



# St. Christopher Parish

**October 15, 2017**

## St. Christopher Church

*Fr. Richard Kelley, Pastor*

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## St. Christopher School

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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!**

## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Why would invited guests refuse to come to a wedding? Free food and drink, music and dancing--what's not to like? Apparently the king in Jesus' parable had the same questions. By this time, Jesus knew that many of the Jewish leaders would not accept the invitation to follow him. As we know, after the Resurrection, the disciples began to spread the good news not only to other Jews, but to anyone who would listen. The church began to grow, much faster than they expected.

One reason the leaders in Israel did not accept Jesus was his association with sinners. They did not understand that God calls sinners to repent and be forgiven. Since they thought of themselves as holy, they were not interested in forgiveness. Ordinary people, who knew they were sinners, were attracted by the offer of forgiveness. Many of them repented and came to be baptized. As the parable says, they filled the banquet hall. Jesus calls us today to come to the same feast. But there are still people who think they have no need for Jesus. So what about the man in the parable who came in street clothes? The wedding garment was a symbol of the baptismal gown, the sign of new life in Christ. This man symbolizes those who "come to the feast" without repenting of their sins.

We can be like that man sometimes. We come to church arguing with our spouse on the way. We bring our prejudices, lies, anger, and selfishness--with no intention of doing anything about them. We come with the attitude that says, "I'm here, aren't I? That should be good enough." But it isn't, for the feast we come to is not a wedding to join husband and wife. It joins God to humanity. God's Son came to unite us all to himself. By dying for our sins, Jesus calls us to come back to God. So repentance is not just a change of clothing; it is a change of heart, a change in how we live. It is our ticket to the banquet. It is our way of saying, "I know I don't deserve this, but thanks for letting me share the feast."

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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, October 14

4:00 PM Ruth E. Lane, 6th Anniv.  
by Her Daughter, Linda

### Sunday, October 15

8:00 AM Craig Levesque  
by Doris Mann  
10:00 AM Garnetta & Bill Wood  
by Elizabeth Cote  
3:00 PM Vietnamese Mass

### Monday, October 16

7:15 AM Mary Soltis, 1st Anniv.  
by John & Jossie Soltis

### Tuesday, October 17

7:15 AM Lorraine Fauvel, 2nd  
Anniv.  
by Her Son, George

### Wednesday, October 18

7:15 AM Jeanne Paquette  
by Jeanne Berube

### Thursday, October 19

7:15 AM Craig Levesque, 1st Anniv.  
by Andrea Tighe

### Friday, October 20

7:15 AM Alan Mendel  
by Nancy Pelletier

### Saturday, October 21

4:00 PM Claire Hebert  
by Michael & Theresa  
Viggiano

### Sunday, October 22

8:00 AM George P. Fauvel,  
33rd Anniversary  
by His Son, George  
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 celebrated during October, 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.



Sunday, October 15th is the feast day of Saint Teresa of Avila (1515-1582). Growing up in Saint Teresa of Avila Parish in West Roxbury, Massachusetts and being a graduate of the parish grammar school, I learned to somehow appreciate this great saint and for all that she did for the church. She reformed religious life. She was a spiritual genius whose influence is everlasting. I thought it would be of interest list just a few of her quotes for your reflection.

--"Trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be"

--"We always find that those who walked closest to Christ were those who had to bear the greatest trials".

--" May God protect me from gloomy saints".

--"When we accept what happens to us and make the best of it, we are praising God".

----"Remember that you have only one soul; that you have only one death to die; that you have only one life...If you do this, there will be many things about which you care nothing".

There are many other quotes from the life of Saint Teresa that you can look up yourselves. I thank the Lord that He raises up such saints who can be role-models for us as we continue on in our life's journey to God

**Saint Teresa of Avila – Pray for us**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** - will meet on Wednesday evening, October 18th at 6:30 PM in the rectory.

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY - This

Sunday, the diocese honors couples from throughout the state at a special Mass. It will be held at Saint Joseph Cathedral. Five couples from this parish will be attending and we congratulate them. They are the following:

- Thomas & Carol Ann Skabo - 50+ years
- William & Cynthia Kaminski - 50 years
- Daniel & Susanne Tracy – 50 years
- Michael & Andrea Richards – 30 years
- Joseph & Christine Mercurio – 25 years

Our congratulations go to them and to all the other couples who are celebrating significant anniversaries.

### Is RCIA for you?

*If you are an adult who would like to find out more about the Catholic Church ...*

*If you have been worshiping with us, but never officially took the step to become Catholic ...*

*If you have been a Catholic all your life, but perhaps were never confirmed or didn't receive First Communion...*

....then you are warmly invited to join us for an informational meeting Monday night!

The RCIA group (which stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) meets at the Pennell Center each Monday evening at 7:00 PM. Come ask questions, take part in discussions, and receive support from the RCIA team. You'll meet both "cradle Catholics" as well as new Catholics who recently went through the RCIA process themselves.

For more information, please feel free to contact the RCIA coordinator, Joe Mercurio at 603-417-9654, or email him at rcia@stchrisparishnh.com. Or just come Monday night and join us for stimulating discussion and fellowship.

## Religious Education News

### **PreK to grade 6 (Sunday 8:30-9:45 AM)**

October 15 - Regular Class  
 October 22 - Regular Class  
 October 29 - Regular Class

### **Junior High (Monday 6:30 - 7:45 PM))**

October 16 - Regular Class  
 October 23 - Regular Class  
 October 30 - Regular Class

### **Sacrament Preparation**

This program is for our students in the 2nd grade and older who wish to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this school year. Reconciliation classes meet Oct/Nov, while First Eucharist classes run late January through April. Please contact Christine Mercurio at [cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org](mailto:cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org) for more information/questions. **Registrations are due now to the parish office.** A copy of the child's birth certificate and Baptism are also required to complete their registration.

October 15 -- Parents only -- 6:00 PM in the Church Hall

October 22 & 29 -- Both student and parent attend -- 5:30-6:30 PM

### **Substitute Teachers Needed**

We need you! Our Faith Formation program is still in need of some great folks! We are making our list and checking it twice- a substitute teacher would volunteer to conduct a class for our Sunday morning program on the few times during the school year that our regular teachers have a sick day. The Sunday program offers classes for students in grade pre-K through grade 6. Classes run from 8:30 to 9:45 AM. Would you consider sharing your time and faith with some great kids on as needed basis? For more information: Christine Mercurio at [cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org](mailto:cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org) or call the parish office at 603-882-0632

## Catholic Daughters of America Annual Raffle

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas are holding their yearly fundraiser and raffle for three beautiful baskets:

1. Breakfast Wake-up.
2. Refreshing Spa
3. Movie Nights

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. We will be downstairs in the Parish Hall after all Masses on the weekend of October 28th and 29th. Please come and see us. Hope to see all of you there. For further information call Lillian Anderson at 882.7004.

### **This Week's Parish Activities**

#### **Friday, October 13, 2017**

7:15 am Morning Mass

#### **Saturday, October 14, 2017**

Corpus Christi "Handout" Brown Bag  
 Confessions @3:00pm  
 Vigil Mass @4:00pm

#### **Sunday, October 15, 2017**

Corpus Christi "Handout" Brown Bag  
 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, October 16, 2017**

7:15 am Morning Mass  
 Senior Yoga @8:00am

#### **Tuesday, October 17, 2017**

7:15 am Morning Mass  
 Rosary @7:00pm

#### **Wednesday, October 18, 2017**

7:15 am Morning Mass

#### **Thursday, October 19, 2017**

7:15 am Morning Mass  
 Boy Scout #773 @7:00pm

#### **Friday, October 20, 2017**

7:15 am Morning Mass

#### **Saturday, October 21, 2017**

Corpus Christi Brown Bag Pickup  
 Confessions @3:00pm  
 Vigil Mass @4:00pm

#### **Sunday, October 22, 2017**

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 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!

### **Rectory Hours:**

Monday - Friday 9:00-3:00

### **Rectory Phone:**

882-0632

### **Email:**

[parish.office@stchrisparishnh.org](mailto:parish.office@stchrisparishnh.org)

### **Parish Life - Linda Sanborn**

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### **Bookkeeper - Jean Dickson**

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### **Director of Music & Organist -**

Carol Ann Skabo

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### **Religious Educ. - Christine Mercurio**

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### **Confirmation - Deacon Jim Daly**

[deaconjim@stchrisparishnh.org](mailto:deaconjim@stchrisparishnh.org)

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### **Youth Ministry - Emily Murphy**

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### **Parish Council - Elizabeth Cote**

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### **Finance Committee -- Tom Nardone**

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### **Bulletin - Marta Nissen**

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Bulletin submissions are due one week before publication.



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**Join our Parish Email List!**



**October 8, 2017 Offertory**

Offertory Envelopes	\$3,482.00
Loose Offertory	654.85
Children's Envelopes	\$0.00
Faith Direct	\$1,197.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,334.10</b>

Under Budget \$764.90

NH Priest Retirement	\$90.00
(total to date \$2,994.60)	
Hurricane Relief	6.07
(total to date \$3,010.07)	
All Souls	\$25.00
(total to date \$70.00)	
All Saints	\$5.00
(total to date \$45.00)	
Works of the Holy Father	\$5.00
(total to date \$5.00)	

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



**Nashua's  
Diocesan Catholic Schools**

[www.NashuaDiocesanSchools.org](http://www.NashuaDiocesanSchools.org)

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

[www.stchrisschoolnh.org](http://www.stchrisschoolnh.org)

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

[www.ijschool.org](http://www.ijschool.org)

Nashua Catholic Regional  
Junior High School  
Grades 7 & 8  
882-7011  
[www.ncrjhs.org](http://www.ncrjhs.org)

**Yoga for Seniors on Monday!**

Join the St. Christopher Yoga for Seniors class on Monday mornings at 8:00 AM in the Church Hall. It's a wonderful way to start your week and your day. Classes are provided free of charge to St. Christopher's seniors. All are welcome to stop by, observe or join in. **Upcoming class schedule:**

- October 16 - Regular Class at 8:00 AM
- October 23 - Regular Class at 8:00 AM
- October 30 - Regular Class at 8:00 AM

**Knights of Columbus  
CPR/AED Training**

Knights of Columbus St. Boniface Council 11907 will be hosting a CPR/AED Training session on Wednesday, October 18 at 7:00 PM in the St. Christopher Parish Hall. Those interested in learning this lifesaving technique please contact Rob Everett, Grand Knight at (603) 229-7319 or [rje7@hotmail.com](mailto:rje7@hotmail.com). Space is limited to 20 participants. (Priority will be given to Knights and Parish Staff)

**Nashua Catholic Jr High  
Named Blue Ribbon School**

US Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos, announced recently that Nashua Catholic Regional Junior High School has earned the National Blue Ribbon Award 2017. Nashua Catholic is the first Catholic school in the Diocese of Manchester to receive this award, recognizing exemplary high performance.

**St. Boniface Knights of Columbus  
Council 11907 News**

The Knights of Columbus officer/planning meetings are the first Tuesday of every month in the Pennell Center at 7:30 PM. Feel free to join the rosary in St. Christopher at 7:00 PM before our meeting. Our business meetings are the third Tuesday of every month in the Parish Center at St. Patricks at 7:30 PM, with the Rosary at 7:00 PM. If you are interested in joining the Knights and are a practical Catholic male over the age of 18, come before one of these meetings or see a Knight for more information.

If you have questions, please contact Rob Everett, Grand Knight at (603) 229-7319 or [rje7@hotmail.com](mailto:rje7@hotmail.com).

**JESUS aCROSS the Border**

27 October, 2017

St. Patrick's Church in Lowell, MA  
7:30 PM - 11 PM

Join JESUS aCROSS the Border, the umbrella organization which unites over 17 different young adult Catholic groups, for our monthly event! Our evening begins at 7:30 PM with Eucharist Adoration and Praise & Worship lead by Mike McDuffee as well as Angelique Bolduc of LIFT Ministries. Fr. Richard Clancy joins us again as the main Mass celebrant at 9 PM and following Mass we will have a pizza social. This is a fantastic opportunity for young adults to find a community of like-minded people and be introduced to the many local, Catholic young adult groups from the area!

Please email Billy Beauchesne at [JESUSaCROSStheBorder@gmail.com](mailto:JESUSaCROSStheBorder@gmail.com) or visit our Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/JESUSaCROSStheBorder> for more information.

**Talking to Teens About Suicide**

In response to reports of a rise in suicidal behavior and thinking among NH teens, the Diocese of Manchester and Catholic Charities New Hampshire will offer a program to increase awareness of teen suicide and provide guidance on how to respond. Rev. John J. Mahoney Jr., Director of Catholic Charities Counseling Services, will lead a team of CCNH counselors skilled in working with adolescents in presenting the program, which will include opportunities for questions. This is not a training program, but intended to improve awareness. Parents and all who work with teens and young adults are welcome.

**Thursday, October 26, 2017**

6:30 - 8:00 PM

St. Charles Borromeo Church Hall  
300 NH Rte. 25, Meredith  
RSVP by October 24

Additional information and online RSVP is available at:

<https://www.catholicnh.org/community/outreach/teensuicide>



## From the Organ Bench

Beginning on October 8th, our Children's/ Youth Choirs resumed rehearsal. Like our Adult Choir, the Children and Youth Choir leads, enhances and deepens our worship experiences through their special presentations. The combined Children and Youth Choir is open to 1st-10th Graders. The older members of this choir assist in teaching the younger members in learning the music of our faith. They occasionally will sing with the Adult Choir. Rehearsals are Sunday mornings following the 10:00 AM Mass, from 11:15 AM - 12:00 PM. The Choir will sing once a month at the 10:00 AM Mass and also the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Mass. For any questions, please contact me at music@stchrisparishnh.org or visit me in the choir loft following the Mass.

See you at church!  
Carol Ann Skabo, Music Director

## Corpus Christi Corner

Corpus Christi Food Pantry is grateful for the generous food donations from St Christopher's parishioners during September. 1133.3 pounds of food and supplies were collected from the church baskets. Thank you!!

Our supplies are low on the following items: jelly, canned peas, canned whole tomatoes, canned tomato sauce, pancake mix, hamburger helper, frosting, toilet paper, and liquid dish soap. We truly appreciate your continued support. As always, there are baskets located at each of the church entrances for your donations.

## Bishop Guertin High School Upcoming Open Houses

Bishop Guertin High School of Nashua is hosting Fall Open Houses on Sunday, October 22nd at 1:00 PM and Thursday, October 26th at 6:00 PM. Tour our school, learn more about the strong academic program, extracurricular activities, and meet members of our community! Visit [www.bghs.org/bgopenhouse](http://www.bghs.org/bgopenhouse) to register today!



## From the Families of Nazareth

### When You Refuse God's Invitation To His Banquet

"In this third millennium, it is urgent to open the door of holiness to the poor and the wounded because the parable of the banquet is a true hope for them. All the strong and perfect who would normally have been invited to the banquet refused to come."

*Andre Daigneault, The Way of Imperfection (Ft. Collins, CO. IAMF, 2016), 6.*

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.

## Youth Group News

This week, youth group will feature a fancy bread called Kugelhopf and discussion on the worldview of non-Christian religions. See you in the Pennell Center on Sunday, October 15 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM! For any questions, please email Emily Murphy at [youthministry@stchrisparishnh.org](mailto:youthministry@stchrisparishnh.org).

## Vianney Live Production

*Vianney*, the inspiring live production performed by Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be presented at Saint Kathryn Church in Hudson on Monday, October 30 at 7:00 PM.

Experience the gripping story of Saint John Vianney, the humble priest who battled the devil to save souls. Filled with all of the elements of professional theater, the production runs 90 minutes and is suitable for ages 9 and up.

For tickets and additional information, contact Charlene Maniotis at Saint Kathryn Parish Office at 603-882-7793 or [charlene.maniotis@stkathryns.org](mailto:charlene.maniotis@stkathryns.org) or visit [www.stkathryns.org](http://www.stkathryns.org). Tickets are \$25.00 for premier seating for adults and \$20.00 per person for general seating with a maximum of \$50.00 per household of parents and 4 or fewer children under 16.



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:  
AT3 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**

**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.

October 21  
(died 371)

**St. Hilarion**

Hilarion was born at Tabatha, south of Gaza in Palestine. He was the son of Pagan parents who did not believe in God. When he was a teenager he left his home in Palestine to study in Alexandria in Egypt.

There at the age of 15, he learned about the Christian faith, and soon was baptized. His conversion started him out on a glorious journey leading him closer to God. Before long, he was off to visit the famous St. Anthony of Egypt in the desert.

Hilarion wanted to be alone to serve Jesus, whom he had just come to love. He stayed two months with St. Anthony, but it was not quiet enough there for him.

Many people came to St. Anthony for help. Hilarion could not find the peace he was looking for, so he left. After giving everything he had to the poor, he went into the wilderness to live alone as a hermit.

He wore a shirt made of hair and skins and a short shepherd's cloak. He fasted during the day and had a small meal after sunset. He supported himself by weaving baskets but spent the rest of his time in prayer.

Hilarion faced many temptations and at times he felt that God did not hear his prayers at all. But he did not let these temptations stop him from praying even harder.

After twenty years in the desert, the holy man worked his first miracle. He was also able to drive demons out of people.

Soon many people began coming to his hut to beg his help. Several men asked him to let them stay with him to learn from him how to pray and do penance.

In his great love for God and people, the saint invited them to stay. But finally, when he was sixty-five, he began to travel. He went from one country to another in search of peace and quiet.

However, the fame of his miracles of mercy always brought crowds of visitors. A few years before his death in 371, Hilarion finally found a lonely cave in Cyprus and at last felt that he was truly alone with God. He was eighty years old when he died.

<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](http://www.StChrisParishNH.org).*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_



**Become  
Part of  
Our  
Church  
Family**



## Family Connection to this Week's Gospel

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 22:1-14

### Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast.

Today's Gospel reminds us that God invites all of us to his kingdom. How do we respond to this invitation? In theological terms, God has granted us free will to accept or reject salvation. The parable of the wedding feast reminds us that God desires our wholehearted acceptance of his invitation to salvation.

As you gather as a family, discuss what you consider appropriate attire for various occasions. For example, if your family were invited to a neighbor's barbecue, what would you wear? If you were planning to attend the symphony, what might you wear? If invited to an evening wedding, what might you wear? Discuss how our preparations for an event and our choice of attire indicates the importance and value we place on the occasion. In today's Gospel Jesus uses this metaphor to talk about the kingdom of heaven. Read Matthew 22:1-14. Discuss why the guest was thrown out of the wedding feast. What does Jesus expect of those who accept his invitation of salvation? What would be the evidence of our conversion to God's salvation? Pray together as a family that you will respond wholeheartedly to God's invitation to salvation. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 23. Reprinted from <http://www.loyolapress.com>

## About Our Catholic Faith:

### Our Lady's 15 Promises to Those Who Pray Her Rosary (Part One)

*By Mary Thierfelder*

The Holy Rosary is an enormous source of grace and spiritual protection, one of the most powerful sacramentals of the Catholic Church. Sister Lucia dos Santos, one of the children to whom Our Lady appeared at Fatima, once said,

"There is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families ... that cannot be solved by the Rosary. There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."

After the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Holy Rosary is the prayer most pleasing to Our Lady. In honor of the Blessed Mother, we would like to share her 15 promises to those who pray the Rosary.

Our Lady revealed the following promises to St. Dominic (the saint to whom the rosary was first given in the 12th century) and later to Blessed Alan de la Roche (who reignited devotion to the rosary in the 15th century).

Mary, in virtue of her perfect union with the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus, now reigns in heaven as Queen next to her Son, Christ the King. She has been given the privilege to bestow God's graces to her spiritual children, for whom she earnestly intercedes as the Mother of all Christians.

Although there is much suffering in this world, these promises from Our Lady ensure her assistance in the cares and worries of this life, and in interceding for us to obtain a holy death, eternal salvation, and everlasting happiness with the angels and saints in heaven.

**1. Whosoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary shall receive signal graces.** *[A signal grace may be a simple sign in daily life that answers a question made in prayer or points towards God's will. For example, seeing a rose after finishing a novena to St. Therese of Lisieux could be considered a signal grace. Signal graces are often subtle or seemingly coincidental.]*

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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*

"God does not disappoint! He has placed hope in our hearts so that it can blossom and bear fruit."

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