

From the Pastor's Desk - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Love is shown in deeds

Love does not live on words, nor can it be explained by words - love is proved in deeds. Perhaps it is only a smile, a little visit, or simple writing a letter for a blind person, reading for someone. This is only a little bit, yes, a very tiny bit, but it will be our love of God in action. Never think that a small action done to your neighbor is not worth much. It is not how much we do that is pleasing to God, but how much love we put into the doing. That is what the good God looks for - because God is love and God made us in the divine image to love and to be loved. How can I show my love in deeds to those around me today?

Weekly Collections

First Collection	\$ 11,013.75
Online giving	\$ 1,041.00
Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,019.00

Attendance 694

Thank you for your generosity !

We welcome all your generous donations to St. Christopher Parish. As a reminder, loose cash offerings at Mass cannot be traced to any individuals and therefore not considered for end of the year statement of charitable contributions.

We suggest to ALWAYS use your offering envelopes or to sign up for online giving with us. Alternately there are blank envelopes available if you happen to misplace or have not received yours. If you are not registered with us (not receiving envelopes) or if you have any questions, contact the parish office at 973-539-7050.

On June 8th immediately following the 5:00 pm Mass we will be having a farewell party for Fr. Michal who has been assigned as Administrator at St. Virgil's in Morris Plains. Refreshments and finger food will be served in the all purpose room, all are welcome.

20 Week Club

We have pulled the last 5 winners of the 20 week club, they are:

#137 Peter & Marie Halis, #143 Maria Schmanske, #181 Alice Neary, #145 Bob & Kathy Dianuzzo, #12 Phyllis Sansone. Each have won \$1,000.00.

Congratulations and thank you to all who participated.

The Vigil Light for the year 2020 will be available for purchase on June 4th from 10:00 am until 2:30 pm on a first come first serve basis. In order to give more people a chance to have a vigil light for the year 2020 we will be offering two vigil lights per month (\$25.00 per light). The first two weeks of each month for one person and the last two weeks for another.

The Rectory will be closed on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day. There will only be one Mass at 10:00 am.

Saturday, May 25th

8:30 am Kieran de Zoysa
5:00 pm Louise Bulgarini

Sunday, May 26th

7:00 am Michael Renn
8:00 am Lorraine Hathaway, Lee & Michael Lanza
Rose Diccio
9:15 am Edward Callahan
10:45 am Michael Fohn
William Small
12:15 pm Connie Walsh
Maria J.

Monday, May 27th Memorial Day

10:00 am Col. Paul A. Kelly

Tuesday, May 28th

7:00 am Deceased Deacons of the Parish
12:05 pm John Mola

Wednesday, May 29th

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Connor Family
12:05 pm Frank Skladany
Danny Bodner

Thursday, May 30th The Ascension of the Lord

7:00 am Msgr. Frank B. Ferraioli
9:00 am Ronald Memits, Sr.
12:05 pm Special Intentions - Elaine Montefusco
7:00 pm Deceased Members of the Parish

Friday, May 31st

7:00 am Connie Walsh
12:05 pm Delia Tan

Saturday, June 1st

8:30 am Bill Taylor
5:00 pm Hedwig Falgowski

Sunday, June 2nd

7:00 am Anthony Tornabe
8:00 am Kathleen Schlitt & Barbara O'Rourke
9:15 am Rose & Nicholas DiVincenzo
10:45 am Dorothy McCarthy
Helen Skrok
12:15 pm Connie Walsh
Fred Bansemer



*The Living Flame for the Sanctuary Light will for the special intentions of: **The Family of Anne Purcaro** for the month of May, 2019.*

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

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Some men informed the Gentiles that they must be circumcised if they wished to be saved, because of the Old Laws. Disciples then went forth to tell the Gentiles to honor only those rules which were strictly necessary, such as abstaining from eating meat sacrificed to idols and illicit sexual union.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

John depicts Jerusalem coming out of heaven, sparkling with the radiance of precious jewels. Angels were stationed at each of its twelve gates, and each gate bore the name of one tribe of Israel. The city had no temple, because God was its temple. The glory and light of God and the Lamb also replaced their need for the sun.

Gospel: John 14:23-29

Jesus tells his disciples, "Anyone who loves me will be true to my word." For those who do honor his word, both Jesus and God will love them and stay with them always. He also tells them that God will send the Holy Spirit in his place to give them the instructions they will need. Jesus then tells them that peace is his farewell gift to them.

Sunday Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29, **Monday** Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a, **Tuesday** Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11, **Wednesday** Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Jn 16:12-15, **Thursday** Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20, **The Ascension of the Lord** Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20, **Friday** Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Lk 1:39-56, **First Saturday** Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28.

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 **June 10th**, at 7:00 pm in room 101 of the school. Please call the rectory to enroll or if you have any other questions. Let us welcome into our family of faith **Olivia G. Choy & Cecilia A. Cintron**, who received the sacrament of baptism*

There will NOT be a baptism preparation meeting in the month of July.

God of all goodness, look with love on those who wait for the safe return of their loved ones who serve in the armed forces of their country. In faith and hope, we turn to you for comfort. Grant that we may trust in your mercy and send an angel to sustain us as we await their safe return. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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

1LT. Sean Arcilla, SPEC. Shane Arcilla, LCPL. Cormac Bradley, CPT. Liam Connor, LTJG Megan Costello, LCPL. Patrick DeBenedette, Airman Danny De La Esperia, 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, Sgt. Philip Schlegel.

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.



June 1st & 2nd

Altar Servers

5:00 pm A. & T. Pactwa, J. Lance
7:00 am S. & I. Lalo
8:00 am S. & A. Valle
9:15 am C. Berardo, C. Hilgen-dorff, M. Villanueva
10:45 am J. Summa, J. Lance, J. Tran
12:15 pm E. & R. Marsh, A. Zecena

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm L. Asea, M. Downing, M. Gelosa, J. Sole
7:00 am B. Carroll
8:00 am C. Metcalf, J. Mucерino, L. Scangarella
9:15 am A. Calabria, M. & M. D'Ambrosa, P. Gatti
10:45 am G. & L. Azares
Visit the sick: C. Dillon, C. Uy
12:15 pm W. Koeller, M. Pasuco, J. & B. East

Lectors

5:00 pm E. Montefusco
7:00 am C. Ramoncionis
8:00 am C. Haney
9:15 am M. Rankel
10:45 am J. Cannaveno
12:15 pm K. Longo

Reflections

Jesus does not expect us to reply on ourselves to do what is right and good. He knows our weakness and limitations. He has given us the Holy Spirit to help us. All we need to do is be open to the prompting of the Spirit. Simple enough; but, it does require effort. We need to take time to pray and reflect on God's word. We need to seek the counsel of those who are more mature in the Spirit. How hard do you try to stay in touch with the Spirit?

May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his face shine upon us..
-Psalm 67:2

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 **June 1st**, 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.



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.

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.

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: **June 7th & 21st.**

Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa. Bus leaves St. Christopher's parking lot at 9:00 am. Date: **June 10th.** 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.

St. Christopher Women's Book Club

Our next meeting (and last of the season) will be June 4, 2019 at 7:00 pm in room 110. Refreshments will be served, and they are delicious!!

June Book - "Chesapeake Requiem: A Year with the Watermen of Vanishing Tangier Island" by Earl Swift.

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

St. Christopher prayer shawl ministry welcomes current and would be knit and crochet artists to join us. We meet every other Monday at 1:00 pm in the old principal's office of the school at St. Christopher. Supplies are provided. Work at home or with our group. Prayer shawls and lap robes are now available to be given to someone going through a difficult time. For more information call Karen Longo 973-267-3321.

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support to the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how you can make a difference, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany, at 7:30PM in room 101. **Program: "The Things People Say"**. For more information please call Lily Capriglione at: 973-568-4164.

Online Giving

Sign up for Online Giving and stop using offering envelopes!

It is convenient, secure and eco-friendly. You will also be saving the parish the cost of printing and mailing your envelopes. You will not have to remember to write checks or stop by the ATM on Sunday. To start, log into www.osonlinegiving.com to create your online account. Call the rectory and they can answer any questions you may have, they can even sign up for you. Thanking all the parishioners who are participating with online giving at this time.

St. Paul Inside the Walls...

For programs and events and to register, visit www.insidethewalls.org or call (973) 377-1004.

Predators are at work throughout the year - summer is no exception. Learn more about human trafficking/modern day slavery so that you can be more alert to trafficking situations. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Trafficking. VISIT: sister-sagainstrafficking.org.

"THE GREAT DENVILLE DUCK RACE" sponsored by the Denville Sunrise Rotary Club on Saturday, June 15, 2019 at Gardner Field, Denville, NJ from 10:00 AM to Noon. Proceeds benefit the many charitable projects sponsored by the club for Denville. Email jiml@jameslasalaesq.com with inquiries.

ALL SAINTS ACADEMY CORNER

ASA – An Extension of Our Parish Community

Like our parish, All Saints Academy is a diverse community that celebrates the benchmarks of faith and practice traditionally found in the legacy of Catholic education. All Saints Academy's model as a co-sponsored school under the auspices of our four parishes is very successful and thriving. As a school in the Diocese of Paterson, All Saints Academy's AdvancEd Accreditation and STEM Certification provide a standards-based educational framework, setting a path for continuous improvement in instruction, 21st century learning and student performance. The very important presence of faith education truly makes All Saints Academy an extension of the mission of our Catholic parish. All parish families are welcome in our school.

Pope Benedict XVI said, "No child should be denied his or her right to an education in faith, which in turn nurtures the soul of a nation." This is the time to consider All Saints Academy for your child's values-based education – an experience that will foster a lifetime of faith. Contact our principal, Mrs. Judith Berg, at 973-334-4704, for more information regarding admission and scholarship opportunities at All Saints Academy.

"Jesus said to his disciples: 'Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him, and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine, but that of the Father who sent me'... 'the Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.'"

Some recall famous farewell speeches. Others refer to them as pep talks. In business we find motivational speakers. The gospel of John in Jesus' priestly talks, offers us all three. How special to realize that because of my dedication and commitment, I am a living dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. How special to know that the Spirit is teaching me today, as a missionary disciple of a loving God. How special, because of my many cares and distractions, that I am reminded of what is of value, the treasure hidden in the field, the pearl of great price. Jesus is not just preparing me for His departure, or entrusting His mission to me, but expects me to carry it out by what I say and do.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly



Vocations Discernment for young men 15-25. "Quo Vadis – Where are you going?" Where is the Spirit acting in your life? Where is the Lord encouraging you to go? Quo Vadis Days is a time of recreation, fellowship, and prayer to help you explore the Lord's call in your life. Activities will include prayer, Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Liturgy of the Hours, Rosary, games, sports, talks, great food, and discussions. It is a time to share our faith and meet other young men seeking God's will. Quo Vadis Days will be held June 26- 28, 2019 at the Saint Mary's Abbey Retreat Center in Morristown, New Jersey. There is no cost. For more information and/or registration, contact the coordinators Fr. Edgar Rivera and David Monteleone in the Vocations Office at (973) 777-8818, ext. #711, by email: revedgar@patersondiocese.org and Dmonteleone@patersondiocese.org.

Wiegand Farm Golf Classic - One of Catholic Charities biggest events of the year will take place on June 24th at Crystal Springs Resort. The Wiegand Farm Golf Classic has grown into one of the biggest, best and longest running golf outings in the country. You can support this event by golfing, donating a silent auction item, participating in the \$10,000 MEGA 50/50 or sponsoring the event. To contribute, visit ccpaterson.org/wiegand.

SIXTH ANNUAL RUN FOR A NUN 5K RUN/WALK

The Sisters of Christian Charity in Mendham, NJ are hosting their 6th Annual Run for a Nun 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, June 1, 2019 starting at 9:00 AM at Borough Park in Mendham. All proceeds will benefit the education of the young women in Initial Formation. If you would like to contribute to its success by participating in the event, sponsoring a runner, or being a corporate donor, visit our web site at www.sceast.org/run-for-a-nun. We hope to see many of you there.

Pilgrimage to The Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, Massachusetts on Friday, June 14th (Leaving from St. Virgil's Church, 250 Speedwell Ave. Morris Plains, NJ)

The grounds of the National Shrine consist of 375 acres of land nestled in the beautiful Berkshire Mountains in Western Massachusetts. The name of the property is called "Eden Hill" because of its natural beauty. On the grounds of Eden Hill, you can explore the National Shrine Church which offers daily Mass, confessions, adoration, rosary, benediction, the chaplet of Divine Mercy, the blessing of religious articles and a blessing with a first-class relic of St. Faustina. There are five outdoor shrines including life-size Stations of the Cross. Their gift shop is the largest religious articles store in New England.

Plan to join our Parish Pilgrimage on June 14th. Bus transportation and a box lunch will be provided for \$45. Bus leaves at 9 AM and returns approximately 8 PM. If you would like to join us, please call our St. Virgil's Parish Office at 973-538-1418 or email us at svparishoffice@gmail.com.

Catholic Volunteer Network

Catholic Volunteer Network, established in 1963, is a non-profit membership organization of 200 domestic and international volunteer and lay mission programs. Currently, more than 10,000 volunteers and lay missionaries serve in these programs throughout the U.S. and in 108 other countries. Catholic Volunteer Network publishes and distributes RESPONSE, the most comprehensive handbook of lay mission volunteer opportunities. RESPONSE is distributed free of charge to persons interested in faith-based service and those who promote such service. To request hard copies of RESPONSE, you may call toll-free 1-800-543-5046 or e-mail info@catholicvolunteernetwork.org We also provide our member programs with recruitment services, training and technical assistance resources including our National Conference, Formation Workshops, Renewal Workshops, and our web based Resource Library. Catholic Volunteer Network also administers the AmeriCorps Education Awards program for our member programs.

A Prayer in Praise of God's Greatness

Almighty, true and incomparable God, You are present in all things, yet in no way limited by them. You remain unaffected by place, untouched by time, unperturbed by years, and undeceived by words. You are not subject to birth and in no need of protection. You are beyond all corruption, above all change, immutable by nature. You live in unapproachable light and are invisible, yet You are known to all those who seek You with hope and love. You are the God of Israel, and of all who hope in Christ.

Amen.





God Made the Universe

St. Christopher Church Vacation Bible School 2019

August 12th thru 16th
from 9:00 am to 11:30 am
CCD Office: 973-539-6208

All children Pre-K 4 to 5th grade as of September 2019 are eligible to attend.

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



God Promises a Savior

Please return registration forms by July 20, 2019 to:

**St. Christopher Parish
Vacation Bible School**
1050 Littleton Road
Parsippany, NJ 07054



Jesus the Savior is born



Child's Name _____



Jesus the Savior is risen

Grade in September _____ Home Phone Number _____

Address _____

City & Zip-code _____



Jesus the Savior reigns

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 _____



Jesus Saves the World