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Sunday, May 26, 2019

6th Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel Jesus says to His disciples: "**Peace I leave with you: my peace I give to you.**" The word Jesus uses for peace is *shalom*. In the Bible shalom means much more than the simple absence of conflict. Shalom has a full, positive meaning of well-being, rest, peace of heart. Jesus is saying the peace of heart that we all seek can only be realized in Him. Dante Aligheri, in his famous work "Divine Comedy," captured well this truth when he wrote: "In his (God's) will is our peace." What is often opposed to this peace is anxiety, fear, worry etc. So Jesus also says: "**Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.**" The remedy Jesus offers to disturbances in our lives is trust in Him. In the face of enemies of the peace of heart that Jesus wants for us He exhorts us to trust in His goodness and grace. So this is what we wish each other during Mass at the Sign of Peace, i.e., well-being, health, good relationships with God and others and the grace of a trusting faith in the face of whatever disturbances there may be in our lives or in our world because of Jesus' gift of peace.

ASCENSION THURSDAY - Thursday, May 30, is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a holyday of obligation. Masses in honor of this feast day will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 29, at 7:00 p.m. (a bilingual Mass) and on Thursday, May 30, at 12:05 p.m.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS – The Mass on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, will be at 12:05PM.

ORDINARY MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday - 4:00 PM,

Sunday - 10:00 AM (Spanish) 12:00 (English)

Monday thru Friday - 12:05PM

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, May 25, 4:00 PM – For the University Parish of St. Christopher

Sunday, May 26, 10:00 AM - For the health of Alberto Elmufoli

Monday, May 27, 12:05 PM – For Fr. Paul Helfrich on the 19th anniversary of ordination, requested by the parishioners

Tuesday, May 28, 12:05 PM - For the repose of Edward McDonald, requested by Brian McDonald

Saturday, June 1, 4:00 PM – For the University Parish of St. Christopher

CONFESSIONS – Saturday 3:15-3:45, ordinarily after the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass, and by request.

CONFIRMATION – A Mass, with the conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation for members of our parish, will be celebrated on **Friday, June 7, at 7pm**. Everyone is welcome to attend.

FIRST COMMUNION – Congratulations to: **Brayan Jose Esteban, Tyana Garcia, Edwin Ortiz, Brayan Esteban Ramirez, Leidy Ramirez, Marisol Roach, Niomi Roach, Bryanna Rodriguez and Miliani Rodriguez** who received their **First Communion** on May 11. We also thank their parents as the first teachers in the Faith of their children. Special thanks to **Ms. Zobeida Diaz, Sr. Maria Saenz Pilar and Mr. Jose Villalta** for all that they did to prepare the first communicants and for making all the arrangements for the First Communion Mass. Congratulations and Thank You!

SERVICE TRIP - Experience a Service Retreat for adults in one of the poorest regions of our country on the annual Adult Appalachian Service Trip to Eastern Kentucky on July 13-20, 2019. An informational meeting will take place on **Friday, May 31st at 7:00 pm** to Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 573 Washington Street, Newton, MA (McPherson Room), or call Fr. Ed Riley @ 617-746-5425.

BIENVENIDO PADRE TOM CARZON - Extendemos una cálida bienvenida al P. Tom Carzon, OVM. P. Tom profesó sus votos en 1992 como miembro de los Oblatos de la Virgen María. Fue ordenado sacerdote en 1996. Actualmente es el director del Seminario de Nuestra Señora de Gracia, que se encuentra en el Santuario Eucarístico de San Clemente en Boston. Desde principios de septiembre el p. Tom también ha estado ayudando con misas los miércoles y jueves aquí en San Cristóbal. Gracias p. Tom por estar con nosotros!

STAFF CHANGE – Brother Gary Davis, who has been serving on the parish staff since August 1, has been reassigned by his superior in the Brotherhood of Hope. He will be moving to the Brotherhood House in Minneapolis later this summer. His last day on staff at St. Christopher will be Sunday, June 16. More information about a farewell for Brother Gary will be forthcoming shortly.

BAPTISM PREPARATION – Jesus said: “Let the little children come to me.” The next scheduled date for the Baptism of children is **Saturday, June 22**. If you are interested in having a child baptized please contact Regla Soto, at 617-319-2719 to make the necessary arrangements.

MASSACHUSETTS BISHOPS STATEMENT – The Bishops of Massachusetts recently released a statement about legislation pending on Beacon Hill seeking to expand abortion in the Commonwealth. A copy of this statement, and a handout by the Massachusetts Catholic Conference with further information as well as recommendations for ways of making your voice heard on this issue, are available in the back of the church. For additional information check out www.macatholic.org or call 508-651-1900.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION – To view the listing of marriage preparation offerings offered by the Archdiocese visit www.bostoncatholic.org/TransformedInLove. Para información sobre la preparación matrimonial en Español, llame a Hna. Elsa Narvaez Rodriguez (617)746-5792.

RECEIVING COMMUNION – If one receives communion in the hand after receiving the consecrated host immediately **consume the host in the presence of the minister**. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

WORD AMONG US – **At the entrance of the Church are free issues (English & Español) of the Easter Word Among Us** a monthly publication that includes Mass readings, articles, daily reflections etc., They have been donated in support of St. Christopher as a University Parish. Feel free to take one!

CADA JUEVES: ROSARIO & GRUPO DE ORACIÓN CARISMÁTICO (ESPAÑOL): El Rosario a las 6:00 PM y el Grupo de Oración de 7:00 - 8:30 PM - Oraciones al Espíritu Santo, Perdón, Sanación peticiones y cantos de alabanzas. Si desea hacer el Rosario en su casa, comuníquese con Jose Villalta (617) 749-6144. Para obtener información sobre el grupo de oración carismático, llame a Mercedes Vasquez al 857-237-2991 o Regla Soto al 617-319-2719.

2019 CATHOLIC APPEAL – The 2019 Catholic Appeal Goal for St. Christopher is \$9,298. **To date \$4,562** has been contributed by parishioners. Thank you to all who have contributed. If you have not yet had the opportunity to donate there are envelopes in the back of the Church or you can visit bostoncatholicappeal.org. You can view the Appeal's 5-minute video at their website, or at the Parish website. Thank you!

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION – There are four parish email addresses. To contact Fr. Paul, please use **pastor@stchristopherchurch.org**. For Parish Office items please use **office@stchristopherchurch.org**. For Megan Haile, the administrative assistant, please use **admin@stchristopherchurch.org**. For UMass Boston Catholic Campus Ministry please use: **campusministry@stchristopherchurch.org**.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Thank you to those who use offertory envelopes and/or who give a weekly sacrificial offering. If for some reason you do not receive the envelopes or if you are new to the parish, please let us know. If you have moved, please provide us with your new address. If you are not here on a weekend, please return your donation by mail or on the following weekend. Your weekly offertory is critical to the parish.

OFFERTORY: \$710.25