

## **From the Pastors Desk - The Baptism of the Lord**

### **When you hear His voice.**

*Today too, Jesus lives and walks along the paths of ordinary life in order to draw near to everyone, beginning with the least, and to heal us of our infirmities and illness. I invite you to listen to the voice of Christ that rings out in the Church and to understand what your own vocation is. I invite you to listen to and follow Jesus, and to allow yourselves to be transformed interiorly by his words which “are spirit and life” (Jn 6:62). Let us dispose our hearts therefore to being “good soil” by listening, receiving and living out the word, and thus bearing fruit. The more we unite ourselves to Jesus through prayer, Scripture, the Eucharist, the Sacraments celebrated and lived in the Church, and in community, the more they will grow in us the joy of cooperating with God in the service of the Kingdom of mercy and truth, of justice and peace.*

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### **20 Week Club**

*For the next 19 weeks, we will be pulling numbers every Saturday of the winners for the 20 Week Club. 1st winners: #104 Mr. & Mrs. Henry Johnson, Congratulations and thank you all who participated.*



*“The grace of God has appeared, saving all, and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly and devoutly in this age, and to await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and of our savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people of his own, eager to do what is good.”*

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

### **Weekly Collections**

First Collection	\$10,697.25
(including online giving \$ 1,413.00)	
Last Year - New Years	\$ 11,755.00

**Attendance 804**

**Thank you for your generosity**

**Saturday, January 12th**

8:30 am Josephine Zimmermann  
5:00 pm Rose & Nicholas DiVincenzo  
John Schultz

**Sunday, January 13th The Baptism of the Lord**

7:00 am Ann Paterno  
8:00 am Santiago Iglesias  
9:15 am Theresa Fortuna Lande  
10:45 am Manny Uy  
Thomas Farrell  
12:15 pm Santiago Iglesias

**Monday, January 14th**

7:00 am Special Intentions - James Distasio  
12:05 pm Millie Cook  
Frank Skladany

**Tuesday, January 15th**

7:00 am Nicholas & Gerri Cappuccino  
12:05 pm Rita & Nicholas D'Ambrosa

**Wednesday, January 16th**

7:00 am Special Intentions - Lilia Rosado  
12:05 pm Michael Carpentier

**Thursday, January 17th**

7:00 am Dominick Cecere  
12:05 pm John Mola

**Friday, January 18th**

7:00 am Special Intentions - Lilia Rosado  
12:05 pm John Mola

**Saturday, January 19th**

8:30 am Grace Miller  
5:00 pm Millie Cook

**Sunday, January 20th**

7:00 am Frank Skladany  
8:00 am Santiago Iglesias  
Stephanie Najdzin  
9:15 am Frank P. Tampany  
Rose & Nicholas DiVincenzo  
10:45 am Santiago Iglesias  
12:15 pm Special Intentions - Lilia Rosado



*The Living Flame for the Sanctuary Light will be in memory of:  
**Anne Paterno**  
for the month of January, 2019*

**Rest in Peace**

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

**First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7**

*Isaiah tells of the Lord's Servant, who will be inconspicuous, but will not rest until justice is established. The Lord then tells his servant that he was formed to be "a light for the nations."*

**Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38**

*Peter speaks to a group of pagans for the first time. He explains to them that any person who follows God's will is acceptable to God, regardless of nationality.*

**Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

*John the Baptist had claimed one would come far more powerful than himself; one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit rather than water. When Jesus came to John and was baptized, the Spirit descended on him and a voice said, "You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests."*

**Sunday** Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22, **Monday** Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20, **Tuesday** Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28, **Wednesday** Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39, **Thursday** Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45, **Friday** Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12, **Saturday** Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17.

### **Religious Education**

If you have any questions concerning religious education please contact Mary Ann Jacisin at 973-539-6208, Monday through Thursday from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm.

**Baptism preparation meeting:** The meeting will be on **January 14th** at 7:00 pm in room 101 of the school. Please call the rectory to enroll or if you have any other questions.

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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.

### **January 19th & 20th**

<b><u>Altar Servers</u></b>	<b><u>Eucharistic Ministers</u></b>	<b><u>Lectors</u></b>
<b>5:00 pm</b> B. & B. Davies D. Lipuma	<b>5:00 pm</b> L. Copeland, M. & J. Davies, M. Downing	<b>5:00 pm</b> C. Dillon
<b>7:00 am</b> A. Rozanitis	<b>7:00 am</b> B. Carroll	<b>7:00 am</b> L. Pacale
<b>8:00 am</b> A. & S. Valle M. Villanueva	<b>8:00 am</b> L. Valle, S. & S. Richards	<b>8:00 am</b> J. Valle
<b>9:15 am</b> CJ. Hilgendorff, C. Berardo, J. Tran	<b>9:15 am</b> P. & K. Berardo, G. & L. Azares	<b>9:15 am</b> A. Licor
<b>10:45 am</b> L. Taylor, E. & B. Hollinghurst	<b>10:45 am</b> J. & L. Schneidmuler <b>Visit:</b> C. Dillon, A. Malsbury	<b>10:45 am</b> J. Cannaveno
<b>12:15 pm</b> The Marsh Family	<b>12:15 pm</b> J. Alfonso, S. DeMaio, S. Marsh, C. Ocker	<b>12:15 pm</b> J. East

*In Acts, we are told that "God shows no partiality. Rather the man of any nation who fears God and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." God does not ask for our "membership card" or references to prove our worthiness. God's love is always with us. God's mercy is always there fore those who will accept it. If we believe this how can it not show in our words and deeds? We call ourselves Christians and yet there are those who do not share our beliefs and act more "uprightly" than we do. Perhaps we need to pay more attention to our own words and deeds rather than judging what others say and do.*

*He went about doing good works. - Acts 10:38*

# 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 **February 2nd**, on 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: **January 18th.**

**Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa.** Bus leaves St. Christopher's parking lot at 9:15 am. Date: **January 14th.** 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 next meeting will be February 5, 2019 at 7:00 pm in room 110. Refreshments will be served, and they are delicious!!

**February book – "The Catcher in the Rye" by J. D. Salinger**

**March book – "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" by Mary Ann Shaffer**

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.

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.**

Parish Catalyst is a unique program that promotes innovation and invites teams to grow with one another in making disciples. This two-day event helps parish teams collaborate and strategically plan the future and has proven results from around the United States. To learn more about this contact

St. Paul inside the Walls.

Parish Catalyst for Generation Z in the Paterson Diocese will be held at St. Paul Inside the Walls on *Monday, June 10 & Tuesday, June 11, 2019 from 10am - 4pm*

**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.**

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**ALL SAINTS ACADEMY CORNERASA  
Partners with Pre-School Advantage for  
Early Childhood Admissions**

All Saints Academy is pleased to share that, once again, we will partner with Preschool Advantage to provide a high quality preschool education for young Preschool Advantage is a non-profit organization that collaborates with preschools in Morris and Somerset Counties to provide funding for students whose families demonstrate a commitment to education and financial need. This partnership will allow ASA and Preschool Advantage to assist more families in giving their children a strong academic foundation through an outstanding early childhood environment.

Preschool Advantage is now accepting applications for the school year beginning in September 2019, for funding to All Saints Academy as a partner school.

The upcoming due date for Pre-School Advantage applications is February 28th. Contact our school principal, Mrs. Judy Berg, at 973-334-4704, for more information about the ASA Early Childhood Center. You can learn more about Pre-School Advantage at [preschooladvantage.org](http://preschooladvantage.org).



**2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal**

Here I am Lord!

If you have not yet responded to the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal, there is still time to do so as the 2018 Appeal funds are used to support ministries and programs through the end of the diocesan fiscal year of June 30, 2019. Your gift is a great blessing

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**Prayer of the Day**

**Morning Offering to the  
Sacred Heart**

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all our associates, and in particular for the intentions of our Holy Father for this month.

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**PIZZA WITH THE BISHOP – FEBRUARY 5th**

For young men in high school or college or even older. Tuesday, February 5, 2019, Pope John XXIII in Sparta from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Come join Bishop Serratelli and priests from the Diocese of Paterson for adoration, reflection, fellowship...and pizza.

For more information, please contact the Vocation Office at 974-777-8818, ext. 711

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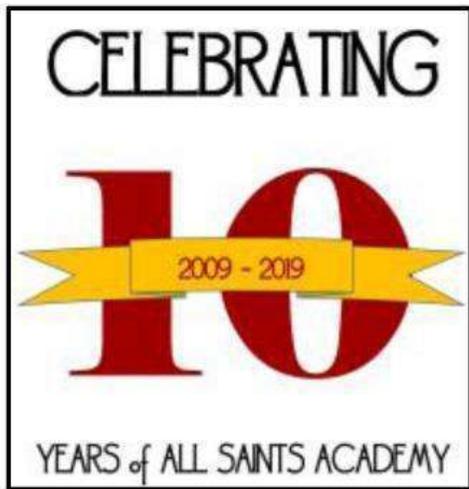
**RETROUVAILLE (FEBRUARY 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>)** is a Lifeline

to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Secretariat of Pastoral and Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen, NJ. It consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is February 8-10, 2019. All inquiries are confidential. For further information contact the Family Life Office at 732-243-4573, Rich – 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno at 732-672-0748.

**Get ready for Family Movie night  
at St. Christopher  
on Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**



Refreshments will be served  
Remember to bring chairs



All Saints Academy

10<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Tricky Tray

**Friday, February 8, 2019**

Admission \$40

Bring your own food and beverages.

Doors open at 5:30pm.

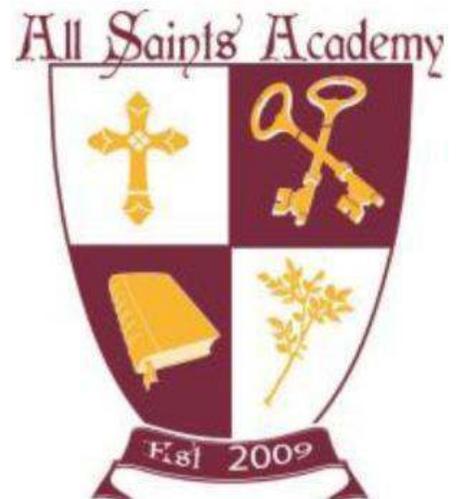
Calling begins at 7:30pm.

Contact the school office for  
ticket information:

(973) 334-4704

[www.allsaintspar.org](http://www.allsaintspar.org)

[HSABoard@allsaintspar.org](mailto:HSABoard@allsaintspar.org)





# All Saints Academy 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Tricky Tray

Join us to benefit All Saints Academy! Adults only!

## Friday, February 8, 2019

All Saints Academy – 189 Baldwin Road, Parsippany, NJ

Admission \$40 which includes 3 sheets of Regular tickets

Bring your own food and beverages.

Doors open at 5:30pm – Calling begins at 7:30pm

### Ticket Sales Information

#### Advanced Ticket Package - \$45

\$60 value and only available until Monday January 28, 2019

- 2 additional sheets of Regular tickets,
  - 5 Grand Prize tickets
  - 3 Super Grand Prize Tickets

#### Individual Ticket Prices

(available for purchase the night of the Tricky Tray)

- Regular Tickets - \$10 per sheet
- Grand Tickets - \$5 per ticket or 5 for \$20
- Super Grand Tickets - \$10 per ticket or 3 for \$20

Tables of 8 may be reserved, only when paid in full on one order form. Tables will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. Those with parties of less than 8 will be seated with other participants. Please see attached order form.

Questions? Email [HSABoard@allsaintspar.org](mailto:HSABoard@allsaintspar.org)

*Due to any unforeseen circumstances, a snow date is scheduled for Saturday, February 9, 2019.  
All tickets will be honored. No refunds. All attendees must be at least 21 years of age.*



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Please make checks payable to *All Saints Academy*.

Table Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

First and Last Name of Guest (Tables of 8) <i>*Those with parties less than 8 will be seated with other participants</i>	Guest Email Address	Admission Fee \$40	Advanced Ticket Packages \$45 per package	Total
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Admission and ticket bundles will be available for pickup at the event entrance.

Please send full payment and completed order form to the Main Office of All Saints Academy  
189 Baldwin Rd. Parsippany, NJ 07054.

Any questions, email [HSABoard@allsaintspar.org](mailto:HSABoard@allsaintspar.org)

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