

St. Christopher Church

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastors' Desk

Pope Francis' visit to the U.S. a milestone in his papacy.

The native Argentinian has captured the attention of the world, both Catholic and non-Catholic alike. With his significant but humble presence, he emphasizes showing mercy and reaching out to the marginalized as we obediently take up the cross of Christ.

Since his election to the papacy in March 2013, Francis has urged Catholics to reflect on their Christian walk, to care for the least of these, to cling to Scripture, and to live modestly and intentionally. His motto is reflect by his unassuming life-style.

With Pope Francis visit to the United States engage yourself in Pope Francis' teachings and example of servanthood. It seems to me that Pope Francis has emerged at the right time, and the world is watching. By spreading his message about him to others, the love of Christ can be spread even further through the powerful life of Pope Francis.

Weekly Collections

<i>Last week</i>	<i>\$ 10,656.00</i>
<i>(Online Giving \$745.00 included)</i>	
<i>Beacon</i>	<i>\$ 1,070.00</i>
<i>Last year</i>	<i>\$ 9,018.00</i>

*Thank you for your generosity!
Attendance for last week – 910*

Sunday

Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday

Zec 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday

Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Lk 10:1-12

First Friday

Bar 1:15-22; Mt 18:1-5, 10

First Saturday

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24

First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

Two men not considered prophets by the people began to prophesize, and this offended those who did not feel they were true prophets. But Moses explained that prophets are chosen by God, not the people.

Second Reading: James 5:1-6

James speaks out strongly against people who become rich by cheating their workers. He claims the wealth they have dishonestly collected will be a testimony against them on judgment day.

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Jesus explains to his disciples that it is acceptable for a person who is not part of their group to speak in his name, but he does warn them that anyone who tries to lead his followers astray will be severely punished. Jesus also discusses personal failing and the importance of taking whatever steps are necessary to avoid them.

Prayer of the Day

Evening Prayer to God the Father

O eternal God and Ruler of all creation, You have allowed me to reach this hour. Forgive the sins I have committed this day by word, deed or thought. Purify me, O Lord, from every spiritual and physical stain. Grant that I may rise from this sleep to glorify You by my deeds throughout my entire lifetime, and that I be victorious over every spiritual and physical enemy. Deliver me, O Lord, from all vain thoughts and from evil desires, for yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever. Amen. (By Saint Macarius)

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www.stchristopherparsippany.org

Masses

Saturday, September 26th

8:30 am Pamela LeDonne
5:00 pm Joseph Frasca

Sunday, September 27th

7:00 am Eva & Lorenzo Rodriguez
8:00 am Marie Lanza
Elizabeth Chorny
9:15 am Paul Gerber, Jr.
10:45 am Thomas Bianco
Kay & Larry Kilian
12:15 pm Col. Paul A. Kelly
Deceased Members of the Slavin
Family

Monday, September 28th

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish
12:05 pm Susanna Cipolla
7:30 pm Msgr. Frank B. Ferraioli

Tuesday, September 29th

7:00 am Grace Buffardi
12:05 pm Mary Brennan

Wednesday, September 30th

7:00 am Jeronimo Vez
12:05 pm Ruben Dumapit
Conrad Spring

Thursday, October 1st

7:00 am Felipe Martinez
12:05 pm Antonio Savarese, Jr.
Mickey & Rita D'Ambrosa

Friday, October 2nd

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish
12:05 pm Carol Parks

Saturday, October 3rd

8:30 am Deceased Members of the Connor
Family
5:00 pm Carol Ann Parks

Sunday, October 4th

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Trinidad
Family
8:00 am Clarence, Minnie & Craig Hall
Special Intentions for Korbin Horn
9:15 am Ruben Dumapit
10:45 am Richard Moore
Brian Osterhaut
12:15 pm Ruben Dumapit
Anthony & Jennie Scannella



*The Living Flame for the
Sanctuary Light will be
In Memory of
Deacon John Kelly
for the month of
September, 2015*



*Please remember in your prayers
all the departed family and friends of
St. Christopher's Parish,
especially:
Josephine Gavalyas*

Religious Education

*If you have any questions concerning our CCD program,
please call Mary Ann Jacisin in the CCD office at (973)
539-6208.*

Baptism

*Our next **Baptism preparation meeting** will be on
October 12th @ 7:00 pm in room 101. Please call
the rectory to enroll and for any other information
you may require.*

Meditations

*Throughout Scripture we are reminded that
God's ways are not ours. God seems to enjoy
using the least likely people to deliver his
message. Like the apostles, we may have trouble
accepting God's words from the lips of
those who do not belong to our group or even
worse from those we consider "godless."
Pray for the grace to hear God's message for
you regardless of who is delivering it.*

**The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing
the soul.
-Psalm 10:8**



Parish Activities...

Coffee and Class- Morning & Evening Adult Education

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 mornings** in room 110 in the school, from 10:30 am to 11:45 am followed by the 12:05 pm Mass
New topic for September: Protestant Reformation & The Council of Trent.

***Thursday mornings at 10:30 am** in room 110 in the school, new topic: The Book of Revelation.

****Classes to begin October 8th ****

St. Christopher Women's Book Club

First book club meeting of the season was great as always, welcome to our new members and welcome back to all our other members. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 6th at 7:15 pm in room 110. Our new book selections are:

September: Good Mourning by Elizabeth Meyer.

October: The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot.

November: All the Light That We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr.

We hope to see you there.. New members are always welcome!

****Coming soon** - Brief synopsis of our book club selections on our website .. Keep checking more information to come** www.stchristopherparsippany.org



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 every **Wednesday at 11:30 am in the St. Christopher All Purpose Room.**



St. Christopher's Pre-Cana Program For more information please call the rectory at 973-539-7050. Next Pre-Cana will be **October 24th.**

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St. Christopher's Prayer Group
Tuesday, September 29th at 1:00 pm &
Wednesday, September 30th at 7:00 pm

Remember, Pray the Rosary every Monday – Friday after the 12:05 pm Mass. Novena & Rosary @ 7:00 pm followed by Mass at 7:30 pm every Monday at St. Christopher.

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 for more information.

St. Christopher's Senior Social Club is a club to have fun and socialize. They will meet at the Community Center, at 1130 Knoll Road, Lake Hiawatha, NJ on October 2nd and 16th.

Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa. will be on October 12th. Bus leaves St. Christopher's parking lot at 9:15 AM. For information call John Mola at 973-335-8947.

If you wish to learn more about the St. Christopher's Senior Social Club, please call either John Mola at 973-335-8947, or Anne Purcaro at 973-887-5186.

St. Christopher is hosting the 2000 Hail Mary Devotion, to our Blessed Virgin Mary, every First Saturday of every month. Please join us on Saturday, October 3rd at 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 10:00 am and 6:00 pm.

Bring a Snack! For details call Josie Mendez (973) 887-7835 or Jeanette East (973) 334-8766.

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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.

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 new program to help 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".

List #2 - Cold cereal, granola bars, cookies, crackers, tuna, Chef Boyardee, canned chicken meat, canned fruit, shelf- stable milk, bath tissue, facial tissue, paper towels.

For more information contact the rectory and speak to Fr. Joe.

The Compassionate Friends - a self help group for bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, October 8th at St. Christopher's Church at 7:30 pm in room 101. Program: Grief counselor, Lisa Athan will be the guest speaker. For more information please call Kathy Farrell at 973-335-9389.

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE is Prayer and Fasting, Peaceful Vigil, and Community Outreach. Take part with Morris County Right To Life at Planned Parenthood, 196 Speedwell Avenue, Morristown, NJ , 8AM to 8PM 7 days/week. Begins Wednesday Sept. 23rd, ends Sunday Nov. 1st. We invite pro-lifers as individuals or groups to participate. Please register through 40 Days For Life website <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/morristown/> By your registration online you agree to the "Statement of Peace" terms. Alternatively you may email: info@morriscountyrighttolife.org or call 973-933-2800 if having trouble navigating 40 Days For Life website.

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Open Houses

Oratory Prep - October 22nd from 6:45 pm to 8:15 pm for more information and directions call Admissions 908-273-5771.

Seaton Hall Prep - For 7th & 8th grader boys and their families on Sunday, October 25th from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. For more information call 973-325-prep.

Oak Knoll, School of the Holy Child - invites all girls and their families grades 7-12, on Saturday, October 3rd 9:30 am to 11:30 am, Saturday, November 14th 9:30 am to 11:30 am or Wednesday, December 9th from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm. For more information call 908-522-8109 or visit www.oakknoll.org.

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On October 1st the Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) will begin accepting applications for the 2015-2016 heating season. LIHEAP and the state's Universal Service Fund (USF) provide benefits to supplement the cost of utility bills for eligible limited-income households. Moreover, NJNG's Gift of Warmth fund, along with the state-sponsored Payment Assistance Gas and Electric and NJ Shares programs, provide energy assistance to households that exceed LIHEAP and USF income thresholds but are currently experiencing temporary or unanticipated financial hardship.

NJNG will host Energy Assistance Days at the locations listed below, with representatives on hand to answer questions and offer personal assistance in the application process:

Dover: Monday, October 5th from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm at Holy Rosary Church (75 Richards Ave.)

Denville: Wednesday, October 7th 1:30 pm to 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building, One Saint Mary's Place.

For questions call 732-938-1055.

October 3rd/4th	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	The Rankel Family	L. Asea A. Calabrese C. Hendricks M. Downing	J. Colleran
7:00 am	The Rozanitis Family	B. Carroll	C. Ramoncionis
8:00 am	The Valle Family	K. Anderson J. Mucerino L. Scangarella	K. Lucibello
9:15 am	D. , B. & B. Davies	C. To J. Lipuma J. & M. Davies	Jr. Lector
10:45 am	T. & D. Metcalf B. Anastasi	L. Eckel M. Pasuco E. Haynes Visit: B. & F. Zemo A. Calabria	E. Shabet
12:15 pm	J. Lance A. Alfonso J. Ratcliffe	C. Walsh R. Parkes J. Alfonso A. Baxter	J. Lucibello (Conf. Retreat)

Bishop's Annual Appeal 2015

It is important that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident that the funds are used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports four causes: our Catholic Charities agencies, seminarian education, our inner city area elementary schools and our priests' retirement residence. Funds are used for no other purpose. Note, also, that all funds raised for the Paterson Diocese stay in the Paterson Diocese. Please make a pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal today.



**St. Christopher Parish
will be celebrating the feast of
St. Francis of Assisi**

Saturday, October 3rd - at 12:00 noon in front of the Church we will be blessing all of your (live) pets.

Sunday, October 4th - at the 9:15 am Mass, we will be blessing stuffed animals (dogs, cats, monkeys, teddy bears, etc....) to honor St. Francis. All children are invited to bring their favorite stuffed animal to the Mass. After Mass, all students will go to their classes and be dismissed at the regular time of 11:15 am.

Parsippany Columbiette's Fourth Annual Tea Party

TEA IS SERVED... On October 17th, we will celebrate our 4th annual Tea Party and Tricky Tray. Our afternoon will begin at 12:00 and continue until 2:30. The cost is \$15.00. Attendance is limited, so please call Teresa Adubato at 973-483-1444 as soon as possible since no reservations will be accepted after September 15th. All reservations must be paid in advance and there will be no sales at the door. Please feel free to bring your favorite tea cup.

Victorian Elegance October 17, 2015

Come join us for ...



St. Christopher's

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Friday, October 30, 2015 at 6:30 pm
in the All Purpose Room.



Hot dogs and refreshments will be available for purchase with free snacks for the kids.

Game Night fun includes Kids Bingo and a kid's tricky tray.



Saint Christopher's Family Picnic

Date: October 3, 2015

Time: 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Ending with outside Mass at 5:00 pm



We will supply & cook hamburgers & hotdogs, rolls, paper goods, as well as delicious watermelon for dessert.

We ask that you please bring a side dish to share (ex: macaroni salad, potato salad, green salad, baked beans, corn, etc.). Also bring a lawn chair or blanket for your family to sit.

There will be games for the children

Please fill out and return the bottom portion of this flyer so we can have an accurate headcount. You can drop it in the collection basket, drop it off at the rectory or even mail back to us.

Name _____
(First) (Last)

Address _____ Phone # _____

Number of adults attending _____ Number of children attending _____

Announcing the 2015 Public Square Rosary Crusade at St. Christopher Church on October 10th, at 12:00 pm

America is at a historic crossroad. Secularists are trying to push God from the public square. They reject His beneficial action upon society. But without God, where will our leaders get the wisdom to solve the great problems we face?

We must stop the secularist advance and pray to God for help. He will hear us, if we pray through the intercession of His Blessed Mother. That's why we're launching the 2015 Public Square Rosary Crusade.

In *The Secret of the Rosary*, Saint Louis de Montfort said: "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering."

For more information contact Catherine A. Kelly at 973-386-1346

Coordinated nationally by Tradition, Family and Property
and its America Needs Fatima campaign
For questions or comments, e-mail us at
ANFRosaryRally@aol.com
Visit our website at www.ANF.org
1-866-584-6012

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, September 27, 2015



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!