

# Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## From the Pastors Desk



### **Living out Lent today.**

For the next six weeks, we are journeying through the desert toward the oasis that is Easter and the feast of the Resurrection. This season is an opportunity to step away from familiar routines and see life from a new vantage point. It is a chance to look inside our hearts and outside our comfort zones, a chance to give God the space to reshape us in his image. The more focused we are during the journey, the greater our joy will be when Easter arrives.

Helpful scripture readings for Lent:

Psalm 26:2, Mark 9:24, Matthew 6:17-18, Isaiah 58:6-7, Matthew 25:23, 1 Cor. 12:13, Isaiah 50:4, Exodus 12:11, Psalm 31:6, Mark 16:7.

### **20 Week Club**

Our fifth lucky winner was:

**#265 Jaime Cerrato.**

Congratulations!! Thank you all for contributing to such a very important fundraiser.

### **Weekly Collections**

First Collection \$ 11,507.25  
(including online giving \$ 1,248.00)

Last Year \$ 10,590.00

**Attendance for the week 825**  
**Thank you for your generosity**

### **First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46**

The Lord tells Moses and Aaron that anyone bearing the sore of leprosy must first be seen by Aaron or one of the other priests, and that as long as the sore is upon him, "He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1**

Paul instructs the Corinthians to do everything for the glory of God, to avoid offending others, and to be imitators of Christ.

### **Gospel: Mark 1:40-45**

Jesus takes pity on a leper and cures him of his disease with a warning not to say but to show himself to the priest and make an offering. Instead of remaining silent, the leper greatly publicized the healing, making it impossible for Jesus to enter the town openly.

### **Sunday**

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45

### **Monday**

Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13

### **Tuesday**

Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21

### **Wednesday**

Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

### **Thursday**

Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25  
FridayIs 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

### **Saturday**

Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

The Living Flame for the Sanctuary  
 Light will be in memory of  
**Anthony Bilotti &  
 Barbara Bilotti-McCann**  
 for the month of February 2018



*Please remember in your prayers all  
 the departed family and friends of  
 St. Christopher, especially:  
**Theresa M. Riccardi & Jeffrey D. Stolfi***

### **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 February 12th @ 7:00 pm in room 101. Please call the rectory to enroll and for any other information you may require.*

### **Reflections**

*Paul reminds the Corinthians that they should take care to avoid offending either Jews or Greeks. This may seem impossible. One cannot hope to please everyone all the time. But that is not what Paul is talking about. He is urging us to be respectful and considerate of others, especially those who do not share our beliefs. If we would imitate Christ, we must strive to accept and respect others as they are, where they are - not requiring them to meet our standards and view of what is right and proper. We should be focused on making others feel welcome, appreciated and valued.*

***Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ***

- *1 Corinthians 11:1*



## **Masses**

### **Saturday, February 10th**

8:30 am Deceased Members of the  
 Trinidad - Ubiera Family  
 5:00 pm James Schultz

### **Sunday, February 11th**

7:00 am Clarence, Minnie & Craig Hall  
 Salvatore Neglia  
 8:00 am Michael Lanza  
 Anthony DiFalco  
 9:15 am Mary O'Connell  
 10:45 am Edward Lally  
 12:15 pm Marion Kramaritsch

### **Monday, February 12th**

7:00 am Mary Ryan  
 12:05 pm Sr. Mary Aurelia  
 Edithanne Powers

### **Tuesday, February 13th**

7:00 am Jeffrey Stolfi  
 12:05 pm George Bain III  
 John Zimmer  
 Ann Harris

### **Wednesday, February 14th Ash Wednesday**

7:00 am Ann Paterno  
 In Thanksgiving - St. Martha  
 9:00 am Lorraine McDermott  
 12:05 pm Joseph Walsh  
 Anthony & Anita Natoli  
 3:30 pm Service - (Ashes Only)  
 7:00 pm James Miller, Jr.

### **Thursday, February 15th**

7:00 am Mike Cruz  
 12:05 pm Martyna Pietrkiewicz  
 Camilo Pascual

### **Friday, February 16th**

7:00 am Special Intentions for Healing-  
 Jocelyn Becker  
 12:05 pm Msgr. Frank B. Ferraioli

### **Saturday, February 17th**

8:30 am Dominick Cecere  
 5:00 pm Sam & Connie Calabria  
 Crispina Vaz

### **Sunday, February 18th First Sunday of Lent**

7:00 am Thomas McDonald  
 8:00 am Deacon Ed Lally  
 9:15 am Lorraine McDermott  
 10:45 am Anthony G. Bilotti  
 Edward Lally  
 12:15 pm Marie & John Marchisa

## Parish Activities...

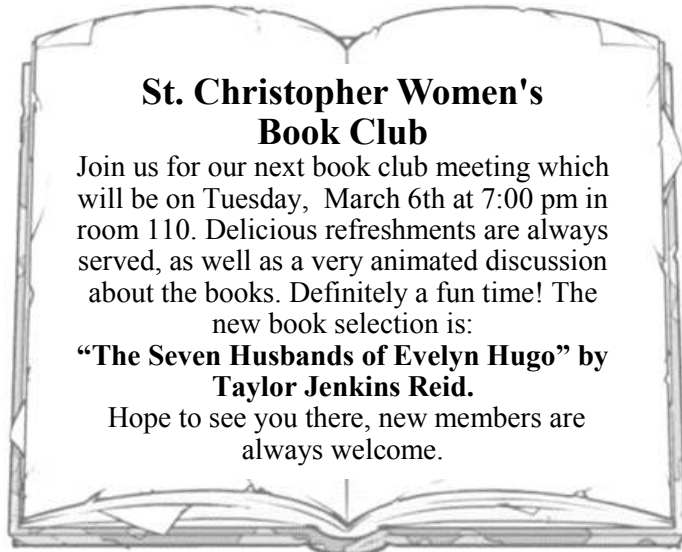
**Men's Group - Issac Jogues Society** - Meets on the second Wednesday of every month from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm, in room 101 in the school. Our Mission Statement is: "Life as a Catholic Man – A Truly Catholic and Spiritual Way of Life".

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**Monday morning adult education** at 10:30 room 110.  
**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's Prayer Group**  
Will be every Tuesday, at 10:30 am and every Thursday, after 12:05 pm Mass

**Pray the Rosary** every Monday – Friday after the 12:05 pm Mass.

**Miraculous Medal Novena & Rosary** will be at 12:30 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.**

**There will be no Bingo on Ash Wednesday, February 14th**

**St. Christopher is hosting the 2000 Hail Mary Devotion, to our Blessed Virgin Mary, every First Saturday of every month.** Please join us on March 3, 2018 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.

**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: **February 16th.**

**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.

**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.

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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.*

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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".**

**Food List:** Peanut butter, pasta, spaghetti sauce, juice, canned corn, baking mixes, mustard, ketchup, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, toothpaste, deodorant, cold cereal, granola bars, cookies, crackers, tuna, Chef Boyardee, canned chicken meat, canned fruit, shelf stable milk, bath tissue, facial tissue, paper towels.

Pancake mix, pancake syrup, tea, coffee (ground or instant), soup, rice, canned beans (any variety), jelly, macaroni & cheese, side dishes (rice-a-roni, pasta sides, etc).

**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](http://www.insidethewalls.org) or call (973) 377-1004**

**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.

**Do “Something Beautiful for God”**

From February 14<sup>th</sup> through March 25<sup>th</sup>, there will be a “40 Days for Life” daily prayer vigils around the world outside of Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers. Please consider joining as they pray at 196 Speedwell Ave. -Planned Parenthood of Morristown. For more information contact local campaign coordinator, Frances Spillman, at (973) 627-1654.



**ALL SAINTS ACADEMY CORNER**

The Season of Lent at ASA - 2018

This week, we will begin the season of Lent. Traditionally during Lent, children are often guided to “give up” something that is special to them. Desserts, video games and television time are some of the typical choices. As we travel with hope through this Lenten Season at All Saints, we are asking our students to “give” instead of “give up.” The students of All Saints Academy will be devoted to give heart-felt prayers for their families, our school families, our parish families and for families all over the world. Pope Francis has encouraged children to pray daily and pray deeply. Giving prayerful support to others, even for those who they do not know, will also bring them closer to God ... And, isn't that really the true meaning of Lent?

The very important presence of faith education truly makes All Saints Academy an extension of the mission of our Catholic parish. This is the time to consider All Saints Academy for your child's faith-based education – an experience that will positively impact a lifetime. Contact our principal, Mrs. Judith Berg, at 973-334-4704, for more information regarding admission and scholarship opportunities at All Saints Academy.



**Lenten Mission at St. Catherine of Siena**, Mountain Lakes. This year, St. Catherine's will be hosting a Lenten Mission from February 25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Ken Beale from Faith on Fire Missions will lead the four-day Mission. Each evening begins at 7pm in the church followed by refreshments. The Mission begins Sunday evening with a concert entitled Go Into the World: Faith on Fire Missions Concert. Three evenings of scripture woven with story and song will follow on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings. All are invited to participate.



Feb. 17th & 18th	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm	S. & T. Lally C. Ocker	P. Alloca A. Calabria M. Downing E. Lally	J. Cesaro
7:00 am	The Lalo Family	B. Carroll	M. Appio
8:00 am	S. & A. Valle A. Jerez	S. & S. Richards J. Mucerino	J. Valle
9:15 am	J. Tran J. Lance A. Zecena	C. Callahan M. Cupo B. Pactwa P. Berardo	S. Marsh
10:45 am	B. & E. Hollinghurst A. Mogan	G. Azares Visit: J. & L. Reinke C. Uy	A. Bilotti
12:15 pm	N. & K. Hardy M. Villanueva	P. Duong W. Koeller S. Capozzi M. Pasuco	M. Reyes

**“A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, ‘If you wish you can make me clean.’ Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him and said to him, ‘I do will it. Be made clean.’”**

This week, we begin the season of Lent, a time of renewal and repentance. We have a tendency to approach this time from a traditional posture. Ashes, meatless Fridays and Stations of the Cross. All are part of our practice and tradition. Wait a minute. Picture the lonely leper, ill and isolated, but with firm faith and determination, violating the rules imposed through Moses, approaching Jesus, seeking much needed help. I am he! Consider for a moment what it took for him to act. He was desperate, knowing the reality of His condition. He spoke ‘If you wish,..’ He heard the will of Jesus, felt His compassion, was touched by the healer. I am he! May I seriously consider how to begin Lent this year and live renewal and repentance with the leper to be healed, cleansed and enlivened. Lent is God’s gift to me this year.

**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

# Journey Through Lent 2018 - If They Could Speak

1. Stations of the Cross – Every Friday night during Lent - 7:00 pm

2. Monday Evening Lent Series – 7:00 pm Mass and Meditation

- a. February 19<sup>th</sup> James, The Sleeping Disciple
- b. February 26<sup>th</sup> John, The Beloved
- c. March 5<sup>th</sup> A Woman of Jerusalem
- d. March 12<sup>th</sup> The Mocking Soldier
- e. March 19<sup>th</sup> Mary, The Mother

3. Welcome Home Sacrament of Reconciliation –  
Monday evenings during Lent at 7:00 pm  
to 8:15 pm

4. Lenten Dinner & Movie - March 15<sup>th</sup>  
Dinner – 6:30 pm  
Movie – 7:00 pm (Full of Grace)

5. Lenten Penance Service - March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm

6. Lenten Anointing Mass – March 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am



# FISH AND CHIPS DINNER

CATERED BY THE FAMOUS ARGYLE'S RESTAURANT, Kearny, NJ



**WHEN:** Friday, February 16, 2018

**WHERE:** Saint Christopher's All Purpose Room

**TIME:**

5:30pm-7:00pm **EAT-IN ONLY**  
(No Seating until 5:30)

5:00pm-7:00pm **TAKE-OUT ONLY**

**PRICE:** Adult **\$16.00**/Senior Citizen **\$15.00**/Child **\$8.00** (*Children may choose Mozzarella Sticks, Chicken Fingers, or Fish, all served with fries.*)

Come join us for a delicious dinner of fish and chips in the All Purpose Room, or, if you prefer, you can place an order for "take out". Either way, you will receive a generous portion of fresh fish, French fries, and cole slaw.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of dinners (please specify below):

\$16.00 (Adult) Fish \_\_\_\_\_

\$15.00 (Senior) Fish \_\_\_\_\_

\$8.00 (Child) Fish \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Mozz Stix \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Eat In: \_\_\_\_\_ Take Out (pick-up time): \_\_\_\_\_

**Checks can be made payable to: Saint Christopher Church**

***Questions?? Feel free to contact the rectory at 973-539-7050 between 10am / 4pm daily or email Jean at [jekev3@yahoo.com](mailto:jekev3@yahoo.com)***

# Lenten Dinner and Movie at St. Christopher

**When:** Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** Dinner will be at 6:30 pm, Movie will begin promptly at 7:00 pm

**Where:** St. Christopher's All-Purpose Room

*Come and enjoy a simple lenten meal of tomato soup and bread and the wonderful movie:*



*“There is one person in scripture that had the experience of living thirty years with Jesus from birth through His resurrection: Mary. His Mother. After a full life lived with the Son of God, fleeing into Egypt, losing him in the temple and seeing him placed upon the cross- Mary is living her final earthly days pondering her life with Jesus. Set ten years after the Resurrection, Mary, eagerly awaits the return of the apostle Peter. Arriving at Mary’s home after years of traveling, preaching and narrowly escaping death, Peter expresses the overwhelming responsibility of preaching the word amidst heresies and conflict. Providing the encouragement only a mother can, Peter re-discovers the truth: he is not leading, he is following and walking in the light of God”.*

# St. Christopher's Family Sports Night





# *Pasta Night at St. Christopher's*



*Join us on Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm in the All-Purpose Room at St. Christopher's for our **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wine & Pasta Night.***

*Price per person will be \$15.00 (21 and over). Included with this price will be linguini with clam sauce, tortellini alfredo, eggplant rollatini, penne pasta in marinara sauce, salad, bread, coffee, tea and dessert. **\*\*We will have some Gluten Free Pasta\*\****

*As an added feature we will have a representative of "Make Wine with Us" ([www.makewinewithus.com](http://www.makewinewithus.com)), for a wine tasting.*

*\*\*No wine purchase will be possible, it will be strictly tasting.*

*However, you are welcome to bring your own wine (no other type of alcohol will be permitted).*

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Checks can be made payable to: Saint Christopher Church**

**Keep in mind we are limited to 120 people, so please reserve ASAP.**

**Questions?? Feel free to contact the rectory at 973-539-7050 between 10:00 am / 4:00 pm daily or email Jean at [jekev3@yahoo.com](mailto:jekev3@yahoo.com)**

# DOLL HOUSE RAFFLE

This beautiful handmade doll house could be yours, all you have to do is purchase a raffle ticket for \$5.00.

Tickets will be sold after the Masses starting the weekend of February 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. The winning ticket will be picked on Easter Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at the 9:15 am Mass.

The doll house will be on display in the school lobby, feel free to stop by and see it.



All proceeds from this raffle will be used to help defray the costs of running our Parish's Family Fun and Youth Activities.

# **Pizza Night with the Bishop**

**February 27 - Pope John XXIII, Sparta**

**7-9 PM each night**



If you are a young man in high school or college, or even older, come join Bishop Serratelli and priests from the Diocese of Paterson for adoration, reflection, fellowship...and of course, pizza.

For more information, please contact the Vocation Office at 973-777-8818, ext 711

## *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 ~*

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