

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

July 21, 2019

The grace to forgive.

To forgive does not mean to act like no wrong was done. When we forgive, we are not saying that what that other person did or didn't do was ok. It is not forgiveness if we don't think there is any wrong. Many people don't forgive because they wrongly think that means they would be saying that what the other person did was ok. No. Nor does forgiveness mean we have to stay in a situation where we will be wronged again and again. We are not meant to live in abusive situations. Sometimes abusers will try to manipulate the other to make him or her stay in an abusive situation by making statements like: "The Bible says we must forgive" or "Aren't you a Christian?" or whatever. No, we need to set boundaries, and sometimes forgiveness means we need to step away from someone.

Jesus knows that forgiveness is tremendously difficult. Jesus also knows the damage of not forgiving is terrible. You and I will never know the freedom and joy that God wants for our lives unless we do the hard work of forgiveness.

Mathew 18:33 "Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?"

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

A Student's Prayer (by St. Thomas Aquinas)

Come, Holy Spirit, Divine Creator, true source of light and fountain of wisdom! Pour forth your brilliance upon my dense intellect, dissipate the darkness which covers me, that of sin and of ignorance. Grant me a penetrating mind to understand, a retentive memory, method and ease in learning, the lucidity to comprehend, and abundant grace in expressing myself. Guide the beginning of my work, direct its progress, and bring it to successful completion. This I ask through Jesus Christ, true God and true man, living and reigning with You and the Father, forever and ever.

Amen.

Weekly Collection

<i>First Collection</i>	<i>\$ 8,627.80</i>
<i>Online Giving</i>	<i>\$ 1,211.00</i>
<i>Attendance: 603</i>	

Thank you for your generosity!



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
 Joseph Calabrese
 12:15 pm Fred Bansenmer, Jr.
 Lisa Calabrese

Monday, July 22nd

12:05 pm Ann Paterno
 Mercedes Monroy
 Barbara Madajewski

Tuesday, July 23rd

12:05 pm Eugene Piano
 Jose Rivera

Wednesday, July 24th

12:05 pm Mary Ellen Gallagher

Thursday, July 25th

10:00 am Nicholas & Diana Lisi

Friday, July 26th

12:05 pm Lisa Calabrese

Saturday, July 27th

8:30 am Col. Paul A. Kelly
 5:00 pm Dorothy LaColla
 Dale Rapp

Sunday, July 28th

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish
 8:00 am Kathy Schlitt
 9:15 am Deceased Deacon of the Parish
 10:45 am Yvette Deschaine
 George Naseef, Sr., George Naseef, Jr.
 Joseph, Christie, Vinnie & Ralph Calabrese
 12:15 pm John Mola



*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: Genesis 18:1-10a

The Lord appeared to Abraham, who saw three men standing near his tent. Sensing they were messengers, he hurriedly brought them food and water to refresh themselves. Upon leaving, the men told him that they would visit in a year, at which time his childless wife Sarah would have a son.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

Paul discusses the suffering Christ endured for his Church. He describes his willingness to also endure suffering in Jesus' name. Paul hopes that through his sacrifices, many people will become complete in Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Jesus was welcomed into the home of a woman named Martha. She complained to Jesus that her sister Mary sat listening to him instead of helping with the tasks of entertaining. Jesus told Martha that her sister had chosen the more important task, and should be allowed to listen.

Sunday Gn 18:1-10a; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42, **Monday** Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18, **Tuesday** Ex 14:21-15:1; Mt 12:46-50, **Wednesday** Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Mt 13:1-9, **Thursday** 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28, **Friday** Ex 20:1-17; Mt 13:18-23, **Saturday** Ex 24:3-8; Mt 13:24-30.

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.*

*Let us welcome into our family of faith: **Stefano Schiavone, Jr., Harper F. Cancellieri, Jaxson A. Baggot, & Marea L. Sorrentino**, who received the sacrament of Baptism.*

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. Hilgendorff, 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. Hilgendorff, 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, were 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 **August 3rd**, 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: **August 2nd.**

Bus trip to the Wind Creek Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa. Bus leaves St. Christopher's parking lot at 9:00 am. Date: **August 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.

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 Properi, 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.

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, August 8th, at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany, at 7:30PM in room 101. Program: "Sharing good deeds and good memories". For more information please call Lily Capriglione at: 973-568-4164.

“Abraham saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he ran from the entrance of the tent to greet them; and bowing to the ground, he said, ‘Sir, if I may ask you this favor, please do not go on past your servant. Let some water be brought, that you may bathe your feet, and then rest yourselves under the tree. Now that you have come this close to your servant, let me bring you a little food, that you may refresh yourselves; and afterward you may go on your way...and he waited on them under the tree while they ate.”

During the hot, hazy, dusty days of summer we find the Genesis story welcome relief. Don't we all seek some help at this time of the year, a gentle breeze, a quiet fan or air conditioning? Imagine how welcome was this encounter with Abraham.

A fundamental principle in the Christian life is found in the virtue of hospitality. Saint Benedict likened it to prayer. Jesus found it in the home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus. We have often experienced it in visits, being welcomed into a new parish community or home. We can offer this gift to others at little cost to ourselves. The first to come to mind are immigrants and refugees.

Jesus fled to Egypt following no acceptance at the inn. Those fleeing the ravages of war, gangs and poverty at our borders, might be the God hidden from recognition in the book of Genesis. Our gift of hospitality reveals the compassion of Jesus Christ to others.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Saint of the Day

Caesare de Rossi was born at Brandisi, kingdom of Naples, on July 22nd. He was educated by the conventual Franciscans there and by his uncle at St. Mark's in Venice. When sixteen, he joined the Capuchins at Verona, taking the name Lawrence. He pursued his



higher studies in theology, philosophy, the bible, Greek, Hebrew, and several other languages at the University of Padua. He was ordained and began to preach with great effect in Northern Italy. He became definitor general of his Order in Rome in 1596, a position he was to hold five times, was assigned to conversion work with Jews, and was sent to Germany, with Blessed Benedict of Urbino, to combat Lutheranism. They founded friaries at Prague, Vienna, and Gorizia, which were to develop into the provinces of Bohemia, Austria, and Styria. At the request of Emperor Rudolf II, Lawrence helped raise an army among the German rulers to fight against the Turks, who were threatening to conquer all of Hungary, became its chaplain, and was among the leaders in the Battle of Szekesfehevar in 1601; many attributed the ensuing victory to him. In 1602, he was elected Vicar General of the Capuchins but refused re-election in 1605. He was sent to Spain by the emperor to persuade Philip III to join the Catholic League, and while there, founded a Capuchin house in Madrid. He was then sent as papal nuncio to the court of Maximillian of Bavaria, served as peacemaker in several royal disputes, and in 1618, retired from worldly affairs to the friary at Caserta. He was recalled at the request of the rulers of Naples to go to Spain to intercede with King Philip for them against the Duke of Osuna, Spanish envoy to Naples and

convinced the King to recall the Duke to avert an uprising. The trip in the sweltering heat of summer exhausted him, and he died a few days after his meeting with the King at Lisbon on July 22nd. Lawrence wrote a commentary on Genesis and several treatises against Luther, but Lawrence's main writings are in the nine volumes of his sermons. He was canonized in 1881 and proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope John XXIII in 1959. His feast day is July 21st.

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presence
of God



SAINT CHRISTOPHER CHURCH

10TH ANNUAL MEGA 50/50 RAFFLE

\$30.00 PER SHARE

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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”

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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