

From the Pastor's Desk

Prophets for the Kingdom

In the gospels, the people of Nazareth bitterly criticized Jesus because he demonstrated great openness of heart, particularly toward people on the peripheries of society. The gospels shows how difficult it is to attain a universal vision. When we face someone like Jesus, someone with a generous heart, a wide vision, and a great spirit, we sometimes react with jealousy, selfishness, and meanness of spirit.

Jesus' own people couldn't recognize his holiness because they had never really accepted their own. They were suffering, from a form of blindness. They couldn't honor Jesus' relationship with God because they have never fully explored their own sense of belonging to God. Until we see ourselves as people beloved of God, miracles will be scarce, and prophets and messengers will struggle to be heard and accepted for who they are.

Jesus was called to break boundaries and take God's message of salvation to unexpected people and unexpected places. Through our baptism we are called to be prophets for the kingdom of God. We will encounter many reactions from those to whom we are sent, not all of them positive.

Unswerving dedication, bold courage, and deep biblical hope must be our trademarks.

Weekend Collection

<i>First Collection</i>	\$ 7,587.50
<i>Online Giving</i>	\$ 1,271.00
<i>Scholarship Fund</i>	\$ 858.00

Attendance: 682

Thank you for your generosity!

First Reading: Wisdom 11:22-12:2

In this reading, we are reminded of the love God feels toward every creature, or else he would not have created them. God shows mercy on our sins and hopes we will repent and have faith in him.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

Paul tells the Thessalonians that God will make them worthy of his call, so that they can be glorified in Christ. Paul also tells them he is unsure when Christ will come again, but urges them not to believe people who falsely state that Jesus has returned.

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Zacchaeus, the wealthy chief tax collector in Jericho, was very excited when Jesus came to town and asked to stay with him. People were angry that Jesus would go to a sinner's home. Zacchaeus then told Jesus he planned to give half of his belongings to the poor, and repay any person he had cheated. Jesus was delighted since his mission was "to search out and save what was lost".

Sunday Wis 11:22-12:2; 2 Thes 1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10, **Monday** Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14, **Tuesday** Rom 12:5-16b; Lk 14:15-24, **Wednesday** Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33, **Thursday** Rom 14:7-12; Lk 15:1-10, **Friday** Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8, **Saturday** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

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
 Annette Dorthy & Madge Schellito

Monday, November 4th

7:00 am Steve Bolger
 12:05 pm Marlene Nazzaro

Tuesday, November 5th

7:00 am Dominick Cecere
 12:05 pm Pete Nardo

Wednesday, November 6th

7:00 am Matilde Ubiera
 12:05 pm Pete Nardo

Thursday, November 7th

7:00 am In Thanksgiving to the Infant Jesus
 12:05 pm Fred & Catherine Corcoran

Friday, November 8th

7:00 am Rose Nunez
 12:05 pm Carmen Trinidad

Saturday, November 9th

8:30 am Eva Rodriguez
 5:00 pm Carmen Antonelli

Sunday, November 10th

7:00 am Tommaso DeAngelis
 8:00 am Fr. Frank Bartos
 9:15 am Tomas Arita
 10:45 am Frank Meo
 12:15 pm Peter Marotte



*The Living Flame for the Sanctuary Light will in memory of:
Johanna Esposito
 for the month of November, 2019.*

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

November 9th & 10th

Altar Servers

5:00 pm D. Lipuma, B. & B. Davies
7:00 am A. Rozanitis
8:00 am T. Wyka, A. Anastasi, A Valle
9:15 am M. & M. Rankel, CJ. Hilgendorff
10:45 am E. & B. Hollinghurst, L. Taylor
12:15 pm N. Hardy, R. & E. Marsh

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm J. Lipuma, M. Long. M. & J. Davies
7:00 am B. Carroll
8:00 am E. Shabet. L. Valle, B. Wyka
9:15 am R. DiMaggio, P. Gatti E. Haynes, S. Hilgendorff
10:45 am G. & L. Azares
Visit the sick: C. Uy, A. Calabria
12:15 pm J. Alfonso, R. & L. Polanski, S. Capozzi

Lectors

5:00 pm C. Dillon
7:00 am C. Haney
8:00 am J. Valle
9:15 am
10:45 am J. Cannaveno
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.*

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...

The Bishop's Annual Appeal helps support the significant cost associated with the education our seminarians for the priesthood in our Diocese - such as years of room, board, tuition and other related expenses. Your gift today helps prepare our seminarians for the future. For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2019appeal.org.

Prayer of the Day

Prayer to St. Martin de Porres

To you Saint Martin de Porres we prayerfully lift up our hearts filled with serene confidence and devotion. Mindful of your unbounded and helpful charity to all levels of society and also of your meekness and humility of heart, we offer our petitions to you. Pour out upon our families the precious gifts of your solicitous and generous intercession; show to the people of every race and every color the paths of unity and of justice; implore from our Father in heaven the coming of his kingdom, so that through mutual benevolence in God men may increase the fruits of grace and merit the rewards of eternal life. Amen.

Glorified 
 *in Christ*

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 **December 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 – 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 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 Prosperi, 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 Caprigione 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.

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 88 participants with a total of \$8,800.00 collected. Thank you to the parishioners who joined this special fundraiser.

OUR FIRST ANNUAL COMMUNION LUNCHEON

You are invited to a Communion Luncheon with your St. Christopher friends. To be held at Annabella II Restaurant, 401 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, NJ, on November 12, 2019 at 1:30 pm. We will begin our celebration at the 12:05 mass at St. Christopher Church. From there we travel to Annabella II for our luncheon in their private room.

There will be five entrees from which to choose, soup or salad, beverages and dessert. The cost will be \$20.

All reservations should be made by November 10, 2019. To make your reservation or to have any questions answered please call: Susan Stevens 973.586.0303 or Joan Mucerino 973.887.3508

Saint Peter the Apostle Church in Parsippany has an opening for a full-time Parish Secretary. This position provides secretarial and clerical support as part of parish office operations. Duties include: answering incoming calls, receiving and assisting visitors in the parish office, issuing Mass cards, preparing the Sunday bulletin, maintaining sacramental records and more. Basic secretarial skills required. Bilingual in English and Spanish preferred.

We never know the impact our actions may have on someone. Jesus treated everyone with kindness and compassion and many who have been leading less than honorable lives, changed their ways. It is not our words and arguments that change people hearts but, rather, how we treat them. Consider how you respond to those who you regard as "unsavory" and ask yourself what Jesus would have said or done.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness.

The Lord is good to all.

-Psalm 145:8-9





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's
Giving Tree*

Saturday, December 14th & Sunday, December 15th

The Giving Tree will go up the weekend of November 23rd & 24th. The gifts will go to local parish families and individual children and adults that have been selected by Hope House, the Catholic Community Day Care, Friends Corner Day Care, Straight and Narrow and inner-city Parishes.

Please take a tag and return the tag with the unwrapped gift on the weekend of December 14th & 15th

If you would like to give the usual gifts listed below, we will be glad to accept those also, they will be distributed by Catholic Charities. Children and Adults are invited to bring a new, unwrapped gift to Mass on Saturday or Sunday, December 14th & 15th. Children are encouraged to earn the money and help in selection of the gift. The gifts may be placed on or around the Christmas tree before the beginning of Mass.

Items needed include: socks, mittens, wrist watches, pajamas, coloring books, crayons, magic markers, puzzles, cd's, mp3 players (inexpensive), games, new toys, adult & child toiletries, scarves, hats, sweaters, sweatshirts.

2x and 3x sizes are always needed.

Thank you in advance for your generosity, especially in these hard times.

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.

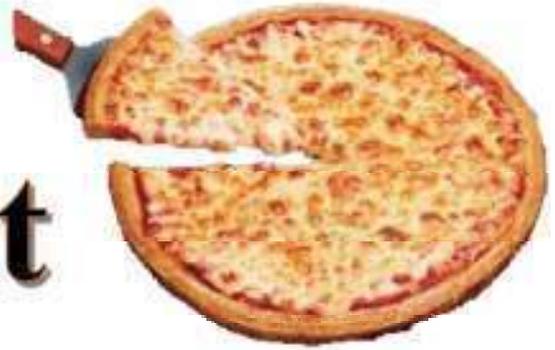
***** All meats will be refrigerated until they are distributed*****

Pick up date: Monday, November 25th

Thank you for your generosity and cooperation!



Pizza Night



with Bishop

For young men in high school or college, or older.

Monday, November 18, 2019
Morris Catholic H. S. in Denville
7 to 9 PM

Come join Bishop Serratelli and priests from the Diocese of Paterson for adoration, reflection, fellowship...and of course, pizza.

For more information, please contact Fr. Edward Rama
at 973-777-8818 ext 715

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

Raffle License #RL1578
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 #RL1578
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



Parsippany Council 3680
PO Box 5572
Parsippany, NJ 07054

The Parsippany Knights of Columbus #3680 is having both an essay contest and a Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. The poster contest is open to all boys and girls ages 5 to 7 years and boys and girls from 8 to 14. The poster must reflect the theme KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS. Each poster should be the original work. The posters must be approximately 11x17 inches in size. The pastels, chalk or charcoal that are used must be laminated or covered in plastic. The poster may be in color or black and white. Each poster must be submitted with a Knights of Columbus council contest entry form. The names and ages of all persons entering the poster must be included on each poster. All entries become property of the Knights of Columbus Council and will not be returned. All students that take part in the contest will receive a certificate.

In addition-

The topic is CATHOLIC CITIZEN. This is open to all boys and girls grades 8 to 12. The essay must reflect the assigned theme and be typed and between 500 to 750 words in length. The student's name should appear only on the official CATHOLIC CITIZEN contest essay form. All entries become property of the Knights of Columbus Council and will not be returned. I will pick-up the posters and essays on DEC 06, 2019 if any questions please call Albert V. Clark 973 887-8588

P.S. in January we will have a poster contest about Drugs and alcohol awareness. Also the basketball free throw

I will pick-up the essays and posters on Friday 12/6/2019

Yours truly-

Albert V. Clark