

From the Pastor's Desk

Healing

We can accept the healing power of Jesus in our lives with gratitude, or we can frustrate its effects by a lack of faith. The Gospels teach us that our corporation is essential if we are to be changed by the healing touch of God. We incorporate through faith, for without the openness of faith, the healing power of Jesus cannot enter into us. Love can only enter into our minds and hearts when they are open through the gift of trust. All of us need some kind of healing. We often experience this need as a sense of uneasiness that prompts us to pray for the gift of wholeness and peace. Sometimes God heals us through others. We have all experienced both kinds of healing in our lives, and both have been tremendous gifts to us.

Lord helps us to see where we need to be healed, and increase our faith in the power of your healing love.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal

As the year comes fast to an end, and many are planning on how to make a final year-end charitable contribution that has the most impact, please consider the many lives that are helped because of the support given to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. These are your neighbors, your friends, our senior priests and seminarians and urban school students. All of us can play a part in the Bishop's Annual Appeal – as either a contributor to the cause or as a recipient of its mission – and all are blessed as a result. Please make the Bishop's Annual Appeal a priority in your year end philanthropy. Gifts can be made by check, credit cards, through gifts of securities or online at 222.2019appeal.org. If you are 70 ½ or over and have an IRA, you can receive a tax benefit by instructing your IRA investment manager to donate your required minimum distribution to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Please call the Bishop's Annual Appeal office at 973-777-8818, ext.218 for additional details and also consult your tax or financial advisor for more information.

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The words of Isaiah urge all people to forsake war and to live in peace forever. The tone reaches a climax in the words, "One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again."

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Paul invites us to put away all the things of darkness and sin and to prepare for the coming of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

A comparison is made between the destruction caused by the flood in Noah's time and the need to be prepared for the second coming of Christ. "You must be prepared in the same way. The Son of Man is coming at the time you least expect."

Sunday Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44, **Monday** Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11, **Tuesday** Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24, **Wednesday** Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37, **Thursday** Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27, **First Friday** Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31, **First Saturday** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8.

Saturday, November 30th

8:30 am Joan Hoffman
 5:00 pm Catherine Greco

Sunday, December 1st

7:00 am Joseph Murray
 8:00 am Celestina & Victor Lagomarsino
 9:15 am Ramon Ibanga, Sr.
 Nancy Rafanello
 10:45 am Lisa Calabrese
 Joan Hoffman
 12:15 pm Arnold Trauth
 Martha Vogler
 Gene Spadavecchia

Monday, December 2nd

7:00 am Joan Hoffman
 12:05 pm John Mola

Tuesday, December 3rd

7:00 am Connie Walsh
 12:05 pm Anthony & Anita Natoli

Wednesday, December 4th

7:00 am Joan Hoffman
 12:05 pm Grace, Anne & Joe Scanella

Thursday, December 5th

7:00 am Roseanne & Gerald Mancuso
 12:05 pm Joan Hoffman

Friday, December 6th

7:00 am Nicholas Terantino, Sr.
 12:05 pm Joan Hoffman

Saturday, December 7th

8:30 am David Palmiere
 5:00 pm Frank Jackiewicz
 In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
 Joseph Calabrese - 3rd Anniversary

Sunday, December 8th

7:00 am Edric Martinez
 8:00 am Clarence, Mini & Craig Hall
 Sal Neglia
 9:15 am Peter & Rose Policastro, Bella Ricci
 Concetta Azzizo
 10:45 am Matthew Genk
 Joan Hoffman
 12:15 pm Antoinette Armero
 Jennie & Anthony Scanella



*The Living Flame for the Sanctuary Light will in memory of:
Anita & Anthony Natoli
 for the month of December, 2019.*

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

December 7th & 8th

Altar Servers

5:00 pm T. Lally, T. & A. Pactwa
 7:00 am A. Rozanitis
 8:00 am T. Wyka, A. Anastasi,
 A. Valle
 9:15 am B. & E. Hollinghurst,
 L. Nolan
 10:45 am M. & M. Rankel,
 J. Lance
 12:15 pm N. Hardy, R. & E. Marsh

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm L. Bain, E. Lally,
 M. Long, J. Sole
 7:00 am B. Carroll
 8:00 am E. Shabet, L. Valle,
 B. Wyka
 9:15 am G. & L. Azares,
 M. Cupo, E. Haynes
 10:45 am R. & V. Arcilla
 Visit the sick: A. Calabria,
 L. Copeland
 12:15 pm J. & B. East, S. Capozzi,
 R. Polanski

Lectors

5:00 pm M. Appio
 7:00 am C. Dillon
 8:00 am J. Valle
 9:15 am
 10:45 am J. Cannaveno
 12:15 pm K. Lucibello

Blessing of the Infant Jesus

We would like to continue the tradition here at St. Christopher's. On December 8th at the 9:15am Mass, we would like to bless the Infant Jesus that you will be placing in your manger at home.

So, as a family, please bring the baby Jesus to church with you for this special blessing. It is our desire to bring home the reality of humility and love of Christ.





*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 11:00 am**

Santa will be arriving at 10:00 am.

**There will be crafts, and be ready to take pictures
with Santa, who will arrive by 9:30 am.**

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

**Cathy Metcalf at 973-263-8741 or
Email: cathyandbill@optonline.net**

**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



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

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-Canva 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.**



There will be no Bingo on Nov. 27th.

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 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.