

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 28th

8:30 am Barbara McCabe
5:00 pm Mary Sansevere
Catherine Farrell

Sunday, April 29th

7:00 am Matilde & Julia Ubiera
8:00 am Jack Megahey
9:15 am Marie Bigley
10:45 am Louis & Sadie Bianco
12:15 pm Edward Esposito, Sr.
Natlia Rostek
Pedro Manuel Magcase

Monday, April 30th

7:00 am Anne Paterno
Deceased Members of the Vaz Family
12:05 pm Cory Wiegand

Tuesday, May 1st

7:00 am Dan Crowley, Sr.
12:05 pm Antonio Veloso

Wednesday, May 2nd

7:00 am Carmen Trinidad
12:05 pm Teresa & Madeline Bangiola

Thursday, May 3rd

7:00 am Emilio Thalmann
12:05 pm Stephen Paul Duffy

Friday, May 4th

7:00 am Lorenzo Rodriguez
12:05 pm Special Intentions for Healing -
Christine Wolan

Saturday, May 5th

8:30 am Christina Azares
5:00 pm Fray Scerbo

Sunday, May 6th

7:00 am John Wojcik
8:00 am Sophia Joy LaBruna
Betty Chorny
Brian Osterhout
9:15 am Christina Azares
10:45 am Linda Boscarino
Consolacion A. Arcilla
12:15 pm Virginia & Anthony Marotte
Benito Magbanua



*The Living Flame for the Sanctuary
Light will be for the special
intentions of:*

Kaneesha Vaz
for the month of May, 2018

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



May 5th & 6th

Altar Server

5:00 pm T. & S. Lally, A. Baumann
7:00 am The Lalo Family
8:00 am E. & B. Hollinghurst, A. Anastasi
9:15 am The Przyhocki Family
10:45 am A. & M. Memoli
12:15 pm The Marsh Family

Eucharistic Minister

5:00 pm P. Alloca, M. Downing, M. Gelosa
E. Lally
7:00 am B. Carroll
8:00 am K. Hollinghurst, P. Luther,
A. Malsbury
9:15 am C. Costanza, R. DiMaggio,
S. Hilgendorf, C. Metcalf
10:45 am The Arcilla Family **Visit:** M. & M.
D'Ambrosa, C. Uy
12:15 pm P. Doung, R. Vento, C. Walsh,
W. Koeller

Lectors

5:00 pm C. Johnson
7:00 am C. Ramoncionis
8:00 am C. Mosiello
9:15 am J. Rabadí
10:45 am J. Cannaveno
12:15 pm M. Reyes

From the Pastors Desk -

John 13:31-35

Jesus' commandments might seem easy to follow after all, He took the Ten Commandments and boiled them down to two. But if you think about these commandments, they are pretty challenging. We need to love each other as Jesus has loved us. There is nothing in here that says, "Love only the people you like", or , "Love only the people who share your point of view". We need to put our differences and prejudices aside. The key to doing this is loving as Jesus has loved us. That is the secret, our love for one another must originate from Jesus' love for us. We are to draw upon his loving acceptance of us in order to reach out in loving acceptance to others near us whether they are loving in return or not. Think about it: if Jesus can forgive and show love to those who mocked, persecuted, and later crucified Him, you probably can not find it in your heart to be kind to an unpleasant friend or a cranky boss.



Weekly Collection

Sunday	\$12,095.75
(including online giving \$ 858.00)	
Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,284.00
Last Year	\$ 9,823.00

Attendance: 866

Thank you for your generosity

20 Week Club

Our 16th lucky winners:
#114 Frank & Brenda Zemo
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 **May 14th @ 7:00 pm** in room 101. Please call the rectory to enroll and for any other information you may require.*

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Paul the Apostle came to Jerusalem, where the other disciples were afraid of him. Then they learned that the Lord had spoken to Paul and he had preached openly in Damascus. When they learned that someone wanted to kill him, they protected him because they fully believed he had converted.

Second Reading: I John 3:18-24

John clearly states that we must love one another. All people who believe in Jesus Christ can show their faith only through their actions. If people believe in Jesus and love one another as he commanded us, they prove that they are true believers in Christ.

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Jesus compares himself to a vine, and compares his father to the vine-grower. He explains how God prunes the barren branches so that the rest might yield more fruit. He reminds them that apart from himself, his followers could not bear fruit.

Sunday Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8, **Monday** Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26, **Tuesday** Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a or, for the Memorial, Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58, **Wednesday** Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8, **Thursday** 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14, **First Friday** Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17, **First Saturday** Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21.

Reflections

"I am the vine, you are the branches." To bear fruit, we must be connected to the vine. Consider what it means to be connected to the vine. What do you do to stay connected? What role would study and reflection on the scriptures have in this effort? How does your connection to the vine influence and inform your choices and actions?

*Let us love in deed and in truth and not merely talk about it.
-John 3:18*

"When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus... The church throughout all Judea, Galilee and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers."

-HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Vocations Discernment for young men 15-25. "Quo Vadis—Where are you going?" It is time to share our faith and meet other young men seeking God's will. Quo Vadis will be held on June 27th –29th at St. Mary's Abbey Retreat Center in Morristown, NJ. There is no cost. For more information and/or register contact Fr. Edgar Rivera and David Monteleone in the Vocations Office at 973-777-8818, ext.711, by email:revedgar@patersondiocese.org.

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 May 5, 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: **May 4th.**

Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa. Bus leaves St. Christopher's parking lot at 9:15 am. Date: **May 14th.** 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, May 1st 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 **Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier.**

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 pproserpi51@gmail.com.

Parish Activities

* The Compassionate Friends, a self help group for bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, May 10th at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road, Parsippany, NJ., at 7:30 pm in room 101.

Program: How to handle upcoming celebrations (Please bring in photo of your child).

For more information call Lily Capriglione at 973-568-4164.

*Do you know your state laws to combat human trafficking? Are local law enforcement personnel knowledgeable about human trafficking so that they can be effective resources?

U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking.
Website: sisteragainstrafficking.org.

* **The Woman's Society** will meet on Monday, May 7th at 12:45 pm in room 101 in the school, following the 12:05 Mass in Church. This will be our Ice Cream Social along with a general meeting. A payment of \$32.00 must be made at this meeting for our luncheon next month at Bruno's, June 12th at 1:00 pm. The meeting is open to anyone who wishes to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Catholic War Veterans of America Memorial Day Poppies Fundraiser

Members of the Army Chaplain Fr. Charles Watters, Parsippany Post 1967 will be offering Memorial Day Poppies after all the Masses on May 12th & 13th. Honoring America's war dead by wearing poppies is traditionally done every Memorial Day. Funds raised will help the Parsippany War Veterans Post continue to assist our local veterans, our local parishes and our local Catholic men's & women's organizations.

Help Needed

Can you wash a napkin? Can you iron an napkin? If you can, then you can help us with our pacificators!

After all the masses on Saturday and Sunday there are 18 pacificators that need to be washed and ironed. If you are interested in joining the other women who do this important work, please contact me at the rectory.

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



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May 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This month our parishes will take up the Peter's Pence collection. This collection supports our Holy Father as he reaches out with charity to some of the most marginalized throughout the world and reveals the love and compassion of faithful Catholics everywhere. I invite you to participate in this worthy cause.

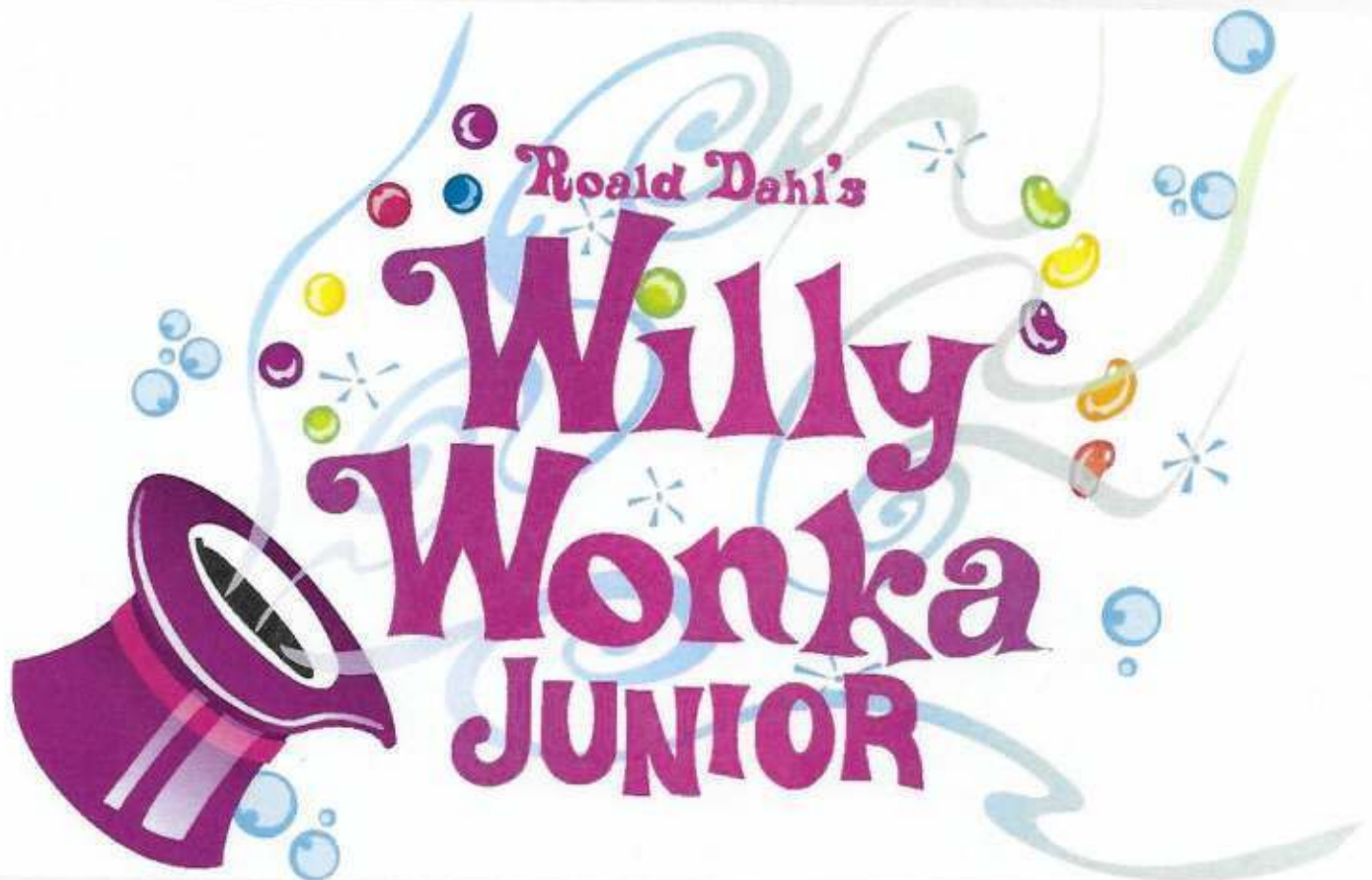
There are many great things that take place thanks to the Peter's Pence collection. For example, in Iraq many people still live a nightmare of war and violence. As a result, many are displaced, including young people in the midst of their studies. Without an educated population, it will be difficult for the country to gain stability. But through the Peter's Pence collection, the Archdiocese of Erbil, in Iraqi Kurdistan, has received funding for 10 scholarships for young displaced persons. With this help, the students can complete their university education and move forward with the hope of rebuilding their country. This is just one of many examples of how the Peter's Pence collection extends charity to those most in need. Your help would be a great blessing to many.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection when it is taken up in your parish.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

ALL SAINTS ACADEMY
PRESENTS



May 17th & 18th, 2018

7:00 P.M.

Tickets \$10.00 each

Location - All Saints Academy Gymnasium
Please contact school office for tickets 973-334-4704

Come join us for ...



St. Christopher's

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Friday, May 18, 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.

