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Office Hours:

Monday through Wednesday
8:30am to 12:00noon

4th Sunday of Easter ~ April 21, 2024 ~

Schedules and Sacraments

~ Weekend Masses ~

Saturday Evening

4:00pm at Saint Theresa

Sunday Morning

8:00am at Saint Theresa

9:30am at Saint Christopher

11:00am at Saint Theresa

~ Weekday Mornings ~

Monday through Wednesday

8:00am at Saint Theresa

Thursday

8:00am at St. Christopher

Holy Day Masses & Holy Hour

As Announced

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday afternoons 3:00pm at Saint Theresa
or by Appointment. Please call the Parish Office

Sacrament of Baptism

By Appointment ~ Please call the Parish Office

First Friday

Mass at Brookdale First Friday of every month at 9:30am

Home visits on First Friday. BY REQUEST ONLY.



Welcome to our Parishes! St. Theresa & St. Christopher Parishes welcome you to join our parish and become an active member. Please call or visit the Parish Office located at 265 Stafford Rd. (401) 624-8746 or visit our website www.sstandctiverton.org where you can print the parish registration form to register you and your family as members of our Parish. Drop off your completed form at the Parish Office, collection basket at church or by mail. If you would like more information, or if you have questions, please do not hesitate to call us. Office hours are Monday-Wednesday 8:30am-12:00noon.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 20th ~ Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter
 4:00pm **For the Parishes**

Sunday, April 21st ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter
 8:00am + **Gerard J. Crepeau ~ Birthday Remembrance**
 (by Robert & Susan Crepeau)
 9:30am + **Nancy Hakeem**
 (by Louis Hakeem)
 11:00am + **Scott J. McManus**
 (by Phyllis & Ken Duarte)

Monday, April 22nd ~ Easter Weekday
 8:00am + **Marcelino Melo ~ Birthday Remembrance**
 (by Rose Mello Sousa)

Tuesday, April 23rd ~ Easter Weekday; St. George, Martyr;
 St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr
 8:00am **Peter & Jennifer Turcotte ~ Special Intention**

Wednesday, April 24th ~ Easter Weekday; St. Fidelis of
 Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr
 8:00am **Intention of the Celebrant**

Thursday, April 25th ~ St. Mark, Evangelist
 8:00am + **Lorene Stegman**
 (by Women's Guild)

Saturday, April 27th ~ Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter
 4:00pm + **Manuel Ventura**
 (by Wife & Family)

Sunday, April 28th ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter
 8:00am **For the Parishes**
 9:30am + **Patricia Connelly**
 (by Joan Hopf, a NH Friend)
 11:00am + **Misturado & Martins Families**
 (by Alan & Paulianne Teixeira & Family)



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H. Desrochers	Owen Michael Sullivan	Nicole C.
Sarah Downey	C & D Michaud	Lucie V.
Patricia Sullivan		

Please remember in your prayers, all those listed here and whose names are in the prayer box in St. Christopher sanctuary, all the sick of our parishes, and those at home in the hospitals, and nursing facilities.

Call the parish office if you know anyone in need of prayers and you would like to remember them in the bulletin. Their name will remain for one month of prayers.



DAILY READINGS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18
Monday Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday Acts 12:24—13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20
Friday Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12

Peter explains to the elders that his healing of a cripple was done in the name of Jesus Christ. He reminds the elders that they crucified Jesus, but God rose him up so that all people could be saved in his name.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

John expresses amazement at the fact that God allowed us to be called his children. Although we are unsure exactly what we will be after this life, we do know that we will see God as he is and be like him.

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Jesus speaks of a shepherd working only for pay, with no real concern for the sheep being well cared for. But Jesus is our shepherd and would lay down his own life for all those in his flock. God loves him for his willingness to sacrifice himself for the sake of all God's children.



PRAY FOR PRIESTS

Each week we will post a small list of some of the priests in our Diocese. Each week the list will consist of a different group of names. Together, let us pray for our priests. The lists will include both active and retired priests.

Rev. Christopher Murphy	Rev. Michael J. Najim
Rev. Richard A. Narciso	Rev. Louis T. Natalizia
Rev. Edward T. Nedder	Rev. Paul Hiep V. Nguyen

Prayer for Priests - St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

O Jesus, Eternal Priest, keep your priests within the shelter of your Most Sacred Heart, where none can touch them. Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch your Sacred Body. Keep unsoiled their lips, daily tinged with your Precious Blood. Keep pure and unworldly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood. Let Your Holy Love surround and protect them from the world's contagion. Bless their labors with abundant fruit, and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here, and their everlasting crown in the hereafter. Amen.

Resurrected Christ Statue



This Easter we purchased the Resurrected Christ statue for both St. Theresa and St. Christopher Churches as the center of our Easter celebration. A symbol of our victorious Lord Jesus shown in a tunic of white, holding the banner of the Cross, symbolic of His triumph over death. The structure of this item is entirely hand made in Italy; the face, the clothes and the hair are perfectly sculpted in every detail. The

statue is a mixture of reconstituted Carrara marble dust and resin making it very high quality and very resilient. It is our intent to display this tribute to our Lord every Easter season for years to come. If you are interested in memorializing this beautiful statue, please see Fr. Dufour for details.

Upcoming Parish Events

First Communion

Saturday, May 4th - 10:00am - St. Theresa Church

Confirmation

Sunday, May 19th - 11:00am - St. Theresa Church

Divine Mercy Pilgrimage Bus Trip

Saturday, May 18th - *subject to change*

St. Christopher Church Yard Sale

Saturday, June 1st and Sunday, June 2nd



St. Theresa-St. Christopher Parishes Annual Pilgrimage to The National Shrine of the Divine Mercy Eden Hill, Stockbridge, MA

Saturday, May 18, 2024

Come join us for our Annual Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy. Walk the grounds, visit the Grotto, pray at the life-size Stations, gather for confessions, Adoration, Rosary, Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and Benediction.

For more information and to RSVP please text or call Doreen at 401-450-5222 or email to DrD@soulstruehealing.com with your name, email, telephone number and number of participants.



ST. CHRISTOPHER CHURCH YARD SALE!

We are proud to announce St. Christopher Church will be hosting a long awaited yard sale Saturday, June 1st and Sunday, June 2nd.

Drop-off dates will be:

Please see flyer for items accepted.

Saturday, May 4 ~ 9:00am - 12:00noon

Sunday, May 5 ~ 10:30am - 12:30pm

Thursday, May 9 ~ 9:00am to 12:00noon

Friday, May 10 ~ 4:00 - 7:00pm

Thursday May 16 ~ 4:00 - 6:00pm

Sunday, May 19 ~ 10:30am - 12:30pm

Friday, May 24 ~ 3:00 - 6:00pm

Saturday, May 25 ~ 9:00am - 12:00noon

Sunday, May 26 ~ 10:30am - 12:30pm

If interested in being a part of this fun event, please contact the office at (401) 624-8746.

PRAY FOR SEMINARIANS



DAVID
DEL BONIS

Oh God, hear our prayer for the men you have chosen to follow in your Son's footsteps. Teach them humility and fidelity to unselfishly help others. May their devotion to Our Blessed Mother, Queen of Vocations increase, enabling them to do your will. Strengthen their prayer life that they may grow spiritually without worldly distractions. Give them courage and perseverance in their studies. May the Holy Spirit lighten their struggles with their vocations, until they know the joy of being a priest. We ask this through Christ your Son. Amen.



A very generous donation has been given to St. Christopher Parish in memory of the Nunes, Pallas & Guertin Families.

ROSE SALE: MOTHER OF LIFE CENTER

Long-stem red roses will be available after all Masses on **Saturday & Sunday, May 11th & 12th** in honor of Mother's Day. All proceeds from the sale will benefit Catholic, pro-life Mother of Life Pregnancy Center in Providence (motheroflife.org).



The Center provides free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, counseling, parenting classes, material goods for babies & moms, and much more. The suggested donation is \$3 per rose. Contributions in addition to or in lieu of rose purchases will be gratefully accepted. Thank you for your generous support!



ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

Please join us for our next adult choir rehearsal on Wednesday, April 24th at 6:00pm at St. Theresa Church unless otherwise noted.

New members are always welcome.



PARISH FINANCES

Collection Report for April 13 – April 14, 2024

St. Theresa:

April 13 – April 14

Budget Envelopes:	140	\$ 3,634.63
EFT:	9	\$ 465.00
Total:		\$ 4,099.63
Weekly Budgeted Expectations:		\$ 5,364.00

St. Christopher:

April 13 – April 14

Budget Envelopes:	76	\$ 2,112.00
EFT:	5	\$ 220.00
Loose Collection:		\$ 221.00
Total:		\$ 2,553.00
Weekly Budgeted Expectations:		\$ 2,596.00

Thank You for your continued support of your parish.

**Mondays are for Mary!
May Marian Devotions**

The months of May and October are special months in which we honor in a particular way our Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. As a way for our faith community to commemorate these months, beginning May 6th we will offer Marian devotions on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm at St. Theresa Church. The event will take place outside at the statue of Mary, weather permitting. In the case of rain, it will be inside the Church. This will be based on the Living Rosary at St. Christopher. Please join us!



**Note: There will be no devotion on Memorial Day, May 27th.*

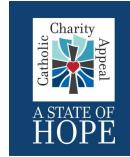
Mary, Mother of Priests Apostolate (MMOP)

Mary, Mother of Priests Apostolate is a women's prayer apostolate, united with our Blessed Mother, offering prayers for priests, seminarians and vocations. We meet one Saturday morning a month during the academic year at Our Lady of Providence Seminary for Mass at 9am followed by Adoration/Rosary and fellowship.

May 4th

All women are welcome to join us! If interested, or for more information, contact mimibattey@gmail.com

CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL 2024 UPDATE



The Diocese of Providence launched the 2024 Catholic Charity Appeal. Bishop Richard Henning launched the 2024 Catholic Charity Appeal campaign introducing the theme chosen for this year's campaign: "A State of Hope."

Donations to the Appeal provide the principal means of support to numerous diocesan ministries, including those which aid families with food, heating, and clothing; provide care for seniors at the St. Martin de Porres Multiservice Center; shelter for the homeless at Emmanuel House; assistance for expectant mothers with diapers and formula; and pastoral care of the sick.

The Diocese of Providence overall 2024 goal is \$7 million. Each parish in the Diocese of Providence is assigned a parish goal to help raise funds for the overall Diocese goal.

Our parishes goals are:

St. Theresa \$35,150.00 and St. Christopher \$22,800.00

Our current totals are:

St. Theresa \$13,781.00 and St. Christopher \$9,544.00

For information on the Catholic Charity Appeal, please visit www.dioceseofprovidence.org/CCA



Knights of Columbus

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP



Scholarship Applications Available - There are five Knights of Columbus Scholarship Applications available for the 2024-2025 College School Year - This is for all members of St. Theresa & St. Christopher Parishes and Fr. Joseph Boehr Council members children and grandchildren. Those who should apply are seniors in high school planning to attend college, current college students and Seminarians. This scholarship is for academics and school-based financial needs. Please completely fill out an application and send to the parish office before **May 1, 2024** so it can be reviewed by the K of C Scholarship Committee by the application deadline on May 15th.

Applications can be found in the sacristy of both churches. Please see Fr. Dufour or Deacon Tim.

Thank-You



A bequest is a wonderful way to express gratitude for a lifetime of blessings! The gift you give establishes a lasting legacy of love for others by helping the Church to continue its Catholic heritage through its many ministries.

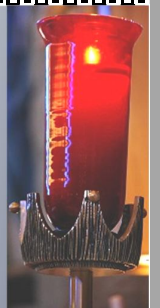
Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Light in Saint Christopher Church burns to the Honor and Glory of God this week for the intentions of all St. Christopher Families



Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Light in Saint Theresa Church burns to the Honor and Glory of God this week for the repose of the soul of Marcelino Melo



PARISH NEWS



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

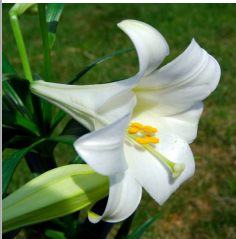
The Fourth Sunday of Easter is always named “Good Shepherd Sunday,” taken from the Gospel from this weekend in which our Lord Jesus refers to Himself as the Good Shepherd: *I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11)*. In the days of the early Church, the image of the Good Shepherd was one of the first artistic representations of the Lord Jesus, such as the one which can be seen in the Catacombs of Priscilla in Rome, which dates to the 3rd century. This Sunday is a special opportunity to pray for those who are called to be shepherds after the Heart of the Good Shepherd, our bishops and priests, as well as praying for vocations to the priesthood.

To this end, the Office of Vocations for our Diocese has asked each parish to establish an “Invisible Monastery”, which is described as, “a parish-based group of any size dedicated to praying daily for vocations in the Diocese of Providence.” Participants in this group are asked to pray two prayers for vocations daily: The Litany for Vocations and the Diocesan Prayer for Vocations. The only requirement for this group is that one prays the above prayers daily; this can be done individually. There are no group sessions or meetings. This is a vital and important ministry in our Diocese that I am happy to implement in our community. If you would like to become a part of the “Invisible Monastery” in our parishes, please see me after Mass.

The Lord Jesus as the Good Shepherd is often depicted with a sheep on His shoulders, carrying the sheep back to the sheepfold. Our Lord does this for each of us in a profound way in the Sacrament of Confession. With this in mind, I am happy to announce that beginning **Wednesday, May 1st**, we will offer confessions **every Wednesday evening at St. Christopher from 5:00 PM to 5:45 PM**. This is to help accommodate those who find it difficult to come on Saturday afternoons at St. Theresa. We will, of course, continue to offer confessions at St. Theresa on Saturdays from 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM.

St. Christopher and St. Theresa, pray for us!

In Christ,
Fr. Dufour



Fourth Sunday of Easter Prayer

Jesus our Good Shepherd, I thank You profoundly for loving me to the point of sacrificing Your life on the Cross. You love me not only with the utmost tenderness and compassion but also in a sacrificial and selfless way. As I receive Your divine love, dear Lord, help me to also imitate Your love and to sacrifice my life for others. Jesus, my Good Shepherd, I trust in You.

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LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 20th, 2024

4:00pm St. Theresa
Lector: Brandon Moss
EM: William & Sarah Bigelow (Barbara Hayes)
Altar Server: Mackenzie Hatzberger, Cameron Vincent

Sunday, April 21st, 2024

8:00am St. Theresa
Lector: Christine Costa
EM: Jackie Ott, Lynda Figueiredo (Bob Busenbark)
Altar Server: Ariel & Kasey Amorin

9:30am St. Christopher
Lector: Louis Hakeem
EM: Jim Hines
Altar Server: Gavie Swain, Harrison Kolodzi, Lilah Katz

11:00am St. Theresa
Lector: Karen Lucas
EM: Andrew Tavares, Melanie St. Denis (Anne Klegraefe)
Altar Server: Miranda DeCotis, Charlotte Wicks

Saturday, April 27th, 2024

4:00pm St. Theresa
Lector: Michele Reynolds
EM: Dottie Eckersley, Mark Bessette (Julie Bessette)
Altar Server: Mackenzie Hatzberger, Cameron Vincent

Sunday, April 28th, 2024

8:00am St. Theresa
Lector: Tom Wesling
EM: Margaret & Paul Wesling (Peter Moniz)
Altar Server: Gianna Wesling

9:30am St. Christopher
Lector: Justin Katz
EM: Kim Katz
Altar Server: Lucas Wilson, Brennen & Carter Vane

11:00am St. Theresa
Lector: Robin Jones
EM: Greg & Lisa Smaldone (Andrew Tavares)
Altar Server: Miranda DeCotis, Charlotte Wicks

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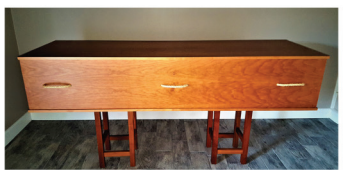
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