

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

July 14, 2019

Hoping and wishing.

Only hope can orient us toward the fullness of reality if indeed the fullness of reality lies in the future. For hope is an openness to the breaking in of what is completely unpredictable and unanticipated from the point of view of what is considered to be possibly by ordinary standards of expectation. Hoping is not the same as wishing. Wishing is a mode of desire that is oriented entirely from the individual's present. It tends to imagine that the future will turn out the way I would like, on the basis of what pleases me now. Wishing can give rise only to fantasies and illusions. But hoping, as a communally shared aspiration, renounces such illusions and open itself to a future that may turn out to be quite different from the one I wish for. Hoping is openness to the radically new and "impossible" in a way that wishing is not. Hoping, therefore, can be considered realistic, indeed the most realistic stance our consciousness can take. Hoping is faith's way of embracing reality.

Read: Luke 1:37.

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.

Weekly Collection

July 7th

<i>First Collection</i>	<i>\$ 6,952.75</i>
<i>Online Giving</i>	<i>\$ 2,142.00</i>
<i>Seminarian Education</i>	<i>\$ 1,492.00</i>

Attendance: 607

Thank you for your generosity!



Blessed be God!

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

Monday, July 15th

12:05 pm Josephine McClean

Tuesday, July 16th

12:05 pm Anita & Anthony Natoli
 Carmen Trinidad

Wednesday, July 17th

12:05 pm Angelia Kasiczky
 Paul D'Ambrosia
 Joseph Walsh

Thursday, July 18th

10:00 am Nicholas & Diana Lisi

Friday, July 19th

12:05 pm Healing for Douglas Schultz

Saturday, July 20th

8:30 am Gerald Mancuso
 5:00 pm Mary M. Reilly
 Ernest Tranposch

Sunday, July 21st

7:00 am Peg & R. J. Carroll
 8:00 am Brian Osterhaut
 Kathleen Schlitt
 9:15 am Carol Miller
 10:45 am William Van Hall
 12:15 pm Fred Bansemer, Jr.
 Lisa Calabrese



*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: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses petitions the people to follow the commandments God has set before them. He reminds them that the laws are not in the sky or far away at sea, but are accessible to them and meant to be followed if they wish to prosper.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Paul discusses the divine nature of Jesus, and explains that Jesus was created before anything else. Everything else was "created through Him, and for Him."

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

While discussing everlasting life, a lawyer mentions loving one's neighbor as oneself. The lawyer then asks Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus tells him about a man beaten by robbers, who was ignored by both a priest and a Levite before a Samaritan stopped and offered him aid. Jesus asks the lawyer who was neighbor to the injured man. The lawyer says "the one who treated him with compassion." Jesus encourages him to go and do the same.

Sunday Dt 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37, **Monday** Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34-11:1, **Tuesday** Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24, **Wednesday** Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27, **Thursday** Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30, **Friday** Ex 11:10-12:14; Mt 12:1-8, **Saturday** Ex 12:37-42; Mt 12:14-21.

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 20th & 21st

Altar Servers

5:00 pm A. & T. Pactwa

7:00 am

8:00 am L. Nolan, J. Lance

9:15 am C. Berardo, J. Tran

10:45 am B. & E. Hollinghurst

12:15 pm C. J. Hilgendorf, C. Rizzo

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm L. Bain, M. Downing, D. & S. Kaschalk

7:00 am B. Carroll

8:00 am P. Luther, K. Nolan, C. Metcalf

9:15 am P. & K. Berardo, R. DiMaggio, P. Gatti

10:45 am V. & R. Arcilla
Visit the sick: C. Uy, A. Malsbury

12:15 pm J. Alfonso, S. Hilgendorf, M. Pasuco, R. Vento

Lectors

5:00 pm K. Lucibello

7:00 am C. Ramoncionis

8:00 am J. Valle

9:15 am K. Longo

10:45 am A. Bilotti

12:15 pm C. Dillon

Reflections

Once again we hear the parable of the Good Samaritan. Those who passed by the injured man, we good people who were well respected in their communities. They had important responsibilities and schedules to keep. Others were relying on them and they did not feel they could take the time and risk to stop and help this man. Your day is filled with responsibilities, appointments to keep, and people count on you to do things and be places. It is very easy to rationalize why you must pass by those who need your help. In fact, you may be so caught up in what you are about that you do not even notice them. Try spending a day alert to the needs of others and do what you can to help them.

**Holy Spirit, help me to order my priorities rightly,
let not my work blind me from seeing the needs of others in my life.**

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.

Catholic War Veterans of America - Parsippany Chapter - Named: Chaplain (Major) Charles Joseph Watters, USA Post 1967 –CWW 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: **July 19th.**

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.

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 Prosperi, who is the yoga instructor at

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.

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

MEGA 50/50 TICKET # _____
(to be filled out by office)

SAINT CHRISTOPHER PARISH
number of shares _____

NJ LGCCC IDENTIFICATION #375-01-0914

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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