

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

## **Saturday, April 21st**

8:30 am Anne Price  
5:00 pm Deacon Ed Lally  
Theresa & Anthony DeCesare

## **Sunday, April 22nd**

7:00 am Ray Guimond  
8:00 am Ralph Mucerino  
Marie Bonomo  
9:15 am John Butler  
10:45 am Barbara Bilotti McCann  
Charles & Helen Madia  
12:15 pm Christina & Julius Greenberg  
Cam Colicchio

## **Monday, April 23rd**

7:00 am Jim Miller  
12:05 pm Dorothy LaColla

## **Tuesday, April 24th**

7:00 am Joseph P. McGlynn  
12:05 pm Anita & Anthony Natoli

## **Wednesday, April 25th**

7:00 am Pat Troy  
Arlene Sloan  
12:05 pm Special Intentions - Margariette Garde

## **Thursday, April 26th**

7:00 am Eva Rodriguez Castro  
12:05 pm Jorgelina Castillo

## **Friday, April 27th**

7:00 am Rodolfo R. Herrera  
12:05 pm Thanksgiving & Special Intentions for  
Connie Walsh  
Col. Paul A. Kelly  
James Pellechio, Jr.

## **Saturday, April 28th**

8:30 am Barbara McCabe  
5:00 pm Mary Sansevere

## **Sunday, April 29th**

7:00 am Matilde & Julia Ubiera  
8:00 am Jack Megahey  
9:15 am Marie Bigley  
10:45 am Louis & Sadie Bianco  
12:15 pm Edward Esposito, Sr.  
Natalia Rostek  
Pedro Manuel Magcase

*The Living Flame for the Sanctuary  
Light will be in memory of:*

**Ray Guimond**

*for the month of April, 2018*

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



## Reflections

*We are familiar with the passage  
from John's Gospel about Jesus as  
the good shepherd who knows his  
sheep. It is a beautiful and  
comforting image. But we seldom  
consider another part of this  
passage where he says, "I have  
other sheep that do not belong to  
his fold. I must lead them, too, and  
they shall hear my voice." Reflect  
on how this passage may apply to  
how we view members of other  
denominations or religions.*

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for  
his kindness endures forever*

*- Psalm 118:29*

From the Pastors Desk -

## **John 10:27-30**

*Jesus is making a guarantee to us in this passage. He promises eternal life to all who believe in Him. Close your eyes and imagine yourself sitting in Christ's hand. He has such a good hold on you that no one can pull you from His hands. If you try to get out of His hands, He will reach right out to pull you back in again. Christ will never push you away from Him or let you go. Once you come to trust in Christ alone as the one who takes all your sins upon himself, you will have eternal life, and can never perish. How great is that!*



### *Weekly Collection*

Sunday	\$10,286.75
(including online giving \$ 1,008.00)	
Human Development	\$ 1,609.00
Last Year	\$10,896.00

### **20 Week Club**

Our 15th lucky winner:  
**#112 Denise & Michael Purdue**  
Congratulations!! Thank you all  
for contributing to such a very  
important fundraiser.

*Attendance: 820*

*Thank you for your generosity*

## **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 **May 14th @ 7:00 pm** in room 101. Please call the rectory to enroll and for any other information you may require.*



### **First Reading: Acts 4:8-12**

*Peter explains to the elders that his healing of a cripple was done in the name of Jesus Christ. He reminds his elders that they crucified Jesus, but God rose him up so that all people could be saved in his name.*

### **Second Reading: I John 3:1-2**

*John expresses amazement at the fact that God allowed us to be called his children. Although we are unsure exactly what we will be after this life, we do know that we will see God as he is and be like him.*

### **Gospel: John 10:11-18**

*Jesus speaks of a shepherd working only for pay, with no real concern for the sheep being well cared for. But Jesus is our shepherd and would lay down his own life for all those in his flock. God loves him for his willingness to sacrifice himself for the sake of all God's children.*

**Sunday** Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18, **Monday** Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10, **Tuesday** Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30, **Wednesday** 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20, **Thursday** Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20, **Friday** Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6, **Saturday** Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

*“Peter filled with the Holy Spirit said: ‘Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was done in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in His name this man stands today before you healed... There is no salvation through anyone else.’”*

*When people inquire where they should begin reading the bible, I suggest a great place is in the Acts of the Apostles, and in particular the kerygmatic sermons of Saint Peter and Saint Paul. They are clear and concise statements about Jesus, His passion and resurrection, and through the Spirit are the source of the enthusiasm as the two great preachers tell of their reason for preaching.*

*It was not much earlier that Peter denied and Paul persecuted those who were curious and seeking. That is what we are about as we reflect on His Word Today and every day – we are desirous of knowing and loving Jesus better, and as we do, we serve as His witness.*

*The great sermons, the announcement or proclamation give meaning to our lives as disciples and are the call to others to come to Jesus.*

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

*Thank you for your generous support last week to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! The money that was raised will be to support those in the margins who are living in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, its not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections), and click on “How to give” on the left.*

# 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 am 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 May 5, 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.**

## 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

## 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: **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.

**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, May 1st 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 **Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier.**

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

## Soft yoga for ghard 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](mailto:pprosperi51@gmail.com).

## Parish Activities

### **Parsippany Knights of Columbus Present:**

#### **“The Opera Comes to Parsippany”**

Featuring world renown tenor Todd Wilander...May 12, 2018 at Parsippany Hills High School at 7:00 pm, located at 20 Rita Drive, Morris Plains....Tickets - \$25.00 adults, \$15.00 Senior Citizens and children under 12, and \$10 for all Veterans (with ID). Tickets can be purchased in advance at K of C 3680.com, or by calling (Mark Aduato), tickets will be available at the door on a first come basis. Net proceeds from this event will provide much needed funding for the Council's Youth and Charity Fund.

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The Compassionate Friends, a self help group for bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, May 10th at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road, Parsippany, NJ., at 7:30 pm in room 101.

**Program:** How to handle upcoming celebrations (Please bring in photo of your child). For more information call Lily Capriglione at 973-568-4164.

Do you know your state laws to combat human trafficking? Are local law enforcement personnel knowledgeable about human trafficking so that they can be effective resources?

***U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking.*** Website: [sisteragainstrafficking.org](http://sisteragainstrafficking.org).

### **\*Prayer of the day**

#### **Prayer for Eternal life with God**

*Heavenly Father,*

*in glorifying Jesus*

*and sending us your Spirit,*

*You open the way to eternal life.*

*May my sharing in this Gift increase my love and make my faith grow stronger.*

*Send Your Spirit to cleanse my life*

*so that the offering of myself to You at Mass may be pleasing to You.*

*May my sharing in the Eucharist, our Bread of Life, bring me eternal life.*

## *St. Christopher's Second Hand Rose Thrift Shop*

*Thank you to all our loyal patrons and looking forward to meeting new ones.*

### *Shop Hours:*

*Wednesday & Friday 11:00 am – 4:00 pm*

*Saturday and Sunday 11:00 am – 4:00 pm*

*Located in the Old Nursery School across from the Church*

**Due to the extensive amount of inventory we have, we will not be accepting any merchandise until further notice.  
For more information call 973-713-4939**

# 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 (Please be at theatre by 3:30pm)

**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.



Come join us for ...



# St. Christopher's



Friday, May 18, 2018 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.



# SENT.

*Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to the  
Cathedral of St. John the Baptist*

Join hundreds of young people  
in the diocesan celebration of the  
re-dedication of the Cathedral.

The program includes:

- Tour of the Cathedral
- Games and snacks
- Engaging speakers and music
- Mass with the Bishop

**June 10 | 2:30 PM-6:00PM**

Register online at  
[www.insidethewalls.org](http://www.insidethewalls.org)



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