

# St. Christopher Church

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Pastors Desk

### **A mission Statement for St. Christopher “One family at a time”.**

We the people of St. Christopher, are blessed to be called the “Body of Christ”. May we always strive to fulfill His teaching in how we live our lives. We envision our Parish Mission as promoting and improving the community of God by proclaiming the good news through:

1. Participating actively in the liturgy and sacraments.
2. Living the Gospel message and practicing conversion in our daily lives.
3. Welcoming and nourishing new and inactive members, as well as educating all groups.
4. Practicing respect for all life; the unborn, youth, aged, sick, disabled, poor and needy.
5. Evangelizing and promoting social justice and harmony among all peoples.

May God bless us and be with us as we go forth to fulfill our Parish Mission.



#### **First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7**

*Amos denounces the selfish attitude of those who surround themselves with luxuries with no concern for others. He goes on to warn that because these people lacked interest in the state of their society, they would be the first to be exiled.*

#### **Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16**

*Paul tells Timothy to seek integrity, faith and love. Paul urges him to attain everlasting life by maintaining strong faith in Jesus and in God until Jesus returns.*

#### **Gospel: Luke 16:19-31**

*Jesus tells of a rich man who feasted daily, while a beggar named Lazarus went hungry outside his gates. When both men died, Lazarus was taken to Abraham, but the rich man was in torment. When he begged for mercy, Abraham reminded him that Lazarus had lived in torment, while the rich man lived in selfish luxury. The man then asked if Lazarus could be sent to his brothers to warn them. But Abraham said if they had not heeded Moses or the prophets, they would ignore even the warning of one risen from the dead.*

#### **Sunday**

Am 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

#### **Monday**

Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50

#### **Tuesday**

Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56

#### **Wednesday**

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62

#### **Thursday**

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

#### **Friday**

Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16

#### **First Saturday**

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24

### *Weekly Collections*

Last weeks collections	\$10,287.00
(online giving \$ 812.00 included)	
Beacon	\$ 1,301.00
Last Years collection	\$ 10,656.00

*Attendance for last week - 837*

***Thank You for your generosity!***

## Masses

### Saturday, September 24th

8:30 am Roseanne & Gerald Mancuso  
5:00 pm Emil DeLade  
John Stromolo

### Sunday, September 25th

7:00 am Janet Moschella  
8:00 am Marie Lanza, Elizabeth Chorny  
9:15 am Josephine Alymer  
10:45 am Edward Corcoran  
12:15 pm Emily Slavin  
Gene Spadavecchia  
Peter & Rose Policastro  
Julieta Banua

### Monday, September 26th

7:00 am Pamela LeDonne  
12:05 pm Lee Jazmin  
7:30 pm Sr. Anne Joachim - 1st Anniversary

### Tuesday, September 27th

7:00 am Janaki  
12:05 pm Col. Paul A. Kelly  
Marcial & Leocadia Bontuyan

### Wednesday, September 28th

7:00 am Janaki  
12:05 pm Susanna Cipolla  
James Pellechio

### Thursday, September 29th

7:00 am Janaki  
12:05 pm Fred Simeone

### Friday, September 30th

7:00 am Robert Renaudette  
12:05 pm Gloria Moroni

### Saturday, October 1st

8:30 am Fred Simeone  
Fidela Azares  
5:00 pm Rita & Mickey D' Ambrosa

### Sunday, October 2nd

7:00 am Charles Waugh  
8:00 am Charles, Minnie & Craig Hall  
9:15 am Andrew Russoniello  
10:45 am Edward Corcoran  
Frederick Simeone  
12:15 pm Arnold Trauth

The Living Flame for the  
Sanctuary Light will be  
in memory of  
**Clarence, Minnie & Craig Hall**  
for the month of September, 2016



*Please remember in your prayers all  
the departed family and friends of  
St. Christopher's Parish.*

### Religious Education

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

### **Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults**

Would you like to become a Roman Catholic? Are you an adult and never were confirmed but would like to? Then R.C.I.A. is for you. Classes will be held on Sundays. If you are interested please call the Religious Education office at (973) 539-6208.

### Baptism

*Our next **Baptism preparation meeting** will be on October 10th @ 7:00 pm in room 101. Please call the rectory to enroll and for any other information you may require.*

### Reflections

*Do you believe that people get what they deserve? Consider what the scriptures tell us. God gives life to all of us. His grace and abundance is given to everyone and the only question is whether we will accept what He gives. It is not a matter of earning the gifts and blessings we receive. If we believe all we are and have is God's gift, we also realize that without God we are nothing. That in turn, helps us to recognize our connectedness with others - the rich and the poor, the wise and the foolish, the respectable and the outcast - they are all our brothers and sisters and we need to care for them as Christ would.*

***Happy he who keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry.***

***- Psalm 146:7***

## 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: The Roman Catholic Church and the Civil War.**

\***Thursday mornings at 10:30 am** in room 110 in the school. **New Topic: The Book of Revelations.**

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### St. Christopher's Pre-Cana Program

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

### St. Christopher Women's Book Club

Our book club meetings will be on October 4th at 7:15 pm in room 110.

October book selection:

The Golden Son by Shilpi Gowda

**We hope to see you at our meeting. New members are always welcome!**

### St. Christopher's Prayer Group



**Tuesday, September 27th at 10:30 am**

**Wednesday, September 28th 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.

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.**

**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, October 1st 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. Dates: 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.

**-Special Veterans Day Mass, November 12th at the 5:00 pm mass**

### 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 #1** Peanut butter, pasta, spaghetti sauce, juice, canned corn, baking mixes, mustard, ketchup, dish-washing liquid. laundry detergent, toothpaste, deodorant.

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

**Mega 50/50 Raffle**

We have come to the end of our 50/50 raffle. Grand total of participating was 483 with \$12,075.00 collected. The winners were:

**#108 James Keville - received \$3,018.75**

**#467 Virginia Parisi - received \$2,415.00**

**#319 Joey Yosco - received \$603.75**

I would like to thank everyone that participated in this important raffle. God bless you and your family!

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**The Compassionate Friends**, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, October 13th at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany, at 7:30PM in room 101. **Program:** Coping strategies for stressful times (Holidays, remembrance days, etc.) For more information please call Lily Caprigione at: 973-568-4164.

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**Healing Mass**

The Health Ministry of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Whippany invites you to a Healing Mass on Saturday, October 15th at 11:00 AM in the Church. The liturgy addresses physical, spiritual and emotional healing. If desired, participants will receive an individual blessing. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP before Oct. 12, 2016 by email to [lisa.dempsey@ourladyofmercyparish.com](mailto:lisa.dempsey@ourladyofmercyparish.com) or call (973) 887-0767.

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**2016 Bishops Annual Appeal Be Rich in Good Works**

Did you know that in addition to returning your pledge card with a check, you can make a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal online? Simply go to [www.2016appeal.org](http://www.2016appeal.org) and follow the instructions. You can either make a onetime gift or a pledge with monthly payments made automatically for your convenience. More and more parishioners are taking advantage of this option, so please consider using this method today if it is convenient for you. Whether it is a pledge, a one time gift, or an online donation, your support is most welcome and greatly needed. Please consider participating in this worthy cause!

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**The Silver and Gold Anniversary Mass** will be held on Sunday, November 6th at St. Peter the Apostle Church in Parsippany, NJ. Registrations will only be accepted until Monday, October 24th. If you are interested please contact the rectory at 973-529-7050 and speak with Eva.

The recent storms in Louisiana have brought great hardship to many individuals and families. The president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Archbishop Kurtz has called for an emergency collection to assist the works of Catholic Charities USA in meeting the needs of these people. We will be having this Special Collection for the Louisiana Flood Victims on October 1st & 2nd.

Oct. 1st & 2nd	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	The Rankel Family	A. Calabria J. & A. Rochacewicz J. Sole	C. Johnson
7:00 am	I. & S. Lalo	B. Carroll	C. Ramon-cionis
8:00 am	S. & A. Valle	P. Luther L. Valle L. Scangarella	J. Valle
9:15 am	D. LiPuma R. BilbaoLaVieja J. Lance	J. & L. Reinke E. Haynes J. Lipuma	
10:45 am	J. Vaddakedem L. Taylor A. Mogan	S. Marsh Visit: C. Uy J. Hoffman K. Lucibello	M. Floro
12:15 pm	A. & D. Guzzardo D. DeLaEspriella	J. Alfonso S. Capozzi B. & J. East	M. Appio

**The Blessing of the Pets** in honor of St. Francis will take place on Saturday, October 1st at 12:00 pm in front of the All Purpose Room.

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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

**First Annual Red Mass** - Bishop Serratelli will be the celebrant at the first Red Mass to be held at St. Paul Inside the walls on October 2nd at 11:00 am. Andrew Anselmi will be honored at a brunch following the Mass. Please go to [www.insidethewalls.org/red-mass-rsvp](http://www.insidethewalls.org/red-mass-rsvp) to register.

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**Rauchber Dental Gives Back Day**

Located on 199 Baldwin Rd. Suite 120, Parsippany, NJ. You can visit their web site at: [www.Rauchberg.com](http://www.Rauchberg.com). On November 14th from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm there will be FREE DENTAL CARE for those in need. First come first serve, no appointments needed. Choose one: cleaning, filling or extraction.

# Family Magic Night at St. Christopher



on September 30, 2016  
In the All Purpose Room

Featuring:

## **Benjamin's Comedy Cascade Extreme Variety Show**



Refreshments will go on sale at 6:30pm with the  
show starting promptly at 7:00 pm.

All are welcome!

**Saint Christopher Church**  
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 (973) 539-7050 Fax (973) 539-3601  
 (Email) [stchristopherchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:stchristopherchurch@yahoo.com)



**Parish Registration Form**  
 Envelope Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Information (include last names if different)**

First Name	M.I.	Occupation	D.O.B.	Sex	Religion	Marital Status	Married by Priest	Bapt.	Comm.	Conf.

**Single Children at Home (oldest to youngest)**

First Name	M.I.	Age	D.O.B.	Sex	Religion	Catholic	Grade K-8	Grade 9-16	C.C.D.	Bapt.	Comm. &/or Conf.

Would you like to receive the Beacon? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Would you like to receive envelopes? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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Visit our website at [www.stchristopherparsippany.org](http://www.stchristopherparsippany.org) for up to date information, to view our bulletin, and much more.



**Paterson Federation**

# Respect Life Mass



**Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli, STD, SSL, DD**  
Bishop of Paterson  
Celebrant

**Rev. Jody Baran—Federation Chaplain**  
Concelebrant

**Saturday, November 19, 2016 — 10:00 A.M. Mass**  
Saint Margaret of Scotland Parish  
12 Columba Street  
Morristown, NJ 07960

**-Light refreshments will follow-**

Deacon Anthony O. Fierro, PGK  
Respect Life Mass - Chairman

Joe Miller, PGK, FDD  
Paterson Federation Chairman



# *Announcing the 2016* **PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE**

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 2016 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."

## **JOIN THE 2016 PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE TODAY!**

**What:** The Holy Rosary

**Where:** St. Christopher Church -

1050 Littleton Rd. Parsippany, NJ

**When:** Saturday, October 15th at 12:00pm

**For more information, contact:**

**NAME** Catherine A. Kelly

**PHONE NUMBER** 973- 386-1346



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For questions or comments, e-mail us at  
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**1-866-584-6012**







# English Classes

**Register now!**

**Catholic Family & Community Services**

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays

**Registration fee: \$60.00**

**Appointment times: 9:00-11:00 AM**

**For appointment: 973-279-7100 X2032** (Maria Rosado)

**Where:** Father English Community Center

435 Main Street

Paterson, NJ 07501

**Class Schedule:**\* 09/13/2016 - 06/08/2017

**Books: \$60.00**

**Registration: \$60.00**

**(No refunds-No exceptions)**

\*We follow the calendar for the Paterson Public Schools

Days & Times of classes are subject to change

<b>Schedule</b>	<b>Beginner Level</b>	<b>Intermediate Level</b>	<b>Intermediate Advance Level</b>
<b>Morning</b>	Tuesday Wednesday Thursday  9:00-11:30 AM	Monday Tuesday Thursday  9:00-11:30 AM	Tuesday Wednesday Thursday  9:00-11:30 AM
<b>*Materials needed</b>	2 books/Text book & Work book \$60.00	2 books/Text book & Work book \$60.00	2 books/Text book & Work book \$60.00

\* Requirement

*For More information: call 973-279-7100 X2032*