

St. Christopher Church

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastors Desk - In Loving Harmony

“Honor your father and mother.” This is the first commandment with a promise: “so that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.” (Ephesians 6:2-3)

St. Paul is directing this commandment toward children, reminding them of their duty to obey their parents. He is quoting one of the Ten Commandments, which shows us that the early Christians understood the continuity between Old and New Testaments. St. Paul is aware that good order in the family requires a structure of authority. If everyone insists on doing whatever they please, the result would be chaos and hurt feelings. Moreover, children often do not know how to choose what is good for them; they need direction and guidance from their parents.

On their part, parents are required to exercise their authority with reasonableness and with love. St. Paul urges parents not to “provoke your children to anger”, and I might add “Nor burden them with unreasonable demands or restrictions.” This is a daily challenge for parents and requires prayer for guidance.

Sunday

1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

Monday

Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday

Am 3:1-8, 4:11-12; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Thursday

Am 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8

First Friday

Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Mt 9:9-13

First Saturday

Am 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17

Weekly Collections

First collection	\$10,305.00
(including online giving \$ 792.00)	
Father's Day	\$ 1,892.00
Seminarian Education	\$ 1,754.00
Last years collection	\$11,536.00

*Attendance for last week 865
Thank you for your generosity!*



First Reading: 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21

Elijah the prophet followed God's instruction to appoint a man named Elisha as his successor. Elijah threw his cloak over Elisha, who went and said good-bye to his family, then followed Elijah without question.

Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-18

Paul reminds us that people were freed from the old law through Christ. But he makes it clear that this freedom does not mean giving in to evil desires. Instead, we must be guided by the Spirit and most importantly love our neighbor as ourselves.

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

Jesus set out for Jerusalem, and passed through a town where he was not welcomed. He reprimanded his disciples for desiring vengeance against the town. One man wanted to follow Jesus when he had finished his duties at home. Jesus expressed that a man who begins a task, but constantly looks back is unfit for the reign of God.

Masses

Saturday, June 25th

8:30 am Johanna Esposito
Stephen S. Martino
5:00 pm Frank Calabria
Joseph J. Corcoran
Theresa DeCesare

Sunday, June 26th

7:00 am Ricardina Bentekovics
8:00 am Special Intentions - George & Loida
Azares, 40th Wedding Anniversary
Pamela LeDonne
Marie Lanza
Marie & James Bonomo
9:15 am Sam & Connie Calabria
Frank Calabria
Cesare Madamba
10:45 am Anita, Anthony & Joseph Natoli
Eli Matthew Ibang
12:15 pm Harry Vitale
Kathleen Sadowski

Monday, June 27th

12:05 pm Col. Paul A. Kelly
John Clemente
Arthur Hoffman
7:30 pm David Montesinos

Tuesday, June 28th

12:05 pm Sr. Mary Aurelia

Wednesday, June 29th

12:05 pm Henry John Lukenda

Thursday, June 30th

12:05 pm Carla Schanfisma

Friday, July 1st First Friday

12:05 pm Virginia Sullivan

Saturday, July 2nd

8:30 am Helen Donald
5:00 pm Elaine Mulchay

Sunday, July 3rd

7:00 am Carol Miller
Charles & Julia Vill
8:00 am Victor Young
9:15 am Rose & Nicholas DiVincenzo
10:45 am Teresa & Louis Garcia

Important Information

- For June 27th, 28th, 29th & 30th and for the whole month of July there will be no 7:00 am Mass. **WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SUNDAYS!!!!**

**On Monday July 4th the Rectory will
be closed in observance of
Independence Day**

The Living Flame for the
Sanctuary Light will be
for the special intentions of
The Mola Family
for the month of June, 2016



*Please remember in your prayers all
the departed family and friends of St.
Christopher's Parish, especially:
Rose Marie Martisch Haydel, Antoinette
Brockwell & Joan Salzman*

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 July 11th @ 7:00 pm in room 101. Please call the rectory to enroll and for any other information you may require.*

Meditations

The whole law is summed up in one saying: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Consider how you treat others, particularly those you dislike or see as inferior. Think of a particular person. Perhaps a neighbor or co-worker you find particularly annoying. Recall the last time you encountered them and what happened. Did you even speak to them? Now imagine the same scene again but this time you encounter someone you really care about and enjoy. Notice the differences in your behavior. What are one or two simple, concrete things you could do to treat the person you dislike in a more loving way? Put your ideas into action and see what happens.

*Lord, teach me to love myself well
So that I may love others as you have commanded.*



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".

*** To be resumed in September. ***

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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. *** To be resumed in September. ***

***Thursday mornings at 10:30 am** in room 110 in the school. *** To be resumed in September. ***

St. Christopher Women's Book Club

Our book club meetings will resume in September. The summer reading list is:

- Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel
- Goldfinch by Donna Tartt
- A walk in the woods by Bill Bryson
- (optional) Ruthless: Scientology, my son David Miscavage by Ron Miscavage

We hope to see you at our meeting in September, the exact date will be posted at a later time. New members are always welcome!

St. Christopher's Pre-Cana Program

For more information please call the rectory at 973-539-7050.

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.



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

St. Christopher's Prayer Group

Tuesday, June 28th at 10:30 am

Wednesday, June 29th 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.

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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.

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, July 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.

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 Sands Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa. Bus leaves St. Christopher's parking lot at 9:15 am, date to be announced. If you wish to learn more about the St. Christopher's Senior Social Club, please call John Mola at 973-335-8947 or Anne Purcaro at 973-887-5186.

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.

St. Paul Inside the Walls...
For programs and events and to register
visit www.insidethewalls.org or call
(973) 437-9741



The Compassionate Friends, a self help group for bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, July 14th at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany, NJ at 7:30 pm in room 101. Program: Summer time with all it's memories (Share pictures of our beloved children.) For more information please call Lily Capriglione at 973-568-4164.



QUO VADIS – WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

JUNE 25th – JULY 1st

Vocations Discernment for young men 15-25, "Quo Vadis – Where are you going?" Where is the Spirit acting in your life? Where is the Lord encouraging you to go? Quo Vadis Days is a time of recreation, fellowship, and prayer to help you explore the Lord's call in your life. Activities will include prayer, Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Liturgy of the Hours, Rosary, games, sports, talks, great food and discussions. It is a time to share our faith and meet other young men seeking God's will. Quo Vadis Days will be held June 29th-July 1st at Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Newton, NJ. There is no cost. For more information and/or registration, call the coordinators: Fr. Jared Brogan and Fr. Edgar Rivera in the Vocations Office at 973-777-8818 ext. 711. You can also email Frs. Brogan and Rivera at jbrogan@patersondiocese.org or fredgar@patersondiocese.org.



DIOCESAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Catholic Schools Office, Diocese of Paterson, is seeking applicants for the 2016-2017 school year for the following position: Principal, St. Patrick Elementary School, Chatham, NJ., Principal, St. Andrew the Apostle Elementary School, Clifton, NJ and Principal, St. Therese Elementary School, Succasunna, NJ. And Holy Family in Florham Park. Information and application materials can be found at: <http://www.patdioschools.org/administrative-openings>.



When on vacation or out of town on business and would like to attend services you can visit www.masstimes.org, enter the required information and you will be given the Churches in your area as well as the mass times.



Next week our Parish will take up the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through television, radio, social media, podcasts, and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our (arch) diocese and support local needs, so please be generous in this collection.

July 2nd & 3rd	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	A. & A. DeNino K. Gaydo	C. Hendricks A. Calabrese E. Shabet P. Allocca	B. Ronin
7:00 am	I. & S. Lalo	B. Carroll	C. Ramon-cionis
8:00 am	S. & A. Valle	J. Mucerino L. Scangarella L. Valle	J. Valle
9:15 am	C. & C. Berardo A. Jerez	K. & P. Berardo A. Calabria C. Callahan	J. Cannaveno
10:45 am	J. Jacob J. Vaddakkedam L. Taylor	N. Gordon Visit: C. Brown L. Eckel J. Hoffman	J. Cesaro
12:15 pm	I. Perez D. De LaEspriella C. Dumapit	M. Pasuco J. & T. Racioppi C. Walsh	M. Reyes

Mega 50/50 Raffle

We are off to a great start with the 50/50 raffle. We have presently 186 shares sold, totaling \$4,650.00. Thank you to the parishioners that joined already.



"As they were proceeding on their journey someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.'...And to another he said, 'Follow me.'...And someone said 'I will follow you Lord, but...' 'To him he said,' No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God."

How often we hear the expression of a 'Wake up call.' Sometimes it is reflected in a health emergency, a financial crisis or family need. We are shaken from our routine and respond to an important need.

During the summer months our pace often slows, a more relaxed way of living takes over – vacation, diversion, rest. The scriptures today can call for a change. As Jesus turns and begins His journey to Jerusalem, well intentioned persons commit themselves to accompany Him. They do so with reservation. The little word 'but' gets in the way. The sense of urgency of a disciple is weakened, as the challenge of discipleship is sounded. Pope Francis has designated all of us as 'missionary disciples.' My journey today is based upon my encounter and relationship with Jesus. His call continues, the urgency of building the kingdom is real and repeated today. I ask myself, 'what does it mean to make the promise to 'follow' Him?'

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly



St. Christopher Parish Vacation Bible School 2016

August 15th to 19th from 9:00 am to 11:30 am
CCD Office: 973-539-6208



All children Pre-K 4th to 5th grade as of September 2016 are eligible to attend. It is a week well spent learning about Jesus in a fun environment. It includes the life of Jesus for children, music, story time, arts and crafts, playtime, and snacks.

Registration: One child \$50.00, two children \$65.00, three or more children \$75.00

Please return registration forms by August 3, 2016 to:

**St. Christopher Parish
Vacation Bible School**
1050 Littleton Road
Parsippany, NJ 07054

Child's Name _____

Grade in September _____ Home Phone Number _____

Address _____ City _____

Emergency Contact Person & Number _____

Allergies (Please list all including food allergies) _____

Parent Signature _____



SAINT CHRISTOPHER CHURCH

7TH ANNUAL MEGA 50/50 RAFFLE

\$25.00 PER SHARE

CASH PRIZES DISTRIBUTED LAST YEAR \$6375.00

THREE (3) WINNERS

1ST WINNER - \$25% OF GROSS PROCEEDS

2ND WINNER - 20% OF GROSS PROCEEDS

3RD WINNER - 5% OF GROSS PROCEEDS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE DRAWING ON SEPTEMBER 17TH @ 2:00 PM IN THE ALL PURPOSE ROOM; REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED. WINNERS DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT. THE ENTIRE PROFIT FROM THE 50/50 MEGA RAFFLE WILL BE USED TO DEFRAY THE COST OF PAINTING THE CHURCH.

“NO SUBSTITUTION OF THE OFFERED PRIZES MAY BE MADE”

PLEASE PRINT WHEN FILLING OUT FORM

MEGA 50/50 TICKET # _____

SAINT CHRISTOPHER PARISH

NJ LGCCC IDENTIFICATION #375-01-0914

MUNICIPAL #RL1254

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____



Online Giving

If you have not signed up for online giving then please consider this option. This is a perfect tool. By using online giving you are helping the the parish to improve our operational efficiency.

See our parish bulletin or visit our parish website at www.saintchristopherchurch.org.

All you need to do is click on "create new account".

Your options are, you can use your checking account, Visa or MasterCard. You can choose to do a one-time gift or set up regularly scheduled contributions that are withdrawn on the date you specify in the system. It's easy and it's convenient.



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July 2016

Dear Friends in Christ,

This month, parishes are asked to take up a combined collection for three worthy causes: the Catholic Communications Campaign, Catholic University and the Black and Indian Missions.

The work of the *Catholic Communications Campaign* was on full display during Pope Francis' visit to the United States. Catholic Communications Campaign funding enabled live streaming of the various events and was involved in the massive social media effort. There is so much good done through the Catholic Church and your support helps make it possible to share our story worldwide.

As the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, *Catholic University* plays a vital role in the American landscape where students receive an education rich in Catholic thought and tradition. Such an understanding of our faith, especially for our young people, is more important today than ever. Your support of this collection helps with financial aid so that it can be a viable option for students who would not otherwise be able to attend.

The *Black and Indian Mission Collection* is all about evangelization. Established in 1884, it continues to promote the faith to people in remote parts of the United States as well as in impoverished inner-cities. Your support makes provides pastoral ministry, Catholic education and religious education programs in places where funds are lacking but the needs are great.

Please be as generous as possible when this special combined collection is taken in your parish.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

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

