

Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 10th & 11th

Saturday, March 10th

8:30 am Anne Price
5:00 pm Josephine Halteman - Barone
James Schultz
Consuelo Melendez

Sunday, March 11th

7:00 am John Vill
8:00 am John Mucerino
Anthony DiFalco
9:15 am Thomas Scrudato
10:45 am Michael & Teresa Arcieri
Deacon Edward Lally
12:15 pm James Miller, Jr.

Monday, March 12th

7:00 am Nicholas J. Cappuccino
12:05 pm Special Intentions for healing -
Santiago Iglesias

Tuesday, March 13th

7:00 am Nicholas J. Cappuccino
12:05 pm Rita & Mickey D'Ambrosa
John Zimmer

Wednesday, March 14th

7:00 am Matilde Ubiera
12:05 pm Molly Jo Picinich

Thursday, March 15th

7:00 am Nicholas J. Cappuccino
12:05 pm Sr. Lorraine
Anne Price

Friday, March 16th

7:00 am Nicholas J. Cappuccino
12:05 pm Frances Uy

Saturday, March 17th

8:30 am Helen Bergen
5:00 pm Charles Ehrenfeld
Deacon Ed Lally
Theresa McGinty
Dapper McCarthy

Sunday, March 18th

7:00 am Helen Bergen
8:00 am Lorraine Hatahway
Clarence, Minie, Craig Hall & Salvatore
Neglia
9:15 am Deceased Members of Parish
10:45 am Robert Colangelo
12:15 pm Melvyn Patrick Lopez
Renato Santos Magcase

*The Living Flame for the Sanctuary
Light will be for the
special intentions of:*

The Purcaro Family

for the month of March, 2018

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



March 17th & 18th

Altar Servers

5:00 pm A. Denino, T & J. Carifi
7:00 am The Rozanitis Famly
8:00 am The Valle Famliy, T. Metcalf
9:15 am J. Lance, M. Villanueva, R. Biloa
LaVieja
10:45 am J. Jacob, J. Vadakkedam, L. Taylor
12:15 pm A. & D. Guzzardo, J. Tran

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm S. & S. Richards, T. Racioppi,
C. Hendricks
7:00 am B. Carroll
8:00 am L. Valle, S. DeMaio, N. Gordon
9:15 am L. & M. Sostak, K. Blunt.
B. Chmielewski
10:45 am B. Pactwa, Arcilla Family **Visit: M. &
M. D'Ambrosa, A. Malsbury**
12:15 pm R. & L. Polanski, J. Alfonso,
S. Capozzi

Lectors

5:00 pm M. Montefusco
7:00 am M. Dumapit
8:00 am J. Valle
9:15 am K. Hardy
10:45 am A. Belotti
12:15 pm J. Lucibello

From the Pastors Desk

Holy Week 2018

Lenten Penance Service

Wednesday, March 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday Masses

Vigil, March 24th at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 25th at 7:00 a.m.,
8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

Holy Week Masses

Monday, March 26th, Tuesday, March 27th & Wednesday, March 28th
7:00 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

Holy Thursday, March 29th

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

Good Friday, March 30th

3:00 p.m. – (Service) Passion of the Lord

7:00 p.m. – Living Stations

Holy Saturday, March 31st

11:30 a.m. – Blessing of the Food

7:00 p.m. – The Easter Vigil

(No 5:00 p.m. Mass)

Easter Sunday – April 1st

*Masses: 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m.,
9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m. & 12:15 pm*

Weekly Collection

First Collection \$12,536.00
(including online giving \$1,279.00)

Last Year \$13,700.85

Attendance: 793

Thank you for your generosity

20 Week Club

Our ninth lucky winner was:

#157 Barbara Marshall.

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

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



First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

The people of Judah practiced many abominations, even polluting God's temple in Jerusalem. They mocked the messengers he sent among them, until he grew so angry he delivered them to the King of the Chaldeans. Those who weren't killed were exiled and became servants for seventy years. Cyrus, King of Persia, was ordered to build a temple to God in Jerusalem, and he freed the servants as God had inspired him to do.


Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Paul declares that God brought us to life in Jesus, though we had been dead from our sins. He reminds us that it was not a reward for our good service so no one should take credit. Instead, we must remember that it was not our doing, but a sign of God's mercy and love for us.

Gospel: John 3:14-21


God so loved the world, he sent us his only Son so that all who believed would have eternal life in him. The light came into the world, but those who were wicked avoided it, for fear that their evil deeds would be exposed. But those who believed were unafraid of the light, where it would be clear that their deeds were done in God.

Sunday 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21, **Monday** Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54, **Tuesday** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16, **Wednesday** Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30, **Thursday** Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47, **Friday** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30, **Saturday** Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53.



“God who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ – by grace you have been saved, raised us up with him and seated us with him...for by grace you have been saved, and this is not from you it is the gift of God.”

-HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly



LIVING STATIONS will be performed at Saint Christopher's on Good Friday, March 30, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Anyone wishing to participate as an actor, reader, musician, or to help with lights, costumes, or props should come to the meeting on March 15th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Church. Costumes will be distributed at this meeting.

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- Encounter Andrise

We encounter Andrise, a teacher in Haiti who knows the importance of forming young people who will give back to the community and their country. Reflect on the role teachers have played in bringing you closer to God and your community. How can you support those, world wide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

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.

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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.

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St. Christopher is hosting the 2000 Hail Mary Devotion, to our Blessed Virgin Mary, every First Saturday of every month. Please join us on April 7, 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.

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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.

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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.

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

There will be no Bingo March 28th due to Holy Week.

St. Paul Inside the Walls...

For programs and events and to register visit

www.insidethewalls.org or call

(973) 377-1004

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.

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: **March 16th.**

Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa. Bus leaves St. Christopher's parking lot at 9:15 am. Date: **March 12th.** 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.

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.

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St. Christopher Women's Book Club

Join us for our next book club meeting which will be on Tuesday, April 3rd at 7:00 pm in room 110. Delicious refreshments are always served, as well as a very animated discussion about the books. Definitely a fun time! The new book selection **will be announced shortly.**

Hope to see you there, new members are always welcome.

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

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. March 12th The Mocking Soldier

b. March 19th 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 15th
Dinner – 6:30 pm
Movie – 7:00 pm (Full of Grace)

5. Lenten Penance Service - March 21st at 7:00 pm

6. Lenten Anointing Mass – March 24th at 11:00 am



Lenten Dinner and Movie at St. Christopher

When: Thursday, March 15th

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”.

Be part of...

St. Christopher's Family Easter Egg Hunt



- 3 to 8 year olds
- Meet and take pictures with the Easter Bunny
 - Join the Egg Hunt
 - Enjoy a short Easter Film
- There will be refreshments and snacks



Saturday, March 17, 2017 At 9:00 am in the
All Purpose Room

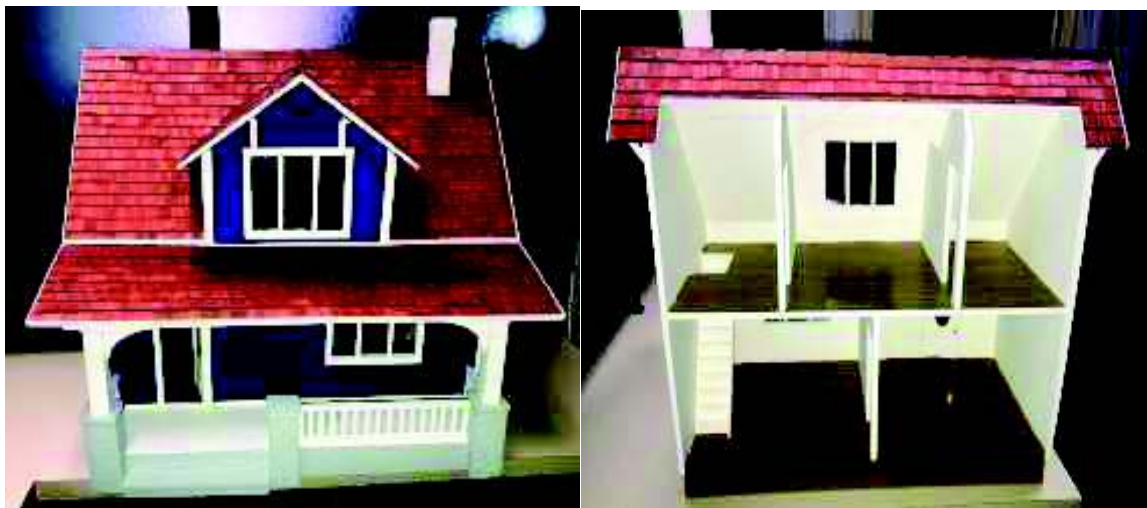


DOLL HOUSE RAFFLE

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

Tickets are on sale now, you can purchase them after the Masses. The winning ticket will be picked on Easter Sunday, April 1st at the 9:15 am Mass.

The doll house will be on display in the lobby of the Church, 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.

St. Christopher' Family Theatre Sunday

For our *second annual* theatre outing, we have been able to secure a number of seats for a wonderful stage performance. Be prepared to be amazed at the wild musical adventure of:



Date: April 29, 2018

Time: 4:00 pm

Place: The Growing Stage Théâtre

7 Ledgewood Ave., Netcong, NJ 07857

Price: \$15.00 per person

To purchase tickets and for more information call Eva at the rectory 973-539-7050 (Do not leave a message, speak to someone directly please).

We have 50 seats reserved, so please make sure you purchase your tickets early.





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Deacon Rick Gaydo

Email: Deacon.Rick@yahoo.com

Or call: 973-539-7050

You can also visit the post (meetings are 1st Wednesday of every month @ 7:00 pm at St. Christopher's)