

From the Pastors Desk - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Patrons of the First Communicants

May 13, 2019 will be the feast day of 11 year old Blessed Imelda Lambertini, the patron of those making their First Communion.

Born in 1322 in Bologna, Italy, Imelda was a pious child who at nine years old asked to live at a Dominican convent. Her parents agreed that she could be educated there. At the convent, Imelda was fascinated by Eucharistic adoration. She was eager to receive Communion and was disappointed to learn that she had to wait until she was 12 years old.

It is said that when Imelda was 11 years old, she was attending Mass with the sisters and was the only one not old enough to receive Communion. Suddenly a sacred host seemed to hover in the air above Imelda, who was deep in prayer. The sisters called the priest who, in witnessing the miracle, felt that the little girl could no longer be denied Communion.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

First Collection	\$ 10,022.25
Last Year	\$ 11,392.00

Attendance 713

Thank you for your generosity

Religious Education

We need Religious Education Substitute Teachers. If you would like to volunteer, please call the religious education office at (973-539-6208).

2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal - Here I am Lord!

One of the benefits of giving to our Bishop's Annual Appeal is the knowledge that the funds support important needs in Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties. This local connection means that you may be helping your next door neighbor, your co-worker, the store owner you see each day as you shop in your community - perhaps even a family member. In this context, when you give to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, you truly say: Here I am Lord - making a better life for my brothers and sisters in the area. Please consider making a pledge today.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 29th

8:30 am Elizabeth "Betty" Shutta
5:00 pm Larry Eckel
Conrad Spring

Sunday, September 30th

7:00 am Msgr. Frank B. Ferraioli
8:00 am William (Bill) Szmak, Carol Clark
Marie Lanza
Clarence, Minnie & Craig Hall
Salvatore Neglia
9:15 am Joseph Jacisin
10:45 am Fortunato Legion Perez
12:15 pm Helen Cooper

Monday, October 1st

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish
12:05 pm Rita & Mickey D'Ambrosa
Fidela Azares

Tuesday, October 2nd

7:00 am Trish Muscillo Franks
12:05 pm George Bain

Wednesday, October 3rd

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish
12:05 pm Natalizia Woods
Chet Rosamilia

Thursday, October 4th

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish
12:05 pm Ruth Glaser

Friday, October 5th

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish
12:05 pm Hope Mato

Saturday, October 6th

8:30 am Deceased Members of the Parish
5:00 pm Frank Lappi
Mildred Surman

Sunday, October 7th

7:00 am Anne Price
8:00 am Reynaldo Castillo
9:15 am Edward P. McMillan
10:45 am Winfield Parsons
12:15 pm Sam & Connie Calabria

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

Crispina Vaz

for the month of October, 2018

Rest in Peace

*Please remember in your prayers those
who entered into their new and eternal
life in Christ recently.*



October 6th & 7th

Altar Server

5:00 pm D. Lipuma, B. & B. Davies
7:00 am The Lalo Family
8:00 am J. Lance, T. & A. Pactwa
9:15 am M. & M. Rankel, J. Tran
10:45 am M. Morales, J. Summa, A. Zecena
12:15 pm C. Berardo, T. Wyka, P. Whalen

Eucharistic Minister

5:00 pm L. Asea, J. & M. Davies, J. Lipuma
7:00 am B. Carroll
8:00 am C. Metcalf, B. & M. Pactwa
9:15 am C. Callahan, S. DeMaio, P. Gatti,
D. Giradelli
10:45 am G. & L. Azares, C. Uy, R. Vento
12:15 pm A. Calabria, S. Capozzi, P. Duong,
W. Koeller

Lectors

5:00 pm J. Cesaro
7:00 am C. Ramancionis
8:00 am C. Johnson
9:15 am K. Hardy
10:45 am J. Cannaveno
12:15 pm M. Reyes

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 October 8th @ 7:00 pm in room 101. Please call the rectory to enroll and for any other information you may require.

First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

Two men not considered prophets by the people began to prophesize, and this offended those who did not feel they were true prophets. But Moses explained that prophets are chosen by God, not the people.

Second Reading: James 5:1-6

James speaks out strongly against people who become rich by cheating their workers. He claims the wealth they have dishonestly collected will be a testimony against them on judgment day.

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Jesus explains to his disciples that it is acceptable for a person who is not part of their group to speak in his name, but he does warn them that anyone who tries to lead his followers astray will be severely punished. Jesus also discusses personal failing and the importance of taking whatever steps are necessary to avoid them.

Sunday

Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday

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

Tuesday

Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Jb 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12

First 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

Let us pray for the safety of the following members of St. Christopher Parish who are actively serving in the military:

2LT. Sean Arcilla, PVT. Shane Arcilla, LCPL. Cormac Bradley, CPT. Liam Connor, LTJG Megan Costello, PFC. Patrick DeBenedette, Airman Danny De La Esperia, LCPL. Michael Del Russo, J. Fortes, OP. SPEC. S. Gross II, PVT. Ryan Jandora SGT. Lauren L. Ferrel, Capt. Luis Marti, Capt. Michael A. Piccini, Michael Simoni, SPEC. Cory Therriault.

If you know of any St. Christopher's parishioner who is currently serving in the military and would like them added to this list please contact the rectory (973) 539-7050.



Throughout Scripture we are reminded that God's ways are not ours. God seems to enjoy using the least likely people to deliver his message. Like the apostles, we may have trouble accepting God's words from the lips of those who do not belong to our group or even worse from those we consider "godless". Pray for the grace to hear God's message for you regardless of who is delivering it.

*The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.
-Psalm 19:8*

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. **Topic: The Acts of the Apostle.**

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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 **October 6th**, 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 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: **October 5th.**

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

October 8th. 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

Our book club is resuming on Tuesday, October 2nd at 7:00 pm in room 110. Refreshments will be served, and they are delicious!!

October book selection: Beartown by Fredrik Backman.

November book selection: A place for us by Fatima Farheen Mirza.

Hope to see you there, give it a try, I am sure you will want to join, 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 Prospero, who is the yoga instructor at pprosperi51@gmail.com.

Come to an Open House at Morris Catholic High School! Sunday, October 14th, from 2 to 4 p.m. and Wednesday, October 24th, from 7 to 9 p.m. Visit our campus, meet our faculty, and learn about student life directly from our Student Ambassadors. Register to attend at www.morriscatholic.org/OpenHouse/.

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Lauren Rudisill, Portrait Artist

You are invited to join us Monday, October 15th at 1:00 PM in St Ann Parish Life Center and be entertained by portrait artist Lauren Wickey Rudisill who was born in Morris County and is the child of the late painter Ruth Olson Wickey and the sculptor Bill Wickey (wickeypotttery.com). Lauren will show examples of her work and then complete a painting before your eyes. For anyone interested in pursuing their artistic talents, Lauren will offer the opportunity to take a painting class with her. To register for this free event, call Ginny at 973-884-1986.

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Monday, October 1, 2018 the *Women's Society* will meet immediately following the 12:05 pm Mass in Church. We will meet in the All Purpose Room. Not room 101. At this meeting we will have a guest speaker, Ginny Ak-houry. Ginny was a Pastoral Minister at the Church of the Holy Family in Florham Park. She will speak to us about the life of Mother Teresa, St. Paul 11, Sister Faustina and the Devine Mercy's. Along with telling us about them she will have pictures. Ginny's presentation will begin after 1:30 pm following the general meeting for the Women's Society. All those interested hearing Ginny please join us. All are welcome.

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The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, October 11th, at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany, at 7:30PM in room 101. **Program: *How to Survive; Will I survive?*** (**Photo sharing; bring a photo of your child**). For more information please call Lily Capriglione at: 973-568-4164.

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Silver and Gold Anniversary Mass - Couples, were you married in 1968 or 1993? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered on November 4, 2018 at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Serratelli will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion. **Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office at (973) 539-7050. The deadline to register is Monday, October 15, 2018.** You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. Congratulations on this joyous occasion!

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“The Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses: Taking some of the spirit that was on Moses, the Lord bestowed it on the seventy elders, and as the spirit came upon them they prophesied... ‘Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord would bestow his spirit on them all. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.’”

On the day of our baptism, when we were anointed with the Holy Chrism we were told that we participate with Jesus as - priest, prophet and king. A prophet is a spokesperson for God. We read from the Major Prophets in the Old Testament, and know the teaching of the minor ones, as Micah, Amos, Hosea and others. Some say the age of prophets ended at the close of the first testament.

No, that is not true. Because we too are called to witness to Christ, we too are spokespersons for the Lord, His prophets today. We speak as witnesses by our actions. We speak as teachers of His word. We bring the call to conversion to a needy world. We find the witness of prophets in Saint Archbishop Oscar Romero, Blessed Stanley Rother and the religious martyrs of El Salvador. They are the prophetic voices, calling out for justice, an end to oppression, as agents for peace. ‘Would that the Lord would bestow...’ He has, now it is our turn.

On October 7th at 3:00pm all Parishes will ring their bells for one minute for Respect of Life Sunday, the following prayer is for all our Parishioners to pray as the Church bells are rung that day.

Prayer for Life and Dignity

Eternal God, creator and sustainer of life,
bless us with the courage to defend all life
from conception to natural death.

Bless us with the strength to respect all peoples
from east to west, from north to south,
so that we may truly follow the call of Jesus to be neighbor.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

(From Being Neighbor: The Catechism and Social Justice, USCCB, April 1998)

Upcoming dates to remember:

2018

September 28th	Family Game Night @ 6:30 pm
October 26th	Family Magic Night @ 7:00 pm
November 25th	Family Roller-skating
December 1st	Breakfast with Santa 9:00 am

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January 18th	Family Movie Night @ 6:30 pm
February 8th	Family Sports Night @ 6:30 pm
March 30th	Breakfast w/ Easter Bunny @ 9:00 am
April 7th	Mayo Theatre, Play @ 4:30 pm
May 24 th	Mega Game Night @ 6:30 pm
June 14 th	Movie & Ice Cream @ 6:30 pm

Religious Educations Dates to Remember

October 7th 12:15 pm Mass

The opening of the Confirmation retreat.

October 14th 9:15 am Mass

Inscription ceremony for all 9th graders who are preparing for Confirmation.

October 28th 9:15 am Mass

The Cross Mass for al 2nd graders.

Come join us for ...



St. Christopher's



Friday, September 28, 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.





All Souls Day

Memorial Candles

November is the Month of Remembrance for all our departed loved ones. This commemoration begins with the Memorial of All Souls on November 2nd.

We are offering special Memorial Candles that will burn next to the altar during all Sunday masses throughout the month of November.

A label will be placed on the front of the candle with the name of your loved one. Candles have space for only 1 name.

The requested donation for these candles is \$25.00 each.

Please fill out the form below & place it in an envelope with the required donation and mark the envelope "*Memorial Candles*".

The envelope can be placed in the regular collection basket or dropped off at the Parish Office .

For an example of how the candles will be displayed on the altar please see the bulletin board in the Church vestibule.

All Souls Day Memorial Candle

\$25.00/candle (Please Print)

1 Name per Candle

Name of Person Ordering Candle _____

Phone Number _____

Name on Candle _____

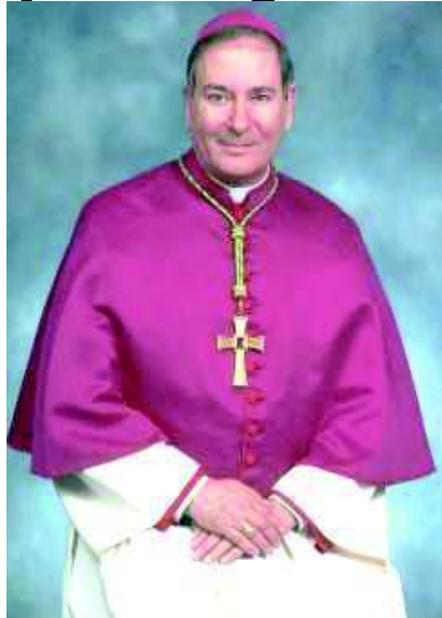
Please drop off in the Parish Office or
Collection Basket in an envelope marked "Memorial
Candle" Any Questions, please call Parish Office

973-539-7050



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 17, 2018 — 10:00 A.M. Mass
Saint John the Baptist Cathedral
381 Grand Street
Paterson, NJ 07505

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

Bill Roberts PGK, FDD
Paterson Federation Chairman

Saint Christopher Church will host - Operation Christmas Child Shoebox
1050 Littleton Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054
Saturday & Sunday, November 10th & 11th from 12 to 4pm



Samaritan's Purse is an amazing organization that works year round for many great causes. Operation Christmas child is an amazing way to bring a smile to a child who would otherwise not receive anything at Christmas time.

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

We will gather at **Saint Christopher church** to come together as a community to fill as many shoe boxes as we can with all the donations we receive. This is a great experience for all involved. Bring your children and have them join in on the fun of giving back. The children will get to write a personal letter to fill the box with love.

If you are wondering how you could help, here are several ways to help.

ADOPT A BOX

You can adopt a box for **\$9.00** your donation will pay for the shipping of a single shoe box. Our goal this year is to pack **500** boxes and ship to **100** countries!

Checks for shipping will be made out to Samaritan's Purse

DONATE GIFTS

You can go to your local dollar store and purchase items for the children and drop them off to me at Saint Christopher's church.

(Find a list of items on the take home flyer at the church. or go to <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/>).

MAKE A MONETARY DONATION

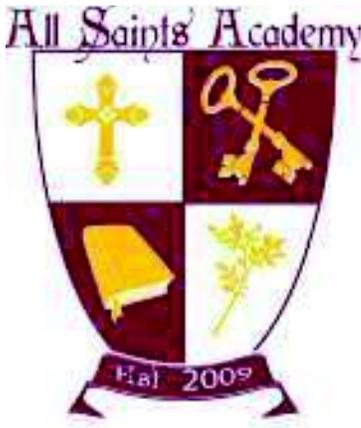
You can make a \$20.00 donation. This donation will be used to purchase gifts and ship one box! We accept cash or checks. checks made payable to to Stacy Stampone.

All checks and donations should be to me by October the 26th

JOIN THE PACKING PARTY

Join the packing party to help pack a box. Bring a check to ship at least one box!

Please RSVP to me at stacystampone@gmail.com or friend me on Facebook "Stacy Stampone"



All Saints Academy Beefsteak Dinner

Saturday, October 13, 2018

6:30 PM - 10:30PM

St. Ann Church

781 Smith Road, Parsippany

\$50 per person

Includes: unlimited filet mignonette, thinly sliced bread, French Fries, salad, soda, coffee/tea, dessert

- BYOB-

Name:

Phone Number:

Email:

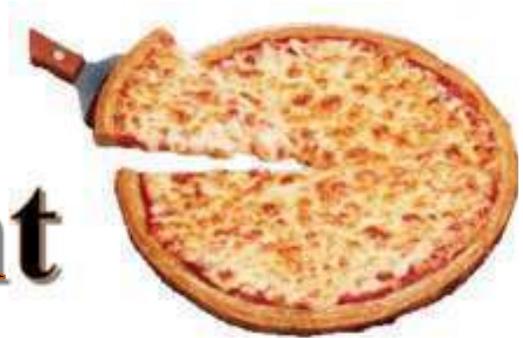
Number of tickets: X \$50.00 = \$

- Reserve tables of 8-10 guests.
- Groups of less than 8 will be seated with other guests.
- Include all guest names and complete payment (multiple checks are OK.)

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5.	10.

Make checks payable to **All Saints Academy**.
Please send form and payment by October 4, 2018 to
All Saints Academy - 189 Baldwin Rd. Parsippany, NJ 07054
Questions: contact Dara O'Dowd at 973-590-0638

Pizza Night



with Bishop

For young men in high school or college, or even older.

**Tuesday, October 23, 2018
De Paul High School in Wayne
7 to 9 PM**

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