

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

### ***Why be an active registered parishioner.***

*By registering at St. Christopher's Parish, you are declaring your desire to be part of a Catholic faith community. If you have recently moved to the area or if you are a long time resident, please consider registering at St. Christopher where you participate.*

*Here are a few reasons to register:*

- 1. A sense of belonging & identity in a parish community.*
- 2. It is a commitment to practice your faith.*
- 3. Registration enables us to get to know you better.*
- 4. Registration helps you stay connected with the parish.*
- 5. If you use offertory envelopes or online giving, you receive a year end statement of your donation.*
- 6. Registered members are eligible for sponsor/godparent validation.*

*Thank you.*

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### ***Weekend Collection***

<i>First Collection</i>	<i>\$ 9,158.75</i>
<i>Online Giving</i>	<i>\$ 1,521.00</i>
<i>Project Faith</i>	<i>\$ 1,372.00</i>

***Attendance: 711***

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

### ***First Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17***

*Elisha cures Naaman of leprosy, which convinces Naaman that there is only one God. Naaman then asks to take some loads of soil from Israel, so that he can worship and make sacrifices to one true God on his own land.*

### ***Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13***

*Paul reminds Timothy that Christ rose from the dead so that many people could be saved. Paul was being treated as a criminal and kept in chains but says, "There is no chaining the word of God!" Paul also says, "if we die in Christ, we will live in him. But if we deny him, he will deny us."*

### ***Gospel: Luke 17:11-19***

*Jesus cures ten lepers, but only one returns to express gratitude for being healed. Jesus is disappointed that only one gave thanks to God, but tells that one, "Your faith has been your salvation."*

***Sunday*** 2 Kgs 5:14-17; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19, ***Monday*** Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32, ***Tuesday*** Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41, ***Wednesday*** Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46, ***Thursday*** Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54, ***Friday*** 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9 ***Saturday*** Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12.

**Saturday, October 12th**

8:30 am Christina Azares  
 5:00 pm Collin Perrone

**Sunday, October 13th**

7:00 am Robert J. Carroll  
 8:00 am Eugene Caulfield  
 9:15 am Genevieve Hayes  
 10:45 am Dolores Pinkos  
 Lucy Naseef, Lucille & Aurora Calabrese  
 12:15 pm Maxima Beltrau-Santos  
 Jessie Christian Faunt

**Monday, October 14th**

7:00 am Jeronimo Vaz  
 12:05 pm Stanley Karlak

**Tuesday, October 15th**

7:00 am Dominick Cecere  
 12:05 pm Meghan Nugent  
 John Paluzzi

**Wednesday, October 16th**

7:00 am Jean L. Kelly  
 12:05 pm Rose & Nicholas DiVincenzo

**Thursday, October 17th**

7:00 am Arlene Campagna  
 12:05 pm Norma & Fedora Palumbo

**Friday, October 18th**

7:00 am Lorenzo Rodriguez  
 12:05 pm Lawrence McLean  
 Pablo Orani

**Saturday, October 19th**

8:30 am Antonio Veloso  
 Mirosław Karlak, Sr.  
 5:00 pm Winifred Scanlon

**Sunday, October 20th**

7:00 am Mina Vigilante  
 8:00 am Betty Chorny  
 9:15 am Vincent Garziosa  
 10:45 am Paul Gerber, Jr.  
 12:15 pm Grace McGee



*The Living Flame for the Sanctuary Light will in memory of:  
 Santos & Raymunda Ruguian  
 for the month of October, 2019.*

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

### October 19th & 20th

#### Altar Servers

**5:00 pm** B. & B. Davies,  
D. Lipuma  
**7:00 am** A. Rozanitis  
**8:00 am** A. Anastasi, A. Valle,  
T. Wyka  
**9:15 am** CJ. Hilgendorff, J. &  
M. Villanueva  
**10:45 am** J. Lance, L. Nolan,  
A. To  
**12:15 pm** N. Hardy, E. & R.  
Marsh

#### Eucharistic Ministers

**5:00 pm** M. & J. Davies,  
J. Lipuma, M. Long  
**7:00 am** B. Carroll  
**8:00 am** E. Shabet, L. Valle,  
B. Wyka  
**9:15 am** P. Gatti, R. DiMaggio,  
E. Haynes, S. Hilgendorff  
**10:45 am** S. & L. Richards  
**Visit the sick:** L. Copeland, A. Ca-  
labria  
**12:15 pm** J. & L. Schneidmuller,  
R. Vento, M. Pasuco

#### Lectors

**5:00 pm** L. Pascale  
**7:00 am** K. Lucibello  
**8:00 am** J. Valle  
**9:15 am**  
**10:45 am** K. Longo  
**12:15 pm** B. East

## **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 **October 14th**, 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 Martí, 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.*



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## **2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal**

For I was hungry...

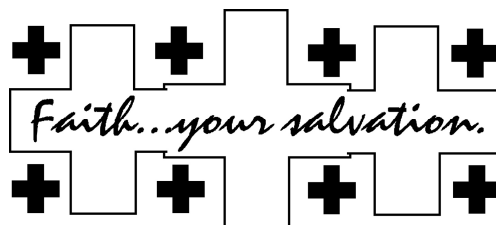
One of the benefits of giving to our Bishop's Annual Appeal is the knowledge that the funds stay in our own Diocese and only support important needs in Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties. This local connection means that you may be helping your next door neighbor, a former pastor now living in our priests' retirement residence, the store owner you see each day as you shop in town, perhaps even a family member. Please help your neighbor in need and make a pledge to the Annual Appeal today! For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at [www.2019appeal.org](http://www.2019appeal.org).

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

### **The Beatitudes**

*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the earth. Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for justice, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who suffer persecution for justice' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when men reproach you, and persecute you, and speaking falsely, say all manner of evil against you, for My sake.*



# 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. Topic: Pope Leo XIII.**

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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 **November 2nd**, 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** – CWV 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: **October 14th.** 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

Next book club meeting will be on Tuesday, **November 5th.**

**New book selection:**

**Lady in the Lake by Laura Lippman.** Hope to see you all there, new members always welcome.

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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 Prospero, who is the yoga instructor at pprosperi51@gmail.com.



**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, October 10th, at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany, at 7:30PM in room 101. Program: The NEW me and how are you different since your child's death (pictures are always welcome). For more information please call Lily Capriglione at: 973-568-4164.

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### ALL SAINTS ACADEMY CORNER

#### Mary - Queen of the Rosary

During this month of October, our prayers and sentiments are centered on Mary, Queen of the Rosary. Our students pray the Rosary together and privately, and each afternoon prayer is also dedicated to Mary. You are invited to our October Rosary Prayer Service on Monday, October 21st, 1:45pm in our school gymnasium. The officers of the National Junior Honor Society will lead us in a joyous celebration of Mary's loving presence in our lives.

Participation in liturgy and special religious events is one of the many joys of a Catholic school environment. 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. A spirit of faith, respect and joy are evident in our school. In addition to religious instruction, students model Christian ideals through cooperative activities, spiritual and liturgical celebrations, participation in Sacraments, and service outreach. An active parent organization lends partnership and support to the school community. The Early Childhood Center offers classes for three and four year old children. The elementary and middle school classes include kindergarten through grade eight. Contact our school principal, Mrs. Judy Berg, at 973-334-4704, to schedule a tour and classroom visit.

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#### Woman's Society Fundraiser:

Monday, October 21st at the Gourmet Café located on Baldwin Road in Parsippany, NJ. The club will get 10% of the entire days proceeds. Dine in takeout or gift cards. All are welcome to come in and join us. For information contact Joan at 973-887-3508.

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#### OLM Healing Mass

The Health Ministry of Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Whippany invites you to a **Healing Mass** on Saturday, October 19th at 11:00 am at the Parish Center (handicap accessible). The liturgy addresses physical, spiritual and emotional healing. If desired, participants will receive an individual blessing. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP before October 16th to OLM rectory (973) 887-0050 or email to [olmchwhip@aol.com](mailto:olmchwhip@aol.com) or to Kathy at (973)428-4996.

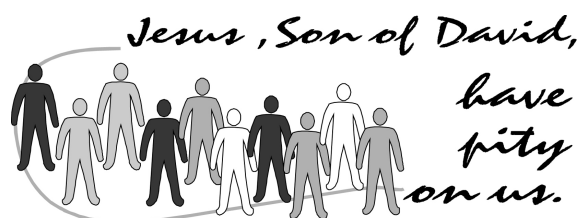
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**OAK KNOLL SCHOOL OF THE HOLY CHILD OPEN HOUSE:** Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child, a Catholic Independent school, all girls, grades 7-12, invites you to attend an Open House. This includes a presentation, tour and faculty showcase. Dates are Saturday, October 19th and November 16th, 9:30-11:15 am. For more information and to register online visit our website [www.oakknoll.org](http://www.oakknoll.org) or call Admissions at 908-522-8109. Pre-registration is recommended but not required in order to attend.

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#### Medicare Health Plan Information Session

Questions about Medicare Health Plans? We've got answers. The Knights of Columbus has arranged for a representative to be present to answer questions about any product on Tuesday, October 22 at 7pm in the All Purpose Room. Refreshments will be served. If you can not attend and have questions, call 973-902-5445.



# All Souls Day - Memorial Candles

November is the Month of Remembrance for all our departed loved ones. This commemoration begins with the Memorial of All Souls on November 2nd. We are offering special Memorial Candles that will burn next to the altar during Sunday Masses throughout the month of November.

A label will be placed on the front of the candle with the name of your loved one. Candles have space for only 1 name.

**The requested donation for these candles  
is \$25.00 each.**

Please fill out the form below & place it in an envelope with the required donation and mark the envelope “*Memorial Candles*”.

The envelope can be placed in the regular collection basket or dropped off at the Parish Office.

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## All Souls Day Memorial Candle

\$25.00/candle (Please Print)

1 Name per Candle

Name of Person Ordering Candle \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Candle \_\_\_\_\_

Please drop off in the Parish Office or  
Collection Basket in an envelope marked “Memorial  
Candle” Any Questions, please call Parish Office  
973-539-7050

**\*\*All requests must be in no later than October 25<sup>th</sup> \*\***

# Family Magic Night at St. Christopher



on October 18, 2019  
In the All Purpose Room

Featuring:

## **Benjamin's Comedy Cascade Extreme Variety Show**



Refreshments will go on sale at 6:30pm with the  
show starting promptly at 7:00 pm.

All are welcome!