

SAINT CHRISTOPHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 11, 2021

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Worship Schedule

Daily Mass 7:30 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. 8:00 AM
3:00-3:30 PM Saturday

Rosary 7:00 PM Tuesday
Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday
8:00 - 9:00 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.

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Special Bulletin Cover by J. Paluch

Jesus instructed
the Twelve to take
nothing with them
but a walking stick -
no food, no sack,
no money in
their belts.

Mark 6:8

FIFTEENTH
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



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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, July 10

4:00 PM Fr. John Finnegan
by Jane Cadwell

Tom McNulty
by Helen and Dick Blais

Tyler Coffey, 12th Anniv.
by His Mother, Laurie

Sunday, July 11

8:00 AM Living & Deceased Members
of the Collentro Family
by Ann and Scott Collentro

10:00 AM For the people of the parish

3:00 PM Vietnamese Mass

Monday, July 12

7:30 AM Bill and Sheila Neverett
by Their Family

Tuesday, July 13

7:30 AM The Schmyrko Family
by Teresa Cieszkowska

Wednesday, July 14

7:30 AM Margaret E. Hanafin
by The Provost Family

Thursday, July 15

7:30 AM Teresa Cieszkowska
For her intentions

Friday, July 16

No Mass on Friday

Saturday, July 17

4:00 PM Robert Dexter
by The Dexter Family

Thomas McNulty
by Nathan & Linda Sanborn

Sunday, July 18

8:00 AM People of the parish

10:00 AM Matthew Rivard
by Andre and Jaqueline
Drouart

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 July, will be offered for Tyler Coffey by Laurie Coffey.

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 votive candle suggested offertory is \$3.00 to cover the cost of the 3-day candle.



Jesus summoned the Twelve
and began to send them out
two by two
and gave them authority
over unclean spirits.

MARK 6:7

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 11, 2021

CALLED TO BE EXTRAORDINARY

Mother Teresa challenged us to do ordinary things with extraordinary love. Basketball coach Jim Valvano said, "Every single day, in every walk of life, ordinary people do extraordinary things." Sometimes we see extraordinary vocations, such as the child prodigy musician. But usually those whom God chooses to call are reluctant participants who either run from the call or ignore it. Amos tells Amaziah "I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores." He looked after sheep and punched holes in fruit for a living! Now he was being called to prophesy. In Mark's Gospel the apostles are sent out two by two to begin their ministry. Paul takes it further, telling the Ephesians, "In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things." This call goes out to all of us! How are you being called to be extraordinary this day?

TWO BY TWO

Did you ever wonder why Jesus sent them out two by two? Not threes, not groups of four? Perhaps it is just the most practical configuration. Recall that in last week's Gospel Jesus was not accepted in his own town and was astonished by the lack of faith that he found there. The disciples would be too new in their faith to know how to deal with that kind of rejection. With three you always end up two against one. With a pair, the two could support each other emotionally and spiritually, and lift each other up in prayer. When traveling, having a companion was much safer than being on one's own, and if there were treacherous spots in the journey, they could help each other through. If you were begging for lodging, two might be able to get in, while a larger group might not be so fortunate. The Gospel gives no indication of who the partners were, but presumably they were sent in combinations that made each pair the strongest proclaimers of Christ. They were able to drive off many demons and cure illnesses.

SHAKE THE DUST OFF YOUR FEET

Jesus told the pairs of disciples, "Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them." Jesus is preparing the disciples for the experience he had in his home town. This is how you behave when you are not accepted. He didn't tell them to curse them or threaten them, just simply shake off the dust and move on. Rejection is a hard thing for any of us, and Jesus is teaching us how to handle it, as if to say "Pick your battles." This is a good reminder to us all in a time and culture when the climate is so politically charged. Know when it is best to shake the dust and walk away from social media, from an angry word, or from something that won't turn out well. Respond and stay true to your calling.

TODAY'S READINGS

Amos 7:12-15
Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14
Ephesians 1:3-14 [3-10]
Mark 6:7-13



ALL ABOARD!!!! VBS is Back On Track!!!

Join us!

Who: entering K to entering Grade 5

When: July 26-30, 2021

Time: 8:30 -11:30 AM

For: Join us as we follow Jesus- keeping "on track" as Jesus' power pulls us through! Bible stories, life lessons, song and dance, snack, craft, outdoor games and more!

Cost: \$25.00 per person

Registration forms are available on the parish website: stchrisparishnh.org or email cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org with any questions.

VBS Volunteers needed!

*Come help us chug chug chug
as we keep on TRACK with Jesus!*

In order to bring our Rocky Railways VBS to reality, we need help at the STATION! Do you love kids? Love sharing your faith? Love being silly and having fun? Join us July 26- July 30, 2021!

VBS Volunteers under 18 will need a parent permission form signed. Volunteers 18 plus also have a volunteer form to fill out and will need to have up to date safe environment training. (online)

We need crafters, food helpers, group leaders, and lots of enthusiasm!! Share your excitement and creativity with VBS!!

If you would like to be part of our 2021 Rocky Railways please contact Chris Mercurio at cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org.

For Vocations

"Before the foundation of the world God chose us in Christ." Are you discerning that the vocation which God has chosen for you in Christ may be to serve the Church in the consecrated life or priesthood? Write Father Matthew Mason at: mmason@rcbm.org.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Annual Diaper Drive

Summer is officially here! This is the time of year that your St. Vincent de Paul Society provides diapers for children in need. We are happy to do the shopping, and to deliver the diapers to the Corpus Christi Food Pantry, as well as to the Nashua Soup Kitchen. If you would like to help us out financially, you may use the envelopes on the window sills of the church for your monetary donation. Checks should be made out to St. Christopher Parish, with Diaper Drive in the memo line. We truly appreciate your support.

Corpus Christi Corner

Donations of Summer Fans

Many of the people we assist, rent apartments in upper levels of buildings here in Nashua. Some have no A/C and the Summer brings unbearable heat. We will distribute new or "gently used" fans once again during July and August. We are blessed with your continued support in making this program successful. Please drop Donations off at the Pantry, Monday/Wednesday 9-12pm, and Tuesday/Thursday 1-4pm, 3 Crown St. Call Susan Dignan, Assistance Director, 598-1641 with any questions.

Volunteers Needed at the Pantry

We have opportunities available for all volunteer positions. Do you have a few hours a week to spare? These positions include sorting food, helping to unload deliveries, greeting and shopping for our clients, as well as office and daily routine cleaning. Please call Maryellen, Food Pantry Director, 882-6372. Schedule a visit to witness God's work first hand!

Donations Suggestions for July

During the month of June, 234.7 pounds of food were collected at the church for the Pantry, with a value of \$380.20. Suggested donations for the month of July are: cocoa, refried beans, jelly, ketchup, Pasta Sides, Vienna Sausage, canned mixed vegetables, canned peas, chowder, canned broth (beef or chicken), toothpaste. Thank you!

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

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Monday - Thursday 9:00-3:00

Friday 9:00-12:00

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Bulletin submissions are due one week before publication.



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June 27, 2021 Offertory

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| Offertory Envelopes | \$3,251.00 |
| Loose Offertory | \$486.00 |
| <u>Faith Direct</u> | <u>\$2,066.00</u> |
| Total | \$5,803.00 |

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| Works of the Holy Father | \$411.00 |
| Total-to-date: | \$616.00 |

July 4, 2021 Offertory

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| Offertory Envelopes | \$3,706.00 |
| Loose Offertory | \$516.25 |
| <u>Faith Direct</u> | <u>\$2,066.00</u> |
| Total | \$6,288.25 |

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| Works of the Holy Father | \$75.00 |
| Total-to-date: | \$691.00 |
| Parish to Parish Support | \$25.00 |
| Total-to-date: | \$25.00 |
| NH Missionaries/Missions | \$10.00 |
| Total-to-date: | \$10.00 |
| Catholic University/USCCB | \$10.00 |
| Total-to-date: | \$10.00 |

**SIGN UP NOW!
REGISTRATION is OPEN!
Students in K to grade 6!**

Christ in Us Family Faith Program

Our new Family Faith program launches this Fall! This will replace our regular religious education classes for **our students in public school grades K to grade 6 AND their families!** Parents are given the gift of passing on the faith to their children. Our program aims to be a supporting resource in this awesome responsibility.

We will gather once a month in the Church hall to share and learn about our Catholic Faith! Students will connect with an instructor and fellow students in the same age bracket for a quick lesson, while the parents also participate in their own faith sharing program. We will gather together after for a family activity. Mass upstairs at 10:00 AM immediately follows and is an integral part of our program.

Students will continue with lessons at home each week to reinforce and add to the family lesson. The program includes a grade level text, e-book access, online resources, games, and fun additional resources to enrich our faith journey.

Our program will begin on September 26th so register now! Registration forms can be found on our parish website at stchrisparishnh.org Questions? Email cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org

Volunteer Teachers Needed for New CHRIST in US Program

Once a month in Church Hall/school beginning in September and ending in April.

We are looking for a few volunteer teachers to help with the once a month student lessons. The program consists of at home family based chapters with a once per month in person gathering for faith, family, and fellowship. Volunteers would be responsible for conducting a lesson from the text once each month utilizing our new CHRIST in US textbook. Come and share the faith with youth of our parish! Please email Christine Mercurio at cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org. We would love to have you join our team!



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Saint Christopher Academy is a pre-kindergarten 3 through grade 8 Catholic school located on two nearby campuses. At SCA, students are immersed in an academically excellent, authentically Catholic education within the embrace of a safe, joy-filled community.

Visit us online at
SaintChrisAcademy.org

Fiat is Back!

For young women Ages 14-18....a day of meeting with Religious Women and exploring God's Will for your Life! You are invited to attend our Fiat Day to spend time with other young women your age looking at the Lord's call for marriage, religious life, or whatever. July 30, 2021 at Ste Marie Parish, 378 Notre Dame Ave, Manchester. 8:00am – 5:00pm To register visit <https://fiatdays2021.eventbrite.com/> or email Mrs. Vinson at rvinson@rcbm.org.

Quo Vadis Days

Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! You are invited to attend our Quo Vadis Days Game Day on August 6 to spend time with other young men your age looking at the Lord's call in your life while having lots of fun. Quo Vadis Days is led by priests and seminarians of the diocese and includes a variety of games, prayer, other activities and opportunities to grow in friendship with the Lord and with each other. Visit liveinblackandwhite.com to register.

Rev. Martin T. Kelly Scholarship

The Rev. Martin T. Kelly Scholarship Application is now available to catholic students who are seniors and parishioners of St. Patrick or St. Christopher Parish or the sons, daughters, grandsons, granddaughters (including step and foster) of current members of Council 11907. Contact PGK Rob Everett for an application at rje7@hotmail.com, or (603) 229-7319. Please put Fr. Kelly Scholarship in the memo line. They are due no later than August 1, 2021.

MORE Fall Faith Formation NEWS!

GRADE 2 Students! RECONCILIATION

Please register now for RECONCILIATION class this Fall 2021. Baptized students in Grade 2 and up who are seeking reconciliation should register for this class. Students and a parent attend eight Sunday evening classes and prepare to receive this wonderful sacrament. We will learn about God's love for all of us, forgiveness when we go astray, the Ten Commandments and more. Registration forms for Sacrament Prep are available on the parish website. *Students must also be registered for either our Family Faith program or enrolled at a Catholic school for their ongoing faith formation.* Visit stchrisparishnh.org for registration information. Questions? Email Christine Mercurio at cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org.

GRADE 3 Students! CONFIRMATION

Students in grade 3 who received their Reconciliation last Fall may register for this CONFIRMATION class. This class meets seven or eight Sunday mornings. Families attend the 10:00 AM mass and then proceed downstairs for class from 11:00 AM to noon. Student and a parent participate together as they learn and prepare to receive both Confirmation and Eucharist in Spring 2022. Students registering for this class also register for First Eucharist, which runs from January to May 2022. Sacrament prep forms can be found on our parish website, www.StChrisParishNH.org, to print and return. Questions? Contact Christine Mercurio at cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org or Alex Sullivan at asullivan@stchrisparishnh.org.

Grades 7+ Students! CONFIRMATION

Baptized students in grade 6 and up and a parent attend classes in January 2022 through April 2022, preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Students in this class should already have received Reconciliation and First Communion. Classes are 11:00 AM to noon after attending the 10:00 AM mass. Registration forms for Sacrament Prep are found at stchrisparishnh.org. Questions? Contact Alex Sullivan at asullivan@stchrisparishnh.org or Christine Mercurio at cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34 — 11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

Stepping Stones Thank You

Stepping Stones is a local non-profit organization working towards providing homeless Nashua youth ages 12-25 a safe place to stay, rest, learn, and grow into self-sufficient, happy adults. Our St. Vincent de Paul Society recently donated the cost of six months of internet service to Stepping Stones so that disadvantaged youth can apply for jobs. In a thank you note to the parish and the SVdP Society, Stepping Stones Director Kathy Farland noted, "Many times our youth need a little help getting past some roadblocks. It's these very first steps that help them realize there is a way out of homelessness and that they can accomplish their goals. Thank you so much for thinking of Stepping Stones, and helping us to help them!"

For more information about the important work of Stepping Stones in Nashua, visit steppingstonesnh.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

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:
Cpt. 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.*



Saints John Jones and John Wall

Saint John Jones (c.1530 - 1598) and Saint John Wall (1620 - 1679)

These two friars were martyred in England in the 16th and 17th centuries for refusing to deny their faith.

John Jones was Welsh. He was ordained a diocesan priest and was twice imprisoned for administering the sacraments before leaving England in 1590. He joined the Franciscans at the age of 60 and returned to England three years later while Queen Elizabeth I was at the height of her power. John ministered to Catholics in the English countryside until his imprisonment in 1596. He was condemned to be hanged, drawn, and quartered. John was executed on July 12, 1598.

John Wall was born in England but was educated at the English College of Douai, Belgium. Ordained in Rome in 1648, he entered the Franciscans in Douai several years later. In 1656 he returned to work secretly in England.

In 1678, Titus Oates worked many English people into a frenzy over an alleged papal plot to murder the king and restore Catholicism in that country. In that year Catholics were legally excluded from Parliament, a law which was not repealed until 1829. John Wall was arrested and imprisoned in 1678, and was executed the following year.

John Jones and John Wall were canonized in 1970.

Reflection

Every martyr knows how to save his/her life and yet refuses to do so. A public repudiation of the faith would save any of them. But some things are more precious than life itself. These martyrs prove that their 20th-century countryman, C. S. Lewis, was correct in saying that courage is not simply one of the virtues but the form of every virtue at the testing point, that is, at the point of highest reality.

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!

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.

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 _____



Family Connection to this Week's Gospel

Gospel Reading: Mark 6:7-13

Jesus instructs his disciples and sends them to preach repentance.

Families who work together to accomplish routine household tasks know that the benefits are more than efficiency. In sharing daily tasks, we accomplish more, but we also build relationships that last—and it's a lot more fun! Jesus sent his disciples in pairs to minister in his name. Perhaps the job was accomplished more effectively this way, but more importantly, Jesus' mission was accomplished more authentically. The Christian message can only authentically be proclaimed in and through the community of faith. In our work with others, we build this community of faith and can invite others to share in it.

As you gather as a family, talk about some household tasks that are more easily accomplished when two or more people work together. Talk about how working together not only makes the job easier, but also makes the task more fun because we are able to spend time together. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 6:7-13. Ask: Why do you think Jesus sent out his disciples in pairs? Observe that Jesus continues to give us a community with which we share our life of discipleship—our family and the community of the Church. Conclude in prayer together that we will continue to rely on the support of the community of the Church in our life of discipleship. Pray together the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

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About Our Catholic Faith:

What is dogma vs doctrine in the Church?

You must keep in mind the distinction between the Church's "extraordinary" magisterium and her "ordinary" magisterium. A dogma is a teaching solemnly defined by the pope in the exercise of the "extraordinary" magisterium. The Second Vatican Council taught that our Lord Jesus Christ endowed His Church with infallibility "in defining doctrine pertaining to faith and morals" (Lumen Gentium, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, No. 25). The pope "enjoys this infallibility in virtue of his office, when, as supreme shepherd and teacher of all the faithful ... by a definitive act he proclaims a doctrine of faith or morals."

A doctrine not solemnly defined, but taught by the pope and the bishops, comes to us through the "ordinary" magisterium. When the bishops, in communion with the pope, teach in matters concerning faith and morals, the faithful must adhere to that teaching with a ready and respectful allegiance of mind.

Then the Vatican fathers added, "This religious submission of mind and will must be shown in a special way to the authentic magisterium of the Roman Pontiff, even when he is not speaking *ex cathedra*." In other words, his teaching regarding faith and morals must be "acknowledged with reverence," and the faithful must sincerely adhere to decisions made by him (again, see Lumen Gentium, No. 25). We Catholics are bound — indeed, are privileged — to submit to the teaching both of the "extraordinary" magisterium and the "ordinary" magisterium.

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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, 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.

In the Words of
Pope Francis

"Let us pray that, in social, economic, and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship."

Pope Francis I @ Pontifex
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