

From the Pastors Desk - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ways to serve and get involved.

St. Christopher's is the central location where you practice being a steward of the gifts God has granted you. Are you involved in the life of St. Christopher's Parish?

When you participate at St. Christopher, you are helping to build the kingdom of God here on earth. You help build the kingdom by joining a parish organization, volunteering for a ministry, enrolling in our adult education program or working in our Religious Education Program.

Be an active part of the faith that enriches your life each and every day. Get involved and help others build their faith, while renewing yours! Stewardship is your way of showing gratitude for all God has given.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

First Collection	\$ 11,314.75
Project Faith	\$ 1,555.00
Last Year	\$ 11,044.00

Attendance 749

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).

Sr. Pat Blostic, SMIC, died on Oct. 3, 2018. She turned 80 the day before. Her family, the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, and friends had celebrated and prayed with her the previous days, knowing that her illnesses would soon take her from this life.

The 12:05pm Mass will be celebrated here at St. Christopher's on Oct. 16th the same day as her funeral. Sr. Pat's Wake at 10:30 AM, and Mass at 11:00 AM will be at McAuley Health Center, 1633 Hwy. 22 West, Watchung NJ 07069, where Sr. Pat has spent the past year-plus with other Missionary Sisters.

Cards can be sent to the family in care of her priest brother, Fr. Leonard Blostic, TOR, 46 Lincoln St. or PO Box 314, Cokeburg, PA 15324. Or to Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, 25 Orchard St., Suite 104, Denville, NJ 07834.

Thanks to all St. Christopher clergy, Sr. Bernadette Connor, OP, secretaries, parishioners and friends for being Sr. Pat's friend in her life. We know she will be praying for us all from her new home.

Sr. Jane

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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, Aurola & Lucille Calabrese
12:15 pm Mercedes Monroy
Jesse Christian Faunt

Monday, October 15th

7:00 am Jeronimo Vaz
12:05 pm Larry Eckel
Meghan Nugent

Tuesday, October 16th

7:00 am Jean L. Kelly
12:05 pm Rose & Nicholas DiVincenzo
John Zimmer
Sr. Pat Blostic

Wednesday, October 17th

7:00 am Ernesto Fischetti
12:05 pm Norma Tracey
Fedora Conbisiero

Thursday, October 18th

7:00 am Harold E. Donald, Jr.
12:05 pm Lawrence McLean
Pablo Orani

Friday, October 19th

7:00 am Harold E. Donald, Jr.
12:05 pm Antonio Velaso

Saturday, October 20th

8:30 am Nina Booth
5:00 pm Anthony Tirinato
Loretta Norcia

Sunday, October 21st

7:00 am Don Bossterman
8:00 am Elizabeth Chorny
9:15 am Nina Booth
10:45 am Lidia Hatchoyan
12:15 pm Carmine J. Galdieri, II

*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, especially
Nicholas James Cerbo*



October 20th & 21st

Altar Server

5:00 pm T. Lally, B. & B. Davies
7:00 am The Lalo Family
8:00 am B. & E. Hollinghurst
9:15 am The Imperati Family
10:45 am T. & A. Pactwa, L. Taylor
12:15 pm The Hardy Family, A. Zecena

Eucharistic Minister

5:00 pm J. & M. Davies, M. Downing, E. Lally
7:00 am B. Carroll
8:00 am N. Gordon, L. Hollinghurst, P. Luther
9:15 am R. DiMaggio, P. Gatti, D. Giradelli,
E. Haynes
10:45 am R. & V. Arcilla
Visit the Sick: L. Copeland, C. Mosiello
12:15 pm W. Koeller, B. & J. East, P. Duong

Lectors

5:00 pm K. Lucibello
7:00 am C. Johnson
8:00 am K. Longo
9:15 am L. Przyhocki
10:45 am A. Bilotti
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 November 12th @ 7:00 pm in room 101. Please call the rectory to enroll and for any other information you may require.

First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11

This poem discusses how the spirit of wisdom is far more beautiful than any riches could be. All gold is no more than sand when compared to the importance of wisdom, which often leads people to the other good things in life.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

God's perception of people is called "sharper than any two-edged sword." God is able to know the thoughts and feelings of all his people. We can hide nothing from him, and will need to account for all he has seen in us.

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

A man asks Jesus how he can share in everlasting life. Jesus tells him to sell his possessions and travel with them. The man refuses and Jesus tells his disciples how difficult it is for a rich person to enter heaven if they are too concerned with their possessions. The disciples remind Jesus that they gave up everything for him, but he assures them they will be rewarded with everlasting life.

Sunday

Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Monday

Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday

Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday

Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46

Thursday

2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9

Friday

Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday

Eph 1:15-23; Lk 12:8-12

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.



The rich young man in today's Gospel could not give up his possessions to follow Jesus. We all have "riches" that we hold onto for various reasons. What are the riches you cling to? Can you imagine giving them up? How might they be keeping you from following Jesus? Have you asked God to help you recognize and let go of these riches that keep you from being the disciple you are meant to be? Do you believe that with God's help anything is possible?

*With God all things are possible.
-Mark 10:27*

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 meet every Tuesday, 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.

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, November 6th 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 Proseri, who is the yoga instructor at pproseri51@gmail.com.

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.



The Health Ministry of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Whippany invites you to a HEALING MASS on Saturday, October 27th at 11 AM in the Parish Center (handicap accessible). The liturgy addresses physical, spiritual and emotional healing. If desired, participants will receive an individual blessing. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP before Oct. 24, 2018 by email to Our Lady of Mercy Rectory at olmchwhip@aol.com or to olmHealthMinistry@ourladyofmercyparish.com or to Kathy at 973-428-4996.

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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/.

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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). 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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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, or contact Beth Letizia at mrstiz1@verizon.net / 973-699-4427.

St. Paul Inside the Walls...

For programs and events and to register visit

www.insidethewalls.org or call

(973) 377-1004

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 24th Mega Game Night @ 6:30 pm
June 14th Movie & Ice Cream @ 6:30 pm

Religious Educations Dates to Remember

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 all 2nd 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.

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ALL SAINTS ACADEMY CORNER

Mary - Queen of the Rosary

During this month of October, our prayers and sentiments are centered on Mary, Queen of the Rosary. Our students pray the Rosary together and privately, and each afternoon prayer is also dedicated to Mary. You are invited to our October Rosary Prayer Service on Tuesday, October 23rd, 1:30 pm in our school gymnasium. Our grade four students will lead us in a joyous celebration of Mary's loving presence in our lives. Participation in liturgy and special religious events is one of the many joys of a Catholic school environment. All Saints Academy is a nationally recognized STEM school of the Diocese of Paterson. Our school offers a comprehensive, multi-curricular, rigorous academic program, centered on values-based education. A strong and loving Catholic identity permeates the environment. A spirit of faith, respect and joy are evident in our school. In addition to religious instruction, students model Christian ideals through cooperative activities, spiritual and liturgical celebrations, participation in Sacraments, and service outreach. An active parent organization lends partnership and support to the school community. The Early Childhood Center offers classes for three and four year old children. The elementary and middle school classes include kindergarten through grade eight. Contact our school principal, Mrs. Judy Berg, at 973-334-4704, to schedule a tour and classroom visit.

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	\$500, \$500	4/13	\$350	5/11	\$400
1/19	\$175	2/16	\$200	3/16	\$300	4/20	\$375	5/18	\$1000
1/26	\$175	2/23	\$250	3/23	\$300	4/27	\$400, \$400		\$1000
				3/30	\$300				\$1000

- 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

St. Christopher Parish 2018



*Saturday, November 17th & Sunday, November 18th
at all Masses*

We will be collecting food for the needy, and putting the baskets all together as we do every year for those who request them.

We are in need of turkeys, hams, turkey breasts and chickens. We are requesting general varied groceries, for example: canned fruits, vegetables, meats, juices, rice, etc., this way the families will have groceries for later in December. Food can be dropped off in the vestibule of the Church on November 17th and 18th, along with the turkeys or hams, etc.

If you cannot shop, but still wish to participate, please put monetary contributions in an envelope marked Thanksgiving and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory.

Please, only non-perishable items, no frozen pies or vegetables.

***** All meats will be refrigerated until they are distributed*****

Pick up date: Monday, November 19th

Thank you for your generosity and cooperation!



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.

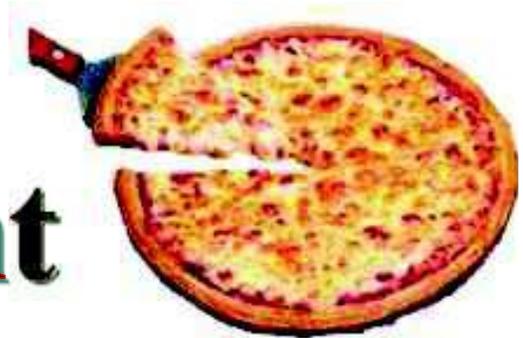
All checks and donations should be to me by October the 26th

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"

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**

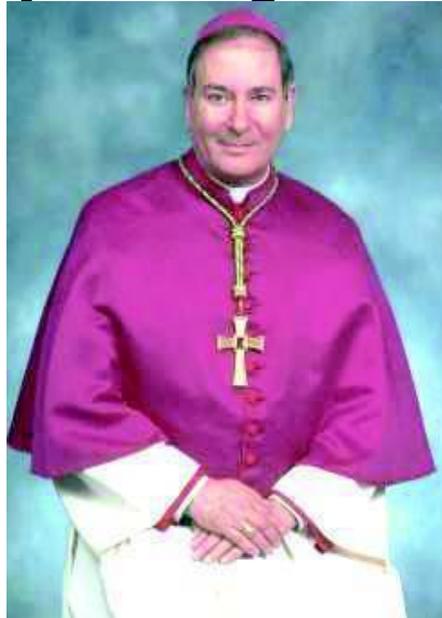
Come join Bishop Serratelli and priests from the Diocese of Paterson for adoration, reflection, fellowship...and of course, pizza.

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



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