

SAINT CHRISTOPHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 24, 2019

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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.

*In thanksgiving
for all that we are given*



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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 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

Monday, November 25

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

Tuesday, November 26

7:15 AM Jeanne Paquette
by Jean Berube

Wednesday, November 27

7:15 AM Marie Karg
by Jane Schappler

Thursday, November 28

7:15 AM For the people of the parish

Friday, November 29

No morning mass on Friday

Saturday, November 30

4:00 PM Rev. Henry Gagnon
by Hugh & Anne Moran

Mr. & Mrs. D. Alan Rock
by Laurie Coffey

Sunday, December 1

8:00 AM Arthur & Gladys Coll
by their daughter, Faith
10:00 AM For the people of the parish

3:00 PM Vietnamese Mass

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns This Week:

For Colleen Riley
by the Murphy 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 November will be offered in memory of Pete & Peter Cadwell. In December, it will be offered for family members who have gone before us by Michael & Susan Glenn.

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.



“And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work.” ~ 2 Corinthians 9:8

This weekend we are sharing our annual Financial Update to help our community stay informed about the financial stewardship and needs of our parish. **I am very pleased to share that through the ongoing generosity of many parishioners we are in a healthy financial state and we are able to meet the many financial obligations that come along with operating an active parish.**

At the same time, we also have a growing parish! This is an exciting time for St. Christopher's Parish as we are experiencing increased Mass attendance, a fully-enrolled school, and a growing interest in starting new ministries to serve the spiritual needs of our community. We also have several areas of our church building which are in need of refurbishment and improvement, including making our seating and kneelers more comfortable, beautifying our sanctuary, and renovating our parish hall kitchen and bathrooms. We will only be able to take on these important initiatives in the months and years ahead with your support.

We humbly ask for your continued tithing support of our community and we invite you to prayerfully consider how God is asking you to use your talents and treasure for the building of His Kingdom. If you have not enrolled in a giving program such as envelopes or online giving, we invite you to consider one of these options so that you can support the parish even on occasions when you don't have cash on hand or for weekends when you are away.

I would like to sincerely thank Tom Nardone and all of the members of the Parish Finance Council for their diligent and prayerful

work in helping us be good stewards of our financial resources. At each meeting, we take great care to review our investments, savings, cash flow, and upcoming projects to make sure that we have the resources to complete our mission.

I would also like to acknowledge our bookkeeper Jean Dickson for her dedicated and meticulous work in maintaining our financial records, managing our payroll and expenditures, and ensuring that every penny that enters or leaves this parish is accounted for.

Finally, thank you for your witness to the faith, for your love for the Holy Sacraments, and for your willingness to sacrifice for the glory of God. May He reward you in abundance and fill your heart with every spiritual blessing!

In Christ,
Fr. David

Wanted: One Hour of Your Time

He gives you 168 hours in a week, 672 hours in a month. Can you spend ONE HOUR with your friend Jesus this month?

Eucharistic Adoration

**Friday, December 6
1:00-3:00 PM**





Last Sunday, November 17, the Vietnamese communities of Nashua and Manchester gathered here at St. Chris to celebrate the Feast of the Vietnamese Martyrs with Bishop Libasci.

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!

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

For Vocations

"Jesus, remember me when you come into Your kingdom." Will you make Christ the King and His merciful love remembered as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Father Matt Mason (603) 669-3100, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.



Diary of a Little Soul — WEEK 8

It's almost Thanksgiving, and my tongue is formed now and ready to taste my first turkey—well, maybe not just yet. I am about the size of a small plum, but I am growing by leaps and bounds! I am more than 1/5 of the way on my journey towards being born. All my muscles, organs, and systems are formed. God's hand is connecting them so that they will all work together as one united and amazing body.

When I behold your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and stars which you set in place—
 What is man that you should be mindful of him, or the son of man that you care for him?
 You have made him little less than the angels, and crowned him with glory and honor.

Psalm 8:4-6

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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November 17, 2019 Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$3,194.00
Loose Offertory	\$1,578.82
Faith Direct	\$1,269.75
Total	\$6,042.57

Under Budget \$57.43

Christmas Flowers	\$80.00
(total to date \$1200.00)	
Fuel Collection	\$276.00
(total to date \$1,403.00)	

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

Seeing is believing!

Enroll Now!



**Apply online at
StChrisSchoolNH.org**

Sacrament Preparation Program

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

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 24 - No Class

December 1 - No Class - Thanksgiving weekend

Register Now -- Class begins January 26! Forms for Sacrament Prep 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. Note: Students who wish to enroll in sacrament classes must also be registered for Faith Formation either at the parish or a Catholic school.

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.

Special Thanks to Electronic Givers

St. Christopher Parish would like to thank those families who are currently giving electronically. You may not see these fellow parishioners place an envelope in the basket every week, but their consistent giving does not go unnoticed in our parish office. Each month our parish receives a steady and predictable stream of income from those donors who have made the commitment to give to God first by having a designated contribution automatically transferred to our parish through our Online Giving Program. If you would like to learn more about this easy, safe and secure way of giving, please Go to www.faithdirect.net and sign up using parish code NH10.

Faith Formation

Pre-K to 6th grade-

Sunday Mornings from 8:30-9:45 AM

- November 24 - Regular Class
- December 1 - No Class/Thanksgiving
- December 8 - Regular Class

Grade 7/8 program-

Monday Evening from 6:30-7:45 PM

- November 25 - NO CLASS
- December 2 - Regular Class
- December 9 - Regular Class

Knights of Columbus News

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 Decemr 22 at Rje7@hotmail.com as the contests are run in January. He can find the closest one for students to participate in.

Lastly ,there will be no regular monthly membership meeting in December but after the new year we will start the Lenten Fish Dinner planning process If interested in helping this year, please email Rob Everett at rje7@hotmail.com.



Coffee Hour

following the
10:00 AM mass

**THIS Sunday,
November 24**

*Sponsored by
the Knights of Columbus*

From the Families of Nazareth

Do You Recognize Jesus As King?

"How great must have been the Good Thief's faith if in the dying Jesus next to him, beaten, spat upon and still jeered at, he recognized the King: 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom' (Lk 23:42)."

*Tadeusz Dajczer, The Gift of Faith,
3rd. ed. (Ft. Collins, CO: IAMF, 2012), 91.*

Please note: There will be no faith sharing meeting this week as Thursday is Thanksgiving!

Catholic Charities New Hampshire Serving At-Risk Veterans

Building on our commitment to serving the poor and vulnerable across New Hampshire, Catholic Charities NH acquired Manchester-based Liberty House. Liberty House, which is now an official program of Catholic Charities, serves homeless and at-risk veterans through sober transitional housing, clothing and food distribution and various mental and physical wellness programs. Many of these veterans face immense challenges and invisible wounds, such as trauma, addiction and a lack of secure housing. It is our goal to expand on the work Liberty House has done for more than 15 years – and through your support – create more hope, independence and self-sufficiency for this extremely vulnerable and underserved population.

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.*

**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

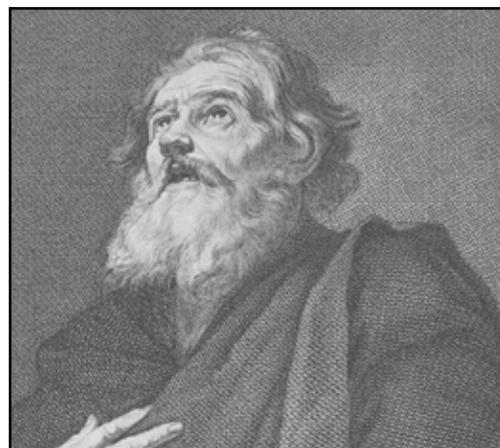
If you are homebound and cannot attend Mass and would like to receive communion, please call the Rectory 882-0632.

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 Andrew

Andrew was Saint Peter's brother, and was called with him. "As [Jesus] was walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is now called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.' At once they left their nets and followed him" (Matthew 4:18-20).



John the Evangelist presents Andrew as a disciple of John the Baptist. When Jesus walked by one day, John said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." Andrew and another disciple followed Jesus. "Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come, and you will see.' So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day" (John 1:38-39a).

Little else is said about Andrew in the Gospels. Before the multiplication of the loaves, it was Andrew who spoke up about the boy who had the barley loaves and fishes. When the Gentiles went to see Jesus, they came to Philip, but Philip then had recourse to Andrew.

Legend has it that Andrew preached the Good News in what is now modern Greece and Turkey and was crucified at Patras on an X-shaped cross.

Reflection

As in the case of all the apostles except Peter and John, the Gospels give us little about the holiness of Andrew. He was an apostle. That is enough. He was called personally by Jesus to proclaim the Good News, to heal with Jesus' power and to share his life and death. Holiness today is no different. It is a gift that includes a call to be concerned about the Kingdom, an outgoing attitude that wants nothing more than to share the riches of Christ with all people.

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 _____



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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

"God is merciful towards those who admit their need."

**Pope Francis I @ Pontifex
November 15, 2019**



Family Connection to this Week's Gospel

Gospel Reading: Luke 23:35-43

Jesus is crucified under the title King of the Jews.

Understanding today's Feast of Christ the King may be particularly challenging. While we may not have a direct experience of kings or royalty, we have some sense of what these mean. We know that royalty have sovereignty over their kingdom. We know that those who are subjects to royalty offer them allegiance and honor. Christ is King in a way that is different from traditional understandings of royalty. Christ's kingship extends to all places, all people, and all times. Christ manifests his kingship through his death on the Cross, in which he offers salvation to all.

Recall with your children stories that you may have read about royalty. Talk with your children about what they have learned from these stories about what it means to be a king. Talk about what they have learned from these stories about what it means to be a subject.

Tell your children that this Sunday is the last Sunday in the Church Year, and on this Sunday, we celebrate a special feast called the Feast of Christ the King. Read today's Gospel, Luke 23:35-43. Reflect together on how the various people in this Gospel respond to Jesus on the Cross. Who in this Gospel recognizes Jesus as King? (the thief) What does Jesus promise the thief as a result? (The thief will be with Jesus in paradise.)

Talk about how your family will recognize and honor Christ the King. Pray together the Lord's Prayer and ask God to help your family to act in ways that show you recognize and honor Christ as King.