

Easter Sunday

Saturday, March 31st Holy Saturday

11:30 am Blessing of the Food
7:00 pm Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 1st Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of the Lord

7:00 am Anne Paterno
Josefine Renn
John Ruscus
8:00 am Chorny, Osterhaut, Mucerino & Lanza Families
9:15 am Genevieve Ragucci
10:45 am Barbara Bilotti McCann
Vinancio Lascano
12:15 pm John T. Fahy
Santos & Raymunda Ruguian

Monday, April 2nd

7:00 am Genevieve Ragucci
12:05 pm Michael Lisi
Donna Pallotta - Lowe

Tuesday, April 3rd

7:00 am Special Intentions for Healing -
For all the Sick of the Parish
12:05 pm Special Intentions for Healing -
Jeff Einhaus

Wednesday, April 4th

7:00 am All Deceased Members of the Parish
12:05 pm Gregoria Samson

Thursday, April 5th

7:00 am All Deceased Members of the Parish
12:05 pm Nicholas & Diana Lisi

Friday, April 6th

7:00 am Special Intentions for Healing -
For all the Sick of the Parish
12:05 pm Tom DeWinter

Saturday, April 7th

8:30 am Anne Price
5:00 pm Deacon Ed Lally

Sunday, April 8th

7:00 am Special Intentions for Healing - Gerald
8:00 am Special Intentions for Healing - Jeremiah
9:15 am Special Intentions for Healing -
Christina Azares
10:45 am Ann & Walter Kowalewski
Katuzina Ordon
12:15 pm Rose & Angelo Marotte

The Living Flame for the Sanctuary
Light will be in memory of:

Ray Guimond

for the month of April, 2018

Please remember in your prayers all
the departed family and friends of
St. Christopher's Parish, especially:
Frederick W. Feller, Jr.



April 7th & 8th

Altar Servers

5:00 pm D. Lipuma, The Lally Family
7:00 am The Rozanitis Family
8:00 am B. & E. Hollinghurst, M. Memoli
9:15 am The Berardo Family, C. Ocker
10:45 am J. Jacob, J. Vadakkedam, L. Taylor
12:15 pm A. & D. Guzzardo, N. Hardy

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm P. Allocca, J. & M. Davies, J. Lipuma
7:00 am B. Carroll
8:00 am S. DeMaio, K. Hollinghurst, C. Ocker
9:15 am K. & P. Berardo, S. & S. Richards
10:45 am The Azares Family **Visit: M. & M. D'Ambrosa, A. Malsbury**
12:15 pm J. Alfonso, S. Capozzi, B. & J. East

Lectors

5:00 pm E. Shabet
7:00 am M. Dumapit
8:00 am C. Mosiello
9:15 am A. Mogan
10:45 am K. Lucibello
12:15 pm M. Appio

From the Pastors Desk - A Time For New Life

“Go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen”. (Matthew 28:7)

We feel as if this invitation is also directed to us to announce to the men and women of our times this message of joy and hope because Jesus who was crucified, is raised. Death no longer has the last word. The tomb does not have the last word. Life does! This is our certainty. In light of this event which constitutes the true and real news of history and the cosmos, we are called to be new men and women in accordance with the Spirit confirming the value of life. We will be men and women of resurrection, men and women of life, if in the midst of the events that afflict the world today, in the midst of worldliness which distances us from God, we will know how to offer gestures of solidarity and gestures of welcome, strengthening the universal desire for peace and the hope for an environment free from degradation. These are common and human signs, which if supported and kept alive by faith in the risen Lord, acquire a power that is well beyond our abilities. And this is so because Christ is alive and working in history through His Holy Spirit.

Parishioners of St. Christopher - once again we need your help.

Due to extensive destruction caused by the number of fallen trees and severe snow storms we have had, we will be taking a collection on Saturday & Sunday, April 7th & 8th, to help defray the cost of repairing this extensive damage. Please label your envelope Storm Damage. We will be very grateful for whatever help you can give us.

Weekly Collection

Palm Sunday	\$16,937.00
(including online giving \$ 1,178.00)	
Last Year	\$10,480.50

Attendance: 1215

Thank you for your generosity

20 Week Club

Our twelfth lucky winner:

#69 Henry Johnson.

Congratulations!! Thank you all for contributing to such a very important fundraiser.

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 **April 9th @ 7:00 pm** in room 101. Please call the rectory to enroll and for any other information you may require.*



First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter discusses Jesus' life of preaching and healing. Jesus was crucified, then he rose up and was seen by his chosen witnesses. Peter also mentions the importance of all the disciples bearing witness to what they saw, so that many people would believe in Jesus, and have their sins forgiven through him.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Paul asserts that we must pay attention to higher realms rather than earthly concerns. Our life is not yet completely known to us, until Christ appears and we are raised to glory in him.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

When Mary Magdalene discovered Jesus' tomb was open, she told Simon, Peter and another disciple. They ran to the tomb and Peter went inside. He found the burial wrappings on the ground, with the head covering separate from the rest. The other disciple came in and they believed what they saw, although until then they had not understood the Scripture's message of Jesus' resurrection.

Sunday Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Lk 24:13-35 **Monday** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15 **Tuesday** Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18 **Wednesday** Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35 **Thursday** Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48 First **Friday** Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14 First **Saturday** Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15



"Peter proceeded to speak and said; 'You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did... they put him to death hanging him on a tree. This man God raised up on the third day and granted that he be visible not to all but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance who ate and drank with after he rose from the dead.'"

-HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly



There are many images that can help us understand who we are and what we should be about in this world. One such image is yeast. A packet of yeast is made up of many tiny grains that quickly melt in warm water. It can then blend with the dough and make it rise. Reflect on how you might be like yeast in the world. The little daily things you do may seem unimportant but they are your grains of yeast. Small acts of kindness, patience, the willingness to help others and forgive can spread throughout our world and raise up those around us.

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.
-Psalm 118:17

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- Encounter The Risen Christ

We prayed, fasted and gave alms, and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends as we encounter our Risen Lord. We reflect on our brothers and sisters we have walked with, and we commit to bringing Easter joy to each person we meet in our daily lives. Do not forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl.

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 am 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.

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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.

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St. Christopher is hosting the 2000 Hail Mary Devotion, to our Blessed Virgin Mary, every First Saturday of every month. Please join us on April 7, 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.

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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.

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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. **Wednesdays at 11:30 am in the St. Christopher All Purpose Room.**

St. Paul Inside the Walls...

For programs and events and to register visit www.insidethewalls.org or call (973) 377-1004

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.

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: **April 6th & 20th .**

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

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.

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St. Christopher Women's Book Club

Join us for our next book club meeting which will be on Tuesday, April 3rd 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 **The book that matters most by Ann Hood.**

Hope to see you there, new members are always welcome.

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 pprosperi51@gmail.com.

Parish Activities

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany, at 7:30PM in room 101. **Program: Signs, Dreams and Coping**". For more information please call Lily Capriglione at: 973-568-4164.

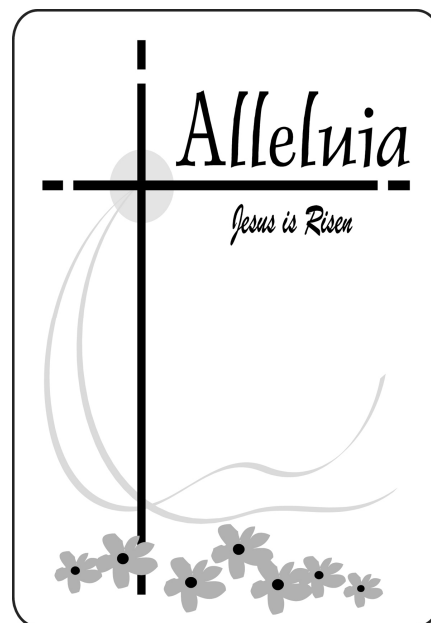
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Monday, April 9, 2018 the Women's Society of St. Christopher Church will meet at 12:45 pm immediately following the 12:05 pm Mass in Church. This meeting will take place in room 101 in the school. At this meeting we will finalize the plans for our June dinner. Also, we will celebrate Father Joe's 70 birthday.

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Vocations Discernment for young men 15-25. **"Quo Vadis – Where are you going?"** Where is the Spirit acting in your life? Where is the Lord encouraging you to go? Quo Vadis Days is a time of recreation, fellowship, and prayer to help you explore the Lord's call in your life. Activities will include prayer, Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Liturgy of the Hours, Rosary, games, sports, talks, great food, and discussions. It is a time to share our faith and meet other young men seeking God's will. Quo Vadis Days will be held **June 27- 29, 2018** at the Saint Mary's Abbey Retreat Center in Morristown, New Jersey. There is no cost. For more information and/or registration, contact the coordinators Fr. Edgar Rivera and David Monteleone in the Vocations Office at (973) 777-8818, ext. #711, by email: revedgar@patersondiocese.org.

Smith Road Coffee House announces the launching of its new concert series at St. Ann Church (781 Smith Road, Parsippany) with Loretta Hagen Band in concert on Saturday, April 14th at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$15.00 at the door; cash or check only. Doors open at 7:30 pm, refreshments available. For more information: www.saint-ann.net or call 973-884-1986.



St. Christopher's Second Hand Rose Thrift Shop

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

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 the Church

**Due to the extensive amount of inventory we have, we will not be accepting any merchandise until further notice.
For more information call 973-713-4939**

2018 Easter Flower Remembrance

Kelly, Bradbury & Weisenhorn Families

Dorothy E. LaColla

Members of the Kaschalk & O'Leary Families

Walter Pasuco

Kinsey & Gibbons Families

Keville & Anselmo Families

Marian & Willard Smith

Mary Vecchio

William & Catherine Small, Joseph & Eleanor Mittermaier

Jean & Henry Suszka

Stephen & Jane Nagel

Lillian Saponara

Maria Antonia Coelho

Martin & Yaka Vojvodich, Harry & Viola Zecca

Christopher Malnick

Robert Haynes

Kudlac & Barrett Families

Deacon & Mrs. R. Wicks, Mr. & Mrs. W. Mader

Nicholas Jones

The Roman Family

Szmak Family

Craig T. & Lorraine K. Mellinger

Deceased Members of the Rimmer-Reinke Families

Rose & Nicholas DiVincenzo, Rita & Mickey D'Ambrosa

Frank Calabria, Rose & Nicholas DiVincenzo, Sam & Connie Calabria

Maria C. Santillan

William & Catherine Small

Mr. & Mrs. Venancia Lascano, Mr. & Mrs. Vicente Azares

Dominic Cerrato, June C. Monica, William S. Bray, Theodore R. Monica, Donald A. Bray

Moss, Neary & Hagan Families

Edward Callahan

2018 Easter Flower Remembrance

Deceased Members of the Ferdiani & Niebylski Families

Deceased Members of the Martin Family

Pauline & Nahtony Pampinella, Marlene VerPlank & Tom Marshall

Janet & Harold Barrett, Elizabeth & Stephen Bradley

Trezza & Galento Families

The Bank & Daly Families

The Rochacewicz & Laudati Families

Mr. & Mrs. O'Rourke, Mr. & Mrs. John Schllit

Robert E. Mackintosh

The Deceased Members of the Asea & McGinty Families

Sarah & Charles Chamberlin, Catherine & William Hendricks

Parents of the Toth Family

Scillieri & Carieri Families

Raimo & Cerruto Families

Deborah Anderson, Lynn Brady

Morgan & Sienkiewicz Families

Carl Figueiredo, Barbara Santos

Deceased Members of the Carroll & Vill Families

Gladys Bonilla

Richard Parker

Camille Nazziola

Nancy Ann Brown

Rosario V. Arcuri

Elizabeth Chorny, Brian & Gilbert Osterhout

Michael Lacz

Joseph Cornacchio

Ernest & Patricia Appio

Charles & Eileen Schopper, Harriett & Stephen Collinson, Mary Beth Getz, Ester Mulcahy

Juan Rojas

Mary Anna Popo

2018 Easter Flower Remembrance

Deceased Members of the Fioravanti & Colleran Families

Ruben Dumapit

Louise & Larry DeRosa, Tess & Jim Schneidmuller, DeRosa, Santarsiero, Durdaller & Schneidmuller Families

Conrad & Anna Spring, Stephen & Olda Farbanish

Jerry & Jean Marie Petrino

Carmen & Linda Sierchio, Carmine Giuffrida, Sierchio & Saudo Families

Manny Uy, Deceased Members of the Veloso & Uy Families

Marie & Nicholas Verderosa, Tom MacDonald & Steven Pozycki

Ceferino Bautista, Monina Carandang

Andrew & Katie Zovak, Frank & Marv Benes

Dianuzzo & Monahan Families

Ann Paterno

Enza & Gaetano Putignano

Deceased Members of the Pellechio & Montefusco Families

Robert Herzog

Charles Ehrenfeld

Deceased Parents of the Jacques Family

Ralph & John Mucerino, Marie & Michael Lanza, Lorraine Hathaway, Anthony DiFalco

Joseph D. Seminaris

Michael & Josephine Capitti

Members of the Schrader & Shabet Families

Anne & John Yarema, Martha Dobyne, Olga Kachura

Pat Werra & Betty Giasemosil

Ray Guimond, Walter Rudolph, Michael & Josephine Renn, Margaret & Joseph Bonhewicz

Jack, Virginia, Joseph, Linda, Joseph, Evelyn, Joseph, Eleanor, Donna & Vivian Connolly, Eleanor DeMaio,

Gerard M., Michael & Jean Baszczewski, Joseph & Irene Windisch

Joseph Calabrese, Naseef, Sammartino, Spinelli & Gahffoot Families

Paul Gerber, Jr. and Deceased Members of the Hammond, Lehto and Gardella Families

Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Gancarcick, Philip Trofimuk, Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Trofimuk

2018 Easter Flower Remembrance

Deceased Members of the Pantino-Perez Families

The Deceased Of the John Mola Family

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald and Elda Ocello, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony & Gloria DeMAio, Sr., Concetta "Cher" Rosamilia

James & Madeline Case, Benedetto & Mary Gelosa, Jessie Giampietro

Lucy Kellett

Helen & William Rogers

Fowler, Saylor, Schimminger and Steinbugl Families

Merola & Reddy Families

Harry Vitale

Deceased Natoli Family Members

Milagros Bahia & Christopher Arayata

Peter & Jaqueline Stathakis, Charles & Helen Madia, Yvette Deschaine

Zicker & Milos Deceased

Beatryce Jennings & Aurelia Cohen

Louise & Louis Catalano, Fred & Elvera Moglia

Veronica & Joseph Skladany, Anna & John Cerny

Deceased Parents of the Calabrese Family

Rosemary Heller

Louise & Sadie Bianco, Thomas Bianco

Moacir A. Sartor, Adenias R. de Carvalho

Terry Ward

Scudellari & Tavolacci Families

Scerbo & Vita Families

Mendez, Mato & Suarez Families

Anthony Marron

Lena & Vincent Dachille, Dachille & Albanese Families

Peter Marotte

2018 Easter Flower Remembrance

Marcial & Leocadia Bontuyan, Alvaro Ramones, Sr. Alvaro Ramones, Jr., Concepcion Ramones

Benito Magbanua

Anthony Marron, Gladys & George Johnson

Paul E. Orehek, Onufrak & Orehek Families

Peter Hoffman

Freddy Jarosz, Jr.

Malsbury Deceased Friends & Family

Genevieve Schmminger, Patricia Fowler, Louis & Geraldine DeRiggi

Rose & Rocco Colasurdo

Deceased Family Members of the Singh, Mohamed, Fox & Moga Families

Mr. & Mrs. Vigano, Mr. & Mrs. Naumann, Mr. & Mrs. JAnger

Jean & Pat Galante, Irene & Charles Tobias

Carmen & Margaret Antonelli

Helen & Frank Dana, Marianne & Edward Knapik

Catherine Suprum

Nicholas Caporuscio

Thank you for your offering:

William & AnneMarie O'Keefe, Mr. & Mrs. John Summa, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Moy, John Pollman, Mary Baumiller, Les & Roselle Ibanga, Mrs. Edward R. Hosig, Michael & Denise Purdue, Jessica & Brian Brosnan, Vincent Baldessari, Merle Gallagher, Mrs. Theresa Cicala, Mr. & Mrs. Larence T. O'Rourke, Brian & Kathleen Hollinghurst

St. Christopher's Family Theatre Sunday

For our *second annual* theatre outing, we have been able to secure a number of seats for a wonderful stage performance. Be prepared to be amazed at the wild musical adventure of:



Date: April 29, 2018

Time: 4:00 pm (Please be at theatre by 3:30pm)

Place: The Growing Stage Théâtre

7 Ledgewood Ave., Netcong, NJ 07857

Price: \$15.00 per person

To purchase tickets and for more information call Eva at the rectory 973-539-7050 (Do not leave a message, speak to someone directly please).

We have 50 seats reserved, so please make sure you purchase your tickets early.

