



Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God. John 6:68-69 (NAB)

St. Christopher Parish

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RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 3-3:30pm

BAPTISM:

First Sunday of the month at 12:30pm

Please see Pastor after Mass for a form.

Baptism preparation team:

Mrs. Sheila Slik & Mrs. Cynthia Barnaby

@ 7pm in the Religious Education Office

by appointment only.

MATRIMONY:

Please visit with the Pastor

twelve months in advance

before making plans for reception.

Cluster Schedule of Masses St. Christopher

Vigil Mass	Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday Mass	9:30am
Weekday Masses	9:00am
Holy Day Masses	9:00am & 5:30pm

Our Lady of the Rosary

Vigil Mass	Saturday 4:30pm
Sunday Masses	7:30 & 10:30am

Our Lady of Good Counsel

Vigil Mass	Saturday 4:30pm
Sunday Masses	8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am



Weekly Goal:	\$3,878
Last Week:	\$2,236
Shortfall:	<\$ 1,642>

Number of Envelopes:	111
Young Parishioner's Envelopes	\$.50
Loose Money:	\$328

This Week's Second Collection is the Fuel Offering

YTD Budget:	\$193,900
YTD Collections:	\$147,956
YTD Electronic Payments	\$ 5,880
YTD Shortfall:	<\$ 40,064>

*Thank you very much!
We count on your support.*

Calendar of Parish Events: August 23, 2009 to August 30, 2009

SUN Aug. 23	Coffee Shop Choir Rehearsal	after the 9:30am Mass after the 9:30am Mass	Church Hall Church
MON Aug. 24	Legion of Mary Meeting Cluster Meeting	9:30am 7pm	Church Sacristy Church Sacristy
TUE Aug. 25	Religious Ed. Office	Open 9:30am to 1:00pm	Church Hall
FRI Aug. 28	Bingo— Help always needed Call Leo at 508-853-9492	7:00pm	Church Hall
SAT Aug. 29	Confessions	3:00pm to 3:30pm	Church
SUN Aug. 30	Coffee Shop Choir Rehearsal	after the 9:30am Mass after the 9:30am Mass	Church Hall Church



Religious Education 2009—2010

Please register for Religious Education Classes as soon as possible. Registration forms can be found outside the Religious Education Office and when completed they may be returned to the letter box near the office door. Registration fees should be enclosed with the registration form.

Grades 1—9 \$50.00 Sacramental Programs First Eucharist and First Reconciliation \$65.00
Total, Confirmation - Grade 10 \$95 (This includes a Retreat in the spring.)

Thank you to all who have volunteered to teach and help in our Religious Education Program.

Confirmation Parent / Candidate meeting is on September 13, 2009 at 4:30 at Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Classes will begin September 20, 2009 for Grades 1 - 6 — 11:00am to 12:15pm,
Confirmation 4:30pm to 6:30pm

Mrs. Sheila Slik

Mass Intentions



*From Your
Pastor*



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, August 22

4pm **Rita and Maurice Brosnihan**

Requested by their Family

SUNDAY, August 23

9:30am **Helen Wood (1st Anniversary)**

Requested by her Family

MONDAY, August 24

9am **Our Parish Family**

TUESDAY, August 25

9am **George Butterfield**

Requested by his Wife

WEDNESDAY, August 26

No Mass

THURSDAY, August 27

9am **Mass**

FRIDAY, August 28

9am **Mass**

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, August 29

4pm **George White (27th Anniversary) &
Michael White (46th Anniversary)**

Requested by their Family

SUNDAY, August 30

9:30am **William Burgess**

Requested by his Wife

This weekend our seminarian, Charles Omolo, will be concluding his pastoral assignment here at St. Christopher's. On September 1st he will report to St. John's Seminary in Brighton to begin his theological studies and formation for the Priesthood. Like our other seminarian, Lowe Dongor, who will be returning to St. Mary's Seminary & University in Baltimore, Maryland for his final year of theological studies, Charles will be returning here to St. Christopher's during breaks and vacations from the seminary. Speaking of seminarians, you might want to know that Leonardo Prada, who was with us two years ago, will be attending Blessed John XXIII National Seminary in Weston this fall. Jorge Amaya, the other seminarian from Colombia who was here for nine weeks this summer will continue his English studies for another year at Clark University while continuing to live at Holy Name House of Studies. We wish Charles, Lowe, Leonardo and Jorge well and pray that God will bless them as they begin this new school year in furthering their preparation for the Priesthood here in our diocese.

There is one other matter pertaining to our seminarian, Lowe. When he is ordained next year, June 26, 2010, he plans to have his mother and nephew here to attend the ordination. This is quite expensive in terms of arranging everything that is involved – passports, visas and air transportation. To help Lowe with these expenses, we will be organizing a fund raiser this fall. More information about this fundraiser will be forthcoming in the coming weeks.

As we are soon to be approaching the month of September, I remind you that we will be returning to our two-Mass schedule on Sunday mornings, beginning on Sunday, September 13th at 8:00 and 10:00 A.M.

Also on September 13th we will hold our third annual Parish Cookout. I hope that many of you will support it and purchase tickets to come and join your brother and sister parishioners at this outing. It promises to be a nice event for all – young and older!

Father Nicolls



ST CHRISTOPHER PARISH 2009 COOKOUT

Sunday, September 13th
11am to 3pm

Chicken Meal \$15.00
Hot Dog Meal \$3.00

See posters at church entrances for
details

TICKETS ON SALE AT ALL
MASSES THRU 9/6/09

NO TICKETS AFTER 9/6/09
SO GET YOURS EARLY

RAFFLE PRIZES AT COOKOUT DONATIONS NEEDED

Last year, thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we were able to raffle off some wonderful prizes. If you would like to donate a bottle of cheer, scratch tickets, gift certificates or cash, please drop them off with one of the ticket salespeople before or after Mass.

Thank you



COFFEE SHOP

Open after the 9:30am Mass

Please join us for coffee, juice,
doughnuts, bagels, etc.

This is a great chance to meet new
people or to spend some time
with old friends.

Fr. John Dear SJ

Fr. John Dear SJ, internationally known voice for peace and nonviolence, will be the guest speaker at St. Rose of Lima parish in Northborough, MA on Thursday, September 10 at 7:00 pm. His topic will be **“The Culture of Peace and Nonviolence”**. At the event we will also remember and honor all those lost on 9-11.

There is no charge but we will be happy to accept donations of non-perishable items for local food pantries.

As a follow-up to this engagement we will have a **Mass for World Peace on Monday, September 21 at 7:00 pm**. This Mass is in conjunction with the World Day of Peace activities sponsored by the United Nations.

Both events are open to all. Please mark your calendar and invite a friend. For more information call the parish office at 598-393-2413.



St. Christopher's Prayer Line

If you have a request for prayers, or know of someone who might, please call and leave a message for me.

All we need is the person's first name and the nature of the request (example: Annie - for successful operation). I will contact those on the Prayer Line to add the intention to their list.

If you want to join our Prayer Line, please call me. Thank you.

Janet Stank 508-852-8117

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus is an International Catholic Fraternal Order founded in 1882 to spread the message of Christ and offer fellowship among Catholic men. It is the largest lay organization in the church with over 1.7 million members in over 13,000 councils worldwide. The knights are dedicated to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism and are champions of the unborn and the less fortunate. Membership in the Knights is open to all Catholic men age 18 and older. Parishioners from all local churches are welcome. K of C members meet once a month for about an hour. Various programs to support our priests and church communities are developed throughout the year. Please contact Joe Duggan, past Grand Knight, St. Joan of Arc, Council 12742 at 508-856 7129 for more information.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who helped out during our Vacation Bible School.

A great time was had by all!



THE LEGION OF MARY



performs spiritual & corporal works of mercy, including visits to assisted living centers and nursing homes. The men visit the local jail.

The Mirror of Justice Praesidium of the Legion

meets at 9:30 am on Mondays in the church sacristy for prayer and to give a report of their current ministry duties. You are invited to attend, and to learn more about their good works. For more information call:

Peggy Testarmata

508-835-4857

Mass Offerings

Mass offerings for Masses already scheduled may be placed in the collection basket. Please enclose your offering in an envelope and indicate for whom the Mass is offered.

Please include your name and write:
"Attention: Therese Murphy"
on the envelope.

Thank you!

Stewardship Thought for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” (Joshua 24;15) When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a partner in the work of the Lord. A partner is a person who invests time, talent and treasure. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something!

Remember Your Parish in the Summer

Now that summer is in full swing families are taking much-deserved vacations. On any given weekend during the summer 25% or more of our families may be away.

Please remember that we are still open and functioning every day all summer long. When you enjoy time away, please remember to include your offerings for that week.

Enjoy the summer!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

MARRIED COUPLES: Getting ready for school means lots of time spent on your children. After school begins, give yourselves some couple-time on a World wide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are:

September 11-13

September 18-20

September 25-27

October 23-25

For more information call
Ralph and Jane Becker at
1-800-710-WWME
or visit our webpage at
www.wwmeMA.org



HOME VISITS

We have Communion Ministers who visit parishioners who are unable to attend church.

Please let us know if someone you know is homebound or recovering from illness and would like to receive the Eucharist.

Please call:

Mary Sullivan at 508-853-5787

or

Elaine Laukaitis at 508-853-2172