

From the Pastor's Desk

August 18, 2019

A solid foundation

The family is where we are formed as people. Every family is a brick in the building of society. A firm foundation is as important to the construction of a faithful person as it is to the structure of a building.

Big storms, fires, and earthquakes can demolish houses, leveling them. But, under the debris the foundation remains, and it is possible to build again. The same things happen with people. Life's storms come, suddenly and severely. They can strip us all the way to our foundation. This is the responsibility we have as parents, to make sure the faith foundation of our children has been carefully poured and solidly cured.

We ultimately have no control over the direction our children take in the future. What they build on that foundation or how many times they remodel is between them and God.

Lord, help me create a solid foundation of faith for my family. Empower and equip me to lead my people in the way we should go. May we never turn from you.

The 7:00 am daily Mass will resume on September 9, 2019.

August 15th will be The assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (a Holy Day of Obligation). Mass schedule: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 12:05 pm & 7:00 pm

Prayer of the Day

Prayer for the Safety of a Soldier

Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in you will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Weekly Collection

<i>First Collection</i>	<i>\$ 7,844.50</i>
<i>Online Giving</i>	<i>\$ 1,396.00</i>

Attendance: 631

Thank you for your generosity!

10th Annual Mega 50/50 Raffle

We are off to a great start with 388 participants already. We have collected \$11,640. The 3 winning numbers will be picked on Sunday, September 15th. Thank you for all who have joined this very important fundraiser.

Saturday, August 10th

8:30 am Ceferina Lascano
 5:00 pm Marion Gregory

Sunday, August 11th

7:00 am Kathleen Istok
 8:00 am Michael Bonomo
 9:15 am James Lott
 10:45 am Helen Skrok
 Lisa Calabrese
 12:15 pm Eleanor & Eugene Garzone
 Nicholas Parisi

Monday, August 12th

12:05 pm Barbara Kluck

Tuesday, August 13th

12:05 pm John Marx

Wednesday, August 14th

12:05 pm Marie Perricone

Thursday, August 15th The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Fernandes Family
 9:00 am John Marx
 12:05 pm Esta Poje
 7:00 pm Christopher Sliker

Friday, August 16th

12:05 pm Rosalyn Giordani

Saturday, August 17th

8:30 am Frank P. Tampany
 5:00 pm Lisa Calabrese
 Mary Dello Russo

Sunday, August 18th

7:00 am Walter Rudolf
 8:00 am Lee Lanza
 9:15 am Dr. Gordon Price
 10:45 am Carmelo Imbergamo
 Maryellen Gallagher
 12:15 pm Cecelia O'Hara
 Ruben Dumapit



*The Living Flame for the Sanctuary Light will in memory of:
John Mola
 for the month of August, 2019.*

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

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

In this excerpt, the Israelites are reminded that they were warned before God sent an angel to slay the first born of the Egyptians. God called on them to have courage, and then rewarded them by punishing their enemies and leading them from captivity.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Faith is described as true belief even toward things we cannot see. Abram's faith in God was so deep that he wandered through a foreign land, convinced God's promise of a homeland was sincere. God honored his promise to give Abram many descendants, and was proud of the deep faith Abram and his people possessed.

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

Jesus encourages us to be prepared for his return at all times, for he will come when we least expect him. He tells of a master who entrusts his home to his servants, and fully expects them to be awaiting his return. In the same manner, Jesus can arrive at any moment and expects us to be prepared for his return.

Sunday Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40, **Monday** Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27, **Tuesday** Dt 31:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14, **Wednesday** Dt 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20, **Thursday Vigil:** 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16, 16:1-2; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28, Day: Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56, **Friday** Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12, **Saturday** Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15.

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: **Anthony R. Long**, 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.



August 17th & 18th

Altar Servers

5:00 pm C. Hilgendorff, A. DeNino
7:00 am
8:00 am
9:15 am A. Justus, C. Berardo
10:45 am A. Mogan, J. Lance
12:15 pm M., M., & J. Villanueva

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm D. & S. Kaschalk, S. Hilgendorff, M. Downing
7:00 am B. Carroll
8:00 am S. & L. Richards, K. Nolan
9:15 am K. & P. Berardo, E. Haynes, B. Chmielewski
10:45 am M. & I. Sostak
Visit the sick: C. Dillon, A. Malsbury
12:15 pm P. Duong, L. Polanski, S. Capozzi,

Lectors

5:00 pm M. Dumapit
7:00 am
8:00 am L. Pascale
9:15 am K. Longo
10:45 am A. Bilotti
12:15 pm J. East

Reflections

Imagine that this was to be your last day on Earth. What would you want to do with this day? Are there things that you regret not having done or said? Are there people you need to forgive or ask forgiveness from? Have you let those you care about know how important they are to you? The daily concerns of life can easily cloud our perception of what is truly important. Take time to reflect on your "last day" and perhaps change some priorities.

*From everyone to whom has been given, much will be required. .
-Luke 12:48*

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 **September 7th**, 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: **To be advised.**

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.



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.



God Promises a Savior

Registration: One child \$50.00, two children \$65.00, three or more children \$75.00

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

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)

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number of shares _____

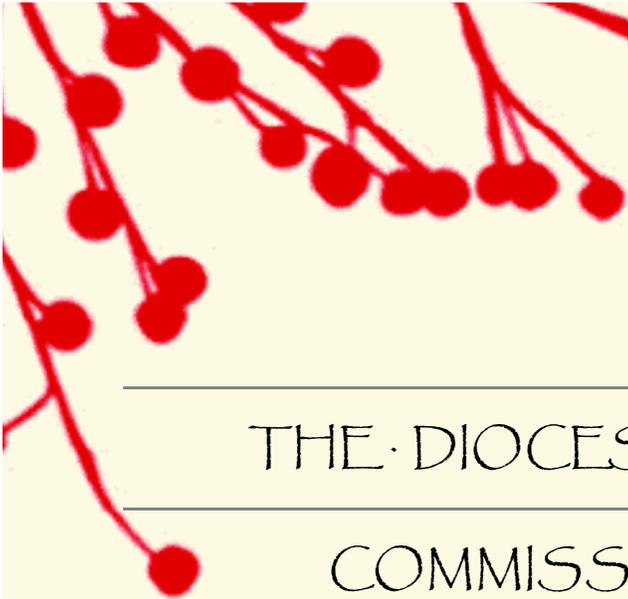
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Benefit Luncheon for
Catholic Biblical Federation (CBF)
and **Pontificio Collegio Filipino (PCF)**

Saturday, October 5, 2019
11:00 AM–2:30 PM

The Mansion at Mountain Lakes
90 US Highway 46,
Mountain Lakes, NJ 07046

Donation = \$100/person

For more details please contact:
Jeanette East at (973) 334-8766

Guest Speaker:

His Eminence

Luis Antonio Tagle, STD, DD
Cardinal, Archbishop of Manila

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