

# SAINT CHRISTOPHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

**November 3, 2019**

## St. Christopher Church

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## St. Christopher School

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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.**

NOVEMBER 2019  
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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

*Zacchaeus ran ahead  
and climbed a  
sycamore tree in  
order to see Jesus.*

LUKE 19:4



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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, November 2

- 8:00 AM (All Soul's Day) For the deceased of St. Christopher Parish  
David Timothy Allen  
by Creating for Our Community
- Nancy Duffy  
by Mary Mann

### Sunday, November 3

- 8:00 AM Pearl Oliver, 11th Anniversary Her daughter, Sandra  
10:00 AM For the people of the parish  
3:00 PM Vietnamese Mass

### Monday, November 4

- 7:15 AM Rene Salvas  
by Her Friends

### Tuesday, November 5

- 7:15 AM Stapleton & Murphy Families  
by Judy Stapleton

### Wednesday, November 6

- 7:15 AM Robert Giovinnelli  
by Sarah Vaccaro

### Thursday, November 7

- 7:15 AM Judy Briand  
Her best friend, Linda Stella

### Friday, November 8

- No morning mass on Friday

### Saturday, November 9

- 4:00 PM Martin Bernard  
The Bernard Family

### Sunday, November 10

- 8:00 AM Christopher Coll, 4th Anniv. His Sister, Faith  
10:00 AM For the people of the parish  
3:00 PM Vietnamese Mass

### The Sanctuary Lamp Burns This Week:

- For Lillian Plaisted  
by Fran & John LeBlanc

### Altar Bread and Wine:

The Altar Bread and Wine, which will become the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ at all Masses during November will be offered in memory of Pete & Peter Cadwell.

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.



## A Strong Future for Catholic Education

At last weekend's Masses we announced the decision by the Diocesan Catholic Schools Office and the leadership of St. Christopher School and Nashua Catholic Regional Junior High School to establish a unified, pre-K through eighth grade Catholic academy. This is an exciting and promising endeavor which aims to provide the best possible Catholic education to Nashua area families for many years to come. It aims to combine the strengths of both schools, share resources, and provide a continuous educational path up until high school. While there is much work to be done as we put together the different facets of this new school, I want the parishioners of St. Christopher's to be informed of this initial announcement.

On the next page is a letter that was sent to the communities of both schools this past week. It gives a little background as to how this vision came to light as well as a few details on what is expected in the months ahead.

As always, I am deeply grateful to the parishioners, faculty, staff, and families who make our school such a vibrant and faith-filled community! We have so much to be proud of. Please keep the mission of this new academy in your prayers. As news and decisions are made in the months ahead I will ensure that such announcements are shared with you.

*In Christ,*

Fr. David



With great joy, St. Christopher Parish welcomed the following newly baptized into His church on October 27:

- Jackson Gene Field, son of Ryan & Corinn Field
- Weston Keith Rankins, son of Bryan & Jessica Rankins

## Veterans Day Dinner

On November 9th at the 4:00 PM Mass, St. Christopher Parish will gather to show their appreciation to all our Veterans. After the Mass, we will be serving dinner to the veterans and their guests. We will be sending out invitations to our veterans for the Mass and dinner with a request to call the parish office at 882-0632 and let us know how many will be attending the Mass and dinner.

If you are a veteran and have not received an invitation, please call the office at 882-0632. We will reserve you and your guests a place at the Mass and for the dinner.



## Diary of a Little Soul — WEEK 5:

God knows another secret about me...my arm and leg buds are starting to form and all that makes me unique is already imprinted in my cells, too. Maybe I will like to draw, play sports, read books, sing, or dance. Who knows what other talents and interests I may have, but these traits are all part of me now!

*Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them...*

Romans 12:6a

October 22, 2019

Dear St. Christopher and Nashua Catholic Families,

We hope that you are enjoying the autumn season and that the school year is going great for your family.

The Diocesan Catholic Schools Office and the leaders of St. Christopher's and Nashua Catholic are very pleased to announce the decision to create a unified Pre-Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade Catholic academy. This is an exciting and promising opportunity that can help us achieve our mission to provide a strong, faith-filled, and comprehensive Catholic education to Nashua-area families for many years to come. This vision allows us to best serve our families while considering the major changes in local demographics and educational needs that have occurred since our schools were founded. There are numerous educational, economic, and spiritual advantages to combining efforts in a unified academy. We would like to share with you some updates regarding this effort.

The Catholic School Vision Nashua Committee (*CSV Nashua*) has been meeting monthly since February to discuss long-range plans for our schools and explore the idea of a unified academy. Our committee consists of diocesan schools office personnel, principals Glenda McFadden and Cindy Clarke, school pastor Fr. David Harris, and the advisory board chairs from both schools. Infant Jesus School was originally included prior to its unexpected closure in July. Bishop Peter Libasci, the shepherd of our diocese, has guided our vision with his counsel, prayer, and wisdom.

Recently, Maguire Associates, an educational consulting firm, visited both schools to hold listening sessions with students and parents to gather input regarding the unification. In scheduling the sessions we decided not to have school or diocesan personnel present so that parents could share their thoughts openly. We thank you for attending or sharing your input via email. The results of the listening sessions have been extremely helpful in understanding what you want to see in a unified academy. Maguire Associates will also run a statewide survey at a later date that will aid the Catholic Schools Office in serving families throughout the diocese.

Important decisions regarding the name, governance, tuition model, and staffing needs of the academy are being prayerfully discussed and considered. As this vision comes to light, we want to ensure you that:

- **The physical move of sixth grade to the upper campus (Nashua Catholic campus) will not occur until September of 2021.**
- **The current sixth grade class will have graduation at St. Christopher's this June as planned. The current fifth grade class will have graduation at St. Christopher's in June of 2021.**

Catholic education is truly a partnership with parents. Our work together is paramount for creating a unified school that is strong in faith, academically excellent, and built upon a loving community where each child is cherished and challenged to grow. *In the months ahead we are excited to engage parent input and recommendations surrounding the various facets of this unified school. You will receive invitations to join in those conversations when they are scheduled. We will keep you updated on all news and updates as they happen.*

Please keep the mission of our schools in your prayers and may God abundantly bless you and your family.

In Christ,



David A. Thibault  
Superintendent of Catholic Schools



Reverend David Harris  
Pastor of St. Christopher Parish and School



Cynthia Vita Clarke  
Principal of St. Christopher School



Glenda McFadden, OFS  
Principal of Nashua Catholic Regional Junior High School

## 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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### October 27, 2019 Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$3,296.00
Loose Offertory	\$927.30
Faith Direct	\$1,292.50
Total	\$5,515.80

Under Budget \$584.20

Mission Sunday/POF (total to date \$554.00)	\$63.00
All Saints (total to date \$554.00)	\$25.00
All Souls (total to date \$554.00)	\$15.00

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

## St. Christopher School Fall Open House THIS Week

**Wednesday, November 6  
9:30 - 11:00 AM**

Interested in a St. Christopher School education for your child or grandchild? Stop by our drop-in Fall Open House for prospective students and their families! The Open House will take place Wednesday, November 6, from 9:30 - 11:00 AM! Meet the teachers and staff, tour the school and get all your questions answered!

Parents of PreKindergarten 3's to grade 6 students will appreciate the emphasis on outstanding academics built on a strong Catholic moral and spiritual foundation. Classrooms and school facilities are light and bright and feature the latest in educational technology. Service and extracurricular opportunities are an integral part of a St. Chris education and parents (and grandparents!) are always welcome.

St. Chris is still accepting new students for this school year and has begun accepting applications for 2020-2021. Demand for the PreK 3 program in 2020-2021 looks to be in high demand, so parents are encouraged to apply now if they are interested!

**Private Tours** -- Unable to attend the Open House but still interested in all that St. Christopher School has to offer? Private tours are available any time the school is open! To set up a tour, contact Jackie Langenfeld at 603-882-7442, ext. 114 or email at [jlangenfeld@stchrisschoolnh.org](mailto:jlangenfeld@stchrisschoolnh.org).

For more information, visit the school's website at [www.StChrisSchoolNH.org](http://www.StChrisSchoolNH.org).

### From the Families of Nazareth

#### Zacchaeus - Patron Of The Sacrament Of Conversion

"Zacchaeus' heart became God's sanctuary, for it was truly contrite."

*Tadeusz Dajczer, The Gift of Faith, 3rd. ed.  
(Ft. Collins, CO: IAMF, 2012), 90.*

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

## Boy Scouts Christmas Wreaths

If you were unable to order a Christmas wreath with BSA Troop 773 last weekend, not to worry. On-line orders can be placed up until November 11th by going to <https://threeriversfundraising.com/fund/bs773-wreath2019>. To pick up your wreath at St. Christopher Church on November 24th, select 'pick-up' and enter 'St. Christopher Church' in the Pickup Instructions section at checkout. You may also request 'direct ship' for an additional fee. Thank you for your support of the Boy Scouts.

### Corpus Christi Corner

Corpus Christi Food Pantry is looking for volunteers. Do you have free time during the week to help us? Our hours are Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9 to 12 and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 4 PM. Can you come on one morning or afternoon each week to help us? We are a welcoming group of volunteers. If you are interested, please call the Pantry at 882-6372.

Suggested food donations for the month of November are: jello/ pudding, cookie mix, muffin mix, canned pasta, baked beans, creamed soups and chowders, cocoa mix, stuffing and olives. There are baskets located at each of the church entrances for your items. Thank you!

### Yoga for Seniors

Join the Yoga for Seniors class on Monday mornings 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:

November 4 – NO CLASS  
November 11 – 8:00 AM

### For Vocations

"Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" How will you respond in gratitude to the mercy the Lord has shown you? Consider giving thanks as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Father Matt Mason (603) 669-3100, or write: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).

Seeing is believing!

**Enroll Now!**



Apply online at  
**StChrisSchoolNH.org**

## Sacrament Preparation Program

### Grade 2 Reconciliation -- Sunday, 4:00-5:00 PM

November 3 - NO CLASS  
November 10 - Chapter 4 due  
November 17 - Chapter 5 due

### Grade 3 Confirmation -- Sunday, 5:00 - 6:30 PM

November 3 - Regular Class  
November 10 - Regular Class  
November 17 - Regular Class

**Register Now for January Sessions!** 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 the required certificates/fee to the parish office.

Email: [cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org](mailto:cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org) (Reconciliation/First Eucharist)  
[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 Catholic school)(Grades 2-12)

### First Eucharist- (grade 3 and up) :

Email: [cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org](mailto:cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org)

Students who received Reconciliation in the Fall of 2018 should register for this class and the Fall 2019 Grade 3 Confirmation class. Students must have received instruction for Confirmation prior to this class. Class will run January to May 2020. Confirmation and First Eucharist will be received in one celebration in the Spring of 2020. We are awaiting dates from the Diocesan office.

### Confirmation grades 5-7+

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

Students who have received baptism, reconciliation and first communion but have not been confirmed should register for this class. Class will run January to May 2020. Confirmation Mass for this class will be: Tuesday June 2, 2020 at 7:00 PM. Class size will be limited to 40 students.

## Faith Formation

**HELP WANTED-** Volunteers needed to serve as substitute teachers for our Sunday morning classes on the rare occasion that a teacher is unable to be in class. A volunteer teacher would lead the class in reviewing a chapter in the student text. Class size is small (about 5-7 students) All volunteers complete a criminal background check and child safety online training as outlined by the diocese. Email [cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org](mailto:cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org) if you love sharing the faith with a fun bunch of kids!

### Pre-K to 6th grade- Sunday Mornings from 8:30-9:45 AM

- November 3 - Regular Class
- November 10 - Regular Class
- November 17 - Regular Class

### Grade 7/8 program- Monday Evening from 6:30-7:45 PM

- November 4 - Regular Class
- November 11- No Class, Veteran's Day
- November 18 - Regular Class



*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](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 Peter of Chrysologus**

A man who vigorously pursues a goal may produce results far beyond his expectations and his intentions. Thus it was with Peter "of the Golden Words," as he was called, who as a young man became bishop of Ravenna, the capital of the empire in the West.

At the time there were abuses and vestiges of paganism evident in his diocese, and these Peter was determined to battle and overcome. His principal weapon was the short sermon, and many of them have come down to us. They do not contain great originality of thought. They are, however, full of moral applications, sound in doctrine, and historically significant in that they reveal Christian life in fifth-century Ravenna. So authentic were the contents of his sermons that some 13 centuries later, he was declared a doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XIII. He who had earnestly sought to teach and motivate his own flock was recognized as a teacher of the universal Church.

In addition to his zeal in the exercise of his office, Peter Chrysologus was distinguished by a fierce loyalty to the Church, not only in its teaching, but in its authority as well.

He looked upon learning not as a mere opportunity but as an obligation for all, both as a development of God-given faculties and as a solid support for the worship of God.

Some time before his death around A.D. 450, Saint Peter Chrysologus returned to his birthplace of Imola, in northern Italy.

**Reflection**

Quite likely, it was Saint Peter Chrysologus' attitude toward learning that gave substance to his exhortations. Next to virtue, learning, in his view, was the greatest improvement to the human mind and the support of true religion. Ignorance is not a virtue, nor is anti-intellectualism. Knowledge is neither more nor less a source of pride than physical, administrative, or financial prowess. To be fully human is to expand our knowledge—whether sacred or secular—according to our talent and opportunity.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org>

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W. Hollis St. Nashua

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- Cretons \$4 each**

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**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: Matthew 5:1-12**

**Jesus teaches what it means to be happy.**

One of the great gifts of our Catholic tradition is remembrance of and prayer with the saints. The Church offers us an official canon, or list, of saints. On All Saints Day, we recall and pray with these saints. It is important to continue to tell these stories of saints and saintly people to our children so that they have ample models of people of faith for their own lives.

Together as a family, name and tell the story of favorite saints. Together prepare a list of some of the traits that these people have in common (generosity, courage, prayerfulness, and so on) After preparing this list, read together today's Gospel, Matthew 5:1-12. Identify how the attitudes described in the Beatitudes are reflected in the lives of the saints and people you named.

Pray together as a family a Litany of the Saints. (For example, the leader prays, "St. Elizabeth," and the children are invited to reply, "Pray for us.") Include in your list the saints and holy people you named in your discussion. Conclude by praying that your family will follow the example of these people as disciples of Jesus. Reprinted from <http://www.loyolapress.com>

## About Our Catholic Faith:

### Six Reasons to Make the Sign of the Cross, Part 3

#### 4. An acceptance of suffering.

Jesus promised us that suffering would be a normal part of a disciple's life (see Lk 9:23-24). So when we mark our bodies with the sign, we are embracing whatever pain comes as a consequence of our faith in Christ. Making the sign is our taking up the cross and following Him (Lk 9:23).

At the same time, however, it comforts us with the realization that Jesus, who endured the Crucifixion for us, now joins us in our suffering and supports us.

Signing ourselves also announces another significant truth: with St. Paul, we are celebrating that our afflictions as members of the body of Christ contribute to the Lord's saving work of perfecting the Church in holiness (see Col 1:24).

#### 5. A two-edged move against the devil.

When the devil watched Jesus die on the cross, he mistakenly believed he had won a great victory. Instead, the Lord surprised him with an ignominious defeat (see 1 Cor 2:8). From the first Easter morning through the present, the Sign of the Cross makes the devil cower and flee.

On one level, then, making the sign is a defensive move, declaring our inviolability to the devil's influence. But, more importantly, the sign is also an offensive weapon, helping us reclaim with Christ all that Satan lost at the cross. It announces our cooperation with Jesus in the indomitable advance of the kingdom of God against the kingdom of darkness.

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## Prayer to Saint Michael

*St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell, Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl about 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*

"Hope is to live in anticipation of meeting the Lord. It's like throwing an anchor to the other shore and clinging to the rope."

**Pope Francis I @ Pontifex**  
**October 29, 2019**