

From the Pastor's Desk

The Parable

A parable tells us a short realistic story intended to encourage reflection by connecting the story to our own life. Since one must be able to connect the parable to various aspects of one's life or that of one's family community, parables are open ended in their application. Parables were a common teaching device of Jewish rabbi's and important to Jesus in his teaching because the only way we have to talk about what is unfamiliar to us is in terms of what is familiar to us. A parable challenges the audience to think about its meaning and change their lives because of what they discover.. Read Luke 18:1-8

Weekend Collection

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| <i>First Collection</i> | \$ 7,627.88 |
| <i>Online Giving</i> | \$ 1,226.00 |

Attendance: 640

Thank you for your generosity!



First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20a

The prophet Malachi warned that the time would come when all the evil people would be punished. He then speaks of the arrival of "the sun of justice, with its healing rays," believed by most to mean Jesus.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Some of the Thessalonians claimed Christ's return was imminent, so they stopped working and asked others for food. Paul describes his willingness to work, so that he would not impose on others. He encourages them to follow his example and earn their own living.

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Jesus warns of the persecution all Christians will face because of him, and how some will even be put to death. Yet he says they will not be harmed because "by patient endurance you will save your lives." If Jesus' followers are loyal, they will be resurrected and their suffering will end.

Sunday Mal 3:19-20a; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19, **Monday** 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lk 18:35-43 or, for the Memorial of the Dedication, Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Mt 14:22-33, **Tuesday** 2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10, **Wednesday** 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28, **Thursday** 1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44, **Friday** 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48, **Saturday** 1 Mc 6:1-13;

Saturday, November 16th

8:30 am Christopher Garcia
 5:00 pm Edith Ann Powers
 Catherine Greco

Sunday, November 17th

7:00 am Bill Taylor
 8:00 am Michael Lanza
 9:15 am Raefaline Steinel
 Christopher Garcia
 10:45 am Special Intentions - Anne Bilotti
 Christopher Garcia
 12:15 pm Blas Banua, Sr.
 Maxima Beltran Santos

Monday, November 18th

7:00 am Bill Van Hall
 12:05 pm Steve Bolger

Tuesday, November 19th

7:00 am Nick Terantino, Sr.
 12:05 pm Isabel Veloso

Wednesday, November 20th

7:00 am Special Intentions - Matilde Morros
 12:05 pm John Zimmer
 Louise C. Kelly

Thursday, November 21st

7:00 am Connie Walsh
 12:05 pm Rose Olivia Zara

Friday, November 22nd

7:00 am Millie Cook
 12:05 pm Anne Price

Saturday, November 23rd

8:30 am Nick Terantino, Sr.
 5:00 pm Edward & Edward Paul Gunderson

Sunday, November 24th

7:00 am Deceased Deacons of the Parish
 8:00 am Ralph Mucerino
 Clarence, Mini & Craig Hall, Sal Neglia
 9:15 am Phyllis Laurenzi
 10:45 am Edward J. Lally
 12:15 pm Millie Cook



*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 23rd & 24th

Altar Servers

5:00 pm A. DeNino,
T. & J. Carifi

7:00 am A. Rozanitis

8:00 am A. Anastasi, A. Valle

9:15 am CJ. Hilgendorff, A. To,
G. Harris

10:45 am L. Taylor, M. & M.
Rankel

12:15 pm E. & B. Hollinghurst,
J. Tran

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm L. Bain, M. Gelosa,
C. Ocker, M. Downing

7:00 am

8:00 am C. Callahan, S. Marsh,
E. Shabet

9:15 am P. & K. Berardo,
E. Haynes, P. Gatti

10:45 am S. & L. Richards,
Visit the sick: M. & M. D'Ambrosa

12:15 pm J. Alfonso, B. & J. East,
M. Pasuco

Lectors

5:00 pm C. Haney

7:00 am M. Dumapit

8:00 am K. Lucibello

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 **December 9th**, 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, Breyanne & Samantha Cassimore, 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 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.

2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal

For I was hungry...

The ability to reach out to people in need through our Bishop's Annual Appeal is completely dependent on the number of faithful parishioners who participate by making a gift. That is why every gift counts! Your support helps bring hope to thousands of people who come to our Catholic Charities agencies each year. It also supports seminarian education, our diocesan priests' residence, extraordinary healthcare needs our priests and our urban elementary schools. In addition, parishes receive half of all the funds received over their parish goals, with almost \$650.00 returned last year to parishes - and over \$2.9 million in five years! Please help your neighbors in need and our own parish by making a gift today! For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2019appeal.org.

Prayer of the Day

Prayer to Saint Anthony of Padua, Performer of Miracles

Dear Saint Anthony, your prayers obtained miracles during your lifetime. You still seem to move at ease in the realm of minor and major miracles. Saint Anthony, Performer of Miracles, please obtain for me the blessings God holds in reserve for those who serve Him. Pray that I may be worthy of the promises my Lord Jesus attaches to confident prayer. [mention your special intentions] Franciscan Mission Associates. Amen.

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 40% of diocese in the United States are considered mission territory because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work in their communities. Your donations support programs, such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training, to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

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".

*

Monday morning adult education at 10:30 am room 110. Topic: Pope Leo XIII.

*

St. Christopher's has a Pre-Cana Program, for more information please call the rectory at 973-539-7050.

*

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.

*

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.

*

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.

*

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 announced.**

Bus trip to the Wind Creek Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa. Bus leaves St. Christopher's parking lot at 9:00 am. Date: **to be announced.** 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, **December 3rd**.

New book selection: Furious Hours: Murder, Fraud, and the last trial of Harper Lee by Casey Cep



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.

Programs at St. Paul Inside the Walls:

Navigating The Annulment Process

Come on Wednesday, November 13th, from 7:30 pm to 9 pm, to have all your questions about the annulment process answered and receive step by step support.

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 139 participants with a total of \$13,900.00 collected. Thank you to the parishioners who joined this special fundraiser.

Avidd Community Services is hosting a Vendor and Craft Show at Morris Catholic High School on November 30th from 9am - 3pm. FREE ADMISSION. Any questions, please call (973) 664-1770 x16 or email avidd@aviddnj.org. Avidd is a non-profit organization located in Denville that supports individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Lake Parsippany Vol. Fire Co.

Ladies Auxiliary and Firefighters of Dist. #3

17th Annual Pancake Breakfast at the Lake Parsippany Firehouse on 255 Halsey Road, Lake Parsippany on Sunday, December 1st from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm. Adults \$6.00, seniors (60 years and over) \$4.00, children under 5 years old \$4.00, and children under 2 years old - free.

SAINT PETER'S BLOOD DRIVE -NOVEMBER 30th from 9:00 am-2:00 pm

St. Peter's in Parsippany is holding their Annual Blood Drive on Saturday, November 30th in our Msgr. Tillyer Center from 9:00 am– 2:00 pm. You may sign up at RedCrossBlood.org and enter the sponsor keyword: St. Peter the Apostle Church. More than 38,000 blood donations are needed every day. Type O-negative blood (red cells) can be transfused to patients of all blood types. It is always in great demand and often in short supply. Please sign up and save a life!

“You know how you must imitate us...we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us. In fact, when we were with you, we instructed you that if anyone was unwilling to work, neither should that one eat.”

‘Imitation is the greatest form of flattery’ but often it can lead others astray. The lack of truthfulness in government, lies and deceit in business, use of performance enhancing drugs in sports become the norm, not the exception. ‘Everyone is doing it’ is the response, but does not make it right. Paul’s exhortation and example called and challenged his hearers not to be so easily persuaded to laziness, a capital sin, but to labor intensely for the Lord. What he lived and taught was to remedy what he saw as contrary to a Christian life. His words are directed to us as a model, an example to follow. Jesus is our leader, Paul our teacher, and we eagerly accept the challenge to be a model for others. Can we say that? ‘Do as I say or do as I do.’

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

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!



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



*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.



**On Saturday, December 7th from
9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

Santa will be arriving at 10:00 am.

**There will be crafts, and be ready to take pictures
with Santa.**

**Cost per family: \$10.00. For reservations please
contact**

Cathy Metcalf at 973-975-2780

**Please detach the bottom and mail in with payment by:
November 25, 2019**

St. Christopher's Breakfast with Santa

Family Name: _____

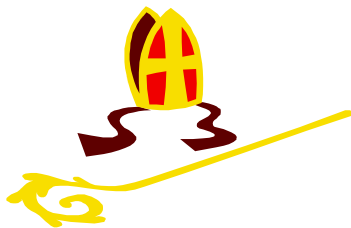
Number of Adults _____ Number of Children _____

Phone Number : _____

St. Christopher Parish – 1050 Littleton Road, Parsippany, NJ (973) 539-705
www.stchristopherparsippany.org



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



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