

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

### ***What love is about***

***“Love is patient, love is kind, love is not envious, or boastful, arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way. It is not irritable or resentful, it does not rejoice in wrong doing.”***

*St. Paul was a smart person, and even these few words are enough to prove that. Notice, he says more about what love is not rather than about what love is.*

*St. Paul knew that our efforts to be loving tend to get lost in our inclination to behave in a contrary manner. We have good intentions when it comes to loving one another, but we easily backslide into unloving behavior. Love is patient with others, but often we are impatient. Love is kind, but often we are unkind towards others. St. Paul clearly suggest that we can learn much about what love is if we ponder what love is not. Similarly, we can learn a lot about what love is if we ponder what love is not. How about this for dinner or family night discussion?*

*Lord Jesus, help us bring active love and faith to our family each day.*

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

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### ***Prayer of the Day***

#### ***Act of Faith***

*O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins, and that he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches, because you revealed them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived.*

***Amen.***

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### ***Weekly Collection***

First Collection	\$ 10,229.75
Online Giving	\$ 1,351.00
Project Faith	\$ 1,160.61
Mission Coop	\$ 1,433.00

*Attendance: 636*

***Thank you for your generosity!***

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### ***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 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

**Monday, August 19th**

12:05 pm Mira Rimbaldi

**Tuesday, August 20th**

12:05 pm Jack X. Ost

**Wednesday, August 21st**

12:05 pm John Paluzzi

**Thursday, August 22nd**

12:05 pm Thomas E. Dillon  
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**Friday, August 23rd**

12:05 pm John Zimmer  
 Louise C. Kelly

**Saturday, August 24th**

8:30 am John Marx  
 5:00 pm Margaret Antonelli  
 Maryann Kolinsky  
 Mercedes Garcia  
 Robert Aldrich

**Sunday, August 25th**

7:00 am Mary Maciag  
 8:00 am Pat Russioniello  
 9:15 am Miriam Young  
 10:45 am Dorothy & Paul Gerber, Sr.  
 12:15 pm Anne Price



*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, especially: **Antoinette R. Jacobazzi.***

**First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10**

*Jeremiah urged the people of Jerusalem to surrender to the enemy. This angered the princes, who then requested that Jeremiah be put to death. The king allowed the princes to leave him in a cistern without food or water. But after Ebed Melech pleaded for Jeremiah's life, the king decided to free him.*

**Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4**

*This letter to the Hebrews inspires all Christians to persevere, in spite of the trials they may face. Jesus endured much suffering and was rewarded by God. Despite our struggles, we must remember Jesus' ability to endure and maintain strong faith in him.*

**Gospel: Luke 12:49-53**

*Jesus tells his disciples that his message will not bring peace to the earth. Instead, even families will become sharply divided because some members will embrace him, while others condemn him.*

**Sunday** Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53, **Monday** Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22, **Tuesday** Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30, **Wednesday** Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16, **Thursday** Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14, **Friday** Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40, **Saturday** Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51.

**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 **September 9th**, at 7:00 pm in room 101 of the school. Please call the rectory to enroll or if you have any other questions.*

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*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 24th & 25th***

**Altar Servers**

**5:00 pm** J. Tran, E. & R. Marsh  
**7:00 am**  
**8:00 am** A. Valle, T. Wyka  
**9:15 am** T. & A. Pactwa  
**10:45 am** A. Mogan, J. Lance  
**12:15 pm** M., M., & J. Villanueva

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**5:00 pm** M. & J. Davies, J. Lipuma, J. Sole  
**7:00 am** B. Carroll  
**8:00 am** L. Valle, J. Mucerino, L. Scangarella  
**9:15 am** C. Callahan, B. & M. Pactwa, B. Wyka  
**10:45 am** R. & V. Arcilla  
**Visit the sick:** L. Copeland & C. Uy  
**12:15 pm** J. Alfonso, L. & R. Polanski, T. Racioppi

**Lectors**

**5:00 pm** M. Dumapit  
**7:00 am**  
**8:00 am** J. Valle  
**9:15 am** C. Haney  
**10:45 am** K. Lucibello  
**12:15 pm** M. Reyes

**Reflections**

*Jeremiah never wanted to be a prophet because he knew it meant telling people what they did not want to hear. There are times when we are also called upon to say things that people do not want to hear. It can be very hard to hear the truth when it isn't popular. It is equally hard to hear the truth when we find it challenging or uncomfortable. Reflect on your own experience. How did you respond to the opportunity to speak a truth that you knew would not be popular? How well did you accept a truth you did not want to hear? How can you become better at both?*

***Happy are those who make the Lord their trust.  
-Psalm 40:4***

## 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: **September 6th.**

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

### 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!**

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### 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

**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](http://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.

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#### St. Paul Inside the Walls...

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

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**The Compassionate Friends**, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, September 12th, at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany, at 7:30PM in room 101. Program: Presenter Lisa Athan, MA-Grief specialist and national speaker ( pictures are always welcome). For more information please call Lily Capriglione at: 973-568-4164.

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***“Jeremiah ought to be put to death: he is demoralizing the soldiers that are left in the city, and all the people, by speaking such things to them; he is not interested in the welfare of the people, but in their ruin....let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith.”***

*Jeremiah, the prophet, spoke for God. The role of the prophet is to disturb the comfortable and calm the disturbed. Unlike our current political promises, he was calling people back to the Lord. It is not easy to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, as our culture of selfishness, greed, and consumerism, are the cause of detours and distraction, of sadness and division.*

*As a missionary disciple, I am counter cultural, seeking to walk with others in pursuit of the values of the gospel. In this way I work for the well being of all. Where are your eyes and efforts directed?*

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

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SAVE THE DATE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2109 (5 to 9 PM) Mary Queen of all Nations Missionary Alliance (MQAN) will be celebrating their 35th Year Anniversary with a Dinner/Dance Fundraiser at the Madison Hotel in Convent Station. Honorees are Msgr. John Hart, Pastor Assumption Church, James Gannon, Morris County Sherriff, and Sister Jo Mascera, Chaplain-Retired, Morristown Memorial Center-Atlantic Health. MQAN was awarded the Caritas Award from Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Paterson for its support of The Carmelite Sisters, Sisters of Christian Charities, Religious Teachers Filippini, Assumption College for Sisters, parishes and similar type organizations who perform missionary work throughout the world. Cost is \$85.00 per person with 100% of net proceeds distributed to these organizations. More Information to follow. If you have any questions, please email Deacon Richard Reck at [deaconrichardreck@gmail.com](mailto:deaconrichardreck@gmail.com).

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### ALL SAINTS ACADEMY CORNER

#### TEACHING OPPORTUNITY AT ASA

All Saints Academy (Parsippany) and Divine Mercy Academy (Rockaway) are seeking a full time, physical education/health teacher for grades K - 8 for the 2019-20 school year. This position is a “shared” assignment between our two, nearby diocesan schools. Candidates must have appropriate New Jersey state teacher certification credentials.

Applicants should send a letter of interest and resume to Judith Berg, All Saints Academy Principal at [jberg@allsaintspar.org](mailto:jberg@allsaintspar.org). For further information, please call the school at 973-334-4704

All Saints Academy is a nationally recognized STEM school of the Diocese of Paterson. Our school offers a comprehensive, multi-curricular, rigorous academic program, centered on values-based education. Contact our school principal, Mrs. Judy Berg, at 973-334-4704, to discuss ASA admission policies and registration procedures.

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**2020 Silver and Gold Anniversary Mass will be on November 3rd at 3:30 pm. Please Call the rectory for more information and to register.**

# SAINT CHRISTOPHER CHURCH

## 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEGA 50/50 RAFFLE

\$30.00 PER SHARE

CASH DISTRIBUTED LAST YEAR \$7325.00

### THREE (3) WINNERS

**1<sup>ST</sup> WINNER – 25% OF GROSS PROCEEDS**

**2<sup>ND</sup> WINNER – 20% OF GROSS PROCEEDS**

**3<sup>RD</sup> 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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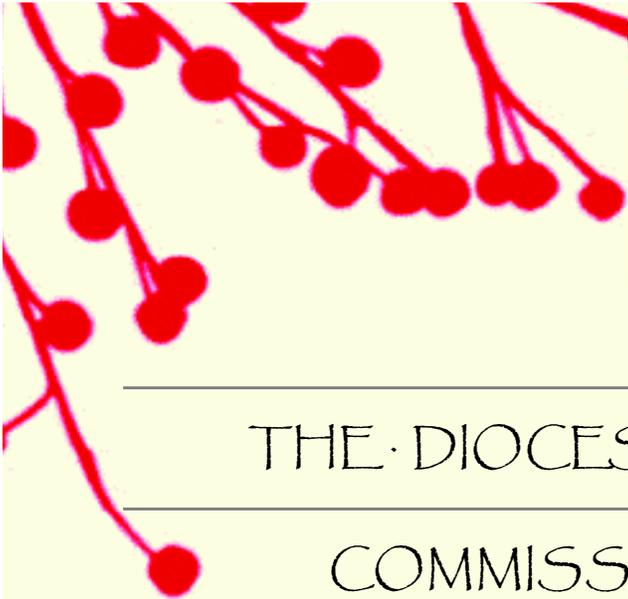
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Benefit Luncheon for  
***Catholic Biblical Federation (CBF)***  
and ***Pontificio Collegio Filippino (PCF)***

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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