

Love

*of a father,
a love
without end*



Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 20

4:00 PM William Carroll
by His daughter Jane

Sunday, June 21

8:00 AM For the people of the parish
10:00 AM Jesse & Jane Fodero
by Pat & Kaye Heffernan

3:00 PM Andrea Harris
by Rev. David Harris
Vietnamese Mass

Monday, June 22

7:15 AM Walter Gagnon
by Hugh & Anne Moran

Tuesday, June 23

7:15 AM Barbara Savage
by Colleen Fall

Wednesday, June 24

7:15 AM Stanley Heinrich
by Sarah Desaulniers

Thursday, June 25

7:15 AM Jeanne Paquette
by Jeanne Berube

Friday, June 26

No Mass on Fridays

Saturday, June 27

4:00 PM Stephanie Cadwell Walsh
by Chris & Marta Nissen

Sunday, June 28

8:00 AM For the people of the parish
10:00 AM Therese M. McKillop
by Pat & Kaye Heffernan
3:00 PM Vietnamese Mass

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns This Week:

For the people of the parish.

Altar Bread and Wine:

The Altar Bread, which will become the Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ at all Masses during June, will be offered for John A. Schappler by his wife, Jane.

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.



Weekly Gospel Reflection by Seminarian Cuong Nguyen

Matthew 10:26-33

We know that fear is part of life and part of each of our own daily lives. We are afraid of many things: failure, sickness, death, violence, racism, the rise of terrorism in our world, and our country.

However, in today's Gospel, Jesus encourages us "not to fear." We should not fear because "there is nothing covered that will not be revealed and hidden that will not be known" (Mt 10:26), that is, God always is with us, God is our strength. For this reason, all of us are called to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ and to bear witness to him in our lives. Therefore, through our acts of love, forgiveness, and generosity in our daily life, we are not only to bear witness our Catholic faith to all people, but we are expressing the presence of loving God for others.

Mary and Joseph faced fears and challenges in their lives, but they trusted in the Lord and be a part of God's plan. Today, each of us is called by name by God and invited to be examples and witnesses of Jesus Christ in our families, in our parish... We know that the values of the Gospel are God's and generally not the values of the world. The way of God is different from the direction of human beings. When we are called to be a part of the will of God, we also invited to go on His way. Through the holiness of our daily lives and how we behave kindly toward others accordance with the spirit of the Gospel, we will be the real and faithful witnesses to Jesus and his Gospel. We are never alone, but Jesus Christ always be with us, and He is a companion with us.

"My grace is sufficient for you" (2 Cr 12:9). Thus, God will give us enough grace to witness for Him. With God, and for God, we should not be afraid to be a part of God's plan in our life.

Summer Daily Mass Schedule Change

Please note that our daily morning mass schedule has changed from now until Labor Day! Daily mass will be held at 8:00 AM, from Monday through Thursday. There continues to be no mass on Friday. Thanks!

Until further notice...

St. Christopher Church

will be OPEN

for prayer

Monday to Friday
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Please use
the side door to enter the church!

From the Families of Nazareth

Choosing Not To Be Afraid

"Fear is a challenge issued to you. What will you do with it? Will you allow yourself to be enslaved by its weight? Or will you try to perform acts of abandoning yourself to God who is infinite power and infinite love. Everything that happens is connected with our decision."

Tadeusz Dajczer, *The Gift of Faith*, 3rd. ed. (Ft. Collins, CO: IAMF, 2012), 43.

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

- Eric & Catherine London and their son Jude
- Claudette McCarthy



Corpus Christi Corner

Corpus Christi Food Pantry is looking to start opening again on Tuesday afternoons. We are in need of 2 volunteers for 3 hours on Tuesday afternoons, 1-4pm. We are looking for "muscle" to bring orders upstairs and hand off the orders to the clients. If you can help please all Maryellen at 882-6372.

St Chris School recently had a food drive, coordinated by 6th grade student, Shea Hansen. Thanks to this drive, 119.4 pounds of food was donated to the Pantry. Add that to the 367.7 pounds collected at the church brings the total to 487.1 pounds of food for the month of May, valued at \$813. Many thanks to all for your support.

Please save us your empty egg cartons. Hannaford gives us cartons of eggs that have some broken ones in them. We need the used carton to repack the eggs that are still whole. Other items we are low on include: 2 pound bags of flour, juice boxes, gravy or gravy mixes, baked beans, evaporated milk, canned pasta sauce, mayo, beef or vegetable soup, muffin mix, small bottles of shampoo, bar soap and toothpaste. Your donations can be dropped off at the back door of the church during the open prayer times. Thank you!

For Vocations

"...the LORD is with me, like a mighty champion". Is the Lord leading you to be a champion in the service of His Church as a priest or in the consecrated life? If you are discerning your vocation, write Father Matthew Mason at mmason@rcbm.org.

Beginning June 22, the Feast of Saints Thomas More and John Fisher, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops celebrates Religious Freedom Week. Join us in promoting religious freedom For the Good of All.

All people desire to know their Creator. All people have a natural impulse to seek the good and to live in accordance with that good. All people can flourish when they pursue the truth about God and respond to the truth. Religious freedom means that all people have the space to flourish. Religious freedom is both an American value and an important part of Catholic teaching on human dignity. When we promote religious freedom, we promote the common good and thus strengthen the life of our nation and the community of nations. Learn more at www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek!



RELIGIOUS
FREEDOM
WEEK

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Mt 7:21-29

Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12; Ps 137:1-6; Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:5-17

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

Art for Education

We are pleased that the Knights of Columbus has partnered with the Catholic Schools Office in an effort to strengthen Catholic education all over New Hampshire, the Art for Education fundraiser. You can purchase a print of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas and Protectress of the Unborn, for \$30 with the option of buying direct or purchasing from Councils that pre-order prints.

Ordering Details:

- Visit: <https://form.jotform.com/RCBM/artforeducation>
- Print can be shipped directly to you (\$5 shipping cost) or purchased in person at their local NH Knights Council, at participating councils (ask a Knight!).
- Fundraiser runs May 1-August 15, 2020; prints ordered online will be shipped on or around the 15th of each month (May, June, July, Aug).

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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on Facebook!



June 14, 2020 Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$3,441.00
Loose Offertory	\$561.00
Faith Direct	\$2,236.75
Total	\$6,238.75

Works of the Holy Father	\$160.00
(total to date \$190.00)	
CatholicCommunications	\$100.00
(total to date \$281.00)	

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



Knights of Columbus

Did you know, last year the Knights of Columbus donated more than \$185,000,000 to charities in our community and around the world? In addition, members used their time by donating more than 73,000,000 volunteer hours. Want to be a part of something bigger than yourself? Go to [KofC.org/joinus](https://www.kofc.org/joinus) for more information.



Family Connection to this Week's Gospel

Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus assures the Twelve that he loves them.

It is not only individuals who need reassurance about God's love and protection. Communities need this reassurance as well, including the community of the family. Children rely on the confidence of their parents for this assurance. Parents can help the entire family's growth in trust and confidence in God by witnessing ways in which daily family needs are entrusted to God's care.

As the family gathers, distribute pieces of paper to each person. Tell them to write or draw ways in which they believe that God's help is needed for each person and for the family as a whole. Each slip of paper can then be collected in a basket.

Invite one member of the family to read aloud today's Gospel, Matthew 10:26-33. Recall together how well God knows your family and thank God for this wonderful grace. Conclude by praying together for each of the needs identified on the slips of paper. After each need is read, pray together, "God, we trust you because you know us so well." Conclude by praying the Glory Be to the Father.

Recognizing Excellence Awards

The successes of our Catholic schools and their students would not be possible without the selfless support of our committed educators, administrators, clergy, and lay partners in the community. This year, we are holding the St. John Neumann Education Trust Gala where we will Recognize Excellence in our Catholic Schools at the Manchester Country Club in Bedford, NH on Thursday, November 19, 2020. We hope you will consider joining us at this exciting event when we will officially honor a Superintendent Award Honoree, a Clergy member of the Year, and our Teacher of the Year.

To nominate someone you think deserves to receive this special recognition, please visit <https://www.catholicnh.org/schools/office/news/gala/>

The deadline for nominations is July 31, 2020.

Diocesan Archives Seek Contributions

The Diocesan Archives wants your help! We have thousands of documents and photos pertaining to the history of the Diocese of Manchester - concerning our Bishops, Priests, Parishes, Schools, and people. We have documents going back to the nineteenth century; however, the concern today is that we are not always capturing current information that will be historical data in 10, 20, or 100 years from now.

If your parish, priest, or organization is doing something memorable, please provide the archives with documents or photos of the event. Examples of recent events that have been saved include the installation of new sanctuary furniture at St. Mark the Evangelist Church, as well as the installation of a statue of our Blessed Mother in the Holy Cross Cemetery in memory of members of local Knights of Columbus Councils. For more information, please contact Dennis Pedley at dpedley@rcbm.org.



Diary of a Little Soul — WEEK 37

I am spending quite a bit of time sleeping as I am getting ready for my Big Day. It won't be long now...When I am awake, I like listening to all kinds of sounds and feeling my very, very tight surroundings (and I thought that things were snug a few weeks ago!). I am still adding on fat to keep me warm. It's building up around my neck, shoulders, and other important places in my body. This is another way God protects me since I can't shiver yet or ask for a "blankie."

How precious is Your kindness, O God! The children of men take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

Psalm 36:8



Saint Christopher ACADEMY

Coming July 1, 2020

Families looking for a comprehensive authentically Catholic school for their PreK-3 through grade 8 children will have a new option in Fall 2020! St. Christopher School and Nashua Catholic Regional Junior High School will be unified as one Catholic academy, named Saint Christopher Academy, as of July 1, 2020. The new school model, unique to the Diocese of Manchester, will blend both schools into one Catholic academy housed on two campuses.

PreK-3 to grade 6 students will attend class at the lower campus at 20 Cushing Avenue, the current location of St. Christopher School. Students in grades 7 and 8 will attend at the upper campus at 6 Bartlett Avenue, the current location of Nashua Catholic.

"Our new school will bring together the numerous gifts, strengths, and traditions of St. Christopher School, the former Infant Jesus School, and Nashua Catholic Regional Junior High School, while also adding new advantages and opportunities made possible by the unified academy model. The Academy will be faith centered, academically excellent, and built upon a loving community where each child is cherished and challenged to grow," explains Principal Cynthia Vita Clarke.

Saint Christopher Academy is enrolling students for the 2020-2021 school year. To apply, visit SaintChrisAcademy.org or contact Cindy Clarke at 603-882-7442.

Do not be afraid;
you are worth
more than many
sparrows.
Matthew 10:31

June 21, 2020
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In our world today, it seems there are many things to make us fearful. We can become distraught over personal finances, relationships, poor choices our children are making, issues with jobs, the changing climate, the way our parish is being run, or a million other things. The problems may not even be evil but may be simply life and all its challenges. But these struggles are real, and sometimes we seek unhealthy solutions. Many people suffer with issues of anxiety and depression, and fear leads often to addiction as a means of coping. In our Gospel today, God lovingly calls us beyond that darkness to light.

WORTH MORE THAN MANY SPARROWS

Sometimes we look for very complex answers when a simple promise or solution is right in front of us. As I am writing and looking out the window, I see half a dozen little birds sitting in a bush. Their presence is a reminder to me of God's love and care for each and every one of us. If something that seems so insignificant or incidental is known by God, how

much more are we loved and cared for! Take a moment, look at the world around you, breathe, take it in, and ask God for the help you need. Turn matters over and place your trust in a loving God.

Remember, though, even seldom birds without some sort of action on our part. When you have given your concerns over to God, other concrete steps may be necessary: Is it time to schedule an appointment with a professional? Time to name an issue? Or draw for the sacrament of reconciliation? Evil's power comes from remaining in the darkness. When we no longer close ourselves off or suffer alone but share our concerns with someone, we can begin to grieve and heal and move past them. It is seldom magical or instantaneous. It is a long, arduous process. But we hold on to the simple reminder, "You are worth more than many sparrows."

Today's Readings: Lev 23:18-19, 49; 1 Cor 15: 50-58; Luke 12:1-5

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*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

Grandson 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)

Granddaughter of Dan & Sue Tracy:
1Lt Brittany DesLauriers (Army)

Grandson of Betty Batey:
Major 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!

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.

St. Joseph: A Saint for Fathers

Just as God the Father selected the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of his son, he also chose St. Joseph to be Mary's chaste spouse and Jesus' foster father. As the head of the Holy Family — the model for all families — he is also the inspiration for and the protector of all fathers.

St. Luke's Gospel tells the story of Christ's infancy from Mary's perspective, while St. Matthew's Gospel gives us the story from St. Joseph's point of view.

He is introduced to us as a just man, a descendant of King David, a native of Bethlehem, a carpenter living in Nazareth and engaged to Mary. After the Annunciation, when Mary told Joseph she was pregnant, he resolved to break off the engagement privately. Under the law of Moses given in the book of Deuteronomy, if Joseph had made a public charge of infidelity against Mary, she would have been stoned to death. Before Joseph could do anything, however, God granted him his own annunciation. An angel of the Lord visited Joseph in a dream, urging him to take Mary as his wife, assuring him that the child she carried had been conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Joseph must have died before Christ began his public ministry. If he were still alive, he would have stood with Mary at the foot of the cross and there would have been no need for Jesus to entrust his mother to St. John.

It was fear of heresy that delayed devotion to St. Joseph for nearly 1,400 years. So many heretical splinter groups had denied the divinity of Christ that Church authorities felt it was more important to emphasize the doctrine that God was Christ's father than to venerate the man whom God had chosen to be the guardian of Jesus and Mary. Although there are isolated examples of Joseph receiving some recognition during the Middle Ages in Egypt, in England and in Germany, the Church did not grant him official recognition until 1479 when Pope Sixtus IV established March 19 as the feast of St. Joseph. From that point, devotion to St. Joseph increased dramatically. The Franciscans, the Carmelites and the Jesuits all promoted St. Joseph. St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582), who was particularly attached to him, said of St. Joseph in her autobiography, "With other saints it seems the Lord has given them grace to be of help in one need, whereas with this glorious saint, I have experience that he helps in all our needs."

His feast days are March 19 and May 1.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org>

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 _____

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Morning Prayer 7:00 AM Mon-Thurs
Daily Mass 8:00 AM Mon-Thurs (til Labor Day)
Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM
Sunday Mass 8:00 & 10:00 AM
Vietnamese Mass 3:00 PM Sunday

Confessions After Daily Mass, approx 7:45 AM
& 3:00-3:30 PM Saturday

Rosary 7:00 PM Tuesday

Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday, 7:45-8:45 AM
& 1st Friday of the Month, Sept. - June
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Our Parish Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray for all of the people and programs of St. Christopher Parish. Unite us as a community of believers and grant us the wisdom, grace, and strength to do your will. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. AMEN.

Our Mission

We are a Roman Catholic parish whose members live and proclaim the saving message of Jesus Christ.

Prayer to Saint Michael

St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our 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, cast 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.

About Our Catholic Faith:

What is the origin of the St. Michael Prayer?

On Oct. 1, 1884, Pope Leo XIII had a deeply disturbing mystical experience at Mass. He had just finished celebrating in his private chapel when he suddenly stood transfixed in front of the altar. For perhaps 10 minutes he stood there as if in a trance, his face drained of color. Then he went to his office and composed a prayer to St. Michael. He told his staff the prayer should be offered throughout the Church.

He explained that he had heard two voices in the vicinity of the tabernacle. He believed they were the voices of Our Lord and of Satan. Pope Leo heard Satan boast that he could destroy the Church in 75 or 100 years, if given the opportunity. Then he heard Our Lord give Satan permission to try. (This sounds somewhat similar to what we read in Job 1.)

The prayer which Pope Leo XIII composed was 10 times the length of the version we use today. Use of the prayer was discontinued in 1964. Thirty years later, in his Regina Coeli address, Pope John Paul II revived use of the prayer. He said, "Although the prayer is no longer recited at the end of Mass, I ask every one not to forget it and to recite it to obtain help in the battle against the forces of darkness and against the spirit of the world." The pope clearly intended that we should offer this prayer in our homes as well.

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In the Words of
Pope Francis

"Let us ask for the grace to approach everyone as a brother or sister, and never to regard anyone as an enemy."

Pope Francis I @ Pontifex
June 13, 2020