

From the Pastor's Desk

Penny Lernoux

In 1962, Penny Lernoux was a journalist in Columbia, covering Latin America. Although raised Catholic and educated in Catholic Schools, Lernoux had fallen away from her faith, disillusioned by what she saw as its conservatism and irrelevance. But by the 1970's, she met a group of Catholic Maryknoll missionaries in Chile "who showed me a different church - the church of the poor", she later wrote.

Impressed by their dedication and faith, she soon began reporting their stories and giving a voice to the poor. Her books, "Cry of the People" and "People of God", chronicled the struggles of the Catholic Church and the people of Latin America.

In 1989 she was diagnosed with lung cancer and died a month later on October 8th. She was 49 years old.

At the time of her diagnosis, Lernoux was working on another book, "Hearts on Fire", which told the story of the Maryknoll Sisters. It was published posthumously. Penny Lernoux was born in January 6, 1940. She admired women and men from other religious orders, but she owed a special debt to Maryknoll because it was through their missionaries in Chile that she regained her Catholic Faith.

Weekend Collection

<i>First Collection</i>	\$ 8,861.75
<i>Online Giving</i>	\$ 1,046.00
<i>World Mission Sunday</i>	\$ 1,185.50

Attendance: 678

Thank you for your generosity!

First Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

God is just and does not show favoritism, but hears the prayers of everyone. Anyone who serves God, no matter how lowly his position here on earth, will be heard and answered.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Paul writes to Timothy that he thinks his mission is near the end, and he is glad his faith is still strong. Paul hopes that all nations will hear the gospel. But, if he is executed as he anticipates, he is sure he will live forever in heaven.

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Jesus tells a parable about a Pharisee who went to the temple, and offered up a prayer of thanks because he was not a sinner like the tax collector who was also there to pray. The tax collector was far more humble, acknowledging his sins, and asking forgiveness for them. Jesus said the tax collector's prayer would be heard because, "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, while he who humbles himself will be exalted".

Sunday Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14, ***Monday*** Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16, ***Tuesday*** Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21, ***Wednesday*** Rom 8:26-30; Lk 13:22-30, ***Thursday*** Rom 8:31b-39; Lk 13:31-35, ***First Friday*** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a, ***First Saturday*** Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40 or any readings from no. 668 or from the Lectionary for Mass (vol. IV), the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016

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 Mucerino
 9:15 am Mimi Letts
 10:45 am Col. Paul A. Kelly
 12:15 pm Marie & John Marchisa

Monday, October 28th

7:00 am Gina Arcieri
 12:05 pm John Mola

Tuesday, October 29th

7:00 am Steve Bolger
 12:05 pm Frank Skladany

Wednesday, October 30th

7:00 am Arlene Campagna
 12:05 pm Mark Palermo

Thursday, October 31st

7:00 am Rafael Morros II
 12:05 pm Jerry Hoffman

Friday, November 1st All Saints Day

7:00 am Lorenzo Rodriguez
 9:00 am Andrew Bryson
 12:05 pm Hope Mato, Frank, Connie & Sam Calabria,
 Rose & Nicholas DiVincenzo, Rita & Mickey
 D'Ambrosa
 7:00 pm Nancy Lopez

Saturday, November 2nd All Souls Day

8:30 am Sr. Lorraine Gallagher, OP.
 5:00 pm Rose & Nicholas DiVincenzo
 Linda Sole

Sunday, November 3rd

7:00 am Anthony Maciag
 8:00 am Kathy Schlitt
 9:15 am Mimi Letts
 Kathleen Schlitt, Barbara O'Rourke
 10:45 am Edith & Henry Lehto
 12:15 pm Trish Muscillo



*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: **Margaret L. Berardo.***

November 2nd & 3rd

Altar Servers

5:00 pm T. Lally, A. DeNino,
L. Mosiello

7:00 am I. & S. Lalo

8:00 am A. & D. Guzzardo,
J. Lance

9:15 am C. Berardo, J. Tran,
L. Nolan

10:45 am E. Hollinghurst,
J. Vadakkadem,
L. Taylor

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

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm L. Asea, A. Calabria,
M. Downing, M. Gelosa

7:00 am B. Carroll

8:00 am P. Luther, J. Mucerino,
K. Nolan

9:15 am K. & P. Berardo,
C. Callahan, M. Cupo

10:45 am R. & V. Arcilla
Visit the sick: M. & M. D'Ambrosa

12:15 pm J. & B. East
 J. & L. Schneidmuller

Lectors

5:00 pm M. Appio

7:00 am C. Ramoncioni

8:00 am K. Lucibello

9:15 am

10:45 am J. Lucibello

12:15 pm L. Pascale

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

Prayer for Purity

Jesus, Lover of chastity, Mary, Mother most pure, and Joseph, chaste guardian of the Virgin, to you I come at this hour, begging you to plead with God for me. I earnestly wish to be pure in thought, word and deed in imitation of your own holy purity.

Obtain for me, then, a deep sense of modesty which will be reflected in my external conduct. Protect my eyes, the windows of my soul, from anything that might dim the luster of a heart that must mirror only Christlike purity.

And when the "Bread of Angels becomes the Bread of me" in my heart at Holy Communion, seal it forever against the suggestions of sinful pleasures.

Heart of Jesus, Fount of all purity, have mercy on us.

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: **November 1st & 5th.**

Bus trip to the Wind Creek Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa. Bus leaves St. Christopher's parking lot at 9:00 am. Date: **November 11th.** If you wish to learn more about the St. Christopher's Senior Social Club, please call Anne Purcuro 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.

Woman's Society Fundraiser:

Meeting on Monday, November 4th at 1:00 pm. They will be discussing the Communion Luncheon (November 12th). More information to follow. They will also be discussing the Christmas Party and collecting dues if you have not already paid. For information contact Joan at 973-887-3508.

*Pope John XXIII, a private Catholic K-12 academy in Sparta, New Jersey, will be hosting its Fall Open House on **Sunday, November 3rd** between 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm. Students and their families in **Grades 4 to 11** are invited to come and explore our 70+ acre campus and meet members of the middle and high school communities. Come find why the **investment in your child's education** is worth it. Please call Anne Kaiser, Director of Admission, for further information and to RSVP at 973-729-6126 or email admissions@popejohn.org.*

On October 29th at 7:30 pm, Charismatics, come to a cluster meeting on "Eucharistic Miracles that confirm Christ's Presence" at St. Cecilia's Church Hall located on 70 Church St. Rockaway, NJ. For more information contact Carmen at 973-625-1150.

20 Week Club News

The 20 Week Club proceeds will go to purchasing new stain glass doors in front of the Church. We can only do this with your help. Right now we have 65 participants with a total of \$6,500.00 collected. Thank you to the parishioners who joined this special fundraiser.

ALL SAINTS ACADEMY CORNER

All Saints Academy is now celebrating its eleventh year as the co-sponsored school of Saint Ann Parish, Saint Christopher Parish, Saint Peter the Apostle Parish and Saint Pius X Parish. We invite all parishioners and friends of All Saints Academy to join us at our school liturgy on Friday, November 1st, 9:30 am at Saint Peter the Apostle Church. Celebrating our school's feast day on All Saints Day is such a special way for our students, faculty, families and parishioners to pray and sing together and celebrate the gift of Catholic education in our lives. We are so very grateful for the prayers and partnership of all parishioners. Catholic education is vibrant in our local community!

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.



Family Roller Skating Party

Sponsored by: Saint Christopher Church

Where: Florham Park Roller Rink
192 Ridgedale Ave.
Florham Park, NJ
973-377-0465

When: Sunday, November 17, 2019

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Cost: \$3.50 for skate rental, if you do not have
your own

Who can come: Anyone associated with Saint
Christopher's Parish Family is welcome

*****Remember, all children must be accompanied by
an ADULT FAMILY MEMBER *****

Snack Bar Available at your own cost

No R.S.V.P. needed, just show up!!!
We have reserved the entire roller rink for our
families.

Come Join Us

St. Christopher Parish 2019



*Saturday, November 23rd & Sunday, November 24th
at all Masses*

We will be collecting food for the needy, and putting the baskets all together as we do every year for those who request them.

We are in need of turkeys, hams, turkey breasts and chickens. We are requesting general varied groceries, for example: canned fruits, vegetables, meats, juices, rice, etc., this way the families will have groceries for later in December. Food can be dropped off in the vestibule of the Church on November 23rd and 24th, along with the turkeys or hams, etc.

If you cannot shop, but still wish to participate, please put monetary contributions in an envelope marked Thanksgiving and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory.

Please, only non-perishable items, no frozen pies or vegetables.

***** All meats will be refrigerated until they are distributed*****

Pick up date: Monday, November 25th

Thank you for your generosity and cooperation!



VETERANS DAY MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

THE PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS POST 1967 HAS, OVER THE PAST NUMBER OF YEARS, CELEBRATED VETERANS DAY AT ST. CHRISTOPHER'S WITH A SPECIAL MASS HONORING OUR VETERANS TO COMMEMORATE THEIR MANY SACRIFICES IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY.

EACH YEAR SINCE 2012, POST 1967 HAS PUBLISHED A SPECIAL PROGRAM THAT HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO THOSE ATTENDING THIS SPECIAL MASS CELEBRATION. FOR THE FIRST TIME, THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM WILL GIVE EVERYONE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR OR REMEMBER THOSE OF YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY BOTH LIVING AND DEPARTED, VETERAN OR NOT, BY HAVING THEIR NAME(S) INCLUDED IN OUR VETERANS DAY MASS PROGRAM, CREATING A PERSONALIZED KEEPSAKE FOR YOU.

FOR A FREE WILL OFFERING OF ANY AMOUNT, THE CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS WILL INCLUDE THOSE FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE HONORED OR MEMORIALIZED WITH THEIR NAMES PRINTED IN THE VETERANS DAY MASS PROGRAM.

PLEASE INCLUDE THE NAME(S) ON THE LINES PROVIDED BELOW AND DROP INTO THE REGULAR COLLECTION BASKET IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED "VETERANS DAY MASS" WITH YOUR DONATION(S) NO LATER THAN THE WEEKEND MASSES ON NOVEMBER 2-3.

THIS YEAR'S VETERANS DAY MASS WHICH WILL INCLUDE A SPECIAL EVENT, WILL BE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9 AT 5:00 PM. ALL ARE INVITED.

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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.

