

From the Pastors Desk - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I am Paul, an old man.

St. Luke's account of the stoning of Stephen, he notes that the participants "laid down their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul". At the time "young man" referred to someone in his 20's.

This incident took place about 36 A.D. In the letter to Philomen, Paul refers to himself as an old man. In Paul's day an "old man" was someone in his 50's.

The Greek word for "old man" is "presbyter". This is often translated "elder", and connotes the wisdom that usually comes with age.

It is from the Greek word "presbyter" that the English word "priest" is derived.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

First Collection	\$ 10,745.25
World Mission Sunday	\$ 1,131.00
Last Year	\$ 9,784.25

Attendance 756

Thank you for your generosity

2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Here I am, Lord!

Our Diocese is blessed that there has been an increase in the number of seminarians over the years. Let's continue to pray for these men as they concentrate on their studies and reflect on how they will one day serve our parishes. They deserve all our support, and one way to show this is by giving to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. The Appeal helps fund the significant financial costs associated with years of room, board, tuition and other related expenses. Your gift today helps prepare our seminarians for the future. For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2018appeal.org. May God bless you for your support!

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 20th

8:30 am Nina Booth
5:00 pm Anthony Tirinato
Loretta Norcia

Sunday, October 21st

7:00 am Don Bossterman
8:00 am Elizabeth Chorny
9:15 am Nina Booth
10:45 am Lidia Hatchoyan
12:15 pm Carmine J. Galdieri, II

Monday, October 22nd

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish
12:05 pm Helena Wicijewska

Tuesday, October 23rd

7:00 am Harold E. Donald, Jr.
12:05 pm Gina Spataro

Wednesday, October 24th

7:00 am Ann Paterno
12:05 pm Special Intentions - Grace Miller
100th Birthday

Thursday, October 25th

7:00 am Harold E. Donald, Jr.
12:05 pm Nicholas & Diana Lisi

Friday, October 26th

7:00 am Donald Miller
12:05 pm Javier Cuervo

Saturday, October 27th

8:30 am Ann Paterno
5:00 pm Winfield Parsons

Sunday, October 28th

7:00 am Winifred Scanlon
8:00 am John Mucerino
9:15 am John A. Blunt, Jr.
10:45 am Col. Paul A. Kelly
12:15 pm Marie & John Marchisa

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

Crispina Vaz

for the month of October, 2018

Rest in Peace

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



October 27th & 28th

Altar Server

5:00 pm The Marsh Family
7:00 am A. Rozanitis
8:00 am S. & A. Valle
9:15 am R. BalboaLaVieja, A. Mogan, C. Rizzo
10:45 am P. Whalan, C. Berardo, T. Wyka
12:15 pm T. & A. Pactwa, C. Ocker

Eucharistic Minister

5:00 pm J. Lipuma, M. Long, S. Marsh, J. Sole
7:00 am B. Carroll
8:00 am J. Mucerino, L. Scangarella, L. Valle
9:15 am S. Hilgendorff, C. Metcalf,
L. & M. Sostak
10:45 am B. Wyka, R. Vento
Visit the Sick: A. Malsbury, A. Calabria
12:15 pm J. Alfonso, M. Pasuco, W. Koeller,
J. Racioppi

Lectors

5:00 pm C. Haney
7:00 am L. Pascale
8:00 am J. Valle
9:15 am M. Rankel
10:45 am K. Lucibello
12:15 pm J. East

***Hide me in the shelter
of your wings***



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 November 12th @ 7:00 pm in room 101. Please call the rectory to enroll and for any other information you may require.

First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

Isaiah speaks of how the Servant of God will have to give his life up for the sins of other people. Because of this suffering the Servant will receive eternal life for himself and all the people whose sins are forgiven because of him.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Jesus is considered to be the new high priest and mediator between God and his people. Fortunately, Jesus has experienced the same temptations as other people, and so he has more tolerance of our weaknesses.

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Two of the disciples ask Jesus that they be allowed to sit at his right and left side when he comes into his glory. Jesus explains that they should not be concerned with their position. Instead they should concern themselves with serving others just as Jesus was planning to serve many in giving his own life for their sins.

Sunday

Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Monday

Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday

Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday

Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday

Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53

Friday

Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday

Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9

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, LCPL. Cormac Bradley, CPT. Liam Connor, LTJG Megan Costello, PFC. Patrick DeBenedette, Airman Danny De La Esperia, 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.



What does it mean to “serve” others? Does it mean becoming a doormat, always doing what everyone else wants you to do? Is it possible to “serve” someone by not helping them or not doing what they ask? Does it mean you should always do whatever is asked of you regardless of how it might impact your own life and family responsibilities? Think about what it means to serve others. Consider how well you serve others. Do you think about what is the loving thing to do or do you just jump in and do “something?” Do you need to change anything?

*Anyone among you who aspires to greatness
Must serve the rest.*

-Mark 10:43

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. **Topic: The Acts of the Apostle.**

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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 meet every Tuesday, 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 **November 3rd**, 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.

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: **November 2nd & 16th.**

Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa. Bus leaves St. Christopher's parking lot at 9:15 am. Date: **November 12th.** If you wish to learn more about the St. Christopher's Senior Social Club, please call Anne Purcaro at 973-887-5186 or Lorene Poje at 973-887-5645.

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. Christopher Women's Book Club

Our November 6th meeting is cancelled we will discuss both November and Decembers book selection at our meeting on December 4th at 7:00 pm in room 110. Refreshments will be served, and they are delicious!!

November book selection: A place for us by Fatima Farheen Mirza.

December book selection: The Kitchen House by Kathleen Grissom.

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

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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 Proseri, who is the yoga instructor at pproseri51@gmail.com.

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.

The Women's Society, of St. Christopher's Church, will meet Monday, November 5, 2018 immediately following the 12:05 pm Mass in Church. The meeting will take place in Room 101 in the school. (NOT IN THE ALL PURPOSE ROOM). This is a general meeting at which we will discuss and finalize the arrangements for our Christmas luncheon. Also, we will celebrate Father Michael's upcoming birthday. All are welcome to join us. Refreshments will be served.

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The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany, at 7:30PM in room 101. **Program:** Guest Speaker: Dr. Michael Giuliano, a prominent Morristown Psychiatrist. "How to Handle the Holidays"

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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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St. Paul Inside the Walls...

For programs and events and to register visit

www.insidethewalls.org or call

(973) 377-1004

Upcoming dates to remember:

2018

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 w/ Easter Bunny @ 9:00 am

April 7th Mayo Theatre, Play @ 4:30 pm

May 24th Mega Game Night @ 6:30 pm

June 14th Movie & Ice Cream @ 6:30 pm

Religious Educations Dates to Remember

October 14th 9:15 am Mass - Inscription ceremony for all 9th graders who are preparing for Confirmation.

October 28th 9:15 am Mass - The Cross Mass for all 2nd graders.

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ALL SAINTS ACADEMY CORNER

Mary - Queen of the Rosary

Partners in Faith Catholic School Matching Grant Recipient

Bishop Serratelli has announced that All Saints Academy has been selected as a *Partners In Faith Catholic School Matching Grant Recipient*. The focus of the grant project will be the expansion of the technological environment of the school. The combination of school investment and the *Partners in Faith* award will provide for the implementation of ten SHARP Aquos large screen interactive mobile televisions, seventy Chromebooks and mobile charging carts, filming equipment and iMac computers for the Tech Lab, mini iPads for the Early Childhood Center and additional WiFi access points throughout the school. Our school is truly grateful to the many contributors to the *Partners in Faith* campaign, and we pledge to honor their commitment to Catholic education in the Diocese of Paterson.

All Saints Academy provides all students – from preschool to grade eight – with a STEM enriched learning environment. Critical thinking and problem solving skills, creativity, teamwork, learning through process and challenge, innovation and global insight are key elements in student-centered STEM education. All Saints Academy teachers and staff are uniquely prepared to develop and implement lessons that combine the traditional elements of math, science and technology and interface them with the engineering design process. And all of this is done in a faith filled environment that places a paramount value on Christian ideals. To learn more about All Saints Academy and STEM Education, contact our school principal, Mrs. Judy Berg at 973-334-4704.

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Welcome all knit and crochet artists and those who would like to learn! Materials and instruction provided. Projects can be made at home or with the group. Please join us at our meeting on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 1:00 PM in the front office of the school. If you are unable to come, but are interested in participating, or, if you have any questions call Karen Longo at 973 267-3321 for information.

For this is the will of my Father that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.

-John 6:40

SAINT CHRISTOPHER PARISH 20-WEEK CLUB MAINTENANCE & REPAIR FUND 2019

Raffle License #
ID #375-01-0914

Location: 1050 Littleton Road
Parsippany, NJ 07054
Time: 12:00 noon

- A. Each participant pays \$100 once or \$20 a month for 5 months, starting January and ending in May.
- B. There is a winner selected each week, two winners on week 10 (\$500/each) two winners on week 17 (\$400/each) and five winners on week 20 (\$1000/each).

<u>January 2019</u>		<u>February 2019</u>		<u>March 2019</u>		<u>April 2019</u>		<u>May 2019</u>	
1/5	\$150	2/2	\$200	3/2	\$250	4/6	\$350	5/4	\$375
1/12	\$150	2/9	\$200	3/9	\$500, \$500	4/13	\$350	5/11	\$400
1/19	\$175	2/16	\$200	3/16	\$300	4/20	\$375	5/18	\$1000
1/26	\$175	2/23	\$250	3/23	\$300	4/27	\$400, \$400		\$1000
				3/30	\$300				\$1000

- C. A person can win more than once. Your name is put back in so you can win again.
- D. We are planning on having our first drawing on January 5, 2019. Drawings will be held each SATURDAY. A list of winners will be posted in the vestibule of the Church and in the bulletin.
- E. If a participant fails to pay the monthly dues, he/she will be disqualified for the remainder of the drawing.
- F. If gambling is a problem for you or someone in your family, DIAL 1-800-GAMBLER.
- G. The aggregate value of all prizes **\$11,300**. No substitution of the offered prizes may be made.

PLEASE PRINT – FILL OUT FORM AND RETURN TO: St. Christopher Rectory
All forms must be returned no later than January 4, 2019.

20-week club# _____
Raffle License #
ID #375-1-914

Saint Christopher Church
Calendar Raffle – 20-week club
January, February, March, April, May 2019

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

_____ \$100 payment in full

_____ \$20 partial payment

Family Magic Night at St. Christopher



on October 26, 2018
In the All Purpose Room

Featuring:

Benjamin's Comedy Cascade Extreme Variety Show



Refreshments will go on sale at 6:30pm with the
show starting promptly at 7:00 pm.

All are welcome!



All Souls Day

Memorial Candles

November is the Month of Remembrance for all our departed loved ones. This commemoration begins with the Memorial of All Souls on November 2nd.

We are offering special Memorial Candles that will burn next to the altar during all Sunday masses throughout the month of November.

A label will be placed on the front of the candle with the name of your loved one. Candles have space for only 1 name.

The requested donation for these candles is \$25.00 each.

Please fill out the form below & place it in an envelope with the required donation and mark the envelope "*Memorial Candles*".

The envelope can be placed in the regular collection basket or dropped off at the Parish Office .

For an example of how the candles will be displayed on the altar please see the bulletin board in the Church vestibule.

All Souls Day Memorial Candle

\$25.00/candle (Please Print)

1 Name per Candle

Name of Person Ordering Candle _____

Phone Number _____

Name on Candle _____

Please drop off in the Parish Office or
Collection Basket in an envelope marked "Memorial
Candle" Any Questions, please call Parish Office

973-539-7050

St. Christopher Parish 2018



*Saturday, November 17th & Sunday, November 18th
at all Masses*

We will be collecting food for the needy, and putting the baskets all together as we do every year for those who request them.

We are in need of turkeys, hams, turkey breasts and chickens. We are requesting general varied groceries, for example: canned fruits, vegetables, meats, juices, rice, etc., this way the families will have groceries for later in December. Food can be dropped off in the vestibule of the Church on November 17th and 18th, along with the turkeys or hams, etc.

If you cannot shop, but still wish to participate, please put monetary contributions in an envelope marked Thanksgiving and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory.

Please, only non-perishable items, no frozen pies or vegetables.

***** All meats will be refrigerated until they are distributed*****

Pick up date: Monday, November 19th

Thank you for your generosity and cooperation!





Paterson Federation

Respect Life Mass



Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli, STD, SSL, DD
Bishop of Paterson
Celebrant

Rev. Jody Baran—Federation Chaplain
Concelebrant

Saturday, November 17, 2018 — 10:00 A.M. Mass
Saint John the Baptist Cathedral
381 Grand Street
Paterson, NJ 07505

Deacon Anthony O. Fierro, PGK
Respect Life Mass - Chairman

Bill Roberts PGK, FDD
Paterson Federation Chairman

ALL SAINTS ACADEMY
CLOTHING DRIVE &
USED HOUSEHOLD GOODS
COLLECTION

Thursday, October 25th
2-6pm --- ASA GYM ENTRANCE



**Before you pack away
summer clothes ...
Before your plan for
Thanksgiving guests ...
Before Santa delivers new
toys and gifts ...**

**Donations of gently used
clothing, bedding, shoes,
small appliances, household
items, toys, stuffed animals,
reading books & small
furniture (end tables, chairs,
etc.) will be accepted.**

**Items may be dropped off at
the school directly
beginning
Monday, October 22.**

*For more information, please
call ASA's school office >
973-334-4704*

Saint Christopher Church will host - Operation Christmas Child Shoebox
1050 Littleton Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054
Saturday & Sunday, November 10th & 11th from 12 to 4pm



Samaritan's Purse is an amazing organization that works year round for many great causes. Operation Christmas child is an amazing way to bring a smile to a child who would otherwise not receive anything at Christmas time.

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

We will gather at **Saint Christopher church** to come together as a community to fill as many shoe boxes as we can with all the donations we receive. This is a great experience for all involved. Bring your children and have them join in on the fun of giving back. The children will get to write a personal letter to fill the box with love.

If you are wondering how you could help, here are several ways to help.

ADOPT A BOX

You can adopt a box for **\$9.00** your donation will pay for the shipping of a single shoe box. Our goal this year is to pack **500** boxes and ship to **100** countries!

Checks for shipping will be made out to Samaritan's Purse

DONATE GIFTS

You can go to your local dollar store and purchase items for the children and drop them off to me at Saint Christopher's church.

(Find a list of items on the take home flyer at the church. or go to <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/>).

MAKE A MONETARY DONATION

You can make a \$20.00 donation. This donation will be used to purchase gifts and ship one box! We accept cash or checks. checks made payable to to Stacy Stampone.

All checks and donations should be to me by October the 26th

JOIN THE PACKING PARTY

Join the packing party to help pack a box. Bring a check to ship at least one box!

Please RSVP to me at stacystampone@gmail.com or friend me on Facebook "Stacy Stampone"