

From the Pastor's Desk

St. Francis, patron of ecology

With climate change, unsustainable agriculture, and rampant deforestation for timber all contributing to habitat loss for wildlife around the world, St. Francis, and currently Pope Francis' message on caring for the environment still ring true today. St. Francis cared about the environment and wildlife, and made it his mission to spread awareness through his sermons. Through environmental education, climate activism, and the protection of endangered species around the world. St. Francis' message and celebration of earth continues today.

Pope Francis prays that God pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

Weekend Collection

<i>First Collection</i>	\$ 9,937.75
<i>Online Giving</i>	\$ 1,256.00

Attendance: 688

Thank you for your generosity!

First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13

Amalek and his people attacked the Israelites, so Moses instructed Joshua to lead some of the Israelites into battle the next day. While Moses kept his hands raised in prayer, the Israelites were winning. But when he put his hands down, they would begin to lose. So two others helped him keep his hands raised, and Joshua and the Israelites won the battle.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Paul tells Timothy that the Scriptures are inspired by God and are an excellent tool in teaching others about God's expectations of his people. Knowledge of the Scriptures, coupled with faith in Jesus, will lead many people to salvation. Paul urges Timothy to continue preaching the gospel, although this will sometimes be a difficult task.

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Jesus speaks about a corrupt judge who lacked respect for either God or man. A widow repeatedly asked him to settle a case in her favor. He finally settled the case, only because he grew weary of listening to her requests. Jesus points out that if even this corrupt judge eventually listened, then God, who is just, will certainly answer the pleas of his people.

Sunday Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8, ***Monday*** Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21, ***Tuesday*** Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Lk 12:35-38, ***Wednesday*** Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48, ***Thursday*** Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53, ***Friday*** Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59, ***Saturday*** Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9.

Saturday, October 19th

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

Sunday, October 20th

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

Monday, October 21st

7:00 am Hedwig Falgowski
12:05 pm Special Intentions - Sarah Miller

Tuesday, October 22nd

7:00 am Connie Walsh
12:05 pm Johnny Karlak

Wednesday, October 23rd

7:00 am Bill Taylor
12:05 pm Mark Palermo

Thursday, October 24th

7:00 am Ann Paterno
12:05 pm John Zimmer
Louise C. Kelly

Friday, October 25th

7:00 am Special Intentions - Matilde Morros
12:05 pm Felicia Cholewinska

Saturday, October 26th

8:30 am John A. Blunt, Jr.
5:00 pm Christopher O'Halloran

Sunday, October 27th

7:00 am Ann Paterno
8:00 am John Mucrino
9:15 am Mimi Letts
10:45 am Col. Paul A. Kelly
12:15 pm Marie & John Marchisa



*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, especially: **Christopher E. Garcia & Diana S. Yufasz.***

October 26th & 27th

Altar Servers

5:00 pm T. Lally,
T. & A. Pactwa
7:00 am Lalo Family
8:00 am A. & D. Guzzardo,
A. Anastasi
9:15 am A. Mogan,
E. & B. Hollinghurst
10:45 am A. Justus, M. & M.
Rankel
12:15 pm E. & R. Marsh &
N. Hardy

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm J. Sole, E. Lally,
B. & M. Pactwa
7:00 am B. Carroll
8:00 am C. Metcalf, S. DeMaio,
P. Luther
9:15 am M. & L. Sostak, C. To
K. Hollinghurst
10:45 am W. Koeller, C. Ocker
Visit the sick: A. Malsbury, C. Uy
12:15 pm S. Marsh, L. * & R. Po-
lanski, M. Vitale

Lectors

5:00 pm C. Haney
7:00 am M. Dumapit
8:00 am M. Montefusco
9:15 am
10:45 am A. Bilotti
12:15 pm M. Reyes

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 **November 11th**, 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: **Sloan Rae Godleski**, 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 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.



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.

Prayer of the Day

Apostle's Creed (A Prayer of Faith)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.



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: **to be advised.** 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.

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 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, November 14, 2019 at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany, at 7:30PM in room 101. **Program: GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Michael Giuliano, a prominent Morristown Psychiatrist. (Pictures are always welcome)** For more information please call Lily Capriglione at: 973-568-4164.

ALL SAINTS ACADEMY CORNER

Calling all toddlers and little ones! Join us for **ASA Story & STEM Tot Time**, every Thursday morning, 10-11am, beginning October 24th, in the ASA Library. ASA will host a fun hour of stories, songs and a STEM activity for young children, ages 2-4 years old. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends, join together with families and be a special part of our school community. Parents, grandparents and caregivers are welcome too! Please call our school office, at 973-334-4704, to let us know you will be attending.

All Saints Academy is currently accepting new students for the 2019-20 school year. Please contact our school office to schedule an appointment to visit us and tour our school. 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 schedule a tour and classroom visit.

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.

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 22nd at 7pm in the All Purpose Room. Refreshments will be served.

If you can not attend and have questions, call 973-902-5445.



SAINT CHRISTOPHER PARISH 20-WEEK CLUB MAINTENANCE & REPAIR FUND 2020

Raffle License #
ID #375-01-0914

Location: 1050 Littleton Road
Parsippany, NJ 07054
Time: 12:00 noon

- A. Each participant pays \$100 once or \$20 a month for 5 months, starting January and ending in May.
- B. There is a winner selected each week, two winners on week 10 (\$500/each) two winners on week 17 (\$400/each) and five winners on week 20 (\$1000/each).

<u>January 2020</u>		<u>February 2020</u>		<u>March 2020</u>		<u>April 2020</u>		<u>May 2020</u>	
1/4	\$150	2/1	\$200	3/7	\$500/\$500	4/4	\$350	5/2	\$375
1/11	\$150	2/8	\$200	3/14	\$300	4/11	\$350	5/9	\$400
1/18	\$175	2/15	\$200	3/21	\$300	4/18	\$375	5/16	\$1000
1/25	\$175	2/22	\$250	3/28	\$300	4/25	\$400, \$400		\$1000
		2/29	\$250						\$1000

- C. A person can win more than once. Your name is put back in so you can win again.
- D. We are planning on having our first drawing on January 4, 2020. Drawings will be held each SATURDAY. A list of winners will be posted in the vestibule of the Church and in the bulletin.
- E. If a participant fails to pay the monthly dues, he/she will be disqualified for the remainder of the drawing.
- F. If gambling is a problem for you or someone in your family, DIAL 1-800-GAMBLER.
- G. The aggregate value of all prizes **\$11,300**. No substitution of the offered prizes may be made.

PLEASE PRINT – FILL OUT FORM AND RETURN TO: St. Christopher Rectory

All forms must be returned no later than January 3, 2020.

20-week club# _____
Raffle License #
ID #375-01-0914

Saint Christopher Church
Calendar Raffle – 20-week club
January, February, March, April, May 2020

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

_____ \$100 payment in full

_____ \$20 partial payment

_____ number of raffles purchased

***The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe
To Be at The Church of the Assumption
Jefferson Ave. Emerson, NJ
All Saints Day - November 1st, 2019***



- The Image will be available for personal prayer and veneration at all the Masses on November 1st. After the 7pm Mass, in addition to prayer and veneration, there will be a short presentation explaining the symbolism in the Image. Did you know that the stars on Her mantle are in the exact formation of the stars in the sky when Our Lady appeared to St. Juan Diego in December of 1531?
- The Missionary Image is a 4' by 6' digital replica of the original Image on St. Juan Diego's tilma that is still in existence today almost 500 years later for all to see.
- The Missionary Image has been commissioned to journey the world to bring about conversions and a culture of life. This Image is rare, special, and extraordinary! It represents the spiritual presence of Our Lady!! Because of Her commissioning many miracles, signs and wonders have been attributed to this Image.
- Please come, bring your petitions, your worries, your concerns to Our Lady. Did She not tell St. Juan Diego, "Am I not here who is your Mother?". A basket will be present for the collection of the petitions.
- There is no cost to attend however, donations to support the Apostolate would be greatly appreciated. A free will basket will be available for those who feel moved to contribute.



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.

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 25th ****