

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Pastors Desk



Ancient Letter Writing

Writing a letter in the first century was not easy.

The ancient pen was a reed that was cut to a point. The paper was usually animal skin. The ink was generally made by mixing soot with some kind of gum or glue. Writing legibly with a reed dipped in this kind of ink and applying it to the parchment was difficult. Trained scribes were often used to do this.

Writing a “personal letter” could mean many things: 1. writing it oneself; 2. dictating it word for word to a scribe; 3. dictating the general content and letting the scribe put it into words.

St. Paul seems to have used the second method most of the time. Dictating a letter could be a wearisome task. One had to speak very slowly, which demanded concentration and care. Some of St. Paul’s letters would have taken days or even weeks to write.

Weekly Collections

First Collection	\$11,351.00
(including online giving \$ 1,003.00)	
Missionary COOP	\$ 2,159.00
Project Faith	\$ 1,021.00
Last Year	\$ 8,756.00

Attendance for the week 768

Thank you for your generosity

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

The Lord wants all people to love and honor his name. He says that those who honor him by obeying all of his laws will be “made joyful in my house of prayer.”

Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Paul describes his hopes that his fellow Jews will follow the example of the Gentiles he has been preaching to. He claims that just as God has mercy for their disobedience, he wishes to show mercy to the Jews as well.

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

A Canaanite woman begged Jesus to help her daughter, who was being plagued by a demon. Jesus at first refused her and said that “My mission is only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” The woman was so persistent that Jesus said she had great faith and then he healed her daughter.

Sunday

Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Monday

Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday

Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday

Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday

Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

Friday

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12

The Living Flame for the
Sanctuary Light will be
for the special intentions of the
Vaz Family
for the month of August, 2017



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 from Monday thru Thursday at (973) 539-6208.

Baptism

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

Reminders:

1. *Vacation Bible School will begin on Monday, August 21st, we will be taking registrations up until that day.*
2. *CCD will begin on September 17th immediately following the 9:15am Mass. **If you need to register for CCD please contact the Religious Education office for a form.***

Masses

Saturday, August 19th

8:30 am Emil Thanlmann
5:00 pm Sarah Giaimo
Maryann Kolinski

Sunday, August 20th

7:00 am Walter Rudolph
Marie DeAngelis
8:00 am Lee Lanza
9:15 am Barbara McCabe
10:45 am Carmelo Imbergamo
Dorothy LaColla
12:15 pm Sarah Giaimo
Martha Vogler
Peter & Rose Policastro

Monday, August 21st

7:00 am Lorenzo Rodriguez
12:05 pm Hedwig Falgowski
7:30 pm Jason Ghaffoor

Tuesday, August 22nd

7:00 am Jason Ghaffoor
12:05 pm Special Intentions - Mira Rambaldi

Wednesday, August 23rd

7:00 am Hedwig Falgowski
12:05 pm Eva Rodriguez

Thursday, August 24th

7:00 am Matilde Ubiera
12:05 pm Special Intentions for Angela Verderese

Friday, August 25th

7:00 am Special Intentions for Angela Verderese
12:05 pm Gioachim Cipolla
Dominick Michael Cecere

Saturday, August 26th

8:30 am Pamela Le Donne
Mary Maciag
Mollie Connor
5:00 pm Edward Callahan
Margaret Antonelli

Sunday, August 27th

7:00 am Emil Orlando
8:00 am Clarence, Minnie & Craig Hall
Salvatore Neglia
Anna Marie & Edna Szmak
9:15 am Patrick Fagan
10:45 am Col. Paul A. Kelly
Dorothy LaColla
12:15 pm Matilde Ubiera
Jason Ghaffoor

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 will resume on September 11, 2017. **New Topic: Pope Pius XII**

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St. Christopher's has a Pre-Cana Program, for more information please call the rectory at 973-539-7050.

St. Christopher Women's Book Club

The book club is on summer hiatus, but for now here is the summer reading list:

"Stay Close" by Harlan Coben,
"The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown,
"The Forever Summer" by Jamie Brenner
"Same Beach Next Year" by Dorothea Benton Frank.

We look forward to seeing you when meetings resume in September.

St. Christopher's Prayer Group
Will be every Tuesday, at 10:30 am and every Thursday, after 12:05 pm Mass

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.

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

St. Christopher is hosting the 2000 Hail Mary Devotion, to our Blessed Virgin Mary, every First Saturday of every month. Please join us on August 5, 2017 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. 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.

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: **August 18th.**

Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa. Bus leaves St. Christopher's parking lot at 9:15 am. Date: **August 14th.** 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.

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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".

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

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

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.

St. Paul Inside the Walls...

For programs and events and to register visit

www.insidethewalls.org or call

(973) 437-9741

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Thus says the Lord: Observe what is right, do what is just.

-Isaiah 56:1

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 Prosperi, who is the yoga instructor at pprosperi51@gmail.com.

Reflections

Today's Gospel recounts the story of a Canaanite woman who ask Jesus to help her daughter who was possessed by a demon. Although Jesus ignores her, she keeps after him and in the end her faith is rewarded. It is easy to think that our time and energy should be devoted to those in our own community and ignore the needs of others. But that is not what discipleship is about. We are called to serve others according to the talents and resources we have. It is not required that we even like those who need help. It is not our place to judge their "worthiness". We are simply to do what we can to help others.

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8th Annual Mega 50/50 Raffle

So far we have 389 shares sold with a total amount of \$9,725.00 collected. The drawing will be on September 17th @ 2:00 pm. Thank you to the people that have already purchased their shares to this important fundraiser.

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Michael Milano from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish will be leading a Catholic Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock and doing the Footsteps of St. Patrick in Ireland over St. Patrick's Day. The dates will be March 14th - 22nd (2018), the cost: \$2499.00 per person including air from Newark, and includes breakfast & dinner daily. Mass will be said everyday. For a Flyer or more detailed information please call Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660.

A Gentle man looking for rides to doctor, please contact rectory or Mr. Peter Elia (973-265-4156) if you can help out. Thank You.

Those in Military Service

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands, protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the sacrifices they make for us in our hour of need and give us peace.

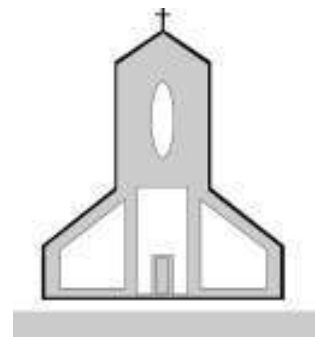
We ask this in the Name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen

*If there is a family member you wish to be placed on a list, please call the rectory with the name and where they are stationed. *

Knights of Columbus 5th Annual Donald E. Ryan - Paterson Federation Golf Outing, on September 29, 2017. Shotgun start at 9:00 am at Minebrook Golf Club in Hackettstown, NJ. Continental Breakfast—BBQ at the turn - Buffet lunch included, scramble format - raffles - 50/50 - prize holes. Cost: \$130.00 per player. For additional information contact Chris Brancato at 973-406-1104 or Joe Miller at 973-728-0833.

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Saint Peter the Apostle Church in Parsippany will hold their annual Communion Breakfast on October 1st at 10:30 AM at the Birchwood Manor, 111 N. Jefferson Road, Whippany, NJ. The cost is \$20/per person. Please make checks payable to St. Peter the Apostle Rosary/Altar Society. You can mail it to 179 Baldwin Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054 or drop it off at the Rectory between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM no later than September 24th. All are welcome.

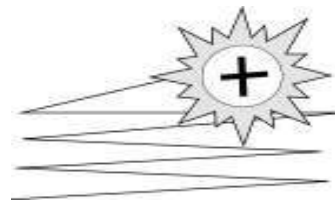


August 26th & 27th	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	A. & A. DeNino A. Anastasi	L. Bain M. Gelosa J. Sole E. Shabet	J. Cesaro
7:00 am	The Lalo Family	B. Carroll	M. Dumapit
8:00 am	B. & E. Hollinghurst M. Morales	K. Hollinghurst J. Mucerino L. Scangarella	K. Lucibello
9:15 am	The Marsh Family	D. & S. Kaschalk S. Marsh	J. Lucibello
10:45 am	J. Vadakkedam L. Taylor A. Zecena	R. Vento Visit: C. Brown L. Eckel C. Metcalf	A. Bilotti
12:15 pm	D. & A. Guzzardo N. Anderson	W. Koeller R. Lang M. Pasuco C. Walsh	J. East

To all Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Altar Servers: always refer to the schedule given to you, in case there is a change or any mistakes on the schedule listed. If you have any questions please contact Mary Ann at the Religious Education office.

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Diocesan Commission for Catholic Filipino Ministries (DCCFM) invites you to the celebration of Filipino Saints: Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila and Pedro Calungsod on Sunday, September 24th (2:30 pm Rosary & Novena; 3:00 pm Holy Mass) at Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist located at 381 Grand Street, Paterson, NJ 07505. Our Bishop, Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D. Bishop, will be the principal celebrant. Fellowship follow immediately at the Bishop Rodimer Center located on 387-389 Grand St. Paterson, NJ. For more information contact Fr. Vidal Gonzales at 973-398-6377.



Come join us for ... St. Christopher's



Friday, September 29, 2017 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 CHURCH

8th Annual Mega 50/50 Raffle

\$25.00 per share

cash prizes distributed last year \$6037.50

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 inside of the rectory, small repairs in the rectory and new office furniture.

“NO SUBSTITUTION OF THE OFFERED PRIZES MAY BE MADE”

PLEASE PRINT WHEN FILLING OUT FORM _____

MEGA 50/50 TICKET # _____
NJ LGCCC IDENTIFICATION #375-01-0914

SAINT CHRISTOPHER PARISH
MUNICIPAL #

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____



St. Christopher Parish Vacation Bible School 2017

August 21st to 25th
from 9:00 am to 11:30 am
CCD Office: 973-539-6208

All children Pre-K 4 to 5th grade as of September 2017 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 1, 2017 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 _____

I would like to volunteer to help out at VBS: Adult _____
Student Gr. 6-12 _____

SAINT CHRISTOPHER CHURCH-FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT

	Regular collections (includes online giving)		\$	543,271.82
	Other collections		\$	107,655.71
	Diocesan National collections		\$	23,383.50
	Bingo & Raffle income		\$	78,637.00
	Stole Fee income		\$	31,947.00
	(weddings, funerals, mass cards, candles)			
	Fundraising		\$	8,638.86
	(pasta night, millennium, fish fry)			
	Religious Education income		\$	17,772.24
	2nd Hand Rose - Thrift shop		\$	4,986.13
	Scholarship Fund		\$	27,212.00
	Miscellaneous income		\$	24,262.05
	Partners In Faith rebate		\$	21,917.76
	TOTAL REVENUE		\$	889,684.07
	EXPENSE			
	Salaries/Benefits		\$	352,837.43
	(includes medical insurance, pension, taxes)			
	Building Repairs/Maintenance		\$	89,913.20
	Utilities (electric, gas, oil, phone, internet, water)		\$	77,521.28
	Snow removal/Landscaping		\$	37,663.50
	Insurance (property, car, self)		\$	87,752.00
	Contract Services		\$	16,655.61
	Diocesan National collections		\$	23,536.50
	Religious Education		\$	13,283.67
	Assessment		\$	52,759.84

	Liturgical (music, religious publication, pre-cana,)		\$	5,948.80
	Support to All Saints Academy		\$	105,580.00
	Bingo & Raffle expense		\$	27,621.08
	Tuition Assistance (elementary, high school)		\$	6,000.00
	Church envelopes & Beacon		\$	10,504.55
	Office expense		\$	5,822.97
	Extra Clergy		\$	6,900.00
	Scholarship Fund		\$	9,405.00
	Miscellaneous expense		\$	38,017.92
	TOTAL EXPENSE		\$	967,723.35
	NET LOSS		\$	(78,039.28)