

# St. Christopher Church

*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

*Pastors' Desk*

## **Who am I, where is my heart?**

*Holy week begins with the festive procession as people with olive branches welcome Jesus. But the week continues to the mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection. We might well ask ourselves just one question: Who am I? Who am I before my Lord? Who am I, before Jesus who enters Jerusalem amid the enthusiasm of the crowd? Am I ready to express my joy to praise him? Or do I stand back? Who am I, before the suffering of Jesus? Am I like one of the leaders - priest Pharisees, teachers of the law - who had decided to kill Jesus? Am I like Judas, who shows love and then kisses the Master in order to betray him and hand him over? Or like the disciples who understand nothing, who fell asleep while the Lord was suffering? Or like that disciple who wanted to settle everything with a sword? Am I like those people in power who hastily summon a tribunal and seek false witnesses? Where is my heart? May this question remain with us throughout the entire week. Jesus, help me overcome my fears and failures to follow you more closely on the way to the cross.*

### **Sunday**

Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

### **Monday**

Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

### **Tuesday**

Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

### **Wednesday**

Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

### **Thursday**

Chrim Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21  
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;  
1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

### **Friday**

Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

### **Saturday**

Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ex 14:15—15:1; Is 54:5-14;  
Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28;  
Rom 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12

## *Weekly Collections*

First collection	\$10,121.00
(including online giving \$ 767.00)	
Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,243.00
Last years collection	\$10,674.89

*Attendance for last week 786*

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### **First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7**

*Isaiah describes an individual who had been taught by God to reach out to others. He also describes this individual's willingness to be beaten and spit upon, secure that with God's help, he will not be disgraced.*

### **Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11**

*Paul discusses how Jesus did not declare equality with God, but took on human form. He humbled himself enough to accept dying on the cross. God in turn exalted him and wants us to respect Jesus' name and worship him.*

### **Gospel: Luke 22:14—23:56**

*Luke gives a detailed account of Jesus' last supper with the apostles, where Jesus tells them he will soon suffer in fulfillment of God's will. Then Jesus prayed that he might be spared if it suited God's will. After Judas betrayed Jesus, he was arrested. Although Pilate did not think Jesus was guilty of a crime, he gave in to the will of the people, and sentenced Jesus to death on a cross. Then Jesus was crucified and his body laid in a new tomb.*

## Masses

### Saturday, March 19th

- 8:30 am Helene Caldara  
Anita, Anthony, & Joseph Natoli  
5:00 pm Pat Mulcahy  
Theresa McGinty

### Sunday, March 20th Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

- 7:00 am Pamela LeDonne  
8:00 am Deceased Members of the Trinidad-  
Ubiera Family  
9:15 am Rose & Nicholas DiVincenzo, Sam &  
Connie Calabria, Frank Calabria, Rita  
& Mickey D'Ambrosia  
10:45 am George S. Naseef  
Special Intentions for Healing - Larry  
Eckel  
12:15 pm Renato & Maria S. Magcase  
Melvyn Patrick Lopez

### Monday, March 21st

- 7:00 am Deceased members of the Rodriguez -  
Castro Family  
12:05 pm Mary Dillon  
7:30 pm Deceased Members of the Parish

### Tuesday, March 22nd

- 7:00 am Deceased Members of the Herrera  
Family  
12:05 pm Vincent J. Petolino  
John Zimmer  
Mary Dillon

### Wednesday, March 23rd

- 7:00 am Msgr. Frank B. Ferraioli  
12:05 pm Esta Poje  
Melvyn Patrick Lopez

### Thursday, March 24th Holy Thursday

- 7:00 pm Mass of the Last Supper  
Edith Ann Powers

### Friday, March 25th Good Friday

- 3:00 pm Service  
7:00 pm Living Stations

### Saturday, March 26th Holy Saturday

- 11:30 am Blessing of the Food  
7:00 pm Easter Vigil

### Sunday, March 27th Easter

- 7:00 am Ann Paterno  
8:00 am Pamela LeDonne  
Clarence, Minnie & Craig Hall  
Elizabeth Chorny & Brian Osterhout  
9:15 am Shawn Kuphal  
Robert Hartman  
Elizabeth Chorny & Brian Osterhout  
10:45 am Col. Paul A. Kelly  
Joseph Donahue, Jr.  
12:15 pm Msgr. Frank B. Ferraioli

The Living Flame for the  
Sanctuary Light will be  
in Memory of  
**Richard Gaulin**  
for the month of March 2016



*Please remember in your prayers all the departed  
family and friends of St. Christopher's Parish,  
especially **Liberina T. DeStefano***

### Religious Education

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

### Baptism

*Our next **Baptism preparation meeting** will  
be on April 11th @ 7:00 pm in room 101.  
Please call the rectory to enroll and for any  
other information you may require.*

### Meditations

*Paul reminds us that our attitude must be Christ's -  
"he emptied himself and took the form of a slave".  
Behaving like a "slave" is not a good thing nor is  
that what Paul is trying to tell us. Just what was  
Christ's attitude? He did not seek power over people.  
He did not look for fame and honors. Rather, he  
treated people with compassion and respect. He tried  
to help those in need, encourage those who were in  
despair. He cared for the people around him and al-  
ways sought to do good. Are you more concerned  
with getting what you deserve or helping others get  
what they need? A Christ - slave is there to serve oth-  
ers before himself. Do you have Christ attitude?*

*The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced.  
-Isaiah 50:7*



## 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: *Protestant Reformation & The Council of Trent.*

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

**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.

**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. Date to be announced.

**Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa.** Date to be announced shortly. 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 John Mola at 973-335-8947.

### St. Christopher Women's Book Club

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 5th at 7:15 pm in room 110. **Next book selection: The Blind Assassin by Margaret Atwood.**

We hope to see you at our next meeting, even if you just want to stop by and see what we are all about, no obligations just drop by :)

New members are always welcome!

*Check our website for a brief synopsis of our book club selection .. [www.stchristopherparsippany.org](http://www.stchristopherparsippany.org)*

**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, April 2nd 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 9:00 am and 5:00 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.*



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.**

**There will be no Bingo on Wednesday, March 23rd**

**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.**



**St. Christopher's Pre-Cana Program** For more information please call the rectory at 973-539-7050.

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### St. Christopher's Prayer Group

**Tuesday, March 22nd at 10:30 am**  
**Wednesday, March 23rd 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.



### Hungering to build community

We follow Jesus this week on our Lenten journey as he enters Jerusalem, a community he knew well. CRS Rice Bowl asks us to prayerfully enter into our own communities, to find those who are hungry and thirsty, those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we encounter in our daily lives? Visit [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org) for more.

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### 20 Week Club -

**The winners of this week's 20 week club drawing (11th Winners):**

**#5 Marcey & D.J. Vallauri**

**&**

**#271 John & Helen Cannavero  
Congratulations!**

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**St. Paul Inside the Walls...**

**For programs and events and to register visit  
[www.insidethewalls.org](http://www.insidethewalls.org) or call (973) 437-9741**

**Women's Conference:**

***Feminine, Faithful, Fearless***

This conference is meant for all women, at any age and any stage of life, celebrating our differences while affirming who we are in Christ. What makes this conference different is our focus on the diversity of what today's Catholic woman is, while still appreciating our unifying faith. We try and represent all women, whether that is through an editor-in-chief of a lifestyle magazine, or a lawyer and professor, or a stay-at-home mom, you will feel welcomed. Presenters will be Dr. Valerie Lewis-Mosley, Dr. Susan Timoney, STD, and Rosario Rodriguez along with musical guests Lauren and Nicky Costabile and Keaton Douglas as emcee at **St. Paul Inside the Walls, 205 Madison Avenue, Madison, NJ**. Join us on **Saturday, April 9th from 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.** and invite a friend! To register, please go to [www.insidethewalls.org/womens-conference](http://www.insidethewalls.org/womens-conference). Adults: \$25; college students: \$10.

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**LIVING STATIONS** will be performed at Saint Christopher's on Good Friday, March 25th at 7:00 pm. Dress rehearsal for Living Stations will be held on Wednesday, March 23rd from 6:15 pm – 9:00 pm in the Church.

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**The Compassionate Friends**, a self help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grand parents will be meeting on Thursday, April 14th at St. Christopher Church, 1050 Littleton Road, Parsippany, NJ. At 7:30 pm in room 101. Program: "Dealing with emotions, guilt, anger, regret". Come and help each other learn how to begin again.

Mar. 27th Easter	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	x	x	x
7:00 am	I. & S. Lalo	B. Carroll	C. Ramoncionis
8:00 am	The Valle Family	C. Metcalf L. Scangarella K. Anderson	J. Valle
9:15 am	C. & C. Berardo N. Shieffele	K. & P. Berardo A. & W. Price	Z. Saric
10:45 am	S. Arcilla J. & J. Jacob	V. Arcilla Visit: A. Calabria, L. Eckel, J. Hoffman	A. Bilotti
12:15 pm	C. Dumapit K. & N. Hardy	T. & J. Racioppi S. & D. Kaschalk	M. Appio

### **Altar Servers**

**March 24th Holy Thursday**

7:00 pm The Rankel Family

**March 25th Good Friday**

3:00 pm J. Summa, T. & A. Pactwa

**March 26th Easter Vigil**

7:00 pm B. & E. Hollinghurst, M. memoli

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

**March 24th Holy Thursday**

7:00 pm E. Montefusco, L. Asea, C. Walsh, J. Sole

**March 25th Good Friday**

3:00 pm L. & J. Rankel, L. & R. Polanski

**March 26th Easter Vigil**

7:00 pm C. Uy, L. Bain, K. Hollinghurst,  
K. Lucibello

### **Lectors**

**March 24th Holy Thursday**

7:00 pm M. Montefusco

**March 25th Good Friday**

3:00 pm J. Cannavero - Narrator  
C. Haney - Reader & Voice

**March 26th Easter Vigil**

7:00 pm L. Pascale Genesis (short form)  
J. Lucibello (Exodus & Epistle)

# Holy Week 2016

At St. Christopher's

## Holy Week Masses

**March 21<sup>st</sup>**

*7:00 a.m., 12:05p.m., & 7:30 p.m.*

**March 22<sup>nd</sup> & March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

*7:00 a.m. & 12:05p.m.*

**Holy Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

*7:00 p.m. Mass of the Last Supper*

**Good Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

*3:00 p.m. – Passion of the Lord*

*7:00 p.m. – Living Stations*

**Holy Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

*11:30 a.m. – Blessing of the Food*

*7:00 p.m. – The Easter Vigil*

**(No 5:00 p.m. Mass)**

**Easter Sunday – March 27<sup>th</sup>**

*Masses: 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m.,*

*10:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.*



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March 2016

Dear Friends in Christ,

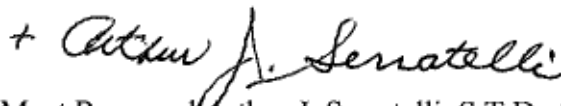
Year after year, the world sees the violence in the Middle East and how Christians are being forced to flee this area that is so sacred to our faith. It is a tragedy happening right before our eyes. Because of this, the annual collection for the Holy Land takes on even greater significance, and so I ask for your support when it is taken on Good Friday.

This special collection helps make it possible for Christians to remain in the Holy Land, including the poor and young couples, by building affordable apartments and supporting schools. It offers medical and social assistance, family counselling, youth centers and employment opportunities to many seeing work. It gives them hope at a time when all seems hopeless.

The collection also funds the work of the Franciscans who have been entrusted for the last 800 years with the care of the Holy Land sites. This is a great blessing to Christians who live there and for the countless pilgrims who visit each year. Last year alone, capital repairs and improvements were made to sacred sites in Jerusalem, Nazareth and Mount Tabor thanks to our participation in the Holy Land collection.

This is an important way for us Catholics to support the place where our faith was born. I ask you to be as generous as possible when the Collection for the Holy Land is taken up this Good Friday.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D.  
Bishop of Paterson

Come join us for ...



# St. Christopher's

## FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 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.





# St. Christopher's Second Hand Rose Thrift Shop

Thank you to all our loyal patrons and looking forward to meeting new patrons

~ **OPEN SUNDAYS AFTER 9:15 am MASS** ~

***SHOP HOURS:*** Wednesday & Friday 11:00 am– 4:00 pm  
Saturday and Sunday 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

***Located in the OLD Nursery School across from Church***

**Come in and checkout all our great merchandise at amazingly low price!**



For more information call 973-713-4939