

# SAINT CHRISTOPHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

**September 22, 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.**

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

You cannot  
serve both God  
and mammon.

Luke 16:13

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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.

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, September 21

4:00 PM Martin Bernard  
by The Bernard Family

### Sunday, September 22

8:00 AM For the people of the parish  
10:00 AM Sheila Neverett  
by Joseph & Annette Curro

Martha Melendez  
by The Murphy Family

3:00 PM Vietnamese Mass

### Monday, September 23

7:15 AM James F. Gallagher, Jr.,  
4th Anniversary  
In loving memory from  
his family

### Tuesday, September 24

7:15 AM Tim & Chris Stapleton  
by Judy Stapleton

### Wednesday, September 25

7:15 AM Rene Salvas  
by Her Friends

### Thursday, September 26

7:15 AM Jeanne Paquette  
by Jean Berube

### Friday, September 27

No Mass on Friday mornings

### Saturday, September 28

4:00 PM Ruth E. Lane, 8th Anniversary  
by Her daughter, Linda

Sheila Neverett  
by Jane Cadwell

### Sunday, September 29

8:00 AM For the people of the parish  
10:00 AM Rene Salvas  
by the Nissen Family

3:00 PM Vietnamese Mass

### The Sanctuary Lamp Burns This Week:

For a special intention

### 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 September will be offered for Ross W. Jordan by Mary F. Heinle & Ruth G. Gaukstern.

*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 for respecting God's Holy Presence by keeping cell phones and other electronic devices outside of this Sacred Space.**

## Sacrament Preparation Program

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

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: Starts September 29th

#### PLEASE NOTE: New Times for Sacrament Program

- **Reconciliation (Grade 2 and up) -- Sunday afternoon from 4:00 - 5:00 PM.** 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](mailto:cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org) for more information.
- **Confirmation- (Grade 3) -- Sunday evening from 5:30 - 6:30 PM.** Students who attended Reconciliation in the Fall of 2018 should register for this class and the First Eucharist class. Email [deaconjim@stchrisparishnh.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:deaconjim@stchrisparishnh.org) for more information.

## 40 Days for Life

From September 25 through November 3, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 24 Pennacook Street, Manchester, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please call 978-226-3240 or inquire through email at [40daysforlifemanchester@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlifemanchester@gmail.com), or visit [40daysforlife.com/manchester](http://40daysforlife.com/manchester).



### First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

**October 4  
1:00-3:00 PM**

*Stop by and visit the Lord!  
He'd love to see you!*

## Marian Devotions

October is noted as Our Lady's month so that special devotions to Her are especially important during October. Two such devotions are described below:

### The Servite Rosary

The Servite Rosary is a devotion to the 7 Sorrows of Our Blessed Lady and is also known as the Our Sorrowful Mother's Ministry and is enfolded in Our Lady's Apostolate of Healing, Reconciliation and Mercy. This devotion originated in the 13th Century and was established by the Order of Friar Servants of Mary. It recalls the lifetime of Sorrows that the Virgin Mother of God endured in compassion for the trials she underwent and the suffering and death of her Divine Son. It consists of seven groups of seven beads each along with an additional 3 beads on the drop (fifty-two in total), seven medals each depicting one of the seven Sorrows and a large Mater Dolorosa medal. Special graces accompany recitation of this Rosary and propagation of this devotion brings the reward of eternal consolation and joy in heaven.

I have fourteen of these rosaries and a small pamphlet to go with each rosary (one per family, please) blessed by Fr. David. They will be available after the 4:00 PM mass on Saturday, October 5, 2019 in a basket in the alcove by the side entrance to the church. If there are any left over, I will make them available after the 4:00 PM mass on October 12, 2019. If I run out (God willing), you may purchase one by going to the Apostolate's website (the shopping part) at [www.osmm.org](http://www.osmm.org). If you have questions, feel free to contact me at [susannemtracy@gmail.com](mailto:susannemtracy@gmail.com). *O Mary, conceived without sin, Pray for us who have recourse to thee.*

### The Miraculous Medal of Mary

The Miraculous Medal (French: Médaille miraculeuse), also known as the Medal of Our Lady of Graces, is a devotional medal, the design of which was originated by Saint Catherine Labouré following her apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Rue du Bac, Paris, France, and made by goldsmith Adrien Vachette. On November 27, 1830, Catherine reported that the Blessed Mother returned during evening meditations. Sister Catherine then heard the Virgin Mary ask her to take these images to her father confessor telling him that they should be put on medallions and saying, "All who wear them will receive great graces". Pope John Paul II used a slight variation of the reverse image as his coat of arms, the Marian Cross, a plain cross with an M underneath the right-hand bar (which signified the Blessed Virgin at the foot of the Cross when Jesus was being crucified).."[

I have 30 of these blessed medals to give away. They come from the Association of the Miraculous Medal but are given to you free of charge. They will be in a basket in the alcove at the side entrance to the church after the 4:00 PM Mass on October 5, 2019. First come, first serve. Again, if there are some left over, I will leave the basket in the alcove after the 4 PM mass for those who may be attending the Sunday masses on October 6th. If you would like more information about the Association, feel free to email them at <https://www.amm.org> or you may email me at [susannemtracy@gmail.com](mailto:susannemtracy@gmail.com).

May the blessings, powers and graces of Our Blessed Mother be a center of your prayers during October and throughout the year, and may She richly bless you and your family. *Sue Tracy*

St. Christopher's would like to welcome Kip & Michelle Caron and their children Connor, Leah and Luke to the parish and their new spiritual home!

Please welcome them to our St. Christopher family!



## For Vocations

"An attentive ear is the desire of the wise." Is your prayer attentive to the wisdom of Christ? Is He inviting you to follow Him as a priest or a consecrated sister or brother? Call Father Matt Mason (603) 669-3100, or write: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).

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

### Rectory Hours:

Monday - Friday 9:00-3:00

### Rectory Phone:

882-0632

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Bulletin submissions are due one week before publication.



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Staff vacation did not permit the offertory to be prepared in time for the bulletin deadline this week. Please check back here to review offertory totals in upcoming bulletins! Thanks!

Thank you for supporting your Spiritual Home!

Seeing is believing!

Enroll Now!



Apply online at [StChrisSchoolNH.org](http://StChrisSchoolNH.org)

### From the Families of Nazareth

#### Do You Serve Mammon?

"To serve mammon is to enslave oneself and become dependent on some kind of material or spiritual good. Notice that mammon is called a master, who is served as one serves a king."

*Tadeusz Dajczer, The Gift of Faith, 3rd. ed. (Ft. Collins, CO: IAMF, 2012), 19.*

First faith sharing meeting of the year is Thursday Sept 27, 7:00 PM at 94 Walden Pond Drive in Nashua.

#### St. Andrew Dinners

St. Andrew was the first of the Apostles to hear Jesus' call to follow him. We would like to invite men in our diocese who are considering a vocation to the priesthood or would simply like some help hearing the Lord's call for their life, to an evening of prayer, conversation with the Vocations Team, and dinner. These evenings will take place for different age groups on Fridays from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Joseph House (279 Cartier Street) in Manchester. Please RSVP to Becky Vinson at [rvinson@rcbm.org](mailto:rvinson@rcbm.org) or 663-0153 if you would like to attend.

**October 4: Young Men Ages 13-18**

**October 18: Men Ages 19-60**

#### Faith Formation

**Our Faith Formation program is underway! There's still time to register!**

Forms for Fall 2019/2020 are available for download on the Parish website. Visit [stchrisparishnh.org](http://stchrisparishnh.org), print your registration and return both forms and fees to the parish office : attn Rel Ed.

Families should meet in the church hall by 8:30 AM for the PreK to 6th grade program.

- **FALL 2019**-PreK 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

### Come One, Come All, Come follow the Call!

Our Adult and Youth Choirs will resume rehearsals soon. The Adult Choir began on September 18th at 7:00 PM and the Youth Choir will start on October 6th following the 10:00 Mass, from 11:15 AM -- 12:00 PM in the choir loft. Music has a unique way of lifting spirits and making us happy. We praise God as a way of expressing our gratitude and love. Music ministers are called to serve the community by fostering prayer. I am extending an invitation to members of our congregation to join either choir. The Adult Choir sings at the 10:00 Mass on Sunday and the Youth Choir sings at the 10:00 Mass on the third or fourth Sunday of the Month.

Come One, Come All, please come and follow the Call! Any questions? Please contact me at [music@stchrisparishnh.org](mailto:music@stchrisparishnh.org) or see me following any mass. God Bless and See you in Church!

Blessings,

**Carol Ann Skabo**  
Director of Music



#### St. Gianna's Place

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



#### Wedding Banns I

**Christy Nguyen & Adam Trenholm**

#### Wedding Banns II

**Rebecca Wuorio & Craig Curtin**

## Corpus Christi Corner

It's hard to believe that summer is over. It just passes so quickly! Thank you to all who put food into the church baskets during the summer months. Your continued generosity is amazing! The total for August is 137.4 pounds of food collected for the Pantry.

With school starting again, we are asking for food that can be used in school lunches and for after school snacks: jelly, crackers, brownie mix, toothpaste, beef stew, soup, hot cocoa, stuffing, gravy, syrup and pancake mix. There are baskets located at each of the church entrances for your donations. Thank you!

## 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:

**September 23 – 8:00 AM**

**September 30 – 8:00 AM**

## Did You Know..

The Book of Obadiah consists of a single chapter, divided into 21 verses. It is the shortest book in the Bible.

## Bishop Guertin High School Fall Open House Programs

Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM  
Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM

Register today at [www.bghs.org](http://www.bghs.org)



Where every student is  
known, valued, and treasured

194 Lund Road - Nashua, NH  
603.889.4107 - [admit@bghs.org](mailto:admit@bghs.org)

## Knights of Columbus Youth Essay Contest

All Catholic students in public, private and parochial schools grades 8-12, in Nashua, NH are invited to participate in the Annual Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. Every year, students are encouraged to write a 500 to 750 word essay on the theme of "the meaning of Virtue and how you live and embody the virtue of Charity". The local contest will be hosted by St. Boniface Council 11907 in Nashua. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the contest. Participants are required to furnish written parental consent. Due by September 30. For entry forms or additional information, contact: Grand Knight Rob Everett (603) 229-7319 or [rje7@hotmail.com](mailto:rje7@hotmail.com).

## Annual Blessing of the Pets

**October 6 @ 11:30 AM**  
**Upper Parking Lot**

Bring your pet cats, dogs, hamsters, guinea pigs, and others to the upper parking lot, October 6, at 11:30 AM, and have them blessed by Fr. David.

Please remember to bring all pets to the parking lot safely. Dogs should be on leashes and other pets should be in cages.

Fr. David does the blessing in honor of St. Francis. It is a very enjoyable event. And if you don't have a pet, come anyway, and meet the "extended family".



*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

Nephew of Karen Narkis:  
AMT3 David P. Narkis (Coast  
Guard)

To add to our military prayer list,  
email [bulletin@stchrisparishnh.org](mailto: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.



**Saint Wenceslaus**

If saints have been falsely characterized as “other worldly,” the life of Wenceslaus stands as an example to the contrary: He stood for Christian values in the midst of the political intrigues which characterized 10th-century Bohemia.

Wenceslaus was born in 907 near Prague, son of the Duke of Bohemia. His saintly grandmother, Ludmilla, raised him and sought to promote him as ruler of Bohemia in place of his mother, who favored the anti-Christian factions. Ludmilla was eventually murdered, but rival Christian forces enabled Wenceslaus to assume leadership of the government.

His rule was marked by efforts toward unification within Bohemia, support of the Church, and peace-making negotiations with Germany, a policy which caused him trouble with the anti-Christian opposition. His brother Boleslav joined in the plotting, and in September of 929 invited Wenceslaus to Alt Bungloul for the celebration of the feast of Saints Cosmas and Damian. On the way to Mass, Boleslav attacked his brother, and in the struggle, Wenceslaus was killed by supporters of Boleslav.

Although his death resulted primarily from political upheaval, Wenceslaus was hailed as a martyr for the faith, and his tomb became a pilgrimage shrine. He is hailed as the patron of the Bohemian people and of the former Czechoslovakia.

*Reflection*

“Good King Wenceslaus” was able to incarnate his Christianity in a world filled with political unrest. While we are often victims of violence of a different sort, we can easily identify with his struggle to bring harmony to society. The call to become involved in social change and in political activity is addressed to Christians; the values of the gospel are sorely needed today.

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

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_



**Become  
Part of  
Our  
Church  
Family**



## Family Connection to this Week's Gospel

**Gospel Reading: Luke 16:1-13**

**Jesus tells a parable about a dishonest steward who is commended for his prudence; one cannot serve both God and money.**

Talk with your children about some things that they have done to show that they can be trusted. Talk a bit about what it means to be responsible. Responsibility often means that we put aside something of passing value for something of greater value.

Read together the short form of today's Gospel, Luke 16:10-13. Talk about the importance of responsible use of money and our material possessions. As a family, commit to one action that you will take this week to show that your family serves God and not money.

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## About Our Catholic Faith:

### How is someone named a Doctor of the Church?

The Doctors of the Church are teachers of the faith who have demonstrated exemplary holiness and have deepened the whole Church's understanding of the Catholic faith. They must be officially declared doctors by a papal proclamation. Such men and women also are known particularly for the depth of understanding and the orthodoxy of their theological teachings.

Though their teachings are not infallible, being a "doctor" means that they contributed significantly to the formulation of Christian teaching in at least one significant area in a way that has impacted later generations.

Through the Middle Ages, the title and process of being named a doctor remained a fluid and informal one. In the 13th century, however, the Church formalized the process by which the Church could honor persons with the title and then put out the first official list of Doctors of the Church.

There are three requirements for being named a Doctor of the Church. First is great sanctity. Thus only those who have already been declared to be saints by the Church may be named a doctor. A second requirement is eminent learning. This is often demonstrated by the fact that they were known to be great teachers of the Faith. The third requirement is a proclamation by the Church. Usually, such proclamation is made by the pope.

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## Prayer to Saint Michael

*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.*

## Prayer for Priests

*Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your Divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.*

In the Words of

*Pope Francis*

"The Lord was moved with compassion" (Luke 7:13). Our God is a God of compassion. Compassion is the weakness of God, but also His strength."

**Pope Francis I @ Pontifex**  
**September 17, 2019**