St. Christopher Catholic Church

Very Rev. Aidan Hynes, V.F., Pastor
12001 SE Federal Hwy, Hobe Sound, FL 33455

Office Hours: Monday thru Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Confessions on Friday, following the 9:00am Mass or by appointment

Saturday Vigil Masses: 3:30pm and 5:00pm  Sunday Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am, and 10:30am

Another Exorcist

“Whoever is not against us is for us.”
Mark 9:40

September 30, 2018
Altar Flowers

Parishioners and visitors often remark on the arrangements adorning our sanctuary. They are always fresh cut flowers, replaced weekly. You can help with cost involved by using the floral arrangements to honor the living or memorialize the dead. An acknowledgment of those being honored or memorialized and also the name of those arranging it will be placed in the bulletin each week.

Sanctuary Candles

A similar arrangement can be made for the sanctuary candles. Please contact the parish office at 772-546-5150 for details.

Saturday, September 29, 2018
3:30 PM † Julie McNeill / † Joyce Schoening / † Betty Kelly
5:00 PM † Robert and Vivian Rogers / † James Deitz / † Kenneth Doyle / † Dino Giconi

Sunday, September 30, 2018
7:30 AM † Bill Quinlan / Intention of Mariner Sands Prayer Group / People of St. Christopher
9:00 AM † Roberta Varckette / † Lois Morahan / † Barbara Heeran / Intention of Melvin Patmore
10:30 AM † Ralph Ianuzzi / † Patricia Ann Houlihan / † Robert and Kathryn Dimmitt / † Thelma Couture

Monday, October 1, 2018
9:00 AM † Virginia Tierney / Intention of Eileen O'Sullivan Quille / Intention of The Hynes Family / † Intention of 62nd Anniversary

Tuesday, October 2, 2018
9:00 AM † James Feerick / † Marie Rose Hochreiter / Intention of Daniel Drew and Liam / Intention of Marietta and Richard Tierney

Wednesday, October 3, 2018
9:00 AM † Francis Queally / † Anthony Fiorito / † Don Sooy / † Catherine Ingellis

Thursday, October 4, 2018
9:00 AM † Luu and Thai Family / † Ann and Carmelo Micali / † Phil Cordaro / † Raymond Miller

Friday, October 5, 2018
9:00 AM † Mary Boyce / † Wynne Serra / † Richard Miller / † Helen Patricia Ritter

Saturday, October 6, 2018
3:30 PM † Mary E. Dunn / † Jack, Miles and Alice McDonald / † Anne K. Phillips / † Joseph Daltner
5:00 PM † Loretta and Frank J. Burgert / † Richard Barry / † Jeane Miller / Special Intention

Sunday, October 7, 2018
7:30 AM † Ralph Scheidt / † The Preisser and Grimm Families / People of St. Christopher
9:00 AM † The Charles and Sophie Lomangino Family / † Edward Luczkowski / † Sandra Heyer / † Tom Alves
10:30 AM † Walter Prior / † Robert Keller / † Matthew Prior / † Nancy Kelson / † Rose Cavallo / † Ann Moracco
**First Reading**, *Numbers 11:25-29*

The Lord bestows his spirit on the seventy elders.

**Responsorial Psalm**, *Psalm 19:8,10,12-13,14*

The Law of the Lord brings joy.

**Second Reading**, *James 5:1-6*

James chastises the rich.

**Gospel Reading**, *Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48*

Jesus teaches that whoever is not against him is for him.

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**Background on the Gospel Reading**

Today we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Recall that last week we heard Jesus chastise his disciples for their argument about who among them was the greatest. Jesus taught them that the greatest among them will be those who serve the least ones. In today’s Gospel, the disciple John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus’ name. John’s question might have been motivated by jealousy. Previously in Mark's Gospel, Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples had been unable to heal. John’s question is further evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus’ words to them. They continue to compare themselves to others who seem to have greater healing powers, and they do not want to share the power of Jesus’ name with others.

Today the demon possession described in the Gospels might be seen as a form of mental illness, but the need for healing these syndromes was as real then as it is now. Exorcism was a common practice in first-century Palestine. Some people had the power to heal the symptoms of possession. One of the strategies used was to invoke the name of a person or figure who was believed to have the power to heal.

The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus’ name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognized the power of Jesus’ name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus’ healing powers with others.

Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. The Greek word used here for sin also connotes “stumbling” or “causing scandal.” In vivid terms Jesus teaches his disciples the consequences to those who would put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith.

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**Please remember St. Christopher Parish in your will.**
Dollars and Sense

“Give to the Most High as He has given to you, generously, according to your means.” ~ Sirach 35: 7 - 9

**Offertory, September 22 / 23, 2018** .......................... $10,375.60
Last year ...................................................................................................................... $12,283.00.

**Mission Co-Op, (Dominican Province of Nigeria) September 22 / 23, 2018** ............... $6,580.00
Last year ......................................................................................................................... No comparison.

**This Week’s Second Collection, September 30, 2018**  The second collection will be the customary end of month collection for St. Vincent de Paul.

**Next Week’s Second Collection, October 7, 2018**  The second collection will be the customary start of month collection for Major Maintenance.

Prayer to Avert Hurricanes

The Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito, Bishop of Palm Beach, is asking all parishes and schools in the diocese to join him in a united prayer effort in thanksgiving for helping us through the past hurricane season, and for our protection from devastating storms in the 2018 Hurricane Season. Below is a Prayer to Avert Storms that you and your families can use throughout the hurricane season. Thank you for your support of our prayer effort to ask God to keep us safe from hurricanes this season.

God our Father, Creator of the Universe and Lord over all creation, we humbly stand before you as your children in thanksgiving for your loving care and protection. We ask that you keep us safe from all hurricanes which may threaten us in the coming seasons. Protect us from all fear and anxiety of storms and give us an ardent trust and hope in Your love and mercy. You alone have the power to command the sea, the wind and the rain. You alone bring peace, calm, and safety. Father, we thank you in advance, for you are our only Refuge. We ask this through Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen. Mary, Queen of the Apostles, and Patroness of our Diocese, pray for us.

Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament

The Knights of Columbus are hosting the “25th Annual Father Manning Memorial Charity Golf Outing”, on Saturday November 10th at Heritage Ridge Golf Club. Mark your calendars, and watch for more details in the weeks ahead.

$85.00 per golfer single entry or $320.00 per foursome.

*Entry fee includes: Greens Fees, Cart, Continental Breakfast, Awards, and a Deluxe Hot Luncheon Buffet.*

Please see the entry forms and sponsor forms for complete information. Forms can be found on the tables by the church doors.

**Again this year is a Ladies Division... so come on out Lady Golfers!!!**

Golfers and Sponsors still needed to make this, our most important fundraiser of the year, a success. If you aren’t able to play, but still want to help... please consider becoming a sponsor or a patron. For additional information on becoming a sponsor, a patron, or to register, Please contact Pete Brennan at 772-529-9127.
THE FIRST OBLIGATION OF THE CHURCH WITH REGARD TO VICTIMS IS FOR HEALING AND RECONCILIATION. DIOCESES THROUGHOUT AMERICA CONTINUE TO REACH OUT TO EVERY PERSON WHO HAS BEEN A VICTIM OF SEXUAL ABUSE AS A MINOR BY ANYONE IN CHURCH SERVICE, WHETHER THAT ABUSE IS RECENT OR OCCURRED IN THE PAST. IF YOU SUFFERED ABUSE, IT WAS NOT YOUR FAULT. IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF SEXUAL ABUSE BY A PRIEST, DEACON, OR INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, THERE ARE SEVERAL THINGS YOU CAN DO:

- Contact the appropriate law enforcement agency, which can help determine options for making a criminal complaint.
- Contact a local child protection agency, a private attorney, a support group, an abuse hotline, or a mental health professional.
- Contact the Diocese of Palm Beach Victim Assistance Coordinator, who is an individual designated by the Bishop to be responsible for initial pastoral response and subsequent pastoral care in the name of the Diocese to victims of sexual abuse by church personnel. In the Diocese of Palm Beach, contact Lorraine Sabatella at 561-801-0999.

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Respect Life Sunday 2018

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord:

Every year, the month of October is used to inaugurate the Respect Life Program of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and is designated as Respect Life Month. Since we are already in the fall season, October reminds us of the seasons of nature which reflect the seasons of life. We are graced with life from the moment of conception in our mother's womb and our lives experience changes and growth until our passing from this world. Life is a gift from God and it is sacred at every moment and stage of its existence.

The theme for this year’s Respect Life Program is Every Life – Cherish, Chosen, Sent. The theme speaks to us of the inherent dignity and value of every person no matter his or her background, race, sex, abilities, disabilities, merits or failures. Pope Francis has reminded us this year of the fundamental right to life of every person at every stage by his reiterating the teaching of St. John Paul II and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI that the death penalty is no longer an admissible alternative to the protection of life in modern society. Every life is a reflection of a participation in the very life of the Creator.

We encounter so many signs of a lack of respect for life in our world today from the taking of innocent life through abortion to attempts at terminating the lives of the elderly, sick and infirm under the guise of the enhancement of life. As men and women of faith in God, we recognize the right to life of every human being made in His image and likeness and recommit ourselves to cherishing and protecting that life at every stage.

In a particular way, we also recommit ourselves to do all that we can to prohibit legalized abortion within society and to provide loving alternatives to it which respect both the life of the child and its mother. The legalization of abortion in our nation has put us on a slippery slope which cedes respect for life at every stage. As Pope Francis so poignantly stated this year in his Apostolic Exhortation on holiness, Gaudete et Exsultate, "Our defense of the innocent unborn ... needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development."

Let us, during this Respect Life Month of October and in the coming months, continue our efforts to respect life as we realize that every life is cherished, chosen and sent. I am deeply edified by and grateful for all that you do and for all of your prayers in the most important matter of encouraging respect for life.

With every prayerful wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito, Bishop of Palm Beach
Religious Education

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September 30 ···· Classes ···· First Communion Family Meeting
October 7 ······ Classes
October 14 ····· Classes ···· Safe Environments Sessions

Only 6 families attended the Confirmation Meeting.
Parents will have to come before or after classes to pick up the information needed for Confirmation.
Thank you to the families who came to the session. Thank you for your support.

First Communion Families will meet this week in the First Communion Classroom.
The meeting will take place right after our Gathering Prayer.

Any student who is disrespectful to catechists or fellow students will be sent to the Office.
A parent will have to sit in during the next class in order for the student to return to class.

This Week’s 5 Questions:
1. Where did Pilate order the soldiers to place a large rock?
2. Who was Isaac’s wife?
3. Name the son of Zacharias and Elizabeth.
4. What was the job or trade of St. Paul?
5. How many brothers did Adam have?

Last Week’s 5 Questions:
1. Where do we find the story about the dreams of Jacob’s son Joseph?  
   Genesis (Genesis 37:5-10)
2. Where was Paul when he was shipwrecked in Acts 27?  
   The Adriatic Sea (Acts 27:27)
3. Where did Mary, Martha and Lazarus live?  
   Bethany (John 11:1)
4. Who were the sons of Zebedee?  
   James and John (Matthew 4:21-22)
5. Who was Seth’s mother?  
   Eve (Genesis 4)