

From the Pastors Desk - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
***Becoming Catholic/R.C.I.A.***

*Have you or a friend considered becoming Catholic? Have you been wondering what the Church teaches and why? Have you felt the Holy Spirit nudging you to learn more?*

*Were you baptized Catholic, but have been away from the Church for some time and would like to come back? If so, I invite you to join our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adult!*

*Come to our first session on Sunday, October 7, 2018 at 10:15 am in the Church. We meet Sunday mornings, from 10:15 am until 11:15 am beginning Sunday, October 7, 2018 and go through the Easter Vigil. All materials are provided. Our classes are informal and include prayer, discussion, scripture, as well as other learning mediums. Our goal is to familiarize you with the teachings of the Catholic Church, answer any questions you may have as honestly and as completely as we can and help you grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ.*

***WEEKLY COLLECTIONS***

<b>First Collection</b>	<b>\$ 10,023.00</b>
<b>Last Year</b>	<b>\$ 12,771 .00</b>

***Attendance 668***  
***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).*

**Monday, October 8th, the rectory will be closed in observance of Columbus Day. The Masses will be as usual  
7:00 am and 12:05 pm**



# 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 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

## Monday, October 8th

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish  
12:05 pm Michael Weber

## Tuesday, October 9th

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

## Wednesday, October 10th

7:00 am Hedwig Falgowski  
12:05 pm Dr. Ligaya Masankay

## Thursday, October 11th

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish  
12:05 pm Frances Marinaccio

## Friday, October 12th

7:00 am Rich Ferrera  
Christina Azares  
12:05 pm Gerald Sedam  
Frank Sayford  
Mary Schroder

## Saturday, October 13th

8:30 am George Tensfeldt  
5:00 pm James W. Moss, Jr.

## Sunday, October 14th

7:00 am Robert J. Carroll  
8:00 am Dominick Cecere  
9:15 am Jerry Stolfi  
10:45 am Lucy Naseef, Aurora & Lucille Calabrese  
12:15 pm Mercedes Monroy

*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 13th & 14th

### ***Altar Server***

5:00 pm A. DeNino, T. & J. Carifi  
7:00 am A. Rosanitis  
8:00 am J. Lance, J. Tran, A. Anastasi  
9:15 am C. Berardo, M. & M. Rankel  
10:45 am T. Wyka, B. & E. Hollinghurst  
12:15 pm J. Summa, D. & A. Guzzardo

### ***Eucharistic Minister***

5:00 pm P. Allocca, L. Asea, L. Bain, M. Gelosa  
7:00 am B. Carroll  
8:00 am J. Mucerino, L. Scangarella, K. Nolan  
9:15 am K. & P. Berardo, B. Chmielewski,  
M. Cupo  
10:45 am G. & L. Azares  
**Visit the Sick:** A. Calabria, A. Malsbury  
12:15 pm C. Callahan, J. Alfonso, S. Cappozi,  
S. DeMaio

### ***Lectors***

5:00 pm M. Montefusco  
7:00 am M. Dumapit  
8:00 am E. Shabet  
9:15 am A. Mogan  
10:45 am J. Cannaveno  
12:15 pm B. East



**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.***

***Let us welcome into our family of faith **John Ihne III & Julia N. Joseph,** who received the sacrament of Baptism.***

**First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24**

God created many different animals in an attempt to make a suitable partner for the first man. Then he took a rib from the man as he slept and built it up into a woman. At last God had created someone who equaled the man, as she was “bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh” and they proved to be suitable partners for each other.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11**

This passage describes how Jesus will become perfect through his suffering. It also reminds us that Jesus’ Father is our Father as well, making him unashamed to call us his brothers and sisters.

**Gospel: Mark 10:2-16**

The people began to ask Jesus if it was acceptable for a man to divorce his wife. Jesus tells them that two people who have been joined together by God should not be separated. People began bringing their children to Jesus, but the disciples tried to send them away. Jesus grew angry and told his disciples to allow the children to come to him.

**Sunday**

Gn 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

**Monday**

Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday**

Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday**

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4

**Thursday**

Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13

**Friday**

Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday**

Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28

**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.**



*What qualities do you admire in children? Perhaps you admire their ability to be awed by the world around them, or their curiosity, or their ability to trust. Now consider how Jesus might see these qualities as a requirement for entering the kingdom? Focus on one quality and consider how well it is or is not reflected in your life. What could you do to nurture this quality in yourself.*

*Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a little child shall not enter it. -Mark 10:15*

# 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 **November 3rd**, 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 advised.**

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

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

**December book selection: The Kitchen House by Kathleen Grissom.**



Hope to see you there, give it a try, I am sure you will want to join, new members are always welcome.

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## 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.

Welcome all knit and crochet artists and those who would like to learn! Materials and instruction provided. Projects can be made at home or with the group. Please join us at our meeting on October 9, 2018 at 1:00 PM in the Front office of the school. If you are unable to come, but are interested in participating, or, if you have any questions call Karen Longo at 973 267-3321 for information.

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**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/](http://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 ([wickeypottery.com](http://wickeypottery.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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**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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**WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE XIX: "FILL MY CUP, LORD"**

The parish of Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel, 75 Ridgedale Ave., Cedar Knolls, NJ, invites women 25 and older who have never attended a Cornerstone retreat to join us for this awesome spiritual opportunity, Friday evening, October 19th & Saturday, October 20, 2018. Cornerstone is a unique retreat designed to provide participants an opportunity to revitalize and deepen their spiritual lives. The retreat lasts approximately 26 hours, beginning on Friday evening at 6:30 PM, and ending with a Closing Liturgy on Saturday evening at 5 PM. All participants are provided sleeping accommodations at the parish center, which helps ensure the spiritual continuity of the experience for everyone involved. For more information or to register, please visit our website at [www.ndcarmel.com](http://www.ndcarmel.com), or contact Beth Letizia at [mrstiz1@verizon.net](mailto:mrstiz1@verizon.net) / 973-699-4427.

**ALL SAINTS ACADEMY CORNER ASA** – An Extension of Our Parish Community Like our parish, All Saints Academy is a diverse community that celebrates the benchmarks of faith and practice traditionally found in the legacy of Catholic education. All Saints Academy's model as a co-sponsored school under the auspices of our three Parsippany parishes is very successful and thriving. As a school in the Diocese of Paterson, All Saints Academy's AdvancEd Accreditation and STEM Certification provide a standards-based educational framework, setting a path for continuous improvement in instruction, 21st century learning and student performance. The very important presence of faith education truly makes All Saints Academy an extension of the mission of our Catholic parish. All parish families are welcome in our school. Pope Benedict XVI said, "No child should be denied his or her right to an education in faith, which in turn nurtures the soul of a nation." This is the time to consider All Saints Academy for your child's values-based education – an experience that will foster a lifetime of faith. Contact our principal, Mrs. Judith Berg, at 973-334-4704, for more information regarding admission and scholarship opportunities at All Saints Academy.

**Upcoming dates to remember:**

**2018**

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

**2019**

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<sup>th</sup> Mega Game Night @ 6:30 pm  
June 14<sup>th</sup> Movie & Ice Cream @ 6:30 pm

**Religious Educations Dates to Remember**

October 7<sup>th</sup> 12:15 pm Mass - The opening of the Confirmation retreat.  
October 14<sup>th</sup> 9:15 am Mass - Inscription ceremony for all 9<sup>th</sup> graders who are preparing for Confirmation.  
October 28<sup>th</sup> 9:15 am Mass - The Cross Mass for al 2<sup>nd</sup> graders.

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***PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL***

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.  
Amen.

***Sub Tuum Praesidium*** - We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

**SAINT CHRISTOPHER PARISH      20-WEEK CLUB      MAINTENANCE & REPAIR FUND 2019**

Raffle License #  
ID #375-01-0914

Location: 1050 Littleton Road  
Parsippany, NJ 07054  
Time: 12:00 noon

- A. Each participant pays \$100 once or \$20 a month for 5 months, starting January and ending in May.
- B. There is a winner selected each week, two winners on week 10 (\$500/each) two winners on week 17 (\$400/each) and five winners on week 20 (\$1000/each).

<u>January 2019</u>		<u>February 2019</u>		<u>March 2019</u>		<u>April 2019</u>		<u>May 2019</u>	
1/5	\$150	2/2	\$200	3/2	\$250	4/6	\$350	5/4	\$375
1/12	\$150	2/9	\$200	3/9	<b>\$500, \$500</b>	4/13	\$350	5/11	\$400
1/19	\$175	2/16	\$200	3/16	\$300	4/20	\$375	5/18	<b>\$1000</b>
1/26	\$175	2/23	\$250	3/23	\$300	4/27	<b>\$400, \$400</b>		<b>\$1000</b>
				3/30	\$300				<b>\$1000</b>

- C. A person can win more than once. Your name is put back in so you can win again.
- D. We are planning on having our first drawing on January 5, 2019. Drawings will be held each SATURDAY. A list of winners will be posted in the vestibule of the Church and in the bulletin.
- E. If a participant fails to pay the monthly dues, he/she will be disqualified for the remainder of the drawing.
- F. If gambling is a problem for you or someone in your family, DIAL 1-800-GAMBLER.
- G. The aggregate value of all prizes **\$11,300**. No substitution of the offered prizes may be made.

**PLEASE PRINT – FILL OUT FORM AND RETURN TO: St. Christopher Rectory**  
All forms must be returned no later than January 4, 2019.

20-week club# \_\_\_\_\_  
Raffle License #  
ID #375-1-914

Saint Christopher Church  
Calendar Raffle – 20-week club  
January, February, March, April, May 2019

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 payment in full

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20 partial payment

# Family Magic Night at St. Christopher



on October 26, 2018  
In the All Purpose Room

Featuring:

## **Benjamin's Comedy Cascade Extreme Variety Show**



Refreshments will go on sale at 6:30pm with the  
show starting promptly at 7:00 pm.

All are welcome!



## 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** \_\_\_\_\_

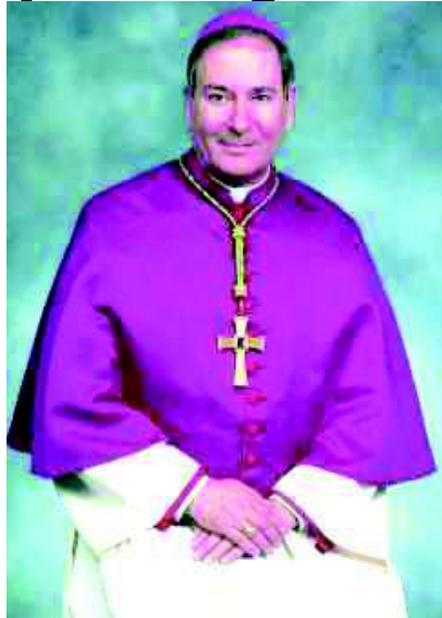
Please drop off in the Parish Office or  
Collection Basket in an envelope marked "Memorial  
Candle" Any Questions, please call Parish Office

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 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> 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**

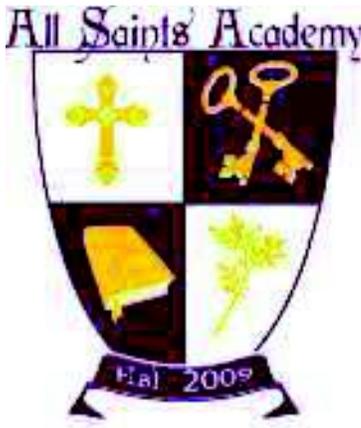
You can make a \$20.00 donation. This donation will be used to purchase gifts and ship one box! We accept cash or checks. checks made payable to to Stacy Stampone.

**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](mailto: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:

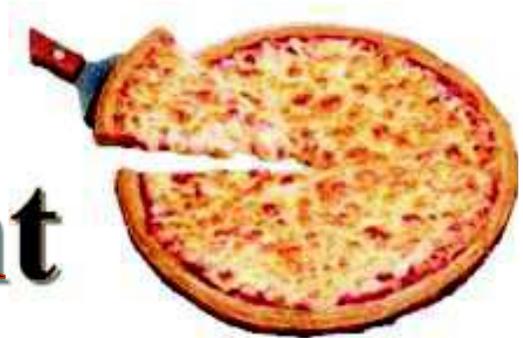
Number of tickets:                      X \$50.00    =    \$

- 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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2.	7.
3.	8.
4.	9.
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