

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 28th

8:30 am Bob & Marge Natoli
5:00 pm Loretta Norcia
William Costello

Sunday, July 29th

7:00 am Mary Ann Cusack
8:00 am Maurice & Francis Callahan
9:15 am Olga Olavarie
10:45 am Yvette Deschaine
12:15 pm Aiden Ryan Mazari

Monday, July 30th

12:05 pm Lawrence McLean

Tuesday, July 31st

12:05 pm Carmine Caso
George Bain

Wednesday, August 1st

12:05 pm Andrew Napolitano

Thursday, August 2nd

12:05 pm Larry Eckel

Friday, August 3rd

12:05 pm Special Intentions - Jeremiah

Saturday, August 4th

8:30 am Carol Miller
5:00 pm Gerald Mancuso, Sr.

Sunday, August 5th

7:00 am Carol Carifi
8:00 am Brian Osterhaut
9:15 am Andrew Napolitano
10:45 am George Bain
Thomas Farrell
12:15 pm Healing Mass for Luz Sanvictores

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

Herbert Fagan

for the month of July, 2018

Rest in Peace

*Please remember in your prayers those who
entered into their new and eternal life in
Christ recently, especially:*

Larry Eckel



August 4th & 5th

Altar Server

5:00 pm D. Lipuma, T. & A. Pactwa
7:00 am The Lalo Family
8:00 am S. & A. Valle
9:15 am T. Wyka, A. Mogan, M. Villanueva
10:45 am J. Vadakkedam, L. Taylor
12:15 pm The Przyhocki

Eucharistic Minister

5:00 pm L. Asea, B. & M. Pactwa, R. Vento
7:00 am B. Carroll
8:00 am P. Allocca, L. Copeland, N. Gordon
9:15 am B. Chmielewski, C. Metcalf, C. Uy,
B. Wyka
10:45 am V. & R. Arcilla, K. Lucibello, J. Racioppi
12:15 pm W. Koeller, L & R. Polanski, R. Lang

Lectors

5:00 pm C. Mosiello
7:00 am C. Ramoncionis
8:00 am J. Valle
9:15 am K. Longo
10:45 am J. Lucibello
12:15 pm M. Reyes

GOD IS NEAR



TO ALL WHO CALL

From the Pastors Desk -

Mark 12:28-31

In this Gospel, Jesus gives us two very simple commands. They may seem easy enough to follow, but stop and think about what loving God and loving others as ourselves really entails for a minute. In reality, this is not so easy. Jesus' two commandments are linked. We cannot love God with all our strength if we cannot first love the people of God, the creation of God, the very image of God. To hate, ignore, or exclude a fellow human being is to hate, ignore, or exclude part of the manifestation of God. Jesus lived to teach and embody, especially those who society had written off like beggars, the diseased, and criminals. Jesus would have defined "neighbor", as the entirety of humanity. Shouldn't we do the same? Think this week about the people in your life who you fail to treat as your neighbor, and strive to treat them with love in order to grow in God's love.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| <i>First Collection</i> | \$ 9,957.50 |
| <i>Scholarship Fund</i> | \$ 1,121.50 |
| <i>Last Year</i> | \$11,403.50 |

Attendance 704

Thank you for your generosity

9th Annual Mega 50/50 Raffle

We have 403 shares sold with a total of \$10,075.00 collected. Once again, Thank you so very much for all who have participated.

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

There will be no Baptism Class in July

*Our next **Baptism preparation meeting** will be on **August 13th** @ 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 **Mikko M. Garbacz**, who received the sacrament of Baptism.*

First Reading: II Kings 4:42-44

A man brought twenty loaves of bread to Elisha the prophet, who told his servant to distribute it to the people. The servant asked how he could offer twenty loaves to one hundred people. Elisha replied that God had said, "They shall eat and there shall be some left over." After all the people had eaten, there was bread left over as God had said.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Paul implores the Ephesians to live a life worthy of their calling by preserving unity among all of Christ's followers. He reminds them that there is one body, one Spirit, and one God who works through all people.

Gospel: John 6:1-15

Jesus fed a crowd of five thousand people with five loaves of bread and a couple of dried fish. After everyone present had enough to eat, twelve baskets of leftover bread were collected. Jesus then realized the people would want to make him king so he fled alone.

Sunday 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15, **Monday** Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35, **Tuesday** Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43, **Wednesday** Jer 15:10, 16-21; Mt 13:44-46, **Thursday** Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53, **First Friday** Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58, **First Saturday** Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12

Let us pray for the safety of the following members of St. Christopher Parish who are actively serving in the military:

*2LT. Sean Arcilla
PVT. Shane Arcilla
PFC. Cormac Bradley
CPT. Liam Connor
LTJG Megan Costello
PFC. Patrick DeBenedette
LCPL. Michael Del Russo
J. Fortes
OP. SPEC. S. Gross II*

*PVT. Ryan Jandora
SGT. Lauren L. Ferrel
Capt. Luis Marti
Capt. Michael A. Piccini
Michael Simoni
SPEC. Cory Therriault*

If you know of any St. Christopher's parishioner who is currently serving in the military and added to this list please contact (973) 539-7050.



The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, August 9, 2018 at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany, at 7:30PM in room 101. Program: "Sibling Grief; Caring for Surviving Children; Loss of an Only Child".

For more information please call Lily Capriglione at: 973-568-4164

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. These classes will resume in September, 2018.

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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 **August 4th**, 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: **August 3rd & 17th**.

Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa. Bus leaves St. Christopher's parking lot at 9:15 am. Date: **August 13th**. 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

Our book club is on vacation for the summer :) we will be back Tuesday, September 4th 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 summer reading selections are:

My cousin Rachel by Daphne du Maurier

The Identicals by Elin Hilderbrand

America's First Daughter by Stephanie Dray.

Hope to see you there, give it a try, I am sure you will want to join, new members are always welcome.





St. Christopher Parish Vacation Bible School 2018

August 20th thru 24th
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.

God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride

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, 2018 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. 7-12 _____

SAINT CHRISTOPHER CHURCH 9th Annual Mega 50/50 Raffle

\$25.00 per share

cash prizes distributed last year \$7250.00

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 16th @ 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
this year's snow removal - repairs to the school and convent.

“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 _____