

From the Pastor's Desk - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 7, 2019

A tiny flame.

*We are not saints, we are not heroes. Our lives are lived in the quiet corners of the ordinary. We build tiny hearth fires, sometimes barely strong enough to give off warmth. But to the person lost in the darkness, our tiny flame may be the road to safety, the path to salvation. It is not given to us know who is lost in the darkness that is seen. We can only know that against even the smallest of lights, darkness cannot stand. A sailor lost at sea can be guided home by a single candle. A person lost in a wood can be led to safety by a flickering flame. It is not an issue of quality or intensity or purity. It is simply an issue of the presence of light. **Read: John 1:5.***

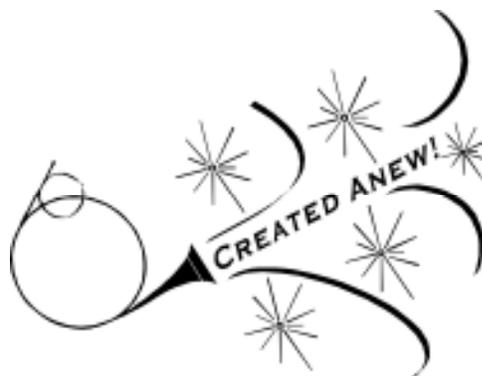
From June 24th until July 31st there will not be a 7:00 am Mass. These Masses will resume on August 1st. If you have any questions please contact the rectory.

Prayer of the Day

Prayer to God the Father

Almighty God, my Eternal Father, from the fullness of my soul I adore You. I am deeply grateful that You have made me in Your image and likeness, and that You ever hold me in Your loving embrace. Direct me to love You with all my heart, with all my soul, and with my whole mind. Direct me to love all Your children as I love myself. O, my Father, my soul longs to be united to You, and to rest in You forever. Have the Holy Spirit touch my soul so that I may love You as He does, and as Your Beloved Son Jesus does. Amen.

Today we are taking up the collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, in the United States and around the world, through the internet, television, radio and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in St. Christopher Church. To support local efforts. Be a part of the campaign to spread the Gospel message. Support the collection today! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.



Saturday, July 6th

8:30 am Barbara Birth
 5:00 pm Barbara Birth

Sunday, July 7th

7:00 am Charles & Julia Vill
 8:00 am Kathy Schlitt & Barbara O'Rourke
 9:15 am Fred Bansemer, Jr.
 10:45 am Peter & Jaqueline Stathakis
 12:15 pm Connie Walsh

Monday, July 8th

12:05 pm Susanna Cipolla

Tuesday, July 9th

12:05 pm Rita & Mickey D'Ambrosa
 George Bain III

Wednesday, July 10th

12:05 pm John Zimmer
 Carmen Trinidad
 Louise C. Kelly

Thursday, July 11th

10:00 am Dorothy LaColla

Friday, July 12th

12:05 pm Helen Skrok

Saturday, July 13th

8:30 am Bill Van Hall
 5:00 pm Robert J. Carroll

Sunday, July 14th

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish
 8:00 am Kathleen Schlitt & Barbara O'Rourke
 9:15 am Fred Bansemer, Jr.
 10:45 am Dorothy LaColla
 12:15 pm Marie & John Marchisa



*The Living Flame for the Sanctuary Light will in memory of:
 Nicholas & Diana Lisi
 for the month of July, 2019.*

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

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14c

Isaiah instructs the people of Jerusalem to rejoice, because God would restore her prosperity. The people will better understand God's power through their homeland's restoration.

Second Reading: Galatians 6:14-18

Paul describes the sign of the cross of Jesus as all that is significant. Following the old laws is unimportant. Instead, being baptized in Christ and adhering to his ideals is what matters most.

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Jesus sent forth seventy-two disciples to preach his good news, telling them "the harvest is rich, but the workers few." He also gave them detailed instructions on how to act towards the people. Jesus then reminded them not to be happy because of their power over evil, but to rejoice in the salvation they would achieve.

Sunday Is 66:10-14c; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9, **Monday** Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26, **Tuesday** Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38, **Wednesday** Gn 41:55-57, 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Mt 10:1-7, **Thursday** Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15, **Friday** Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23, **Saturday** Gn 49:29-32, 50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33

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 next meeting will be on **August 12th**, at 7:00 pm in room 101 of the school. Please call the rectory to enroll or if you have any other questions.*

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.



July 13th & 14th

Altar Servers

5:00 pm A. & D. Guzzardo
7:00 am I. & S. Lalo
8:00 am A. To, C. Rizzo
9:15 am M., M. & J. Villanueva
10:45 am C. & L. Przyhocki, L. Mosiello
12:15 pm T. Wyka, CJ. Hilgen-dorf

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm J. & L. Sneidermuller, L. & R. Polanski
7:00 am B. Carroll
8:00 am S. & L. Richards, C. To
9:15 am G. & L. Azares, C. Callahan, B. Chmielewski
10:45 am T. Racioppi, R. Vento
Visit the sick: L. Copeland, C. Dillon
12:15 pm SM. Vitale, J. Alfonso, J. & B. East

Lectors

5:00 pm L. Pascale
7:00 am
8:00 am M. Appio
9:15 am C. Haney
10:45 am J. Cannaveno
12:15 pm J. Lucibello

Reflections

The disciples spent a lot of time with Jesus but they were also sent out to share what they had learned with others. Our prayer and study is not just for our own edification. The fruits of what we have learned come only when we share ourselves with others. Some will accept the message we bring and some will not. The important thing for us is to spread the message wherever and whenever we can. How have you tried to spread the message? If you feel unsure about how to do this, take it to the Lord in prayer and ask for guidance.

***Make joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name!
Psalm 66:1***

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 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 July 6th, 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.

****NO Bingo on July 3rd.****

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

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: **To be advised.**

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

Fr. Joe.

St. Christopher Women's Book Club

Book Club is out for summer, enjoy the warm weather and happy reading :)

Summer reading list:

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Beach book selection – "Summer at Firefly Beach" by Jenny Hale.

Mystery book selection – "Once Gone" (A Riley Paige mystery) by Blake Pierce.

Nonfiction book selection – "Say Nothing: a true story of murder and memory in Northern Ireland" by Patrick Radden Keefe.

Fiction book selection – "My dear Hamilton : a novel of Eliza Hamilton" by Stephanie Dray.

We will resume in September! See you then!

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.

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.

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.osvonlinegiving.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.

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, July 11, 2019 at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany, at 7:30PM in room 101. Program: "Vacationing Without Your Child". For more information please call Lily Capriglione at: 973-568-4164.

FLAG DAY - Raise the banner of faith

According to the official U.S. Flag Code, "The flag represents a living country and is itself a living thing." The Flag Code describes the flag as not merely a piece of cloth but something that embodies a nation and its ideals of independence, liberty, hope, and unity of purpose. It also stands for the sacrifices that have been made for those ideals. While the flag is not a religious symbol, it's like one in that it represents something greater than itself. The symbols of faith do the same but express something larger than even love of country, and that is the reality of God. Something to think about when you fly the flag today. Today's readings: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 5:27-32 (363). "We hold this treasure in earthen vessels, that the surpassing power may be of God and not from us."

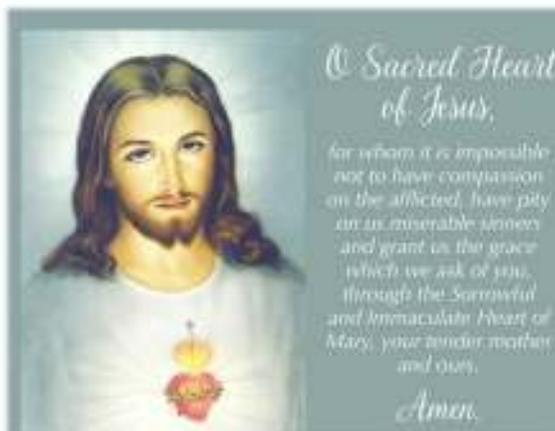
"At that time the Lord appointed seventy-two others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them 'the harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves.'"

Imagine being one of those sent. Who is your companion, as you go to bring the message of Jesus to someone else. Is your partner the talkative type, allowing you to remain present, but quiet? To whom will you go, either knocking on a door, stopping by a hospital bed, saying hello to someone in the laundromat? Isn't it interesting to wrestle with the answers?

Well, you are one of the lucky ones, not among the seventy-two, but among all the baptized to work in bringing in the harvest. If someone doesn't do his or her part, the harvest fails, dies, or simply rots. It is out there and the Lord needs people to follow His call as priests and deacons, as religious and committed lay workers, as missionary disciples. The good thing is, we do not do it alone but the Lord accompanies you.

There is work to be done and I heard that He is asking you to do it. Talk to someone about it today and fulfill your potential.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly



SAINT CHRISTOPHER CHURCH
10TH ANNUAL MEGA 50/50 RAFFLE

\$30.00 PER SHARE

CASH DISTRIBUTED LAST YEAR \$7325.00

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 15th @ 2:00 pm in the all-purpose room.
Refreshments will be served. Winners do not need to be present.

The entire profit from the 50/50 mega raffle will be used for a complete reconstruction
of the church stairs.

“NO SUBSTITUTION OF THE OFFERED PRIZES MAY BE MADE”

PLEASE PRINT WHEN FILLING OUT FORM

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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



God Promises a Savior

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



Jesus the Savior is born

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 risen

Child's Name _____

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