September 11, 2016
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Christopher Parish

1576 Curtner Avenue,
San Jose, CA. 95125
www.saintchris.com

MASS TIMES

Mon-Fri: 6:30 & 8:00 a.m.
Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.
Sundays: 6:30, 8, 9:30 & 11 a.m., 12:30 & 6 p.m.

1st Friday of the Month: Adoration & Noon Mass

Confessions: Saturdays 9:30-10:30am & by appt.

Parish Office Msgr. Allen Center
2278 Booksin Ave., San Jose, CA. 95125

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs, 8:30am—noon, 1:00-4:00pm
Fridays 8:30am to Noon

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And Rev. Lieu Vu Ext. 143

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RCIA
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Elementary Sacrament Coordinator: Gina Park Ext. 126

Outreach Office: 269-2226 Ext. 132
Nancy Melander
Pantry Hours: 2:00-5:30pm Wednesday & Thursday
Call for Saturday Hours

ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL:
408-723-7223; www.stchris.us

Principal: Mrs. Sally Douthit
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Development Director: Teresa Behan

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Altar Server Training

Boys and girls currently in 5th, 6th, or 7th grades who are interested in learning more about the ministry of Altar Serving are invited to attend one of two orientation meetings, with a parent, to help them to discern this ministry. At the orientation we will answer your questions about training, scheduling, and the practical aspects of serving our parish as an Altar Server.

To reserve your reservation for the upcoming training session, you MUST RSVP to da4ryans@yahoo.com. Prospective Altar Servers will be taken on a first-come-first-served basis.

Orientation Meeting Dates

Tuesday, September 27th, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM
in the St. Joseph Room

-or-

Thursday, September 29th, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM
in the St. Joseph Room

This Orientation is a prerequisite for Altar Server Training, and prospective Servers must attend 1 Orientation Meeting with a parent. Prospective Altar Servers must also complete the following 3-day training session:

Training Session Dates

Thursday, October 6th from 3:30 to 5:30 PM in the church
Friday, October 7th from 3:30 to 5:30 PM in the church

-and-

Saturday, October 8th from 7:45 to 9:30 AM in the church

Space is limited! You MUST RSVP to da4ryans@yahoo.com to confirm your reservation for this training session.

New Outreach Hours:

New pantry hours
Wednesdays & Thursdays
from 4:00-5:30pm.
Outreach office will be open 8:30am to 4:00pm
Wednesdays & Thursdays.
Any questions please contact
Nancy Melander at 408-269-2226 ext. 132

Hospitality Ministers Needed

Are you friendly and welcoming to people? If so, we need you. We are in need of your help at the 4:30pm Mass on Saturdays to serve as a hospitality minister. Duties include being warm and welcoming to people coming to Mass , helping take up the collection and other responsibilities. Training will be provided. We appreciate your consideration of this ministry. If you may be interested, or to get more information, please contact Tim Hovland at HovlandFamily@comcast.net

Communion to the Sick

If you or someone close to you is unable to attend church due to age or infirmity, please call Loretta in the Pastoral Care office at 408 -264-5114 or email , loretta.pfaff@stchrissj.org. We have ministers to the sick and homebound who are available to come once a week to pray and bring Communion to those individuals who are unable to come to Church anymore.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Let us pray for all who have died, that they may rejoice with the Risen Lord, especially:

Jerica Alaine Harris,
Angeline Langone,
William Barry,
and Shirley Lassegard

SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE SICK

We'd like to invite those who are sick and their family members or those caring for them for a sharing of experiences and challenges and reading materials in a friendly and confidential support group setting, and also for prayers for moral and spiritual nourishment. Please contact Edith Smith at 408-839-1942 if you need further information.

Donut Sunday

Hosted by the Holy Name Society,
Sunday, September 18th
After the 8am, 9:30 & 11am Masses

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

4:30 Yvonne Pine, Lorraine Igoe, Kay Smith, Joe & Ann Serio, Gordon Gannon Rosaro, Anna & Salvatore Serio

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

6:30 Yvonne Pine, Helen Boshell, Carolina Realubin
8:00 Yvonne Pine, Michael Giammona,
9:30 Yvonne Pine, Paul Russo, Jeanice Owens, Fermin Gutierrez, William Majerle
11:00 Yvonne Pine, Lorenzo & Francesea Maietta, Duilio Masini, Pierliugi Lencioni, Michael Kiley
12:30 Yvonne Pine, Ann Vlkovic, Frank Tricomo
6:00 Yvonne Pine

The St. Christopher Adult Choir season for 2016-17, begins with our first Mass this Sunday, September 11th at the 11:00am Mass. Our first rehearsal will be on Wednesday, September 14th, at 7:00pm in the Marian Room. All are Welcome!!!

Parish Bereavement Ministers Training Series
Thursdays, Sept. 15, 22, 29
from 7 pm - 9 pm
The Chancery1150 North First Street, Suite 100, San Jose 95112
Presenter: Kathy Fanger $100. – refundable if all 6 sessions, or 5 sessions and 1 make-up, are attended

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

If you are going through a loss, one of the best ways to heal is to share your grief with those who are going through a similar experience. St. Christopher's Grief Ministry is offering a 6 week grief support group in the Marian Rm. of the Msgr. Allen Center starting on Tuesday, October 4th at 1:15pm-2:30pm. The group is open to anyone going through a significant loss, such as a death, divorce, having to put partner in care facility from Alzheimer's.

Call Loretta at 264-5114 or email at loretta.pfaff@stchrissj.org if you have questions. All are welcome but if possible, let us know if you plan to attend.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
(408) 264-8764
Religious Education Office Hours:
Office hours- Mon.–Thurs.
9-a.m.-Noon and 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

RELIGIOUS ED. FAITH FORMATION:

A special **Welcome Religious Education Mass** for all students in our programs will be on **September 18th** at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Children and parents from ALL programs are asked to attend this Mass. **Sunday Religious Education** classes resume this Sunday, September 11th from 8:20 a.m.-9:20 a.m. **Tuesday Religious Education** classes resume on September 13th from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.; the Junior High program will resume on September 18th from 4:30 p.m.-5:45 p.m. in Walsh Hall. Please contact our office if you need further information or registration packets**.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD: Liturgy of the Word program resumes Sunday, Sept. 11th during the 9:30 a.m. Mass. It is open to all children in Kindergarten - 4th grade. No registration needed. Only parents who have been fingerprinted and have completed the On -Line training of Shield the Vulnerable can be with the children. We are in need of about three more adults to assist with the program. For further information, please call Sr. Felicia at 264-8764.

RCIA

Inquiring About Becoming Catholic

The RCIA, Rite of Christian Intimation for Adults, is beginning its period of Inquiry. During this time Non–Catholic adults are invited look at their own faith journey and how the Catholic Church can help meet their spiritual needs. If you are interested in looking at the Catholic Faith and how the RCIA process can assist you in this endeavor please contact Deacon Bruce Zorio at brucezorio@gmail.com or call the parish office at Ext. 137

An unforgettable "break" for your marriage! Want something more lasting that a weekend vacation in Bahamas, Bermuda or the Mountains? Give your marriage the "best vacation break" by making the unique Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is November 11-13, 2016 at Vallambrosa Center, Menlo Park. For more information visit our website at: **sanjosewwme.org** or contact Ken & Claranne at **applications@sanjosewwme.org** or 408-782-1413

Social Justice

"We want a peaceful world, we want to be men and women of peace, and we want in our society, torn apart by divisions and conflict, that peace break out! War never again! Never again war! Peace is a precious gift, which must be promoted and protected."

Pope Francis, Sept. 1, 2013

"We believe that because we are all created by God, none of us is the sum total of the worst act we have ever committed…As a people of faith, we believe that grace can transform even the most hardened and cruel human beings."

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, "Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration

The challenge of today's scriptures is to apply the message of mercy to our image of God and especially to our way of treating others. ("Be merciful as God is merciful.")

A further challenge is to apply this gift not only to our interpersonal relationships and our struggle with personal sin, but also to social sin…to our prejudices, to our racial attitudes, to our way of treating minorities or anyone different than ourselves, to our ways of dealing with national and ethnic groups, to our way of treating our brothers and sisters.

An even further challenge is to apply this vision of mercy and reconciliation to our criminal justice system, to our country's use of the death penalty, to our ways os allotting educational resources to children in different neighborhoods, to our ways of dealing with those who are struggling with substance abuse, to situations of violence and war in any part of the world, to our international relationships, especially toward those nations we have condemned and sanctioned, such as Iran and North Korea…and also to groups that use violence such as Isis, Al Queda and the Taliban,…or, even our own nation.

Sept. 15 to Oct. 15: National Hispanic Heritage Month

Sept. 21: International Day of Peace http://www.internationaldayofpeace.org

Any questions or comments please send them to:
Thomas Walsh tlsculpt@sbcglobal.net

Confirmation: The 2016-2017 Confirmation program is just starting. All incoming 9th through 12th grade students who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to do so. The first session will be on September 15 in Walsh Hall, in which all parents and their teens are asked to attend. Contact Chris Miller at cmiller@dsj.org or 408-395-7949 for additional information.

Youth Group: The 2016-2017 High School Youth Ministry schedule is available on the parish website. The September sessions are Sundays September 18 and 25. at 7:00-8:30 pm in Walsh Hall. All high school aged students and their friends are welcome to attend. As always, dinner will be provided, and topics relevant to teenagers will be presented/ discussed. Contact Chris Miller at cmiller@dsj.org or 408-395-7949 for additional information.

Young Adults: St. Christopher Young Adults are a group of parishioners ages 18 to 39, single and married, who are connected by our Catholic faith and who actively participate in the life of the Church. Our mission is to "continue lifelong learning in a Catholic environment through spiritual growth, reflection, and service as we strengthen our relation with God though each other, our faith, and our community." The group strives to offer the following programmatic components on a rotating basis, in collaboration with neighboring parishes: faith sharing, social events, and service opportunities. Participants are also encouraged to get involved with the liturgical ministries at the Parish. Any questions contact: Chris Miller at cmiller@dsj.org or 408-395-7949

Interested in connecting with moms in the St. Chris community? The St. Christopher's Moms Group (SCMG) provides parents of children from birth through age five with support, friendship, and community. The SCMG offers a variety of activities and playdates for all types of moms and interests. For more information, or to become a member, email Erica Bannan at **stchristophermomgroup@gmail.com**.

All women of our parish are invited to
"Love the Wine You're With",
The Ladies' Guild annual wine tasting social on September 21st. New members, join us in Walsh Hall at 6pm for New Member Social. All Ladies' Guild members join us in Healy Hall at 6:30pm for Wine Tasting and mouth-watering appetizers. We have amazing one-of-a-kind raffle prizes including fabulous Halloween wreaths. Admission $15 at the door, or purchase in advance by September 19th and pay only $10!

Ladies' Guild & Holy Name

All women and men of the parish are welcome to join the St. Christopher Parish Ladies' Guild and Holy Name Society.

The primary purpose of our organizations is to build and strengthen the St. Christopher community by hosting fundraisers and community events throughout the year. Our joint efforts fund St. Christopher's school sports programs, parish and school technology and building upgrades, tuition assistance and numerous other local charities. Events such as the St. Christopher Festival, Benefit Auction, Antique Show and Western Welcome provide many opportunities to get involved. For more information about Ladies' Guild, please visit www.stchrisladiesguild.org or email membership@stchrisladiesguild.org or call Kelly Miller at (310) 739-6248. For more information about Holy Name Society, please email Paul Borelli at pab_norcal@yahoo.com

Purchase Tickets

10.29.2016

Donate or sponsor today!

Feeling lucky? Try your hand at the 2016 St. Christopher Benefit Auction.

Featuring Casino Night, Rat Pack Style in Walsh & Healy Hall.

Play "Heads or Tails" and receive a chance to win a 9 liter bottle of Duckhorn Merlot at the auction

"High Roller" Ticket includes early admission, sit-down dinner, a private Frank Sinatra show, and 4 bottles of premium wine per table $120*

*Limited availability. After dinner & show portion of the evening, dinner tables will be removed to make room for casino and dancing.

"Tempt Fate" Ticket with dinner $80

All tickets include $40 of casino chips. Additional chips will be available for purchase.

For more information, to donate and to purchase tickets visit

www. stchrisladiesguild.org

or email benefitauction@stchrisladiesguild.org

Platinum Donors

Jack- $250 donation
Displayed sign
King - $500 Donation
Displayed sign, and 2 "Tempt Fate" tickets
Queen - $1,000 Donation
Displayed sign, and 2 "High Roller" tickets
Ace- $2,500 Donation
Displayed sign, 2 "High Roller" tickets, 2 Heads or Tails beads, and 2 additional premium wine bottles

The annual Ladies' Guild Bake Sale is on Sunday, October 2nd after Sunday Services (or until the goodies run out). This is an important event as the money raised helps support the Ladies' Guild until the Antique Show in February.

We Need Your Help:
Bring labeled baked goods to Healy Hall on Saturday, October 1st from 3 to 6 pm
Come to the Bake Sale on Sunday, October 2nd and bring home some delicious baked goods

We are asking for each of you to bring your delicious baked goods to Healy **Hall** on Saturday, October 2nd from 3 to 6 p.m. **Please do not drop off baked goods on Sunday.** Please label your baked goods and note any special ingredients, i.e., nuts, liquors. Certain store bought items are great sellers (Nothing Bundt Cake, Dick's Burnt Almond cake, Icing on the Cake are all favorites). Finally, cash donations are gladly accepted!

Volunteers are needed! If you would like to be part of our bake sale team, we will be in Walsh Hall (Next to the Gym) from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. wrapping and pricing the baked goods. Those volunteering on Sunday in Healy Hall (Gym) will assist with sales. Visit ivolunteer: http://stchris.ivolunteer.com for available shift times and sign up.

You can also help by attending the sale and purchasing goodies to take home since we will only be successful if we have buyers, too! Contact us if you have any questions. Thanks in advance for helping to make this another successful bake sale!

Della Koovakkattu
408-256-2676

Carly Cortese
669-200-8652

ST CHRISTOPHER PARISH CHILDREN'S CHOIR

All children from 2nd grade through 8th grade are invited to come and join our Parish Children's choir. The choir will sing once a month at the 9:30am Mass on Sundays.

The First Sunday will **be September 18h. Practices will be once a month on Sundays at 8:00am in Msgr. Allen Center. If your child (children) are interested, please contact Loretta at 408-264-5114 or loretta.pfaff@stchrissj.org or download the flyer with registration form from our website.**

Please Pray for us!!!

Pray for the ill in our Parish

Jerry Brickley
Pat Blackford
Robert D. Holman
Margaret Server
Pat Miner
Ernie Wilson
Mary Winston
Teri Caparelli
Jeanne Randazzo
Alec Giurlani
Dee Mullen
Pat Lascola
Lee Reik
Rick Lovoy
Nina Ratulowski
Shannon Flynn
Vera Gutierrez
Dorothy Mariles
Anthony Cardoza,
Lily Rabanal,
Virginia Dalziel,
Carol Whelan,
Valerie Shupp,
Michael Scullion,
Marcus Espinoza,
Cornell Wade,
Marty Rattay,
Roy LeFevre,
Martha & Charles Gregersen,
Dave Oliverio,
Margret Gaffaney,
Al & Jean Trznadel, and
Lena Iaconis
Brian Basolo

We continue to pray for all the men and women serving our country in this time of war:

Alex Ngo, Tim McCullough, Joey Bellomo, Nick Badagliacco, Matthew Ward, Angelo Totanes, Ciro LoBono, Tyler Hammerness, Branden Alwine, Greg Cook, Connor McDonald, Christian Dietz, Connor Quinn, Adam Christopher Madewell, Richard Stayskal, Larry Chartier, Andrew Morgan, Derek Carroll, Allen Ellerbee, Obadihah Petteway, Eric Gentrup, Michael Arnone, David Wells, Ryan Trapani, Rafi Miranda, Spencer Fishman, Ryan A. Johnson, David Ryan, Benjamin Owens-Filice, Christopher Healy, and Christine Doudell

The *Christopher* Ministry provides meals to parishioners during times of temporary crisis or hardship. If you or a fellow parishioner needs the help of the *Christophers'*, please contact the Ministry Chairpersons. Also, please consider becoming a *Christopher* and helping provide this important and comforting service to members within the community.
Thank you in advance for your support.

Caroline Begg
(408) 267-7820
fcgardhouse@yahoo.com

Jennifer Webb
(408) 476-9006
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INFORMATION FOR REPORTING COMPLAINTS OR ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT:
DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE
THE OFFICE FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS
1150 North First Street, Suite 100
San Jose, CA 95112
Complaints or allegations of Sexual misconduct may be reported via:
PHONE: 408-983-0113
EMERGENCY HOTLINE: 408-983-0141
EMAIL: protection@djs.org
FAX: 408-983-0147

Attention Online Giving Donors:

If you have donations posted to your credit card and you have been issued a new credit card by your bank for what ever reason, please be sure and log on to your Online Giving Profile and update your account information. You can access the Online Giving Site by using the link on our Parish Website, www.SaintChris.com. If you have any questions please call Gayle Blackford X124

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.

Out of Town?

FYI There is a web site, you can access when ever you are out of town and need a church for Mass, Go to www.masstimes.org and look up churches and Mass times, where ever you are. Check it out.

Did you know that we have an Online Giving program here at St. Christopher Parish? Our Online Giving program allows you to donate using your VISA, Mastercard, or bank account. Donations can be made for the Sunday Offering as well as most Second Collections and the Parish Renewal Fund.
Why use the Online Program? Because gifts are done electronically you will no longer need to worry about remembering to bring your envelopes to church. It also allows you to use VISA or Mastercard so you will be able to earn your miles or other awards on your credit cards.
You can access our secure site by using the link on our parish website at www.SaintChris.com.
Thank you in advance for you support of our parish.