



St. Christopher Parish

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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!



In Advent, we celebrate our hope that the Lord might come more fully into our lives. The first reading from Isaiah voices the hope of sinners for a redeemer. As sinners, we too hope for forgiveness. Unlike Isaiah, we know that God has come to bring us back, when the Father sent his Son, Jesus, to save us. And God's power was manifest in the raising of Christ from the dead. Our faith in Jesus leads us to a new way of looking at the world. We can see what God is doing as well as remembering what God has done.

The Gospel reminds us to look constantly for signs of God's work. Jesus says simply, "Watch!" Like the gatekeepers in Jesus' short parable, we need to keep our eyes open for him. Just as we expect people driving cars to turn off their cell phones and keep their eyes on the road, so we can stop looking for whatever makes us comfortable and watch for ways to love others as God loves us.

When we only look out for ourselves, we may miss the signs of God's presence around us. Instead of looking at the difficulties of life as obstacles, we can watch for them as opportunities to stretch our faith, to rely on God, or to show God's love to a friend. The recent re-translation of the prayers of the Mass can be an opportunity to stretch our faith and our understanding of the Eucharist.

The Corinthians were also watching for the Lord to come. Paul encourages them (and us) by his reminder that we "are not lacking in any spiritual gift" (1 Corinthians 1:7). The Holy Spirit gives us all we need to help each other prepare for the Lord's coming. They were thinking of Jesus as coming in glory. Though we don't see the full glory of the Lord, part of that glory is his presence in the sacraments. In them we celebrate not just the coming of the Lord, but his working in the world. He shares his life with us in baptism, gives us his Spirit in confirmation and himself in the Eucharist, heals us in reconciliation and the anointing of the sick, and calls us to make him present to others in holy orders and matrimony. You could almost say his second coming is taking place now. Watch for it.

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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 2

4:00 PM James Skowron, 6th Anniv.
by His Father Anthony
& Family

Sunday, December 3

8:00 AM For Parish Intentions
10:00 AM For Parish Intentions
3:00 PM Vietnamese Mass

Monday, December 4

7:15 AM Robert Quada
by Family & Friends

Tuesday, December 5

7:15 AM Alex Gurskis, Month's Mind
by St. Christopher Parish

Wednesday, December 6

7:15 AM No Mass Today

Thursday, December 7

7:15 AM Mary Kay Desmond,
12th Anniversary
by the Desmond Family

Friday, December 8

7:15 AM Alan Mendel
by the Mercurio Family

Saturday, December 9

4:00 PM James Skowron, 6th Anniv.
by His Father Anthony
& Family

Sunday, December 10

8:00 AM For Parish Intentions
10:00 AM For Parish Intentions
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 November, will be offered for Robert Desjarlais, 24th Anniversary and the Desjarlais Family by John & Claire Hebert.

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.



THANK YOU - I wish to thank Dick Blais for his hard work in putting the new racks into the pews of the church. This is so helpful for the music books and missalettes. Thank you, Dick!

I also want to thank the St. Vincent de Paul Society, plus the many other people who assisted, for their hard work on the Thanksgiving food baskets. Many families were taken care of and assisted by the generosity of the people from this parish.

ALCOHOL, DRUGS, SUICIDE - Projections about events that will happen in the future can give us something to think about. No one knows the future except God and there are various events that can happen which can literally change the course of history. 9/11 is certainly one of them.

That being said there are some studies that can make some projections which we ought to listen to. A recent reliable study projected that deaths due to alcohol, drugs, and suicide will 'skyrocket' in the next decade. It is also projected that of the 50 states, New Hampshire will rank 4th in these projected deaths. That is not good to say the least! Something is wrong here!

With all the technology at our disposal, plus the emphasis on worldly advancement, God has been shut out in the lives of many people. The results are that people are not happier and the world is not a better place.

We are now entering in the holy season of Advent. Before we realize it, Christmas will be here. Jesus Christ is the reason for it. I hope and pray that people can stop, think and reflect upon Jesus and His message. If more people did that, the world would be a better place and we would have less alcohol, drugs and suicide deaths.

CONGRATULATIONS - to Nashua Catholic Junior High School on their recent reception of the Blue Ribbon Award for school excellence. This is an award given out by the government only to very few schools. A special flag raising ceremony in

honor of the award took place on Monday, November 20. I was there for it along with our school Principal, Cindy Clarke. In addition, Bishop Libasci, Mayor Donchess, and a representative from the office of Congresswoman Annie Kuster participated as well. It was a wonderful event. Congratulations to them.

PRAYERS - Please remember in your prayer Margaret Lavoie. Her Funeral Mass was held here this past week.

WELCOME TO THE BAPTIZED - We welcome into God's family the church, the following babies who were baptized here recently:

- Henry Matthew Giokas, infant son of Matthew & Megan Giokas
- Addison Danielle Brodsky, infant daughter of Jonathan & Stephanie Brodsky

We pray that both of these babies will have long and happy lives in service to Christ and His Church.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - will meet on Wednesday evening, December 6 at 6:30 PM in the rectory.

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - is celebrated this week.

Masses are as follows:

- Thursday evening, December 7 at 7:00 PM
- Friday morning, December 8 at 7:15 and at 9:15 AM (School Mass).

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS- Next weekend (December 9 & 10), the collection for the sick and retired religious takes place in churches throughout the country. With the rising costs of insurance and health care, their needs are greater than ever. Please be as generous as possible. These men and women gave a lifetime in service. Please help them in their time of need.

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Youth Group News

To kick off the Christmas season, at Youth Group this week we'll be discussing St. Nicholas and how his legend evolved into Santa Claus. As usual, there will be food and games. See you in the Pennell Center on Sunday from 6:00 - 8:00 PM! For any questions, please email Emily Murphy at youthministry@stchrisparishnh.org.

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



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 Knights of Columbus will be selling keep Christ in Christmas Christmas cards this year. The Christmas cards will be left at the end of the Pew with an envelope. If you'd like to buy a box of cards just put the money or check in the envelope and drop it in the collection basket.

Thank you and Joyous Noel to all.



St. Christopher's would like to welcome Pedro and Karla Filgueira and their son John Peter to the parish and their new spiritual home.

This Week's Parish Activities

Saturday, November 18, 2017

Confessions @3:00pm

Vigil Mass @4:00pm

Sunday, November 19, 2017

Sunday Mass @8:00am

Sunday Mass @10:00am

Vietnamese Mass @3:00pm

Youth Group Meeting @6:00pm

St. Vincent de Paul Society Monthly Meeting @7:00pm

Monday, November 20, 2017

7:15 am Morning Mass

SVDP - Deliver Food Basket to Parish Hall by 5pm

Senior Yoga @8:00am

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

7:15 am Morning Mass

Rosary @7:00pm

Wednesday, November 22, 2017

7:15 am Morning Mass

Thanksgiving Mass @7:00pm

Thursday, November 23, 2017

Happy Thanksgiving Day to All!

Friday, November 24, 2017

7:15 am Morning Mass

Saturday, November 25, 2017

Confessions @3:00pm

Vigil Mass @4:00pm

Sunday, November 26, 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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Monday - Friday 9:00-3:00

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Bulletin submissions are due one week before publication.



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November 19, 2017 Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	4,168.00
Loose Offertory	\$505.96
Children's Envelopes	\$0.00
Faith Direct	\$1,169.75
Total	\$5,843.71

Under Budget \$255.29

Campaign for Human Dev.	\$232.75
(total to date \$327.75)	
Christmas Flowers	\$72.00
(total to date \$157.00)	
Fuel Collection	\$140.00
(total to date \$1,564.00)	

November 26, 2017 Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,969.00
Loose Offertory	\$571.00
Children's Envelopes	\$1.00
Faith Direct	\$1,169.75
Total	\$4,701.75

Under Budget \$1,389.25

Campaign for Human Dev.	\$10.00
(total to date \$337.75)	
Christmas Flowers	\$313.00
(total to date \$470.00)	
Fuel Collection	\$25.00
(total to date \$1,589.00)	

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

FROM THE PASTOR *cont'd.*

FIRST RECONCILIATION - Our congratulations go out to the children who received the sacrament of Penance for the first time on Saturday, December 2nd. We pray that they will receive this sacrament frequently for the rest of their lives.

DEANERY PENANCE SERVICE - a Deanery Penance Service will take place on Sunday, December 9 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.

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@stchristparishnh.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 3 -- Regular Class -- First Sunday of Advent

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

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

December 4 -- Regular Class

December 11 -- Regular Class

Sacrament Preparation Class dates:

December 2 -- Reconciliation Service at 10:00 AM. Please arrive no later than 9:40 A.M. Please come downstairs afterward to pick up certificates and books/notebooks!

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.

Many of you have heard that we will be moving to a new location soon. It hasn't happened yet, 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.

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 4 – Regular Class at 8:00 AM
 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



From the Families of Nazareth

Keeping Watch

"If you want to live in truth, then you should live with the awareness that you may die at any moment."

S.C. Biela, *Behold, I Stand at the Door and Knock* (Fr. Collins, CO: IAMF, 2005), 45.

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.

Breakfast with St. Nicholas

FREE for the whole family!
 Donations accepted to benefit the
 St. Christopher St. Vincent dePaul Society

**Sunday
 December 10**

**Following both
 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM
 Masses**

*Sponsored by
 St. Christopher Parish Council
 and
 St. Christopher School Parent Group*



*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)

St. Christopher Parish Community Outreach

December 10
(died 1610)

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. John Roberts

John was born in Wales to Anna and John Roberts. Although he was not a Catholic, he was taught by an elderly priest and at heart he was always a Catholic.

John went to Oxford University in England for a few years before going to study law. He then took a trip to France to have a good time. But his trip turned out to be more than fun.

It was in Paris, France, that another Englishman who was Catholic had great influence on him and John found great happiness in joining the Catholic Church.

John lost no time after this in taking steps to become a priest. He went to an English college in Spain and became a Benedictine monk.

Then his great dream of going back to England came true three years later when he and another monk were given permission to go. They knew the dangers they would face because Catholics were not welcome there, especially not priests.

In fact, they did not have long to wait before trouble began. They entered England wearing plumed hats and swords at their sides. But soon they were arrested for being priests and sent out of the country.

St. John Roberts managed to return to England again. He worked day and night to keep the Catholic faith alive during Queen Elizabeth's terrible persecution. Several times he was captured, put in prison, and exiled, yet he always returned.

The last time Father John was arrested, he was finishing Mass. This time there was no escape. When asked, he boldly said that he was a priest and a monk.

He explained that he had come to England to work for the salvation of the people. "Were I to live longer," he added, "I would continue to do what I have been doing." St. John was then condemned to death.

The night before he was to be hanged, a good Spanish lady arranged for him to have supper with eighteen other prisoners. They were also suffering for Christ's sake.

During their supper together, St. John was full of joy. Then he thought perhaps he should not show so much happiness. "Do you think I may be giving bad example by my joy?" he asked his hostess.

"No, certainly not," she replied. "You could not do anything better than to let everyone see the cheerful courage you have as you are about to die for Christ."

The next day, St. John was hanged. The crowds were so attracted by the personality of this young priest that they did not let the executioners make him suffer. St. John Roberts was martyred in 1610.

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 13:33-37

Jesus warns his disciples to be watchful so that they will be ready when the Son of Man comes.

In family life, we try to prepare ourselves for many future things: our next vacation, our children's education, our retirement. We are careful not to allow ourselves to be caught by surprise so that we can handle any challenges our family may face. Today's Gospel reminds us that we are called to be just as attentive and alert to the coming of the Son of Man so that it will not catch us unprepared. This means attending to our family's spiritual life as carefully as we attend to other important family matters.

As you gather as a family, talk about a time when you received surprise visitors at your house, perhaps a neighbor who stopped by or a relative who arrived unannounced. Was your household prepared to receive this unannounced guest? What might your family have done differently if you knew ahead of time that this visitor was going to arrive? Jesus told his disciples that no one knows when the Son of Man will return, except the Father. Read with your family what Jesus told his disciples in today's Gospel, Mark 13:33-37.

During Advent, we not only prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we also check to see if we are doing all the things that will keep us ready to receive Jesus when he comes again. Talk about how your family can recommit to daily prayer, reading Scripture, and staying faithful to God's commandments. Pray together that through this Advent season your family will be more prepared to receive Jesus when he comes again. Read as a concluding prayer Paul's words to the Corinthians found in today's second reading, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, or pray the Lord's Prayer.

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About Our Catholic Faith:



Advent Wreaths

Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.

The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

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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

"There is also hope for those who have done wrong. Jesus came for this: it is possible to be reconciled with God and begin a new life."

**Pope Francis I @ Pontifex
November 24, 2017**