

## From the Pastors Desk - 24th Sunday in Ordinary time

### ***Holy Family in Egypt***

*The Holy Family's flight to Egypt has given rise to much folklore, fascinating tales composed centuries later.*

*It said that their journey to Egypt was blessed with many miracles. There are legends dating back to the fifth century which say that the Holy Family stayed in the city of Al Matariyah, just northeast of present day Cairo. One story says that the child Jesus grew balsam trees producing balm that cured almost anything, including snakebite. Another tradition is that the Holy Family passed through a city along the Nile and as they did, the pagan idols bowed to them.*

*A monastery further down the Nile claims to be on the site where the Holy Family lived for six months. One of the apocryphal gospels tells the story that two robbers set upon them there, but one repented when he saw Mary's tears.*

*These are the same two robbers, so goes the legend, who were crucified with Jesus, and the one who shed tears turned out to be the good thief.*

### ***WEEKLY COLLECTIONS***

<b>First Collection</b>	<b>\$ 8,709.75</b>
<b>Project Faith</b>	<b>\$ 1,135.00</b>
<b>Last Year</b>	<b>\$ 11,349.00</b>

***Attendance 706***

***Thank you for your generosity***

### **9th Annual Mega 50/50 Raffle**

We have 581 shares sold with a total of \$14,525.00 collected. Once again, thank you so very much for all who have participated.

### **Religious Education**

**If you have any questions concerning our Religious Education/CCD program, including communion and confirmation dates, please call Mary Ann Jacisin in the CCD office from Monday thru Thursday at (973) 539-6208.**

# 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## **Saturday, September 15th**

8:30 am Elizabeth "Betty" Shutta  
5:00 pm Edna Laudati

## **Sunday, September 16th**

7:00 am Anne Price  
8:00 am Edward & Edward Paul Gunderson  
9:15 am Joseph R. Conti  
10:45 am Thomas Bianco  
12:15 pm Walter Pasuco

## **Monday, September 17th**

7:00 am Joseph Pecci  
12:05 pm Michael Wall

## **Tuesday, September 18th**

7:00 am Trish Muscillo Franks  
12:05 pm John Zimmer

## **Wednesday, September 19th**

7:00 am Scott Pollard  
12:05 pm Diana Monstesinos, Emilia Broncano,  
Paul Bangiola, Sr.

## **Thursday, September 20th**

7:00 am Special Intentions for Healing -  
Cheryl Lotito  
12:05 pm Edward P. McMillan

## **Friday, September 21st**

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish  
12:05 pm Special Intentions - Mira Rambaldi

## **Saturday, September 22nd**

8:30 am Chuck Molinaro IV  
5:00 pm Walter T. Pasuco, 1st Anniversary

## **Sunday, September 23rd**

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish  
8:00 am Betty Chorny  
Elizabeth Betty Shutta  
9:15 am Edward P. McMillan  
10:45 am Larry Eckel  
Chuck Molinaro IV  
12:15 pm Elsie Gallese  
Julieta Banua

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

**Herbert Fagan**

*for the month of September, 2018*

### *Rest in Peace*

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

**Joseph Pecci**



## **September 22nd & 23rd**

### **Altar Server**

5:00 pm E. & B. Hollinghurst, A. Zecena  
7:00 am The Lalo Family  
8:00 am A. Anastasi, S. & A. Valle  
9:15 am C. Berardo, R. Bilboa LaVieja, C. Rizzo  
10:45 am The Marsh Family  
12:15 pm A. & D. Guzzardo, M. Morales

### **Eucharistic Minister**

5:00 pm K. Hollinghurst, S. & S. Richards, M. Gelosa  
7:00 am B. Carroll  
8:00 am K. Nolan, E. Shabet, J. Mucerino  
9:15 am K. & P. Berardo, M. Cupo, N. Gordon  
10:45 am L. Copeland, S. Marsh, J. Racioppi, R. Vento  
12:15 pm J. Alfonso, J. Kobeszko, R. Lang

### **Lectors**

5:00 pm C. Haney  
7:00 am M. Appio  
8:00 am M. Dumapit  
9:15 am S. Marsh  
10:45 am K. Longo  
12:15 pm J. East

## 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 **October 8th @ 7:00 pm** in room 101. Please call the rectory to enroll and for any other information you may require.*

### **First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9a**

*Isaiah describes the willingness of the Suffering Servant to submit to the persecution of his enemies. This willingness stems from true faith in God, and the knowledge that the Lord will always be his help.*

### **Second Reading: James 2:14-18**

*James states that if some one is hungry and you wish them well but do not help them, you have done them no good. He compares this to stating your faith, without backing it up with your actions. He reminds us that we must show our faith through our good works.*

### **Gospel: Mark 8:27-35**

*Jesus taught his disciples that as the Messiah, he had to suffer much, be put to death, and rise three days later. Peter began to disagree and Jesus reprimanded him for judging by human standards rather than by God's. He told them that whoever would be willing to lose their life for the sake of Jesus and the gospel, will in fact preserve their life forever.*

### **Sunday**

Is 50:5-9a; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

### **Monday**

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Lk 7:1-10

### **Tuesday**

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Lk 7:11-17

### **Wednesday**

1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Lk 7:31-35

### **Thursday**

1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50

### **Friday**

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

### **Saturday**

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15

**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 would like them added to this list please contact the rectory (973) 539-7050.**

*Every Sunday we pray for the poor, the needy, and those in trouble. Many also contribute to the poor box. We are moved by the plight of those who have lost homes and loves ones when their stories appear on the news. Prayer and empathy are important but they are not enough. God likes to answer our prayers through others - us. How are you helping to answers someone's prayer? You cant do everything but you could mow your elderly neighbor's lawn, visit someone who is ill, take a moment to talk to a stranger, or tell someone they have done a good job. Consider how you could become a participant in God's answer and prayers.*

*Show me your faith without words, and I will show you the faith that underlies my work.*

*-James 2:18*

# 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.**

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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 **September 1st**, 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](http://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: **September 21st.**

**Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa.** Bus leaves St. Christopher's parking lot at 9:15 am. Date: **to be advised.** 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 resuming on Tuesday, October 2nd at 7:00 pm in room 110. Refreshments will be served, and they are delicious!! **New book selection: Beartown by Fredrik Backman.** Hope to see you there, give it a try, I am sure you will want to join, 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 Prospero, who is the yoga instructor at pprosperi51@gmail.com.

\* **Yoga will resume on October 4th** \*

**Upcoming date to remember:**

**2018**

September 28th Family Game Night @ 6:30 pm  
October 26th Family Magic Night @ 7:00 pm  
November 25th Family Roller-skating  
December 1st Breakfast with Santa 9:00 am

**2019**

January 18th Family Movie Night @ 6:30 pm  
February 8th Family Sports Night @ 6:30 pm  
March 30th Breakfast with Easter Bunny @ 9:00 am  
April 7th Mayo Theatre, Play @ 4:30 pm  
May 24<sup>th</sup> Mega Game Night @ 6:30 pm  
June 14<sup>th</sup> Movie & Ice Cream @ 6:30 pm

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**2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal - Here I am Lord!**

*Over the years, more and more parishioners have chosen to support the Bishop's Annual Appeal by making an online gift. Simply go to [www.2018appeal.org](http://www.2018appeal.org) and follow the instructions. You can either make a one-time gift or pledge with monthly payments made automatically for your convenience.*

*Whether it's a pledge, an one-time gift, or an on-line donation, your support is greatly needed. Every single gift counts! Please participate in the 2018 Appeal today!*

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**The Parsippany Health Department** is offering a SMAC clinic to be held on Tuesday, September 25th from 8:30 am to 10:30 am. This is a blood test that will determine cholesterol, glucose, liver & kidney functions, blood count and more. Fee: \$21.00, for more information call 973-263-7160.

**Celebration of Marriage Retreat** - September 28th - 30th at the Marianist Family Retreat Center located at 417 Yale Ave. Cape May Point, NJ 08212. This weekend is intended for couples married at least 10 years. It honors and celebrates the commitment of marriage. Cost: \$270 per couple (includes all meals, room, and program). Sign up online at [www.capemaymarianist.org](http://www.capemaymarianist.org) or call 609-884-3829 for more information.

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**Silver and Gold Anniversary Mass** - Couples, were you married in 1968 or 1993? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered on November 4, 2018 at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Serratelli will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion. **Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office at (973) 539-7050. The deadline to register is Monday, October 15, 2018.** You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. Congratulations on this joyous occasion!

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-Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> though Nov. 4th. Forty days to pray and fast in defense of LIFE, in front of Planned Parenthood, 196 Speedwell Ave., Morristown. Choose an hour.

Email [44lifeus@gmail.com](mailto:44lifeus@gmail.com), or call 973. 627.1654.

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**Boy Scout Popcorn** - Please help support Boy Scouts of America Troop 173 of Parsippany, NJ. They will be selling popcorn on Saturday, September 8th & Sunday September 9th , after each Mass. Credit cards accepted.

*St. Christopher's  
Second Hand Rose Thrift Shop*

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

*~We are open Sundays after the 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 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**



# SAINT CHRISTOPHER CHURCH 9th Annual Mega 50/50 Raffle

\$25.00 per share

cash prizes distributed last year \$7250.00

## THREE (3) WINNERS

1<sup>ST</sup> WINNER - \$25% OF GROSS PROCEEDS

2<sup>ND</sup> WINNER - 20% OF GROSS PROCEEDS

3<sup>RD</sup> WINNER - 5% OF GROSS PROCEEDS

Please join us for the drawing on September 16<sup>th</sup> @ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

# SAVE THE DATE!!!

## SAINT PIO COMES TO THE DIOCESE OF PATERSON



### ST. PETER THE APOSTLE CHURCH

179 BALDWIN RD  
PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018  
(FROM 8:30 A.M. TO 6:30 P.M.)

For information about the public  
veneration, please call (973) 334-2090  
or send an email to  
[stpeterpar@optonline.net](mailto:stpeterpar@optonline.net)

Come and venerate the official relics of  
Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, on the occasion  
of the 50th commemoration anniversary  
of his passing.

A mass in honor of Saint Padre Pio will  
be celebrated at 7:00 P.M. by Msgr.  
**Herbert K. Tillyer, P.A.**, Pastor of the  
St. Peter the Apostle Church



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## You're Invited to a Packing Party!

Demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world through Operation Christmas Child. Please join us for fun, fellowship, and filling shoebox gifts!

**Date/Time:**

November 10th & 11th 2018

Time: 12:00 to 4:00pm

**Place:**

Saint Christopher Church

1050 Littleton Road

Parsippany NJ 07054

Stacy Cell: 973-610-1934 - For any questions

**RSVP:**

[Stacystampone@gmail.com](mailto:Stacystampone@gmail.com)

**Please Bring:**

Remember to bring your \$9 per shoebox to help us cover project expenses such as shipping the boxes. Or you can pay online to **Follow Your Box** around the world.

If you pay on "Follow Your Box" please bring your box with your receipt.

Operation Christmas Child blesses children around the world with gift-filled shoeboxes that become opportunities to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**DIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR  
CATHOLIC FILIPINO MINISTRIES  
(DCCFM)**

*Invites you to the  
Celebration of Filipino Saints*



*SAN LORENZO RUIZ DE MANILA*



*SAN PEDRO CALUNGSOD DE CEBU*

**23 September 2018 – Sunday**  
3:00pm DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET, ROSARY & NOVENA  
3:30pm HOLY MASS

**CATHEDRAL OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
381 GRAND STREET, PATERSON, NJ 07505

His Excellency, The Most Reverend  
**ARTHUR JOSEPH SERRATELLI, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D.**  
Bishop, Diocese of Paterson  
Principal Celebrant

**MERIENDA CENA FOLLOWS IMMEDIATELY AT BISHOP RODIMER CENTER**  
(387-389 GRAND STREET, PATERSON, NJ 07505)

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**FREE PARKING AVAILABLE AT EMPLOYEE PARKING GARAGE LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF  
GRAND STREET & JACKSON STREET (OPPOSITE THE BISHOP RODIMER CENTER)**

**Filipiniana Attire Is Encouraged**

**For more information, please contact Elmer Maximo at (973)664-1949**



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Students - Parents - Community

Join us for a special afternoon  
gathering....

# KINDNESS FOR CHRISTOPHER

Tuesday, September 18 - 1pm  
ASA Gymnasium

*To celebrate the life and legacy of young  
Christopher P. D'Amico, Jr. and  
be truly inspired  
to share kindness with others*

RSVP - [ddembek@allsaintspar.org](mailto:ddembek@allsaintspar.org)  
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