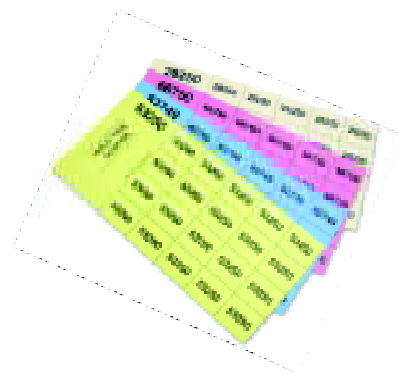


Friday, February 23, 2018 at 6:30 pm
in the All Purpose Room.



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.



UPCOMING RAFFLE

OUR NEXT PARISH RAFFLE WILL BE THIS BEAUTIFUL
HANDMADE DOLL HOUSE.

MORE INFORMATION TO COME IN THE FOLLOWING WEEKS.



ALL PROCEEDS WILL HELP DEFRAY THE COSTS OF PARISH
YOUTH ACTIVITIES.

St. Christopher's Second Hand Rose Thrift Shop

*Thank you to all our loyal patrons and looking forward to
meeting new patrons*

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*SHOP HOURS: Wednesday & Friday 11:00 am– 4:00 pm Saturday and Sunday
11:00 am – 4:00 pm*

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All Saints Academy 9th Annual Tricky Tray

Friday February 9, 2018 – Doors open at 5:30 pm



Admission: \$40.00 (includes 3 sheets of Regular Tickets, coffee and dessert)

Advanced Ticket Package: \$45.00 (includes 2 additional sheets of Regular tickets, 5 Grand Prize tickets, and 3 Super Grand Prize Tickets for a savings of \$15.00!)

Tickets prices will be as follows on the night of the auction:

Regular	1 Sheet of 25 tickets	\$10.00
Grand	1 ticket	\$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00
Super Grand	1 ticket	\$10.00 each or 3 for \$20.00

Example: If you buy one Advanced Ticket Package, the total owed for your reservation is \$85.00
Admission Price (\$40) + Advanced Ticket Package (\$45) = \$85.00

Assigned seating only - tables of 8 are available.

(please note: if your reservation is less than 8, you may be combined with another party)
Please provide names of guests, phone numbers, and the number of advance ticket packages:

Table Captain: _____ **Phone:** _____

<u>Guest's Name(s)</u>	<u>Phone #</u>	<u># of Advance Ticket Packages</u>
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____
9. _____	_____	_____

ADMISSION & ADVANCE TICKET PACKAGE payment: Please make checks payable to ALL SAINTS ACADEMY with "Tricky Tray" noted on the memo line.

of Guests _____ @ \$40 each = \$ _____
 # of Advance Ticket Packages _____ @ \$45 each = \$ _____
TOTAL = \$ _____

ADVANCE TICKET PACKAGE PRICES DEADLINE IS
MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2018.

For additional info or questions, please call Debbie Dembek at 973-334-4704.
Visit www.allsaintspar.org for additional forms.

*Due to any unforeseen circumstances, a snow date has been scheduled for Saturday, February 10, 2018.
All tickets will be honored. No refunds. ALL ATTENDEES MUST BE 21 YEARS OF AGE*