

SAINT CHRISTOPHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 4, 2019

St. Christopher Church

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Worship Schedule

Morning Prayer 7:00 AM Mon-Thurs
Daily Mass 7:15 AM Mon-Thurs
Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM
Sunday Mass 8:00 & 10:00 AM
Vietnamese Mass 3:00 PM Sunday

Confessions After Daily Mass,
approx. 7:45 AM
3:00-3:30 PM Saturday

Rosary 7:00 PM Tuesday
Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday
7:45-8:45 AM
Rosary at beginning

1st Friday of the Month
1:00-3:00 PM
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.

AUGUST

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*Take care to guard
against all greed,
for though one
may be rich,
one's life does not
consist of possessions.*
Luke 12:15

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 3

4:00 PM William V. Neverett, 1st Anniv.
by His wife Sheila and Family

Richard Farrell
by Nancy Pelletier

Sunday, August 4

8:00 AM For the people of the parish
10:00 AM Roland Bedard
by The Murphy Family

3:00 PM Vietnamese Mass

Monday, August 5

7:15 AM Randy Lamont
by Elizabeth Cote

Tuesday, August 6

7:15 AM Deceased Members of the
Berube Family
by Jean Berube

Wednesday, August 7

7:15 AM Catherine Evarts, 1st Anniv.
by the Evarts Family

Thursday, August 8

7:15 AM Rose Higgins
by John & Mary Mann

Friday, August 9

No Mass on Friday mornings

Saturday, August 10

4:00 PM Colonel John P. Walsh, Jr.
by Jane Cadwell

Peter Cadwell, II
by His Mother, Jane

Sunday, August 11

8:00 AM For the people of the parish
10:00 AM Randy Lamont 10th Anniv.
by Elizabeth Cote

Theresa MacDougall
by The Feenan Family

3:00 PM Vietnamese Mass

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns This Week:

Sanctuary Lamp for Randy Lamont
by Elizabeth Cote

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 August, will be offered for Joe Pantos by Mike & Sue Glenn.

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.

Fr. David's Summer Books for the Deck, Beach, or Couch!

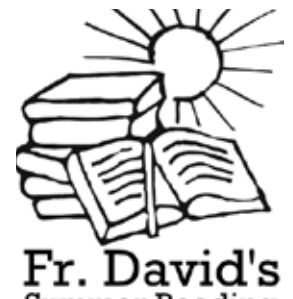
Title: *Abba's Heart*

Author: Neal Lozano

Length and Difficulty: Medium length and easy to read

What's in it: We all have tainted images of God the Father and our true identity as His beloved sons of the daughters. Neal Lozano helps us to shed the false images we have of God and self so that we can experience authentic joy and freedom. Neal helps us identify and reject the lies we have believed for far too long.

You'll love this if: You feel bound by fear, anxiety, shame, or hopelessness, or maybe you simply just want to experience God's love in new and deeper ways. Neal teaches us about what it means to be an adopted child of God, and he uses encouraging stories and testimonies to show how experiencing the unconditional love of God is a possibility for all of us.



Anniversary Mass

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating an anniversary in 2019 of 5, 25 or 50 years, to attend the Fall Wedding Anniversary Mass. This celebration will be held on Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 2:00 PM, at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. To register, please contact the parish office by September 20, 2019. The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all registrants will receive an invitation to this special celebration. Couples celebrating anniversaries of 10, 15, 20, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 55+ years will be asked to register later for a spring celebration. To all other married couples, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at this fall's Wedding Anniversary Mass!

St. Chris School Teachers Needed

St. Christopher School is looking for a few new teachers to join our fabulous faculty this Fall!

Candidates must be practicing Catholics, hold a minimum of a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and be certified by the State of New Hampshire. We are especially seeking teachers who are enthusiastic, creative, energetic, nurturing, open to working collaboratively with the rest of our amazing staff, and participating outside the classroom in the life of St. Christopher School.

Applicants must complete the Diocesan Teacher Application (available at CatholicNH.org) and forward it along with a letter of interest, resume, college transcripts, certification, and the names of three references to Principal Cindy Clarke at:

St. Christopher School
20 Cushing Ave
Nashua, NH 03064

or via email: cclarke@stchrisschoolnh.org

Further questions can also be directed to Mrs. Clarke at the email above.

We look forward to meeting our new friends!

St. Christopher's would like to welcome the following parishioners to our parish and their new spiritual home:

- Craig & Danielle Schuh and their children Anna, Lily and Gregory
- Ian & Crystal McQuaid and their son William
- Andrew & Rana Abatiell





Last week's ROAR Vacation Bible School was extra special for 33 PreK to grade 5 students as they learned that God is Good...always! The week was jam-packed with songs, skits, crafts, snacks, games, and special visitors. Many thanks to Religious Education Director Christine Mercurio and her awesome group of helpers for putting on this amazing experience for the children of the parish and school!

UPDATED Parish Website Helps You Stay Connected

Have you checked out our updated parish website yet? We are very excited about the changes and how they will help our parishioners and visitors stay in touch with all that's happening at St. Chris! On the website, you will find the weekly bulletin, a calendar of upcoming parish events and mass intentions, contact information, program descriptions, RCIA and Religious Education information, and more! In addition, you will also find a link to FaithDirect, our online giving service. This program allows parishioners to continue to support the parish even they are unable to attend mass at St. Chris for some reason. Visit the website at www.StChrisParishNH.org today!

For Vocations

"What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Faithfulness to one's vocation is essential to holiness. Is yours to be a priest or a consecrated sister or brother? Call Father Matt Mason (603) 669-3100, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.

Theology on Tap

Do you have questions about the faith that you've always wanted to ask but may not have had the opportunity? Join us for our second "Ask a Padre" night on August 13 -- back by popular demand! Fr. Michael Kerper of Nashua, NH and Fr. Anthony Di Russo of Leominster, MA will be here to answer YOUR questions! Questions can be submitted at the event or ahead of time to spiritedtheology@gmail.com!

Spirited Theology events are held in one of the ballrooms at the Radisson Hotel located at 11 Tara Blvd. in Nashua, NH. Look for the Shade Bar & Grille sign at the side entrance of the hotel.

Our gathering starts around 6:00 PM for food and fellowship. Dinner and drinks can be ordered from the restaurant menu, so come early to eat and socialize! (Catholic and non-Catholic friends are welcome!) The guest speaker will begin his presentation at 7:00 PM. We hope to see you there!

For more information, check out our website at www.spiritedtheology.com and be sure to like us on Facebook

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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July 28, 2019 Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$3,702.00
Loose Offertory	\$836.00
Faith Direct	\$1,296.75
Total	\$5,834.75

Under Budget \$265.25

Parish to Parish Support \$60.00
(total to date \$479.00)

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

Yoga for Seniors

Start your week off by improving your overall health with Yoga. Yoga for Seniors takes place on Monday mornings at 8:00 am in the Church Hall. The 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. All are welcome to stop by and watch or participate.

Upcoming class schedule:

- August 5 – 8:00 AM**
- August 12 – 8:00 AM**
- August 19 – NO CLASS**
- August 26 – 8:00 AM**

Faith Formation

Our Religious Ed program begins on September 15th at 8:30 AM. Forms for Fall 2019/2020 are available for download on the Parish website. Visit stchrisparishnh.org, print your registration and return both forms and fees to the parish office : attn Rel Ed.

- **FALL 2019**-Pre-K to 6th grade- Sunday Morning from 8:30 - 9:45 AM
- **FALL 2019**-Grade 7/8 program- Monday Evening from 6:30 - 7:45 PM

Corpus Christi Corner

Corpus Christi Food Pantry has a new Food Director, Maryellen Keigher, we welcome her to the Pantry. She has been in her job for a few weeks and is excited to work with our clients. Please feel free to come by and meet her.

Summer is traditionally a slow time for food donations. Our shelves are low or empty on many items. We could use: canned corn, creamed soups, refried beans, Spam, spaghetti sauce, mayo, instant potatoes, pasta sides, frosting, shampoo, adult and children's toothbrushes. There are baskets located at each of the church entrances for your donations. Thank you!

Sacrament Preparation Program

Register Now! - Forms for Fall 2019/2020 are available for download on the Parish website. Visit stchrisparishnh.org, print your registration and return with required certificates/fee to the parish office. For questions, email cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org (Reconciliation/first Eucharist) or deaconjim@stchrisparishnh.org. (Confirmation)

Please note: All students registering for a sacrament class must also be enrolled in ongoing faith formation classes (catholic parish or a parochial school).

Fall 2019 Classes

- **Reconciliation (Grade 2 and up)**
Students entering grade 2 and up who have been baptized but not yet received the sacrament of first confession may register for this class. Email cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org for more information.
- **Confirmation- (Grade 3)** Students who attended Reconciliation in the Fall of 2018 should register for this class and the First Eucharist class. Email deaconjim@stchrisparishnh.org for more information.

Spring 2020 Classes

- **First Eucharist- (grade 3 and up)**
Students who received Reconciliation in the Fall of 2018 should register for this class and the Fall 2019 Confirmation class. The class will run from January through May 2020. Confirmation and First Eucharist will be received in one celebration in the Spring of 2020. Email cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org for more information.
- **Confirmation grades 5-7+**
Students who have received baptism, reconciliation and first communion but have not been confirmed should register for this class. Confirmation will be received in the Spring of 2020. The class will run from January through May. Confirmation will be received in the Spring of 2020. Email deaconjim@stchrisparishnh.org for more information.

Seeing is believing!

Enroll Now!



**Apply online at
StChrisSchoolNH.org**

Religious Education Teachers Needed

Will you help? We are in need of some faith-filled folks to volunteer as teachers for our Sunday morning program... Could it be you? There are openings in grade 5 and also grade prek/K. Won't you consider sharing your time and faith each week with some great kids? As a volunteer teacher, you will share the weekly lesson with the kids as they learn all about their faith, adding in a dose of fun and creativity like a craft, skit or game to reinforce the curriculum. Most of all, share your love of your FAITH! We meet Sunday mornings (8:30 -9:45 AM) mid September until Palm Sunday. Email Chris Mercurio at cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org if this sounds like you!

Youth Ministry News

Praise, Worship, and Adore – Youth Ministry is inviting the whole parish to 'Praise, Worship, and Adore,' a holy hour with Eucharistic adoration, live praise & worship music, and inspiring witness talks. This year, it will be on Thursday, August 8th at 7:00 PM in the church with refreshments following in the church hall. Jesus will be happy to see you!

St. Gianna's Place

Do you know a pregnant woman in crisis who is in need of safe housing and support? St. Gianna's Place is open and accepting residents. Please visit our website at stgiannasplace.org or call us at (603) 521-8440. We are here to help.

From the Families of Nazareth

Being Rich in What Matters to God

"Someone who is poor in spirit seeks only God and His will and desires no other riches. God comes to those who have nothing because only those who have nothing truly need Him."

S.C. Biela, Open Wide the Door to Christ, (Ft. Collins, CO: IAMF, 2005), 99.

Honduran Mission

A member of St. Christopher parish, Mary Roy, as been involved in bringing supplies and team members to Honduras since 1993, beginning her journey here at St Christopher with her first team in 1994. Mary is retired but continues her ministry and is looking for some items that can help with the work of the team. The team is in need of older larger rolling suitcases that are not being used anymore to be packed with supplies we collect. Also, one of our important projects is to hand out gently used children's shoes to the most vulnerable. Lastly, we can always use your prayers for a successful and safe trip. If you have a question or if you have one of these items please email me at senoraray@comcast.net. Thank you

Enroll Now for Fall 2019 at St. Christopher School!

Register for Fall 2019 at St. Christopher School and give your child the education he or she deserves! St. Chris offers an outstanding and affordable Catholic education personalized to every prek through grade 6 student. Students excel academically through an innovative, creative curriculum supported by traditional, proven methods. St. Christopher School is not a Common Core school, allowing teachers to grow and change their teaching to address students' specific needs. In addition, character, kindness, values, and personal accountability are nurtured in every child and reinforced by the school's caring community.

NEW! Busing available from South Nashua! Good news...the Nashua school district will now be providing busing to students in grades 1 to 6 who live over a mile from the school anywhere in Nashua! This includes neighborhoods south of the Nashua river.

Sound like a perfect fit for your child? Schedule a private tour by calling Jackie Langenfeld at 603-882-7442, ext. 114 or emailing her at jlangenfeld@stchrischoolnh.org. Visit the school's website at StChrisSchoolNH.org for more information or to enroll!



*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:

LTC Brian Berthelotte (Army);
LtCol Mark Berthelotte (USAF);
LCDR Brad Berthelotte (Navy)

Grandson of William & Yvette Berthelotte:

Cpl. Matthew Berthelotte
(USMC)

Son of John & Alana Kocsis:
SSG. John Kocsis III (Army)

Son of Joseph & Sue Strob:
Maj. Rob Strob

Grandsons of Pat & Kaye Heffernan:

Sgt. Eamonn Garber (USMC)

Son of David & Patricia Taylor:
SFC James Taylor (Army)

Grandson of Lorraine St. Pierre
PFC Alexander St. Pierre (Army)

Sons of Laurie Kopka and
Grandsons of Madeleine Kopka:
AT2 Michael Allard (Navy)
AME2 Joseph Allard (Navy)

Daughter of John Soltis:
Lt.Col. Kristen Soltis (USAF)

Grandchildren of Dan & Sue Tracy:
1Lt Brittany DesLauriers (Army)
PFC Gavin Tracy (US Army)

Grandson of Betty Batey:
Captain Nick Batey USAF

*To add to our military prayer list,
email bulletin@stchrisparishnh.org or
call the Rectory at 882-0632.*

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. Cajetan

Like most of us, Cajetan seemed headed for an "ordinary" life—first as a lawyer, then as a priest engaged in the work of the Roman Curia.

His life took a characteristic turn when he joined the Oratory of Divine Love in Rome, a group devoted to piety and charity, shortly after his ordination at 36. When he was 42 he founded a hospital for incurables at Venice. At Vicenza, he joined a "disreputable" religious community that consisted only of men of the lowest stations of life—and was roundly censured by his friends, who thought his action was a reflection on his family. He sought out the sick and poor of the town and served them.

The greatest need of the time was the reformation of a Church that was "sick in head and members." Cajetan and three friends decided that the best road to reformation lay in reviving the spirit and zeal of the clergy. Together they founded a congregation known as the Theatines—from Teate [Chieti] where their first superior-bishop had his see. One of the friends later became Pope Paul IV.

They managed to escape to Venice after their house in Rome was wrecked when Emperor Charles V's troops sacked Rome in 1527. The Theatines were outstanding among the Catholic reform movements that took shape before the Protestant Reformation. Cajetan founded a monte de pieta—"mountain or fund of piety"—in Naples, one of many charitable, nonprofit credit organizations that lent money on the security of pawned objects. The purpose was to help the poor and protect them against usurers. Cajetan's little organization ultimately became the Bank of Naples, with great changes in policy.

Reflection

If Vatican II had been summarily stopped after its first session in 1962, many Catholics would have felt that a great blow had been dealt to the growth of the Church. Cajetan had the same feeling about the Council of Trent, held from 1545 to 1563. But as he said, God is the same in Naples as in Venice, with or without Trent or Vatican II. We open ourselves to God's power in whatever circumstances we find ourselves, and God's will is done. God's standards of success differ from ours.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org>

Welcome! Please use this form to register!

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 _____ Email _____

Address _____

Phone _____



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**



Family Connection to this Week's Gospel

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:13-21

A person's life does not consist of possessions.

Family life helps us learn about the values of solidarity and the common good. As a family, we strive to respect the rights of each family member and make decisions that promote the common good of the family. Talk about what it would be like if the family ordered a pizza and then divided it unevenly, with some members getting as many pieces as they wanted while others got only a half slice. Talk about how you work to make sure that everyone in the family has his or her fair share.

Talk about how your family is also a member of the human family, called to share the goods of creation fairly and justly. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to remember that the goods of the world are intended to be shared by all. Read aloud Luke 12:13-21. Talk about the parable of the rich fool and ask family members to describe what they think he did wrong. Emphasize that although the man in the story doesn't seem bad, Jesus points out that this man's flaw was that he was thinking only about himself and his own comfort and security. Emphasize that when we fail to think about the needs of others, we call that a sin of omission.

Remind your children that each time we go to Mass, we ask forgiveness for what we have done and for what we have failed to do. We call this prayer the Confiteor. End this time together by praying the Confiteor ("I confess to almighty God...").

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Take a Catholic Road Trip!

New Haven, Connecticut: The Knights of Columbus Museum

1 State St New Haven, CT 06511

Here in Connecticut, you have the opportunity to view some of the historical achievements of this group of Catholic laymen since their founding in 1881 by Father Michael McGivney here in Hartford and through to the present day.

The Museum offers self-guided tours of various galleries. Exhibits are definitely world-class and the museum has both permanent exhibits and changing exhibits. Among the permanent collection are the Father Michael J. McGivney gallery and reliquary, the Wall of History (detailing the history of the Knights), the Papal Gallery, Christopher Columbus Gallery, the Mexican Martyrs and others. Rotating exhibits feature artwork and artifacts from around the world.

It is especially known for the Christmas Nativity scenes during the seasons of both Advent and Christmas.

The museum is open 365 days a year from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with the exception of Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and Good Friday. Entrance is free, and so is the parking (underground, which is a great blessing in winter time!). It is family-friendly, handicap-accessible and a great place to visit.

A short film in the theater introduces visitors to the museum and an interactive display helps highlight the history of the Knights and their activities. There is also a gift shop located here.

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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 wander 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

"The Lord gives each of us a vocation, a challenge to discover the talents and abilities we possess and to put them at the service of others."

Pope Francis I @ Pontifex
July 29, 2019