

SAINT CHRISTOPHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 3, 2022

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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.

Fifth Sunday of LENT

"Let the one among you
who is without sin
be the first to throw
a stone at her."

John 8:7



April 3, 2022

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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, April 2

- 8:00 AM Thomas Nardone
by the Women's Bible Study
- 4:00 PM Cindy Saltalamacchia
by her son, Eddie
Saltalamacchia
- Dick Blais
by Nancy Pelletier

Sunday, April 3

- 8:00 AM For the people of the parish
- 10:00 AM Mr. James Nygard
by the Harris Family
- 3:00 PM Vietnamese Mass

Monday, April 4

- 7:30 AM Matthew Trombly
by Phil and Denise Trombly

Tuesday, April 5

- 7:30 AM Dick Blais
by Pat and Kaye Heffernan

Wednesday, April 6

- 7:30 AM Sean Costello
by Pat and Kaye Heffernan

Thursday, April 7

- 7:30 AM All Souls Day Intentions
by Parishioners

Friday, April 8

- 5:30 PM Steven Cambio
by Frances Grella

Saturday, April 9

- 8:00 AM For parish intentions
- 4:00 PM Anne Kaminski
by Cindy & Bill Kaminski
- Edgar J. McAloon
by his daughter, Nancy
Pelletier

Sunday, April 10 - Palm Sunday

- 8:00 AM For the people of the parish
- 10:00 AM Dick Blais
by Cindy Kaminski
- 3:00 PM Vietnamese Mass


The Sanctuary Lamp Burns This Week:

Sanctuary Lamp burns this week For parish intentions.

Altar Bread and Wine:

The Altar Bread, which will become the Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ at all Masses during April will be offered In Memory of Patrick John Fitzgerald by April Geer Fitzgerald.

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THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US

Isaiah prophesies for the Lord: "Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new!" One of the most dangerous things that we can do is get stuck in our old ways. As individuals, as parishes, as nations we can say, "We've always done it that way," and miss calls to growth and change. Throughout this Lent and our lives, God continues to call us to life, and we should celebrate that! The psalmist reminds us that "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!" Saint Paul realizes this as he explains, "I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus." In the Gospel, Jesus offers a new way of looking at a tricky situation and provides a kinder, less judgmental response.

AN AGE-OLD STORY OF JUDGEMENT

In our Gospel today we hear an ancient story, but one that feels like it could be taken out of the headlines today. We can be very quick to pass judgment on others, those with different political or cultural backgrounds, or perhaps with a different sexual orientation. Jesus was teaching in the temple, and the scribes and Pharisees did not like the message that he was proclaiming or the popularity he was gaining. When a nearby woman was caught in adultery, they thought it was the perfect chance to trip Jesus up, wondering how he would respond when the Mosaic Law provided clear consequences for such behavior. Many would be able to quote instantly chapter and verse of the law pertaining to the infraction. Instead of answering their question, Jesus turned it back on the accusers: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

DRAWING IN THE SAND

Awaiting the response of those challenging him, Jesus bent over and wrote in the sand. According to scripture scholar John Pilch, this was a simple technique that peasants used to buy time in a discussion or argument. Instead of looking the scribes and pharisees in the eye, he looked down and did his own thing while they all slipped away. The scriptures do not tell us what the woman was doing during this time. But by not looking at her, Jesus gave her a chance to restore her own dignity. He didn't comment on her innocence or guilt. Rather, he instructed her to go forth and sin no more. It is not our past that matters as much as the choices we make now and in the future. Again and again, God gives us the chance to start our life over. This is our challenge this Lent, to continue to use the opportunities we are given to repent and grow.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6, 12a
Philippians 3:8-14
John 8:1-11

Envelope Delays

We are aware and apologize for the delays in parishioners receiving their Church envelope packets. This is a domino effect with our envelope provider experiencing difficulty obtaining supplies, paper and envelopes and their paper and envelope vendors having difficulty with shortages of raw materials, labor and transportation services. Our envelope provider tells us that production was scaled back due to a significant drop in demand from March 2020 through September 21, but these companies are trying hard to ramp up their production. USPS delivery issues have also impacted the delays.

There will be generic envelopes provided near the Offertory boxes which you are welcome to take home. We are hopeful the situation will improve with each cycle. Thank you for your patience.

Spring Anniversary Mass

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2022, and those recently unable to participate due to COVID-19, to attend a Wedding Anniversary Mass. The Mass will be held on Sunday, May 1, 2022 at 2:00 PM, at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. To register, please contact the parish office by April 8, 2022.

CPR Class

The Knights of Columbus Council 11907 will be holding a CPR class on May 3 in the St. Patrick's Parish Center Classroom 3 at 6:30 PM. Class size is limited and cost is \$20 per person. Priority will go to Council members and parish staff, then parish members and the public. If there is sufficient interest, another class may be scheduled. Please email or call Robert Everett, at rje7@hotmail.com or (603) 229-7319.



Palm Sunday - April 8/9

Mass on Saturday, 4:00 PM
Mass on Sunday, 8:00 & 10:00 AM
Vietnamese Mass at 3:00 PM

Monday, April 11

Easter Food Baskets due between 4:00 and 5:00 PM in school parking lot

Holy Thursday, April 14

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM

Good Friday, April 15

Church will open at 8:00 AM for personal prayer
Commemoration of Our Lord's Passion Liturgy at 3:00 PM
Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday, April 16

Easter Vigil at 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday, April 17

Masses at 8:00 AM and at 10:00 AM
Vietnamese Mass at 3:00 PM

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

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Monday - Thursday 9:00-3:00
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Bulletin submissions are due one week before publication.

Visit St. Chris Parish on Facebook!

Fr. David often mentions to check Facebook for parish news and updates. If you don't use Facebook, you can still see our posts through the parish website by visiting, <https://stchrisparishnh.org/facebook/>



March 27, 2022 Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$4,919.70
Loose Offertory	\$578.60
Faith Direct	\$2,809.50
Total	\$8,307.80

Church in Eastern Europe	\$40.00
Total-to-date:	\$1,045.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$394.00
Total-to-date:	\$849.00
Easter Flowers	\$227.00
Total-to-date:	\$467.00
Easter	\$90.00
Total-to-date:	\$290.00
Fuel Collection	\$20.00
Total-to-date:	\$3,821.00

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**Saint Christopher
ACADEMY**

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

Visit us online at
SaintChrisAcademy.org

**Now accepting
applications for
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Corpus Christi Corner

Corpus Christi Food Pantry would like to take this opportunity to say thanks to our many volunteers. We have over 70 people who come in each and every week to help us. We have only two paid employees, that means our volunteers are an integral part of our mission. These men and women are generous with their time, filling a variety of roles. We have drivers, shoppers, sorters, form fillers, repackagers, shelf fillers, ones who do bookkeeping, ones who tally all our donations, and this just lists a few of the activities that our volunteers fulfill. We thank them from the bottom of our hearts. They are the backbone of our operation.

Suggested food items for the month of April include: Pasta Sides, Rice Sides, one pound cans of coffee, tea, syrup, pancake mix, frosting, bar soap, canned pasta, pasta sauce, canned tomatoes, canned green beans, and canned mixed vegetables. There are baskets located at each of the church entrances for your donations. Thank you all for your continued support.

**St. Gianna's Place
3rd Annual Banquet**

Please join us Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at the Event Center in Nashua for Celebrating the Family with guest speaker Raymond Arroyo, best-selling author, and News Director at EWTN. Space is limited. Please visit StGiannasPlace.org to purchase tickets or to sponsor this event.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
- Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
- Friday:** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56
- Sunday:** Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]

**Chalice of Strength
Holy Hour for Priests**

Date: 2nd Saturdays of the month
Time: 12:00 noon - 1:00 PM
Where: St. Kathryn Catholic Church
(transept chapel)
4 Dracut Rd,
Hudson, N.H. 03051

We invite everyone to come to the Holy Hour to pray before the Blessed Sacrament for our priests. We will begin with the Angelus Prayer and a Scripture reading, followed by Silent Prayer and conclude with a 'Litany of Prayers for Priests' and the 'Salve Regina'. This Holy Hour will be led by the St. Therese Secular Discalced Carmelite Community.

For Vocations

"Christ Jesus has made me His own." Are you called to belong to Christ alone as a priest, deacon or through the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at mmason@rcbm.org.

LENTEN



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Holy Mass and Confessions

Saturdays 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions:

Wednesdays After 7:30 AM Mass
Tuesdays 6:00 - 7:00 PM
(through April 5)

Rosary:

Tuesdays 7:00 PM
Wednesdays After 7:30 AM Mass

Confession:

Mon. - Thurs. After 7:30 AM Mass
Tuesdays 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Saturdays 3:00 PM

Friday Stations of the Cross and Mass:

Stations 5:00 PM
Holy Mass 5:30 PM

Sacrament Preparation

Our Spring classes are well underway! If you have a student interested in preparing for Reconciliation, Confirmation, or First Communion, please email Chris Mercurio at cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org for program information. Registration forms can be found at stchrisparishnh.org.

Confirmation: Students in this class have been baptized, received Reconciliation and First Communion and will prepare to receive Confirmation on May 18th. A parent and student attend class together. Classes are held after the 10:00 AM Mass, until 12:15 PM.

First Communion (grade 3): These students recently completed classes in Confirmation prep and will continue their studies to receive both Confirmation and First Communion on May 18th. Student and a parent attend class together.

Our First Communion class has been busy!

Our students continue to learn about the Mass and all the parts of the Mass. They recently read the Parable of the Sower and the seeds and learned about the importance of "good soil" to help grow strong in the faith...attending Mass, reading Scripture, and living according to the teachings of the Church. Each student planted their own pot of seeds to nurture. They will care for and provide "good soil" as these plants sprout and blossom as an example of their growing faith along their path to First Communion. Please add all of our First Communion and Confirmation students to your prayers!



Christ In Us Family Faith Program

Next in person class is April 10th!
Grades K-Grade 6

Our parish students in public school grades K to grade 6 AND their families gather once a month in the Church hall for a light breakfast. Students will participate in a grade level lesson while their parents participate in a program just for them. We can all use a recharge in our faith journey! Students will continue with self paced lessons at home each week and submit completed work online.

Registration forms can be found on our parish website at stchrisparishnh.org Questions? Email Chris Mercurio at cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org.

The Rev. Martin T. Kelly College Scholarship

The Knights of Columbus Council 11907 is pleased to offer a \$500 scholarship to Catholic students who are seniors and parishioners of St. Patrick, St. Christopher Parish or the sons, daughters, grandsons, granddaughters (including step and foster) of current members of Council 11907. Father Kelly was the pastor of St. Patrick Parish from 1992 until he entered eternal life in 2011.

Applications are available from Grand Knight Rob Everett at rje7@hotmail.com and are due by April 15. Please put Rev. Martin Kelly Scholarship in the subject line. Applicants will also need to provide high school transcripts and SAT scores, summary of extracurricular and community activities for the past year, and a one page essay.

You are Invited

...to join the Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci and the priests and deacons for the annual blessing of the oils at the Chrism Mass.

When: 6:00 pm on Tuesday, April 12, 2022
Location: St. Joseph Cathedral, corner of Lowell and Pine Streets in Manchester
Registration: catholicnh.org/chrism



*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.

**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.

**NEW! Home Visitation
Ministry**

The Home Visitation ministry offers in-home visits for Christian fellowship, conversation, and prayer for parishioners who are unable to attend parish Masses and gatherings due to age or infirmity. We offer a comfortable way to experience Jesus' caring presence.

Please note that this ministry does not provide services such as errands, rides, and housework.

Contact Janet Murphy at 603-204-8382 to arrange a visit.

**Upcoming
Magdalen College Events**

Magdalen is an authentically Catholic liberal arts college and sits atop beautiful Kearsarge Mountain in Warner, NH. We invite our Catholic neighbors to join with us in community at the following events:

Open House - Magdalen College will host an Open House on April 9 at 12:30pm. All high school students are welcome to attend with their families and friends! Please RSVP to admissions@magdalen.edu.

Collegiate Summer Program for High School Students – Rising Juniors and Seniors are invited to deepen their college preparation journey by spending two weeks with us reading from the Great Books and engaging in Socratic discussions with professors while wrestling the big questions of life; or, they may focus their two weeks on a single course in either Theology, Philosophy, Physics, or Latin. Students will partake of the Sacraments and participate in the beautiful liturgies for which Magdalen is known; and form new life-long friendships with other students while enjoying our many outdoor activities. Sessions held over June and July. For more information or to register, visit www.magdalen.edu or contact admissions@magdalen.edu.

Lenten Obligations

Abstinence - Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used.

Fast -- Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

Participation in daily Mass and the voluntary observance of fasting is recommended.

Commendable, particularly during Lent, is generosity to local, national and world programs of sharing our abundance, the traditional Lenten Devotions and all the self-denial summed up in the Christian concept of "mortification."

CMC Heart & Hands Scholarship

The CMC Heart & Hands Scholarship is presented to two students entering grades 7-12 in a diocesan Catholic school who have made a significant contribution or impact in their community. Learn more about the eligibility requirements and how to apply at www.catholicnh.org/scholarships.

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: John 8:1-11

Jesus does not condemn the woman caught in adultery.

There are few people that we know better than the members of our own family. We know one another's strengths and abilities, and we also know one another's limitations and weaknesses. Like the Pharisees in today's Gospel, we may be tempted to focus on the faults and sins that familiarity with one another can sometimes reveal. As family members, however, we also have the ability to see one another's faults and sins within the context of the whole person. When we can keep this perspective, we are more likely to look upon one another with compassion. Family life, then, presents us the opportunity to see one another as God sees us, not with judgment and condemnation for our weaknesses and failings, but with mercy and compassion. When we learn to withhold judgment for the faults we know are there and seek the best in one another, we help one another to experience the depths of God's compassion, mercy, and love.

As you gather as a family, observe that when we know people well we know their faults as well as their strengths. At times, we can be tempted to focus on the faults we see in others. Discuss what your family life would be like if you always focused on one another's faults. Observe that in today's Gospel, Jesus refuses to focus on the sin of the woman brought to him for judgment. Read aloud today's Gospel, John 8:2-11. Ask: What did the people who focused on the woman's sin want to do? (stone the woman) What does Jesus say to the people who accused the woman caught in adultery? (that the person with no sin should throw the first stone) Are any of us without sin? (No.) Observe that we can help each other to grow in God's love by refusing to focus on one another's faults and sins. In this way, we can help one another to see ourselves as God sees us: with understanding and compassion. Conclude in prayer together asking God to forgive our sins by praying the Act of Contrition.

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About Our Faith: How to Make A Pilgrimage This Lent Without Leaving Home

Fasting

Fasting is, of course, a central component of Lent. Fasting also plays a significant role in the traditional pilgrimage. But Lent also reminds us that nourishing our bodies is a good thing – fasting is only a sacrifice because food is an objective good. Cooking and baking are, in a way, a participation in the co-creative powers that God has endowed us with. In addition to penance, we can use Lent as a time to reflect on our intentionality toward food, consumption, and creativity.

Maximize the Treasury of Indulgences

The Church offers myriad indulgences to help souls avoid or shorten their time in Purgatory by atoning for sins while here on earth. Many indulgenced prayers are quick and simple, and can be appended to your daily rosary. Even making the sign of the cross can be an indulgence if undertaken under the proper conditions.

Don't forget the souls in Purgatory! They are unable to intercede for themselves, so they rely on the prayers of us, the living. Offering indulgences is the easiest way that we can alleviate their suffering and hasten their ascent into Heaven! Once there, these souls can intercede for us.

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

"Every war worsens everyone's situation. Therefore, I renew my appeal: Enough. Stop it. Silence the weapons. Move seriously toward peace!"

Pope Francis I @ Pontifex

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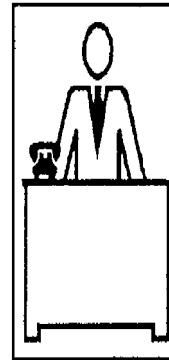
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