

From the Pastors Desk - Fourth Sunday of Lent

A time to bond with Jesus

Jesus underscored two essential aspects for the life of a missionary disciple: the first, that his bond with Jesus is stronger than any other bond; the second, that the missionary brings not himself, but Jesus and through him the love of the heavenly Father. These two aspects are connected because the more Jesus is at the center of the heart and of the life of the disciple, the more this disciple is transparent to his presence. The two go hand in hand. The condition of a disciple demands an all absorbing relationship with the teacher. Perhaps the first question that we must ask is: "Do you meet with Jesus? Do you pray to Jesus?" Those that allow themselves to be drawn into this bond of love and of life with the Lord Jesus become his representatives, his ambassadors, above all in their way of living, to the point that Jesus himself, in sending his disciples on mission, says to them: "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me". (Mt. 10:40). It is important that the people be able to perceive that for a disciple Jesus is truly "the Lord". He is truly the center of his or her life.

Read: Matthew 10:37.

Weekly Collections

First Collection	\$ 9,277.50
Online giving	\$ 1,176.00
Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,314.00
Last Year	\$ 9,784.00
Last Year online giving	\$ 908.00

*Attendance 762**Thank you for your generosity !*

20 Week Club For the next coming weeks until May 18th, we will be pulling numbers every Saturday of the winners for the 20 Week Club. **12th winner: #216 Isabella Martins.**

Congratulations and thank you all who participated.

The mass book for the year 2020 is currently open. We decided to open the book early due to the passing of many of our parishioners and subsequent requests for masses for next year. You may bring in or mail your requests for masses whenever you wish.

The Vigil Light for the year 2020 will be available for purchase on June 4th from 10:00 am until 2:30 pm on a first come first serve basis, one per family.

If you are new to the parish or have not previously registered in the parish, please do so by calling the rectory at 973-539-7050 for a registration form. Also, we use an outside company that prints and mails the envelopes, if you have not received your collection envelopes, please let us know so we can contact the company.

Saturday, March 30th

8:30 am Connie Walsh
 5:00 pm Robert Decker
 Andy Cicala
 Rose McCarthy

Sunday, March 31st

7:00 am John Ruscus
 Geraldine & Nicholas Cappuccino
 8:00 am Bill Taylor
 9:15 am Ralph A. Cardello
 10:45 am Mary Uy
 John T. Fahy—6th Anniversary
 12:15 pm Louise Kelly
 Maria Clara Magparangalan

Monday, April 1st

7:00 am Tony & Martha Candelmo
 12:05 pm Millie Cook
 Alvaro Ramones, Jr.
 Vinancio Lascano

Tuesday, April 2nd

7:00 am Bill Taylor
 12:05 pm Louise Kelly

Wednesday, April 3rd

7:00 am Connie Walsh
 12:05 pm Dorothy McCarthy

Thursday, April 4th

7:00 am Millie Cook
 12:05 pm Msgr. Paul Knauer

Friday, April 5th

7:00 am John Mola
 12:05 pm Connie Walsh

Saturday, April 6th

8:30 am Dominick Cecere
 5:00 pm John Kaddash
 Deceased Members of the Coari Family

Sunday, April 7th

7:00 am Josefina Renn
 Special Intentions - Joy Sovo
 8:00 am Allan SanGiocomo
 Geraldine & Nicholas Cappuccino
 9:15 am Millie Cook
 10:45 am Phyllis Cargill
 Dorothy McCarthy
 12:15 pm Marie Pachiolo
 Rose & Anthony Marotte



*The Living Flame for the Sanctuary Light will be in memory of: **Elisa Raimo** For the month of April, 2019.*

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

First Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

Joshua and the Israelites celebrated Passover in Jericho. This was the first time they had eaten the produce of the promised land. After this, there was no more bread sent from heaven because they were able to eat the yield of the land.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Paul tells us that anyone living in Jesus is a new creation because God has reconciled with us through Christ. As an ambassador for Jesus, Paul implores that the Corinthians be reconciled to God through Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The Pharisees grew disgusted with Jesus because of his compassion toward sinners. So Jesus told them a story of a son who squandered his inheritance. When a famine broke out, he returned home and asked his father to become a hired hand. His father instead welcomed him with a joyful celebration, just as God is overjoyed when a sinner returns to him.

Sunday Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32, **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, **First Friday** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 **First Saturday** Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53.

Religious Education

If you have any questions concerning religious education please contact Mary Ann Jacisin at 973-539-6208, Monday through Thursday from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm.

Baptism preparation meeting: The meeting will be on **April 8th**, at 7:00 pm in room 101 of the school. Please call the rectory to enroll or if you have any other questions.

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, LCPL. Patrick DeBenedette, Airman Danny De La Esperia, 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, Sgt. Philip Schlegel.

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.

April 6th & 7th

<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
5:00 pm T. Lally, A. & T. Pactwa	5:00 pm K. Hollinghurst, M. Long, B. & M. Pactwa	5:00 pm M. Montefusco
7:00 am I. & S. Lalo	7:00 am B. Carroll	7:00 am C. Ramoncionis
8:00 am D. & A. Guzzardo	8:00 am C. Constanza, P. Luther, K. Nolan	8:00 am J. Valle
9:15 am CJ. Hilgendorff, C. Berardo, J. Tran	9:15 am P. & K. Berardo, S. Hilgendorff, D. & S. Kaschalk	9:15 am A. Mogan
10:45 am A. Zecena, J. Vaddakkedam, L. Taylor	10:45 am S. Kobeszko, S. DeMaio	10:45 am A. Bilotti
12:15 pm T. Wyka, E. & R. Marsh	Visit the sick: C. Dillon, C. Uy	12:15 pm M. Reyes
	12:15 pm J. Alfonso, S. Marsh, S. & S. Richards	

Reflections



Some people are fond of declaring that they have been “born again” or are “saved” as though it meant that their stand on an issue had to be right and what they did had to be good. It would be wonderful if discipleship were as simple as saying a few words. Yes, we have been saved - all of us. We did not earn it nor are we forced to accept it. Awareness that we have been saved should open us to God’s grace and lead us to love others as Jesus does. How well does your life reflect this awareness?

*I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from, all my fears.
-Psalm 34:4*

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 **April 6th**, on 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.**



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.

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: **April 5th & 9th.**

Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa. Bus leaves St. Christopher's parking lot at 9:00 am. Date: **April 8th.** If you wish to learn more about the St. Christopher's Senior Social Club, please call Anne Purcaro at 973-887-5186 or Lorene Poje at 973-887-5645.

St. Christopher Women's Book Club

Our next meeting will be April 2, 2019 at 7:00 pm in room 110. Refreshments will be served, and they are delicious!!

April Book – "Tuning In" by Richard Roberts

May Book – "The Dry" by Jane Harper.

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

St. Christopher prayer shawl ministry welcomes current and would be knit and crochet artists to join us. We meet every other Monday at 1:00 pm in the old principal's office of the school at St. Christopher. Supplies are provided. Work at home or with our group. Prayer shawls and lap robes are now available to be given to someone going through a difficult time. For more information call Karen Longo 973-267-3321.

St. Paul Inside the Walls...
For programs and events and to register, visit www.insidethewalls.org or call (973) 377-1004.

*Vocations Discernment for young men 15-25. "Quo Vadis – Where are you going?" Where is the Spirit acting in your life? Where is the Lord encouraging you to go? Quo Vadis Days is a time of recreation, fellowship, and prayer to help you explore the Lord's call in your life. Activities will include prayer, Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Liturgy of the Hours, Rosary, games, sports, talks, great food, and discussions. It is a time to share our faith and meet other young men seeking God's will. Quo Vadis Days will be held **June 26- 28, 2019** at the Saint Mary's Abbey Retreat Center in Morristown, New Jersey. There is no cost. For more information and/or registration, contact the coordinators Fr. Edgar Rivera and David Monteleone in the Vocations Office at (973) 777-8818, ext. #711, by email:*

revedgar@patersondiocese.org and Dmonteleone@patersondiocese.org.

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany, at 7:30 pm in room 101. **Program: "The person I have become vs. The person I was"**. For more information please call Lily Capriglione at: 973-568-4164.

Encounter Kumba

We encounter Kumba from Sierra Leone, who through her education, is providing hope for her family and community. How has education given you opportunities in life? How do you use your education for the common good? Visit crsrice-bowl.org for more.

Women's Day of reflection– April 6th @ 8:00 am

St. Peter the Apostle is sponsoring this event which will be free for all women sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society. For schedule, times, reservations and any other information call Liz Dennis at 973-335-4091.

On April 6th the Religious Teachers Filippini, located in Morristown N.J., will host their Oasis Day of Prayer for Women, from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. For more information call Sr. Elaine Bebyn, MPF at 973-538-2886 x 143.

Choose Life License Plate: Please pick up a packet at the Church lobby and become a pro-life witness everywhere you go. Complete the State of NJ License plate application and the form in the brochure for The Children First Foundation. Along with these forms, send a copy of your registration, plus just \$25.00 will purchase your forever license plates and \$25.00 registers you with the foundation, which financially supports crisis pregnancy centers, maternity homes and adoptions here in NJ. For more information, please refer to the brochures.

Living Stations will be preformed at St. Christopher's on Good Friday, April 19, 2019 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 organizational meeting on Tuesday, April 2nd from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Church. If you plan to participate but cannot attend this meeting, please leave your name and phone number with the Religious Education Office at 973-539-6208.

Monday, April 1, 2019, the Women's Society will meet in Room 101 following the 12:05 pm Mass in Church. At the meeting all forms must be given to Karen Banko or Maryann and a slate of officers must be presented and voted on. There were those who have not given their forms to Karen or Maryann because they were unable to attend the meeting last month. Please remember to bring them to this coming meeting. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

Journey through Lent 2019 - "Together in His footsteps"

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday night during Lent – 7:00 pm

Monday Evening Lent Series – 7:00 pm

-The Seven Last Words of Christ

(John 19:28)

a. April 1st – Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise

(Lk 23:43)

My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?

(Mk 15:34)

b. April 8th – It is finished (John 19:30)

Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

(Lk 23:46)

Welcome Home Sacrament of Reconciliation –

Monday evenings during Lent at 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm.

Lenten Penance Service – April 10th at 7:00 pm

Lenten Anointing Mass – April 13th at 11:00 am

St. Christopher's Family Theatre Sunday

Our annual theatre outing this year will take us to the Mayo performing Arts Center, where we will to see:



We have secured a number of seats for this delightful performance, which is based on the Emmy award winning PBS Kids Show Peg & Cat. This totally awesome musical features wild comedy, countless favorite songs from the show, and Peg's super coolest pal Ramone.

Date: April 7, 2019

Time: 4:30 pm (Please be at theatre by 4:00 pm)

Place: Mayo Performing Arts Center

100 South Street, Morristown, NJ 07960

Price: \$12.00 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.



St. Christopher's Annual Pasta Night

Join us on Friday, April 12, 2019 at 7:30 pm in the All Purpose Room. Price per person will be \$18.00 (21 and over only).

Included with this price there will be linguini with clam sauce, tortellini alfredo, eggplant rollatini, penne pasta in marinara sauce, salad, bread, coffee, tea and dessert.

*We will have a representative of "Make Wine with Us" (www.makewinewithus.com), for a wine tasting. **no wine purchase will be possible, it will be strictly tasting. However, you are welcome to bring your own wine (no other type of alcohol permitted).*

Tables of 8 may be reserved, only when paid in full on one order form (all at one time). Tables will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. Those with parties of less than 8 will be seated with other participants.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Number of adults attending: _____

Total Due: \$ _____

Checks can be made payable to: Saint Christopher Church

Questions?? Feel free to contact the rectory at 973-539-7050 between 10:00 am / 4:00 pm daily or email Jean at jekev3@yahoo.com



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SAINTCHRISTOPHER CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018

REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT

Regular collections (includes Online Giving)	\$ 579,887.55
Christmas Collection	\$ 39,370.00
Easter Collection	\$ 27,080.89
Holyday Collections	\$ 17,730.50
Gifts & Donations	\$ 17,794.66
Church Society Income (Women's Society, Catholic War Veterans, 2nd Hand Rose	\$ 9,627.03
Interest Income	\$ 76.86
Advertising Income	\$ 1,299.00
National Collections	\$ 30,550.50
Project Faith	\$ 11,288.00
Catholic Publication (Beacon)	\$ 2,796.00
Religious Education	\$ 16,400.00
Stipends and Stole Fees	\$ 35,582.00
Partners In Faith Rebate/Bishop's Annual Appeal	\$ 19,581.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 14,562.72
Fundraising Income	\$ 79,009.00
Scholarship Fund	\$ 22,532.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 925,167.71

EXPENSE

Salaries	\$ 244,579.05
Religious Education	\$ 13,703.84
Extra Clergy	\$ 7,275.00
Benefits (pension, medical, workman's comp., unemployment)	\$ 106,682.71
Deacon Expenses	\$ 2,100.00
Household Expenses	\$ 9,536.48
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 86,648.33
Extraordinary Expenses	\$ 10,000.00
Utilities	\$ 82,947.84
Snow Removal	\$ 39,035.00
Landscaping	\$ 12,546.00
Telephone	\$ 5,728.52
Property & Liability Insurance	\$ 42,584.31

Vehicle Insurance and Repairs	\$ 3,607.13
Music	\$ 2,575.00
Liturgical Expenses	\$ 6,430.27
Adult Education (Pre-Cana)	\$ 373.39
Charity	\$ 577.90
Assessment	\$ 45,773.60
Diocesan National Collections	\$ 29,270.50
School Tuition Assistance to All Saints Academy	\$ 106,360.80
High School Tuition Assistance	\$ 8,000.00
Church Society Expenses	\$ 4,001.89
Office Expenses	\$ 5,482.33
Contracted Services	\$ 2,407.25
Advertising	\$ 205.00
Envelopes	\$ 4,246.50
Electronic Giving Expenses	\$ 1,975.11
Bingo & Raffle Expenses	\$ 32,823.84
Miscellaneous	\$ 34,831.43
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 962,309.02
NET LOSS	\$ 7,141.31)

Holy Week 2019

Lenten Penance Service

Wednesday, April 10th at

7:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday Masses

Vigil, April 13th at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 14th at 7:00 a.m.,

8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

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Holy Week Masses

April 15th

7:00 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

April 16th & 17th

7:00 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

Holy Thursday, April 18th

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

Good Friday, April 19th

3:00 p.m. – Passion of the Lord

7:00 p.m. – Living Stations

Holy Saturday, April 20th

11:30 a.m. – Blessing of the Food

7:00 p.m. – The Easter Vigil

(No 5:00 p.m. Mass)

Easter Sunday – April 21st

7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m.,

10:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.



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TORY BURCH



FRIDAY, April 12, 2019

WHERE: All Saints Academy Gymnasium, 189 Baldwin Road, Parsippany

TIME: Doors open at 5:30 p.m. First game will be called at 7:00 p.m.

TICKETS: \$30/person includes 1 Bingo sheet for each of the regular games.

Additional sheets for regular and special games will be available for purchase at the event.

Tables accommodate parties of 8. Tickets are non-refundable. By law, no one under 18 may participate in BINGO games.

Patrons are encouraged to bring their own snacks & beverages. No food & beverages will be sold.

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All Saints Academy's DESIGNER BAG BINGO ADMISSION FORM

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

I am enclosing my Check # _____ for (number of _____ admissions) Total enclosed: \$ _____

I am sitting at a table for 8 - Main Contact for table: _____

Please list
names of
guests at
this table
of 8

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Please return this bottom portion to the school with your check payable to: All Saints Academy by April 10, 2019