

SAINT CHRISTOPHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 10, 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.

Thirty-Second **SUNDAY**
IN ORDINARY TIME

November 10, 2019

God is not God of the dead,
but of the living,
for to him all are alive.

Luke 20:38



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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 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

Monday, November 11

7:15 AM For the People of the Parish

Tuesday, November 12

7:15 AM Tony Courounis, 12th Anniv.
His Wife Marlene

Wednesday, November 13

7:15 AM Deceased Members of the
Matthew Ennis Family
by Caroline & Kathy

Thursday, November 14

7:15 AM Joseph F. O'Connor &
Gertrude M. Ferrari
by Their Family, Kathleen &
Mike O'Connor

Friday, November 15

No morning mass on Friday

Saturday, November 16

4:00 PM Robert Pace, Jr.
by Dan & Sue Tracy

Sunday, November 17

8:00 AM For the people of the parish
10:00 AM Edward W. Courtemanche,
9th Anniversary
by The Koitzsch &
Courtemanche Families

Thomas Long
by Family and Friends

3:00 PM Vietnamese Mass

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns This Week:

For Thomas Long
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 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.



Tuitio Fidei et Obsequium Pauperum: nurturing, witnessing and protecting the faith

I would like to congratulate **Michael and Andrea Richards** who were inducted into the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem this past weekend at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston.

This ancient organization is an order of knighthood under the protection of the Holy See. Its primary mission to "support the Christian presence in the Holy Land" and is made up of approximately 30,000 knights and dames around the world.

Being nominated to join the Order is a very special honor and it is only open to Catholics who demonstrate devout faith, a commitment to charity, and a life dedicated to Gospel virtues. Several of our parishioners are also Knights of the Holy Sepulchre, including our former pastor Monsignor Kelley who was with the Richards for their big day.

As you can see in the photos, the members of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem wear very unique regalia for special occasions - you might see them dressed up at the parish one day!

May God continue the good work he has begun in the lives of Michael and Andrea!

In Christ,

Fr. David



Cardinal Sean O'Malley congratulate Andrea and Michael Richards on their induction to the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston last weekend.

Senior Yoga

St. Christopher Yoga for Seniors meets Monday mornings at 8:00 AM in the Church Hall. Yoga for Seniors is a 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. Please note that if school is cancelled or delayed due to weather, there will not be a class that day.

Upcoming Senior Yoga Monday class schedule:

November 11 – 8:00 AM
 November 18 – 8:00 AM
 November 25 – NO CLASS
 December 2 – 8:00 AM
 December 9 – 8:00 AM
 December 16 – 8:00 AM

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 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00 to 4:00 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.

During the month of October, 249.6 pounds of food was collected at the church for the Pantry. 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!



Diary of a Little Soul — WEEK 6

If you could see me now, you'd think that I look a little more like a newborn baby although I am about the size of a kidney bean. You would see the early stages of my nostrils, ears, and eyes, as well as my fingers and toes. And just think, I already have my sense of smell!

The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being.

Genesis 2:7

Spirited Theology

Join us on November 12th for TRIVIA NIGHT!

- Bring your friends and form a team!
- Multiple rounds of trivia on a variety of topics – something for everyone!
- Prizes awarded to the team with the most points at the end of the evening!

Trivia begins at 7:00 PM -- Come early to eat and socialize!

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 their 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.

Private Tours at St. Chris School

Did you miss the Open House at St. Christopher School last week? No worries! St. Chris invites families to visit the school for a private tour! Parents of PreKindergarten to grade 6 students will appreciate the outstanding academics built on a strong Catholic moral and spiritual foundation. Service and extracurricular opportunities are an integral part of a St. Chris education and parents (and grandparents!) are always welcome. To set up a tour, contact Jackie Langenfeld at 603-882-7442, ext. 114 or email her at jlangenfeld@StChrisSchoolNH.org.

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

Rectory Hours:

Monday - Friday 9:00-3:00

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Bulletin submissions are due one week before publication.



Like St. Chris Parish on Facebook!



Join our Parish Email List!



November 3, 2019 Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$4,401.00
Loose Offertory	\$816.25
Faith Direct	\$1,292.50
Total	\$6,509.75

Campaign for Human Dev (total to date \$10.00)	\$10.00
All Saints (total to date \$660.50)	\$595.050
All Souls (total to date \$437.00)	\$382.00
Christmas Flowers (total to date \$10.00)	\$10.00
Christmas Offering (total to date \$40.00)	\$40.00
Fuel Collection (total to date \$191.00)	\$191.00
Immaculate Conception (total to date \$10.00)	\$10.00
Retirement Religious (total to date \$100.00)	\$100.00
Solemnity of Mary (total to date \$10.00)	\$10.00



Fr. David enjoyed serving (and tasting) ice cream sundaes last week at the school in celebration of NH Catholic Schools Week! Along with a team of volunteer parents, Fr. David served ice cream to over 325 students who also enjoyed a "cafeteria day" in the Church Hall with all of their friends!

Has Something Changed?

Have you moved or changed your phone number or email address? Help us stay in touch by calling the parish office at 603-882-0632 to update your parish record!

Support for Separated & Divorced

Divorce and separation can be painful experiences. Support groups are available to those who are seeking healing, comfort, and empowerment. Visit www.catholicnh.org/ support for a listing of groups. Do you know someone who is going through a separation or divorce? Please consider passing this information along to them.

Mass Intentions

Parishioners may request memorial masses for loved ones, as well as sponsoring the Sanctuary Lamp for a week, by contacting the rectory at 882-0632, Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Suggested donation is \$10 and mass cards are available. Arrangements can also be made to donate the Altar bread and wine for a month by contacting the rectory.

Winter Weather Worries

Upcoming winter weather may make it difficult for some people to get to church. But parish bills keep growing during the winter, including increased heating costs and snow removal expenses. You can make sure your parish support doesn't stop just when we need it the most. Check out our simple, safe and secure online Faith Direct giving program at www.faithdirect.net. Sign in using our parish code NH10. Please consider joining the growing number of dedicated givers who use Faith Direct! We are most grateful to all those who make every effort to give consistently whether electronically or through the weekly offering basket. It really helps us plan and meet our budget. Thank you!

From the Families of Nazareth

Keeping Our Focus On Our Eternal Home

"We must not place our hearts in anything which we pass on the path - anything that will not reconcile us with the pilgrimage to our true homeland."

*S.C. Biela, Open Wide the Door to Christ,
(Ft. Collins, CO: IAMF, 2005), 156*

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.

For Vocations

"Pray always and do not to lose heart." If you are considering a vocation as a priest or in the consecrated life, let the grace of prayer encourage you. Call Father Matt Mason (603) 669-3100, or write: 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 10 - Chapter 4 due
November 17 - Chapter 5 due
November 24-Chapter 6/final review

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

November 10 - Regular Class
November 17 - Regular Class
November 24 - Regular Class

Register Now -- Class begins January 26! Forms for Fall 2019/2020 are available for download on the Parish website. Visit stchrisparishnh.org, print your registration and return with the required certificates/fee to the parish office.

Email: cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org (Reconciliation/First Eucharist)
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

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

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 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 10 - Regular Class
- November 17 - Regular Class
- November 24 - Regular Class

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

- November 11- No Class, Veteran's Day
- November 18 - Regular Class
- November 25 - NO 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 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 Martin of Tours

Born of pagan parents in what is now Hungary, and raised in Italy, this son of a veteran was forced at the age of 15 to serve in the army. Martin became a Christian catechumen and was baptized when he was 18. It was said that he lived more like a monk than a soldier. At 23, he refused a war bonus and told his commander: "I have served you as a soldier; now let me serve Christ. Give the bounty to those who are going to fight. But I am a soldier of Christ and it is not lawful for me to fight." After great difficulties, he was discharged and went to be a disciple of Hilary of Poitiers.

He was ordained an exorcist and worked with great zeal against the Arians. Martin became a monk, living first at Milan and later on a small island. When Hilary was restored to his see following his exile, Martin returned to France and established what may have been the first French monastery near Poitiers. He lived there for 10 years, forming his disciples and preaching throughout the countryside.

The people of Tours demanded that he become their bishop. Martin was drawn to that city by a ruse—the need of a sick person—and was brought to the church, where he reluctantly allowed himself to be consecrated bishop. Some of the consecrating bishops thought his rumpled appearance and unkempt hair indicated that he was not dignified enough for the office.

Along with Saint Ambrose, Martin rejected Bishop Ithacius's principle of putting heretics to death—as well as the intrusion of the emperor into such matters. He prevailed upon the emperor to spare the life of the heretic Priscillian. For his efforts, Martin was accused of the same heresy, and Priscillian was executed after all. Martin then pleaded for a cessation of the persecution of Priscillian's followers in Spain. He still felt he could cooperate with Ithacius in other areas, but afterwards his conscience troubled him about this decision.

As death approached, Martin's followers begged him not to leave them. He prayed, "Lord, if your people still need me, I do not refuse the work. Your will be done."

**Daughters Of Isabella
Pork Pie Sale**



St. Louis Church Hall
W. Hollis St. Nashua

- Tourtiere (pork pies) \$12 each**
- Sugar Pie \$8 each**
- Baked Beans \$2 Small, \$4 Large**
- Cretons \$4 each**

PIE PICKUP TIMES :
Tuesday Nov. 19, 2019: Noon – 3pm
Wed, Thurs, Fri Nov. 20-22: 9am – 3pm
WHILE THEY LAST

Call to Pre-order: Contact Helen @ 603-598-2714
hfpduquette@comcast.net or
Lise @ 603-882-9134

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 20:27-38

Jesus answers a question from some Sadducees about the resurrection of the dead.

Children in our culture often know very little about death, dying, and eternal life. Take this opportunity to talk with your children about their thoughts, beliefs, maybe even their fears, about death and dying.

In the Gospel this week, Jesus tells us that after we die, we will not need the same things we did when we were alive, but we will continue to have a relationship with God. You could use the example of a tree to help your children understand what Jesus tells us. When a tree is alive it needs water, soil, and sunlight. When the tree is used to make a table, a toy, or something else it has a new purpose. The tree no longer needs water, soil, or sunlight. Read together the short form of the Gospel, Luke 20:27, 34-38. Tell your children about your hope and faith in the resurrection of the body and eternal life with God. Pray together for those in your family who have died and conclude by praying today's Psalm.

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About Our Catholic Faith:

Six Reasons to Make the Sign of the Cross, Part 4

6. A victory over the flesh.

In the New Testament, the word flesh sums up all the evil inclinations of our old nature that persist in us even after we die with Christ in baptism (see Gal 5:16-22). Making the Sign of the Cross expresses our decision to crucify these desires of the flesh and to live by the Spirit.

Like tossing off a dirty shirt or blouse, making the sign indicates our stripping ourselves of our evil inclinations and clothing ourselves with the behaviors of Christ (see Col 3:5-15).

The Church Fathers taught that the Sign of the Cross diffused the force of powerful temptations such as anger and lust. So, no matter how strongly we are tempted, we can use the Sign of the Cross to activate our freedom in Christ and conquer even our besetting sins.

Apply these truths now: Right now, you can imprint in your heart these six truths about the Sign of the Cross by making it six times, each time applying one of the perspectives.

- *First, sign yourself professing your faith in God.*
- *Second, mark yourself remembering that you died with Christ in baptism.*
- *Third, make the sign to declare that you belong to Christ as His disciple and will obey Him.*
- *Fourth, sign yourself to embrace whatever suffering comes and to celebrate your suffering with Christ for the Church.*
- *Fifth, make the Sign of the Cross as a defense against the devil and as an offensive advance of God's kingdom against him.*
- *Finally, make the sign to crucify your flesh and to put on Christ and His behaviors.*

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

"Holiness is the fruit of God's grace and of our free response to it. Holiness is a gift and a call."

**Pope Francis I @ Pontifex
November 4, 2019**