

Priesthood Sunday **2019**



***Fr. David,
You have been called to a most holy vocation by the Lord,
and you serve our parish and school with reverence, kindness, and joy.
We give thanks for your beautiful example of a living, loving faith.***

***May God bless you and your ministry with peace and happiness!
From your St. Christopher Parish & School Family***

Mass Intentions

- 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
- Monday, September 30**
 7:15 AM Claudia Mahar
 by Dan & Sue Tracy
- Tuesday, October 1**
 7:15 AM Richard T. Vita, 4th Anniv.
 by his daughter, Cindy Clarke
- Judy Benton
 by Michael & Andrea Richards
- Wednesday, October 2**
 7:15 AM Rene Salvas
 by his friends
- Thursday, October 3**
 7:15 AM Peggy Pritts
 by Judy Stapleton
- Friday, October 4**
 No Mass on Friday mornings
- Saturday, October 5**
 4:00 PM Michael Canny, 15th Anniv.
 by his wife, Florence
- Sunday, October 6**
 8:00 AM For the people of the parish
 10:00 AM William Kaminski
 by the Kaminski Family
- Mary & Leo Attella
 by their family
- 3:00 PM Vietnamese Mass

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns This Week:
 For William Kaminski
 by the Kaminski Family

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 and October 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.

The Gift of the Priesthood

Pope Francis recently reflected on the priesthood at a Mass in his Vatican residence by stating that the priestly ministry is not a job, a career, or a social position - it is a gift from God.

On this Priesthood Sunday, as I reflect on the impact on the Catholic priesthood in my own life, the word gift immediately comes to mind! I have experienced this gift throughout my life, whether it's through the many humble parish priests who have celebrated Masses I have been to across the world, the priests who have brought me God's healing presence in the confessional, the priests who have taken the time to pray with me and offer me invaluable words of encouragement and instruction, or the many priests who helped form my own vocation as I moved through discernment and seminary formation.

Being a priest has been the greatest gift of my life, and I am always in awe of how God chose a regular person like myself to share the gifts of salvation with His Church! Everyday of my ministry has been filled with tremendous blessings, joys, and encounters of God's love working in the world. I don't despair when I look to the world because I see evidence of God's presence every day. Priesthood is the invitation to live in the heart of God while journeying through a darkened world.

We celebrate Priesthood Sunday not to heap praise on our pastor or to give some type of undue reverence which makes him become some divine celebrity! This day is firstly an offering of thanks to Jesus Christ, who continues to heal and sanctify His people by sharing His graces with the ordinary men He bestows the ministry upon. Second, we celebrate this day to pray for priests, who have the awesome and sublime burden of shepherding God's people to the true Promised Land.

As always, I humbly ask you to keep me in your daily prayers. We know that the evil one hates priests since we are called to help souls inherit the Kingdom of God, and your prayers help us to remain faithful amidst the temptations and spiritual assaults that Satan sends our way. Thank you for your prayers, your encouragement, and your faith and holiness which inspires me in my own walk with the Lord.

It is a joy to serve you and thank you for helping to make me a very happy priest!

***In Christ,
 Father David***



For Vocations

"None of you can become My disciple if you do not give up all your possessions." Are you being called to discipleship as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Father Matt Mason (603) 669-3100, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.



Wedding Banns II

Christy Nguyen & Adam Trenholm

Wedding Banns III

Rebecca Wuorio & Craig Curtin



**First Friday
 Eucharistic Adoration**

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

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

Youth Choir Rehearsals to Start

The Youth Choir will rehearsals 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! Music ministers, including our youth, are called to serve the community by fostering prayer. The Youth Choir sings at the 10:00 Mass on the third or fourth Sunday of the Month. Any questions? Please contact me at music@stchrisparishnh.org or see me following any mass. God Bless and See you in Church!

Blessings,

Carol Ann Skabo
Director of Music

Diocesan Youth Conference

The Diocesan Youth & Young Adult Events Advisory Committee, known as SUMMIT, is presenting the diocese's first Youth Conference to be held on Saturday, November 16, 2019 at Bishop Guertin High School in Nashua, NH from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. The day will include excellent speakers, praise and worship music, adoration and confession opportunities, a presentation of World Youth Day NH Youth awards, and conclude with Mass celebrated by Bishop Libasci at 4:00 PM. . For additional event information and registration, please visit: <https://www.catholicnh.org/summit/>

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

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Monday - Friday 9:00-3:00

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Priesthood Sunday

Free Parish Pancake Breakfast

September 29, 2019
immediately following the 10:00 Mass!

*Come celebrate Fr. David
and thank him for saying yes to the priesthood!*



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September 8, 2019 Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$3,588.00
Loose Offertory	\$814.85
<u>Faith Direct</u>	<u>\$1,244.00</u>
Total	\$5,646.85

Under Budget \$453.15

Catholic Univ/USCCB	\$157.00
(total to date \$1,165.60)	
All Saints	\$30.00
(total to date \$40.00)	
All Souls	\$30.00
(total to date \$40.00)	
Mission Sunday/POF	\$20.00
(total to date \$30.00)	
NH Priest Retirement	\$295.00
(total to date \$495.00)	

September 15, 2019 Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,821.00
Loose Offertory	\$738.20
<u>Faith Direct</u>	<u>\$1,244.00</u>
Total	\$4,893.20

Under Budget \$1,296.80

September 22, 2019 Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,821.00
Loose Offertory	\$1,114.06
<u>Faith Direct</u>	<u>\$1,244.00</u>
Total	\$5,179.06

Under Budget \$920.94

NH Priest Retirement \$566.00
(total to date \$1,061.00)

From the Families of Nazareth

Why The Rich Mas Was Condemned

“Nowhere does Christ condemn the mere possession of earthly goods as such. Instead, he pronounces very harsh words against those who use their possessions in a selfish way, without paying attention to the needs of others.”

S.C. Biela, Open Wide the Door to Christ, (Ft. Collins, CO: IAMF, 2005), 14.

A faith sharing meeting takes place each Thursday at 94 Walden Pond Drive in Nashua. All are welcome!

Corpus Christi Corner

Thank you to all the parishioners of St Chris Church. The Brown Bag Appeal was a great success. A total of 1,279.1 pounds of food was collected and \$715 in cash was donated to the Pantry. Thank you all for your generosity. Your support helps us to keep our doors open and to meet the needs of the residents of Nashua down on their luck.

Thank you also so for the generous donations this Summer! We were able to give away 167 Fans this summer to our neighbors who do not have air conditioning or live in apartments. It was a hot summer! We appreciate your donations, as this number has grown year after year because of your compassionate giving. Our School Socks and Underwear program was also a great success – more than 150 families came in to choose necessary items that will help clothe their children. Please give us a call or come by to visit and see how you can help us continue to make a difference to those in need. God Bless you for your support!!

K of C Craft and Vendor Fair

Knights of Columbus at Immacualte Conception Parish will hold a Craft Fair and Vendor’s Table on Friday, November 8, from 5:00 - 8:00 and Saturday, November 9, from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Immaculate Conception Parish is located at 216 East Dunstable Road in Nashua. If you are interested in renting a craft or vendor’s table, please contact Ken at kennygoddard@comcast.net.

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 30 – 8:00 AM

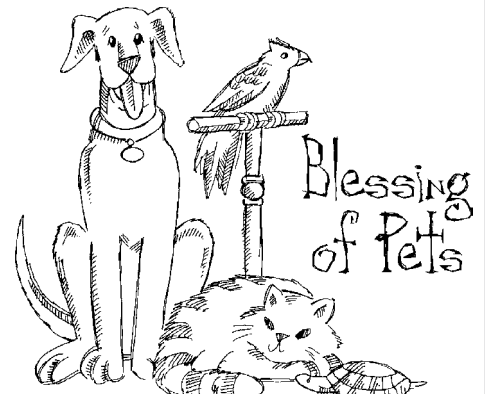
Annual Blessing of the Pets

**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”.



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. If you have questions, feel free to contact me at 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.

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*

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, 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



*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)

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 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.

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)

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: Start THIS WEEKEND!

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 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 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.

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**

St. Christopher Church

Fr. David Harris, Pastor
Rev. Thien Nguyen,
Vietnamese Ministry

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Nashua, New Hampshire 03064

(603) 882-0632

www.stchrisparishnh.org

St. Christopher School

Mrs. Cindy Clarke, Principal

Grades PreK - 6

20 Cushing Ave.

Nashua, New Hampshire 03064

(603) 882-7442

www.stchrisschoolnh.org

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
& 1st Friday of the Month, Sept. - June
3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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.

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.

About Our Catholic Faith:

What is the oil of the catechumens?

The Introduction for the Rite of Blessing of Oils says the oil of catechumens extends the effect of the baptismal exorcisms: "Before they go to the font of life to be reborn, the candidates for baptism are strengthened to renounce sin and the devil."

The notion of being strengthened by oil is scriptural. God's anointing has fortified us in the battle of good versus evil (see Ps 45:8 and Heb 1:9) and enlightens our intellect from falsehood (see 1 Jn 2:27). The prayer of blessing for the oil of catechumens indicates these fruits when it asks God to "give wisdom and strength to all anointed with it," going on to ask God to bring those anointed by this oil "to a deeper understanding of the Gospel" and gain God's help in accepting "the challenge of Christian living."

This oil can be traced back to the early Christian instruction the Apostolic Tradition, written in the early third century, which refers to it as the "oil of exorcism." In the Rite of Baptism today, a prayer of exorcism is proclaimed over the candidate and is followed by the anointing with the oil of catechumens. The anointing with this oil, alongside a prayer of exorcism, may be administered during the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) to adults admitted to the catechumenate.

By the anointing with the oil of catechumens then, it can be said that the recipient gains God's grace and help to overcome the power Satan and sin have over us and profess the Christian faith with boldness, all of which aims toward the newness of life received in baptism.

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In the Words of
Pope Francis

"Peace entails a conversion of heart and soul. It is a challenge that demands to be taken up ever anew."

Pope Francis I @ Pontifex
September 21, 2019