



St. Christopher Parish

December 10, 2017

St. Christopher Church

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Worship Schedule

Morning Prayer	7:00 AM Weekdays
Daily Mass	7:15 AM Weekdays
Saturday Vigil	4:00 PM
Sunday Mass	8:00 & 10:00 AM
Vietnamese Mass	3:00 PM Sunday
Confessions	3:00-3:30 PM Saturday
Rosary	7:00 PM Tuesday
Eucharistic Adoration	1:00-4:00 PM 1st Friday of the Month September - June

Welcome New Parishioners! If you would like to register or you have changed your address, please fill out the form on page 5. Those moving from the parish are also asked to contact the rectory. Thank you!



SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Saint Peter shows us a characteristic of God that we normally do not think about. He tells us that for God, "a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day" (1 Peter 3:8). Somehow, God is not restricted by time as we are. Taken literally, that seems to violate the laws of physics. Of course, God made those laws, so if anyone can ignore them, God certainly could. More likely, because early Christians sometimes complained that Jesus' second coming had been delayed, Peter is trying to tell us that what seems like a long time to us is nothing to God.

Like the early Christians, we may wonder how long it will take for God to answer our prayers. We may be praying for someone who is looking for a job, a sick relative, an end to abortion, or world peace. Some prayers just take time to be answered, especially if a large number of people need to change their hearts to make it happen. Some prayers require us to change, and we may not be ready.

What Peter means is that a thousand years is not too long for God if someone needs that long to repent. God is far more patient than we are. If someone had been fighting me for months or years, I would probably give up on them. But God can wait till we are mature enough to face our sins and be sorry for them. In the same way, God has been "waiting" over two thousand years for us to preach the gospel to all nations. God has been waiting for millennia for people to give up war as a means for solving our problems. God has been waiting since the beginning of the human race for us to learn how to love our neighbor.

We might not be as patient as God but we can help. Saint Peter says that we are not just waiting for the Lord's return, we are hastening it. When we make a choice that is based on faith rather than selfishness, we make it a little easier for people to believe in God. Jesus is the light of the world; he asks us to let our light shine, so that people can see Jesus in us. May our light "prepare the way of the Lord" (Mark 1:3). *Tom Schmidt, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.*

Our Parish Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray for all of the people and programs of St. Christopher Parish. Unite us as a community of believers and grant us the wisdom, grace, and strength to do your will. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. AMEN.

Our Mission

We are a Roman Catholic parish whose members live and proclaim the saving message of Jesus Christ.

Our Vision

St. Christopher Church serves as a spiritual home where all are welcome to share in its ongoing commitment to providing opportunities for

- Worship through the celebration of the Sacraments,
- Service through active and compassionate participation in the community,
- Education in God's Word and the Catholic faith, and
- Fellowship through parish events that nurture and support family life.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 9

4:00 PM Dorothy Ruddy, 2nd Anniv.
by the Grogan & Gigliotti
Families

Sunday, December 10

8:00 AM For Parish Intentions
10:00 AM Halina's deceased husband
by Teresa Cieszkowska
3:00 PM Vietnamese Mass

Monday, December 11

7:15 AM The Daniels & Donohue
Families
by the Daniels Family

Tuesday, December 12

7:15 AM Antoinette Powers,
10th Anniversary
Time & Debbie Miller &
Gary Powers

Wednesday, December 13

7:15 AM Alan Mendel
by the Kocsis Family

Thursday, December 14

7:15 AM James F. Gallagher
by His Family

Friday, December 15

7:15 AM George P. Fauvel
by His Son

Saturday, December 16

4:00 PM Doris Harrington
by Nancy Pelletier

Sunday, December 17

8:00 AM Rebecca Lamont
by Elizabeth Cote
10:00 AM Helen Burns, 1st Anniv.
by Her Son
3:00 PM Vietnamese Mass

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns This Week:

For Parish Intentions

Altar Bread and Wine:

The Altar Bread and Wine, which will become the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ at all Masses during December, will be offered for Parish Intentions.

Arrangements can be made to donate the monthly Altar bread and wine in honor of a loved one by contacting the rectory at 882-0632 during business hours. Mass intentions can also be scheduled by calling the rectory.



RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS - This weekend here at the parish and at other parishes all throughout the country, there will be a second collection for the Sick and Retired Religious. In 1988, sensing the need to address the significant lack of retirement funding for Catholic sisters, brothers, and priests in religious orders, the Catholic Bishops of the United States launched this collection. Since that time, the generosity of the Catholic people from throughout the country has been phenomenal. \$816 million dollars has been raised over the past 29 years. This money has been distributed to support the day-to-day care of elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. An additional \$91 million has been allocated toward self-help projects initiated by religious communities, including collaborative health-care facilities.

The need continues to be critical. For most of their lives, elder religious worked for little to no pay. There were no 401(k) plans or pensions. The median age of religious continues to rise and there are very few people to take their place.

Our sick and retired religious continue to be of service. They may no longer be in the active ministry but they continue to serve by the way they live. The good example they give to people, the prayers they continue to offer on behalf of their former students and parishioners; these plus so many other things indicate that they continue to serve God's people.

Please be as generous as possible. These people have given a lifetime. We are their beneficiaries. They need us now!

For more information, go on to: www.retiredreligious.org

DEANERY PENANCE SERVICE – will take place this Sunday (December 10) at 2:00 PM at Immaculate Conception Church, 216 E. Dunstable Road, here in Nashua. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Receiving the sacrament of Penance is the best way to prepare for Christmas, so

we hope that as many people as possible will come. Many priests from throughout the Deanery will be assisting. Come and receive the healing gifts of the sacrament of Penance before Christmas.

JESUS Across THE Border – A Christmas event for young people will take place on Friday, December 15 at Immaculate Conception Church. The schedule is as follows:

7:30 PM - Christmas Concert

8:00 PM - O Come Let Us Adore Him

Talk by Fr. Von DeRosia

8:45 PM – Adoration

9:45 PM - Pizza Social and Christmas Carols.

Confessions will also be heard throughout the evening. This event is open to people of all ages but we especially encourage young people to attend.

PRAYERS – Please remember in your prayers the following people who have died:

- Julia Howell. Her Funeral Mass will be held here on Saturday, December 16 at 11:00.
- Robert Dupuis of Marlborough, Massachusetts. He was the father of Andrea Richards of our parish.

We pray that both of these people are now at total rest and peace with the Lord.



St. Christopher's would like to welcome Michael and Lisa Vogan to the parish and their new spiritual home.

Knights of Columbus News

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the following volunteers for their help installing the Christmas Creche in front of the Church. Fred, Freddy and Clementina Fraser, Carl Higginson, Bob Trabucchi, and Matt Giokas.

The next business meeting will be Tuesday, December 19 at St. Patrick Parish Center at 7:30 PM. Rosary will take place at 7:00 PM.

Christmas Worship

Because Christmas Eve lands on a Sunday, our worship schedule will be a bit different this year. Please make a note in your calendar of the Sunday and Holy Day Obligation Mass schedule for December 23 through January 1!

Saturday, December 23

4:00 PM Vigil

Sunday morning, December 24

9:00 AM

(Please note, no 8:00 or 10:00 AM Mass.)

Sunday Evening, December 24

Christmas Eve

4:00 PM (both upstairs & downstairs)

9:00 PM

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day

9:00 AM

Saturday, December 30

4:00 PM

Sunday, December 31

8:00 and 10:00 AM

Monday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (New Year's Day)

10:00 AM



Breakfast with St. Nicholas Canceled

**Due to unforeseen circumstances,
the Breakfast with St. Nicholas
on Sunday, December 10
has been canceled.**

**We hope to reschedule
the breakfast (without St. Nick!)
after the Christmas season!**



This Week's Parish Activities

Saturday, December 9, 2017

Confessions @3:00pm

Vigil Mass @4:00pm

Sunday, December 10, 2017

St. Nick Breakfast -- Canceled

Sunday Mass @8:00am

Sunday Mass @10:00am

Carmelite Meeting @12:00pm

Vietnamese Mass @3:00pm

Youth Group Meeting @6:00pm

Monday, December 11, 2017

7:15 am Morning Mass

Senior Yoga @8:00am

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

7:15 am Morning Mass

The Catholic Daughters of Americas meeting
@6:30pm

Baptismal Class @7:00pm

Rosary @7:00pm

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

7:15 am Morning Mass

Thursday, December 14, 2017

7:15 am Morning Mass

Boy Scout #773 @7:00pm

Friday, December 15, 2017

7:15 am Morning Mass

Saturday, December 16, 2017

Confessions @3:00pm

Vigil Mass @4:00pm

Sunday, December 17, 2017

Sunday Mass @8:00am

Sunday Mass @10:00am

Vietnamese Mass @3:00pm

Youth Group Meeting @6:00pm

We're Here for YOU at St. Christopher Parish!

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Bulletin submissions are due one week before publication.



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on Facebook!**



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Email List!**



December 3, 2017 Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	3,529.00
Loose Offertory	\$482.80
Children's Envelopes	\$1.00
Faith Direct	<u>\$1,169.75</u>
Total	\$5,128.55

Under Budget \$971.45

Campaign for Human Dev.	\$5.00
(total to date \$342.75)	
Christmas Flowers	\$565.00
(total to date \$1,035.00)	
Immaculate Conception	\$66.00
(total to date \$101.00)	
All Saints	\$10.00
(total to date \$561.00)	

**Thank you
for supporting
your Spiritual Home!**



**Nashua's
Diocesan Catholic Schools**

www.NashuaDiocesanSchools.org

St. Christopher School
Grades Pre-Kindergarten - 6
882-7442

www.stchrisschoolnh.org

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Infant Jesus School
Grades Pre-Kindergarten - 6
889-2649

www.ijschool.org

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Nashua Catholic Regional
Junior High School
Grades 7 & 8
882-7011
www.ncrjhs.org

Youth Group News

Come join us for a movie night! We'll be watching and discussing *The Polar Express*, a classic Christmas tale about the importance of faith. Pizza and popcorn will be provided. Mark your calendars for the Pennell Center, Sunday, October 8th, from 5:00 - 8:00 PM. Hope to see you there! ALSO, there is a special Eucharistic adoration event at Immaculate Conception on Friday, December 15th at 7:30pm. See a flyer on the bulletin boards for details! For any questions, please email Emily Murphy at youthministry@stchrisparishnh.org.

**Diocesan Camps
Now Accepting Registrations**

Camp Fatima for boys and Camp Bernadette for girls are now accepting registrations for the 2018 summer season. The camps, located in the Lakes Region of NH, offer 2-week overnight sessions for children, ages 6-15. To request a brochure contact Michael Drumm at 603-364-5851 or e-mail mdrumm@bfcamp.com, or visit us on the web at www.bfcamp.com. Please don't wait as sessions fill up quickly.

Got Cards?

Help us spread some Christmas Cheer! The Religious Education program will be participating in a service project to create hand decorated Christmas cards for delivery to several area nursing home residents as well as the retired priests at the Bishop Peterson residence. We are collecting your unwanted (old and new) Christmas cards. These will be cut (any names/messages will be removed) and repurposed to create a new Christmas message for a resident who may benefit from a heartfelt Merry Christmas from a youngster. Please place your donated cards in the labelled collection boxes located at the entrances to the church over the next few weeks. When the box is gone- we have enough! Our project takes place on December 17th. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Please contact Chris Mercurio at cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org with any questions.

Christmas Gifting Tree

Our Gifting Tree is up and ready for you to select an ornament (or two). The tree is located in the St. Christopher Alcove. Please purchase the gift written on the ornament and place the gift "unwrapped" under the tree. Please return the gifts by December 17 as all the gifts will be delivered to Fairview Nursing Home December 18.

The recipients of this year's St. Christopher Parish Gifting Tree are the seniors living at Fairview Nursing Home. Thank you for your generosity.

Religious Education News

Sunday Morning Class 8:30-9:45 AM

December 10 -- Regular Class -- Second Sunday of Advent

Monday Evening Jr High Class 6:30-7:45 PM

December 11 -- Regular Class

Spirited Theology

Catholic Teaching, Food and Drink - Have Fun and Learn!

Please join us for our next Spirited Theology event on Tuesday, December 12th ---- TRIVIA NIGHT! Bring your friends and form a team! Dinner and drinks start at 6:00 PM and trivia starts at 7:00 PM!

Spirited Theology is held every second Tuesday of the month at the Radisson Hotel in Nashua, NH (11 Tara Blvd.) It's a great way to connect with fellow Catholics in the area and learn more about our Faith!

Events are held in the room just outside of Shade Bar & Grill in the side entrance to the hotel --- look for the Shades signs to point the way! Come early to eat and socialize (pay as you go). Catholic or non-Catholic friends are welcome!

**St. Christopher School
January Open Houses**

*Sunday, January 28
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM*

*Tuesday, January 30
9:30 - 11:00 AM*

Have the Best Advent Ever

St. Christopher Parish wishes you the best Advent ever! To begin this spiritual season, please pick up your copy of the Little Blue Book with daily reflections for the Advent and Christmas season. The books are located in the alcove and foyer.

Just in time for Advent! You can subscribe to receive (via email) FREE daily reflections from Dynamic Catholic entitled "Best Advent Ever". Please follow these instructions to begin receiving your daily readings and "have the best Advent ever":

1. Go online to
DynamicCatholic.com<<http://dynamiccatholic.com>>
2. On top of Home Page: "Free Resources"
3. Under Free Resources select: "Best Advent Ever"
4. Select: "Sign Up"
5. If you select the box below, you can sign up for both the Best Advent and Best Lent Ever Programs.

Yoga for Seniors on Monday!

Have you thought about becoming a little more active to improve your overall health? Consider joining the St. Christopher Yoga for Seniors class on Monday mornings at 8:00 am in the Church Hall. Yoga for Seniors is a class that moves the whole body through a series of seated and standing yoga poses to increase flexibility and range of motion, improve balance and core strength, and help promote stress reduction and mental clarity. Classes are provided free of charge to St. Christopher's seniors. Please regularly check the bulletin or the www.stchrisparishnh.org web site for the up-to-date schedule. If school is cancelled or delayed due to weather, there will not be a class that day.

Upcoming class schedule:

December 11 – Regular Class at 8:00 AM
 December 18 – Regular Class at 8:00 AM
 December 25 – NO CLASS – Christmas Day
 January 1 – NO CLASS – New Year's Day
 January 8 – NO CLASS
 January 15 – Yoga Class 8:00 am



From the Families of Nazareth

What Type Of Baptism Jesus Was To Bring

"Baptism is the origin and source of faith. It begins in us a supernatural life which is a life of faith, hope and love"

Tadeusz Dajczer, *The Gift of Faith*, 3rd. ed. (Ft. Collins, CO: IAMF, 2012), 169

Join our regular Thursday night schedule of meetings at 94 Walden Pond Dr., Nashua to pray and share together our experiences of God's love, and support our responses to that. We begin at 7:00 PM, and look forward to seeing as many of you who are able to attend.

Corpus Christi Corner

We are thankful for all the parishioners of St. Christopher's Church who regularly donate to us. This year the Pantry was able to give out 237 Thanksgiving dinners to needy people who live in Nashua.

During the month of November, 274.6 pounds of food was collected from St. Christopher's Church. We also received 151 pounds of food from the annual East/West Thanksgiving Football Game. We are blessed by all of this wonderful support from the community!! Thank you.

Many of you have heard that we will be moving to a new location soon. It hasn't happened yet, and we are still working out of our Franklin St. facility. We continue to meet the needs of our clients, offering assistance and giving out groceries. Suggested items for the month of December are: canned soup, canned green beans, canned pasta, spaghetti sauce, dish detergent, baked beans and muffin mix. There are baskets located at each of the church entrances for your donations.

Low Gluten Hosts Available

Low gluten hosts are available at any mass for those who cannot eat wheat. To receive a low gluten host during communion, please arrive at least 10 minutes before Mass, come to the Sacristy and tell Fr. Kelley of your need for the low gluten host.



*Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.
 Protect them as they protect us.
 Bless them and their families,
 For the selfless acts they perform,
 For us in our time of need.
 And give us peace.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus,
 Our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

Please pray for the following service people from our parish:

Children of William & Yvette

Berthelotte:

Maj. Brian Berthelotte (Army);
 Maj. Mark Berthelotte (Air Force);
 LCDR Brad Berthelotte (Navy)

Grandson of William & Yvette

Berthelotte:

PFC Matthew Berthelotte
 (Marine)

Son of John & Alana Kocsis:

Sgt. John Kocsis III (Army)

Son of Joseph & Sue Strob:

Maj. Rob Strob

Grandsons of Pat & Kaye

Heffernan:

Sgt. Eamonn Garber (USMC)
 LCPL Nicholas Garber (USMC)

Son of David & Patricia Taylor:

SFC James Taylor (Army)

Grandson of Lorraine St. Pierre

PFC Alexander St. Pierre (Army)

Sons of Laurie Allard and

Grandsons of Madeleine Kopka:

AT2 Michael Allard (Navy)
 AME2 Joseph Allard (Navy)

Daughter of John Soltis:

Lt.Col. Kristen Soltis (USAF)

Son-in-law of John Soltis:

Lt.Co.I James Habeck(USAF)

Grandchildren of Dan & Sue Tracy:

2Lt Brittany DesLauriers (Army)
 PV2 Gavin Tracy (US Army)

December 16
(died 999)

**St. Christopher Parish
Community Outreach**

Parish Prayer Line
*Overwhelmed by life, by care?
May we help with our prayer?*

St. Christopher's Prayer Line --
24/7 from us to Heaven!

Call the Prayer Line
(Coordinator Maureen Brown)
882-8634

Go online to
www.stchrisparishnh.org

Send email to
prayerhotline@
stchrisparishnh.org

Prayer Shawls

Our prayer shawl ministry, Creating for our Community, gathers once a month to knit, crochet, and pray as they create beautiful prayer shawls. If you know of someone who could benefit from the gift of a Prayer Shawl, whether they are having difficult time, or simply need the comfort of Prayer wrapped around their shoulders, please contact the rectory at 882-0632.

Outreach Ministry

If you are homebound and cannot attend Mass and would like to receive communion, please call the Rectory 882-0632.

Senior Companions

Are you homebound? Would you enjoy a visit? Your parish wants to stay connected with you! If St. Christopher is your spiritual home, how about a visit from one of your fellow parishioners? To arrange a visit, please call the Rectory at 882-0632.

St. Adelaide

St. Adelaide was born at Burgundy in France. She was the daughter of King Rudolf II of Upper Burgundy. When she was two years old, she was promised in an arranged marriage as part of a peace agreement between Rudolf and Huger of Provence.

At the age of sixteen, this Burgundian princess was married to King Lothair of Italy. Then three years later, her husband died. His successor Berengarius poisoned him so he could be king.

To strengthen his position he tried to get Adelaide to be his wife but she absolutely refused. In anger, he treated her with great cruelty. He even locked her up in a castle on a lake.

Adelaide was saved when King Otto the Great of Germany defeated Berengarius. Although she was twenty years younger than he, Otto married the lovely Adelaide on Christmas Day.

When he took his new queen back home, the German people loved her at once. She was as gentle and gracious as she was pretty. God sent five children to the royal couple. They lived happily for twenty-two years.

When Otto died, Adelaide's oldest son became the ruler. This son, Otto the Second, was good, but acted too quickly without thinking. He turned against his own mother and she left the palace.

In her great sorrow, she went to the abbot, St. Majolus for help. He advised Otto of his mistake and Otto felt sorry for what he had done.

Adelaide met her son in Italy and the king begged her forgiveness. She in turn prayed for her son, sending offerings to the great shrine of St. Martin of Tours.

In her old age, St. Adelaide was asked to rule the country while her grandson Otto III was still a child.

Although she never became a nun, she started many monasteries and convents and worked to convert the Slavic people. All her life, this saintly empress had obeyed the advice of holy people.

She was always willing to forgive those who had hurt her. St. Addele of Cluny called her a "marvel of beauty and grace."

When Otto III was old enough, Adelaide retired to the convent of Selta near Cologne where she spent the rest of her days in prayer. She died on December 16, 999.

<http://www.holyspiritinteractive.net/>

Welcome!

St. Christopher Parish welcomes all visitors to our Spiritual Home! If you are interested in joining the parish, please complete the form below and either drop it in the Offertory Basket or mail it to the Rectory. One of our Parish staff members will be in touch. Registration forms are also available online at www.StChrisParishNH.org.

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____



Family Connection to this Week's Gospel



Gospel Reading: Mark 1:1-8

John the Baptist preached repentance and baptized the people, in preparation for the one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit.

The season of Advent invites us to renew our lives in preparation for the coming of Jesus. The people who heard the message of John the Baptist repented for their sins and were baptized as a sign of God's forgiveness. In Baptism, our sins are forgiven, and we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, who helps us in our life of discipleship. Led by the Holy Spirit, we use this Advent season to renew our lives so that we, like John the Baptist, might prepare the way for Jesus.

As you gather together as a family, talk about ways in which the example of others has called you to be a follower of Jesus. Name the people who have been examples to you of Christian discipleship and describe their characteristics that you have tried to emulate. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 1:1-8.

As John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, Baptism commissions us to prepare the way of the Lord. The gift of the Holy Spirit leads us to continually renew our lives so that we might lead others to Jesus. As a family, identify at least one action that you will take this week to try to be more faithful followers of Jesus. Conclude in prayer together that God will receive this action and use it to lead others to Jesus. Pray the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

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About Our Catholic Faith:

Christmas Trees

The use of the Christmas tree is relatively modern. Its origins are found in the medieval mystery plays that depicted the tree of paradise and the Christmas light or candle that symbolized Christ, the Light of the world. According to custom, the Christmas tree is set up just before Christmas and may remain in place until the Solemnity of Epiphany. The lights of the tree are illuminated after the prayer of blessing.

In the home the Christmas tree may be blessed by a parent or another family member, in connection with the evening meal on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time on Christmas Day.

*Lord our God,
we praise you for the light of creation:
the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night.
We praise you for the light of Israel:
the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures.
We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son:
he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace,
who fills us with the wonder of your love.*

*Lord God,
let your blessing come upon us
as we illumine this tree.
May the light and cheer it gives
be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts.
May all who delight in this tree
come to the knowledge and joy of salvation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R/. Amen.*



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Prayer to Saint Michael

With so many challenges confronting us these days, we need help and strength to meet them head on. Please join us in praying daily that through the intercession of Saint Michael, we will remain faithful and strong in the Lord's service and in defending the Truth which resides in the Church!

St. Michael the Archangel defend us in battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell, Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl around the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



Prayer for Vocations

O Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and divine love, impart Your knowledge, understanding, and counsel to youth that they may know the vocation wherein they can best serve God. Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will. Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their resolutions, shield their chastity, fashion their minds, conquer their hearts, and lead them to the vineyards where they will labor in God's holy service. Amen.

In the Words of
Pope Francis

"How much openness is needed to welcome people who feel alone and confused as they search for a meaning in life!"

**Pope Francis I @ Pontifex
December 1, 2017**