

SAINT CHRISTOPHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 17, 2019

St. Christopher Church

Fr. David Harris, Pastor
fr.david@stchrisparishnh.org

*Rev. Thien Nguyen,
Vietnamese Ministry*
62 Manchester St.

Nashua, New Hampshire 03064
(603) 882-0632
parish.office@stchrisparishnh.org
www.stchrisparishnh.org

St. Christopher School

Mrs. Cindy Clarke, Principal
cclarke@stchrisschoolnh.org

Grades PreK - 6
20 Cushing Ave.

Nashua, New Hampshire 03064
(603) 882-7442
www.stchrisschoolnh.org

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
17
2019



**THIRTY-THIRD
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Copyright © J.S. Paluch Co. Inc.
Photos: © Valera Koiomieta/Adobe Stock • © antonini/Adobe Stock
Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass (c) 2001, 1988, 1987, 1986, 1970, CCD

Lo, the day
is coming,
blazing like
an oven,
when all the
proud and
all evildoers
will be stubble.

Malachi 3:19



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 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

Monday, November 18

7:15 AM Peggy Capozzi
by John & Mary Mann

Tuesday, November 19

7:15 AM Alison Nardone
by Fr. David Harris & Staff

Wednesday, November 20

7:15 AM Cathy Roome
by Family and Friends

Thursday, November 21

7:15 AM Martha C. McNiff, 22nd Anniv.
by Her family,
Henriette & John

Friday, November 22

No morning mass on Friday

Saturday, November 23

4:00 PM Thomas E. O'Neill,
Esq., 24th Anniv.
by His Family

Sunday, November 24

8:00 AM For the people of the parish
10:00 AM Dena LeBaron
by Her mother

Pete Cadwell
by His Wife, Jane

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 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.



The Virtue of Perseverance

In the Gospels this weekend, Jesus gives us a pretty harsh picture of what must transpire before He returns: wars, famines, natural disasters, persecutions, and other sufferings. Perhaps we even see many of those things happening in the world around us now. It doesn't really look like how we might imagine the triumphant return of our loving Lord!

Jesus wants us to have a living faith that perseveres despite what is going on in the world around us or even in our own hearts. In a world marred by sin, there are a constant flow of fears, ideas, and temptations which seek to pull our gaze away from the world. Persevering in faith means that we know the object of our faith - God - never changes and the truths of His love and commandments last forever. The Christian has a life filled with love and tenderness, but also a rock-solid and unshakable attachment to God and His Church that doesn't bend for anybody or anything.

If we find ourselves filled with fears, anxiety, and dread, then we know our eyes have looked away from the Lord. Such occasions must bring us back to repentance, prayer, and a refocus on God's presence in our lives. Easier said than done, of course. So we need to replenish our strength in the sacraments - through our weekly (or even daily) reception of the Most Holy Eucharist and our regular receiving of God's healing mercy in Confession. A daily relationship with Mary is indispensable as well, especially when things seem especially challenging.

May Our Blessed Mother help us to stay focused on Jesus and to continue on with firm and steadfast love for God. With Mary and all the saints, we are on this journey together!

In Christ,

Fr. David



Veterans and their families were treated to a special Veterans Day dinner last weekend following the 4:00 PM mass. The free meal was prepared and served by Michael and Andrea Richards, Cindy Clarke, Linda Sanborn, and a host of other volunteers. Thank you for your service, Veterans!

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 18 – 8:00 AM
 November 25 – NO CLASS
 December 2 – 8:00 AM
 December 9 – 8:00 AM
 December 16 – 8:00 AM
 December 23 – 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!

From the Families of Nazareth

Securing Your Life By Your Perseverance

"If God allows you to undergo trials, He does so not in order that you give up or become discouraged in your endeavors to overcome the obstacles that lay before you."

S.C. Biela, Behold, I Stand at the Door and Knock (Ft. Collins, CO: IAMF, 2005), 44.

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

For Vocations

"All who humble themselves will be exalted." Is humble service as a priest or in the consecrated life your path of holiness and eternal glory in Christ? Call Father Matt Mason (603) 669-3100, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.

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.

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

- Kevin & Caroline Belt and their children Leah and Andrew
- Patrick & Shannon Kiggins



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

Rectory Hours:

Monday - Friday 9:00-3:00

Rectory Phone:

882-0632

Rectory Email:

parish.office@stchrisparishnh.org

Fr. David Harris

fr.david@stchrisparishnh.org

Parish Life - Linda Sanborn

lsanborn@stchrisparishnh.org

Bookkeeper - Jean Dickson

bookkeeper@stchrisparishnh.org

Director of Music & Organist -

Carol Ann Skabo

music@stchrisparishnh.org

Religious Educ. - Christine Mercurio

cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org

Confirmation - Deacon Jim Daly

deaconjim@stchrisparishnh.org

RCIA - Joe Mercurio

rcia@stchrisparishnh.org

Parish Council - Elizabeth Cote

ecote@stchrisparishnh.org

Finance Committee -- Tom Nardone

tnardone.work@gmail.com

Bulletin - Marta Nissen

bulletin@stchrisparishnh.org

Bulletin submissions are due one week before publication.



Like St. Chris Parish on Facebook!



Join our Parish Email List!



Diary of a Little Soul — WEEK 7

I've got elbows! You should see me practice bending and flexing them. I also have a sense of balance thanks to my inner ear, which is already being formed. It's never too early to begin my daily exercise routine even though I'm only about an inch long! Mom would be surprised to know all the things I can do. She hasn't even felt me yet!

And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me.

Matthew 18:5



November 10, 2019 Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$4,016.00
Loose Offertory	\$688.55
Faith Direct	\$1,269.75
Total	\$5,974.30

Under Budget \$125.70

Campaign for Human Dev \$80.00
(total to date \$90.00)

All Saints \$110.00
(total to date \$770.50)

All Souls \$85.00
(total to date \$522.00)

Christmas Flowers \$30.00
(total to date \$40.00)

Christmas Offering \$60.00
(total to date \$100.00)

Fuel Collection \$936.00
(total to date \$1,127.00)

Immaculate Conception \$20.00
(total to date \$30.00)

Retirement Religious \$20.00
(total to date \$120.00)

Solemnity of Mary \$30.00
(total to date \$40.00)

Mission Sunday/POF \$40.00
(total to date \$75.00)

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

Seeing is believing!

Enroll Now!



StChrisSchoolNH.org

Sacrament Preparation Program

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

November 17 - Chapter 5 due - ROOM CHANGE - Check email

November 24 - Chapter 6/final review - Books are due

December 1 - No Class - Thanksgiving weekend

December 7 - 10:00 AM Reconciliation service. Please arrive no later than 9:40 AM

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

November 17 - Regular Class - ROOM CHANGE! Check Email

November 24 - Regular Class

December 1 - No Class - Thanksgiving weekend

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)

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 26 - May 2020. Confirmation and First Eucharist will be received in one celebration in the Spring of 2020. We are awaiting date confirmation from the Diocesan office but we anticipate a mid/late June date.

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 26 - 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

Openings are available in all grades! Students who wish to enroll in sacrament classes must also be registered for Faith Formation either at the parish or a Catholic school.

COULD YOU SHARE SOME TIME? We could use a few volunteers to serve as substitute teachers for an occasional Sunday morning class on when 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 17 - Regular Class
- November 24 - Regular Class
- December 1 - No Class/Thanksgiving

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

- November 18 - Regular Class
- November 25 - NO CLASS
- December 2 - Regular Class

Knights of Columbus News

The next Knights of Columbus General Membership meeting is Tuesday, November 19 at the St. Patrick Parish Center at 7:30 PM, with a Rosary at 7:00 PM.

The Knights will be doing their annual *Keep Christ in Christmas Christmas Card Sale* on Saturday, November 30 at the Holiday Stroll at the St. Patrick Parish Center Craft Fair. On Sunday, December 1, they will be also be selling cards after mass at both St. Christopher and St. Patrick parishes. On December 7/8, they will also be selling cards after mass at both parishes while supplies last. They will have a nice selection of reasonably priced religious Christmas cards that are becoming hard to find in several languages as well.

Kids aged 5-14 are invited to participate in the Knights' *Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest*. Posters must be 11x14 and are due by December 15. Contact Rob Everett at Rje7@hotmail.com for an entry form.

The annual *Knights Pot Luck Christmas Party* is Tuesday, December 3 at 6:00 PM in the Pennell Center and is open to all Knights and guest.

Boys and girls aged 9-14 interested in participating in the *K of C Basketball Free Throw Contest* should contact Rob Everett by Decembr 22 at Rje7@hotmail.com as the contests are run in January. He can find the closest one for students to participate in.

Thank You to Our Bulletin Advertisers

A sincere "Thank You" to all of our loyal advertisers, who year after year, continue to support our parish bulletin. Our parish bulletin is one of our main communication tools to our parish members. It provides inspirational words from Fr. David, Mass intentions, news, and events for the week ahead. We are thankful that this crucial communication piece is provided to our parish at no cost thanks to the generous advertising support of our parishioners and community-minded businesses. Please say "Thanks" to all our sponsors for their generous support and mention their ad when doing business with them.

St. Chris School Private Tours

Registration for the 2020-2021 school year is now open! St. Christopher School invites families to visit the school for a private tour! Parents of prekindergarten (3 & 4 years old) 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.



*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.*

Online & Text Giving

GIVE ANYWHERE, ANYTIME!



VISIT OUR WEBSITE
TO GET STARTED

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 Agnes of Assisi

Born Caterina Offreducia, Agnes was the younger sister of Saint Clare, and her first follower. When Caterina left home two weeks after Clare's departure, their family attempted to bring her back by force. They tried to drag her out of the monastery, but her body suddenly became so heavy that several knights could not budge it. Her uncle Monaldo tried to strike her, but was temporarily paralyzed. The knights then left Caterina and Clare in peace. Saint Francis himself gave Clare's sister the name Agnes, because she was gentle like a young lamb.

Agnes matched her sister in devotion to prayer and in willingness to endure the strict penances that characterized the Poor Ladies' lives at San Damiano. In 1221, a group of Benedictine nuns in Monticelli near Florence asked to become Poor Ladies. Saint Clare sent Agnes to become abbess of that monastery. Agnes soon wrote a rather sad letter about how much she missed Clare and the other nuns at San Damiano. After establishing other monasteries of Poor Ladies in northern Italy, Agnes was recalled to San Damiano in 1253, as Clare lay dying.

Three months later Agnes followed Clare in death, and was canonized in 1753.

Reflection

God must love irony; the world is so full of it. In 1212, many in Assisi surely felt that Clare and Agnes were wasting their lives and were turning their backs on the world. In reality, their lives were tremendously life-giving, and the world has been enriched by the example of these poor contemplatives.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org>

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 21:5-19

Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and warns his followers that persecution will come before the end time.

Children, while innocently naïve about most world events, are also profoundly sensitive to the concerns felt by adults. We can help children interpret adult concerns by sharing information about current events in appropriate ways. We can also put these concerns in the light of God's kingdom and the assurance of God's care for us.

Discuss with your children one or more current events or a situation in your family which shows difficulties that may challenge our trust in a God who cares for us. Then read together today's Gospel, Luke 21:5-19. Notice how Jesus said that even when his disciples are persecuted, God would be with them.

Together with your children, talk about ways in which God might bring good out of the difficult events you discussed. Talk together about some actions you might take as a family to make better the situations you discussed. Conclude by praying for the needs of the people involved in the events you named. In prayer, place each of these difficult situations into God's hands.

Reprinted from <http://www.loyolapress.com>

About Our Catholic Faith:

What Happens in Purgatory?

St. Thomas Aquinas wrote that the souls in purgatory can expect a twofold pain: the pain of loss, which is the delay of the Beatific Vision, and the pain of sense, which is the fire of purgatory. Aquinas observed in his *Summa Theologica*: "With regard to both the least pain of Purgatory surpasses the greatest pain of this life. For the more a thing is desired, the more painful is its absence" (Appendix 1, 2). St. Thomas also taught that the fire of purgatory is the same as the fire of hell. This is, unquestionably, quite frightening, but at least St. Thomas assured us the souls in purgatory will not be tormented by demons, as that punishment is reserved for the damned. Those in purgatory have resisted demonic temptation, so do not deserve to be plagued after death by forces over which they have triumphed in life.

Saints who have written on purgatory are nearly countless. They include John Chrysostom, Augustine, Nicholas of Tolentino (the patron of souls in purgatory) and, in more present times, St. Faustina. Those wishing to consider concise reflections on purgatory from these and other holy souls may be interested in a book by Father F.X. Schouppe, S.J., titled "Purgatory Explained."

Reprinted from <https://www.simplycatholic.com>

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

"Christian hope, nourished by the light of Christ, makes the resurrection and life shine even in the world's darkest nights."

**Pope Francis I @ Pontifex
November 7, 2019**