

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

### **Charles O'Connor**

*Was the first Catholic candidate from a major political party to run for the presidency of the United States. Born in NYC in 1804, he was second generation Irish American, who became a successful lawyer. One of his earliest cases involved a dispute over the election of trustees for St. Paul Catholic Church, a parish in his old neighborhood. Considered one of the greatest legal minds of his time, his name was mentioned as a possible presidential candidate. Even though he had declined the nomination, his name appeared as a candidate for the Straight-Out– Democratic Party in the 1872 election. O'Connor received less than one percent of the popular vote. Later he was named defense attorney for the Confederate President Jefferson Davies, who was accused of treason following the Civil War. He died on May 12, 1884. His funeral was held at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York, where he was buried in the family vault.*

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

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### **Prayer of the Day**

#### **Husband's Prayer**

*O gracious Father, Maker and Preserver of heaven and earth, who in the beginning didn't institute matrimony, thereby foreshadowing the mystical union of the Church with our Savior Christ, who, during His ministry upon earth, did honor marriage with His first miracle: help me, I pray Thee, by Thy grace to live in holiness and purity with the wife whom Thou hast given me. Mortify in me all violence of earthly passion, all selfishness and inconsiderateness (here name any besetting sin which may be a hindrance to you), that I may love her as Christ loved His Church, cherish and comfort her as my own body, and have as great care for her happiness as for my own. Grant that we may live in peace, without contention; in unity, without discord. [Give us, O Lord, discreet heart and understanding minds, to bring up our children in Thy faith and fear, that they may be obedient to Thee and to Thy commandments, and to all that Thou requirest of them in their duties towards their parents.] And give us, O Lord, a sufficiency of those things necessary to maintain ourselves and our family according to that rank and calling wherein Thou hast placed us, without excess or vainglory, in singleness and pureness of heart. Grant this for Jesus Christ's sake, to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, now and forever.*

***Amen.***

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### **Weekly Collection**

First Collection	\$ 8,307.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,251.00

*Attendance: 722*

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

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### **10th Annual Mega 50/50 Raffle**

*To date we have 481 participants, and collected \$14,430.00. The 3 winning numbers will be picked on Sunday, September 15th. Thank you for all who have joined this very important fundraiser.*

*To those of you who have yet to receive your number, you should receive them no later than the end of this week. Thank you all for your patience.*

**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

**Monday, August 26th**

12:05 pm Millie Connor  
 Gioachim Cipolla

**Tuesday, August 27th**

12:05 pm Col. Paul A. Kelly

**Wednesday, August 28th**

12:05 pm Jean Herr  
 Josephine & Frank Vignola

**Thursday, August 29th**

12:05 pm Pasquale Pat DeIeso  
 Frank Skladanny  
 Anne M. Leonard  
 John Mola

**Friday, August 30th**

12:05 pm Sergio Wong

**Saturday, August 31st**

8:30 am Eugene Natoli, Sr.  
 5:00 pm Gerri Cappuccino

**Sunday, September 1st**

7:00 am Mary Maciag  
 8:00 am Clarence, Minnie & Craig Hall  
 Sal Neglia  
 9:15 am Annette Iacobazzi  
 10:45 am Special Intentions - Anne Bilotti  
 12:15 pm Jerry Hoffman



*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: Isaiah 66:18-21**

*Isaiah portrays a time when people from many nations will gather in Jerusalem and proclaim God's glory. God's messengers will teach many nations about God. Just as the Israelites bring offerings, these messengers will bring people from all nations to worship.*

**Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13**

*The Hebrews are told that God disciplines those he loves. When a parent disciplines a child, the child usually learns what is expected of him. The Hebrews are encouraged to face life's trials as a form of discipline, and attempt to learn something from them.*

**Gospel: Luke 13:22-30**

*Jesus warns that the door to God's kingdom will be locked for those who ignored his wishes. Many people will come from all nations and take their place in God's kingdom. Others will not be recognized by God, and he will reject them.*

**Sunday** Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30, **Monday** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22, **Tuesday** 1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26, **Wednesday** 1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32, **Thursday** 1 Thes 3:7-13; Mk 6:17-29, **Friday** 1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13, **Saturday** 1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30

**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 **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 31st & September 1st***

**Altar Servers**

**5:00 pm** C. Berardo, C. Rizzo

**7:00 am**

**8:00 am** L. & C. Przyhocki

**9:15 am** B. & E. Hollinghurst

**10:45 am** L. Taylor, C. Hilgendorff, G. Harris

**12:15 pm** M., M. & J. Villanueva

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**5:00 pm** J. Kobeszko, L. Bain, S. DeMaio, M. Downing

**7:00 am** B. Carroll

**8:00 am** S. & L. Richards, P. Luther

**9:15 am** P. Gatti, E. Haynes, C. Metcalf, K. Nolan

**10:45 am** M. Vitale, S. Hilgendorf  
**Visit the sick:** C. Dillon, A. Malsbury, A. Calabria

**12:15 pm** R. Vento, W. Koeller, R. & L. Polanski

**Lectors**

**5:00 pm** J. Lucibello

**7:00 am** C. Ramoncionis

**8:00 am** M. Appio

**9:15 am** K. Longo

**10:45 am** J. Cannaveno

**12:15 pm** L. Pascale

**Reflections**

*From Biblical times to present, people have often thought that if God was pleased with them, then good things would happen to them. If you experienced trials and troubles than you must have done something wrong. That is not the message of the New Testament. It is not the example we are given in Christ's life. Good things are not rewards nor are bad things punishment. Both can be used to deepen our relationship with God. How do you see the good and bad things in your life. Do you see them as opportunities to grow closer to God?*

*Steadfast is his kindness toward us, and the fidelity of the Lord endures forever.  
-Psalm 117:2*

## 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 973-887-5645.

### St. Christopher Women's Book Club

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

Summer reading list:

**Summer book list: (read as many as you like)**

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 Pros-

**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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*“Jesus passed through many towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, ‘Lord, will only a few people be saved?’ He answered them, ‘Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough... He will say, I do not know where you are from...’”*

Because of the generosity of our God in coming, redeeming and saving us, we tend to become lazy and indifferent, forgetting that Jesus entrusts a task to us. St. Paul tells us ‘He wants all people to be saved and come to knowledge of the truth.’ But His wish is also that we STRIVE, make a concerted effort, to gain the gift of salvation.

Through our life of prayer we stay in communication with our God. Through our service to one another with the works of mercy we grow in our love of our neighbor. Through our active participation in the life of the church and community, we make the gospel known.

Among the challenges of our day is legislation denying the right to life, mercy killing, closing the door to immigrants and refugees. The horrible laws are passed by Catholic legislators who seem to miss the point of the gospel.

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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**Please refer to the insert section in this bulletin to find out more about the 2020 Silver and Gold Anniversary Mass and how to register for it.**

# 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)

SAINT CHRISTOPHER PARISH  
number of shares \_\_\_\_\_

NJ LGCCC IDENTIFICATION #375-01-0914

MUNICIPAL #RL1546

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

# Private/Personal Information Sheet Kept in a Private File Cabinet

**ST. CHRISTOPHER PARISH**  
 1050 Littleton Road  
 Parsippany, NJ 07054

**C.C.D. PROGRAM**  
 Registration Form  
 2019-2020

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 (First) (Last)

Father's Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Street) (Town) (Zip) (Home/Cellphone)

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 (First) (Last)

Mother's Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 (If different) (Street) (Town) (Zip) (Home/Cellphone)

Child/Children Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Street) (Town) (Zip)

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

**The Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation require a two-year immediate preparation.**

CHILD'S NAME	Date of Birth	CCD Grade in Sept. 2019	

K ----- 11

1 child \$75

2 children \$100

3 or more children \$120

***\*If possible, include the fee with your registration form. If this is not possible, please call the CCD Office and speak to Mrs. Jacisin or Fr. Joe.***

***\*\*Parents: If the family is not registered at St. Christopher Church please add \$15.00 per child to the registration fee.***

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **ST. CHRISTOPHER CHURCH/CCD**

AMOUNT PAID \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Join us for a fun filled evening at...

# St. Christopher's



On Friday, September 27, 2019 at 6:30 pm  
in the All Purpose Room.

Hot dogs and refreshments will be available for  
purchase with free snacks for the kids.

Game Night fun includes Kids Bingo and a kid's  
tricky tray.





**SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Couples, were you married in 1969 or 1994? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Serratelli will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held:

**Sunday, November 3rd, 2019 at 3:30 pm.**

Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. **The deadline to register is Friday, October 11th, 2019.** You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. *Congratulacions on this joyous occasion!*

**THIS FORM SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO YOUR PARISH SECRETARY NO LATER THEN OCTOBER 11th, 2019.**

Personalized commemorative certificates will be presented to each couple. This form should be filled out by the couple and returned to the parish secretary.

**TYPE or PRINT.**

(circle one)

**(SILVER ANNIVERSARY) or (GOLD ANNIVERSARY) or (60+ years)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Names (Husband) (Wife) Last Name

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ New Jersey \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip Code)

Email \_\_\_\_\_ (His) \_\_\_\_\_ (Hers)

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ (His) \_\_\_\_\_ (Hers)

Date of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Current Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Parish Town \_\_\_\_\_

Approximately how many guests will be attending? \_\_\_\_\_

*If 60+ years of marriage*, please write the exact number of years: \_\_\_\_\_

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I am a lector/reader in my parish and would like to be considered as a possible reader for this Mass. Name \_\_\_\_\_

We need special seating arrangements (i.e., wheelchair, disability, etc.). Please give specifics: \_\_\_\_\_