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Sunday, May 5, 2019
Sunday of Easter

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In today's Gospel Jesus three times asks Peter if he loves Him. Peter responds yes each time and then Jesus summons him to feed His sheep. Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, the preacher to the Pontifical Household, reflects on the significance of this exchange. He writes: "Jesus' triple question is explained by his desire to give Peter the possibility of canceling out his triple denial of Jesus during his passion. Jesus remains faithful to the promise (He) made to Peter despite Peter's not having been faithful to his promise never to betray (Jesus) even at the cost of his life." Fr. Cantalamessa reflects that **the passage illustrates that God always gives us a second chance, and often a third, a fourth and infinite chances.** He does not remove people from His book at their first mistake." What the Lord asks us, as He did of St. Peter, is to repent from the sins we've committed, to reaffirm our love for Him and so take up again our relationship with Him and the mission He entrusts to us.

THANK YOU FROM FR. PAUL – Thank you, so very much, for all who have expressed sympathy on the passing of my father Frank. I, and my family, truly appreciate your kindness and we received much consolation from your cards, expressions of sympathy, support and assurance of prayers. Your expressions of sympathy and support made a sad situation so much more bearable. Thank you!

ORDINARY MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday - 4:00 PM,

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

Monday thru Friday - 12:05PM

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, May 4, 4:00 PM – For the repose of Thomas Nolan, 1st anniversary, requested by Mary Nolan

Sunday, May 5, 10:00 AM - For the repose of Julio Velez, requested by Ruth Baez

Sunday, May 5, 12:00 PM - For the University Parish of St. Christopher

Monday, May 6, 12:05 PM - For Laura Hamilton on her birthday, requested by Fran Zaleskas

Tuesday, May 7, 12:05 PM - For the repose of Josephine Davulis, 7th month anniversary, requested by her family.

Wednesday, May 8, 12:05 PM - For the repose of William A. Davulis, requested by his family.

Friday, May 10, 12:05 PM – For the repose of Paul Zukas, requested by Fran Zaleskas

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

BIENVENIDO PADRE ALBERT STANKARD: Damos la bienvenida de nuevo al p. Albert Stankard de la Arquidiócesis de Boston, quien es el celebrante de la misa en español esta semana. P. Albert fue ordenado para el servicio de la Arquidiócesis de Boston en 1959 y actualmente vive en Regina Cleri, la casa de la Arquidiócesis para sacerdotes jubilados. Gracias P. Albert por estar con nosotros!

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 is attached to the bulletin. This statement, and a previous statement issued by Cardinal Sean on this issue, are also available in the back of the church.

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.

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!

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 information 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.

SPECIAL EASTER COLLECTION – The Easter collection benefits our priests in good standing, especially our senior priests, (e.g. Fr. George) who have been helping others for decades, including people like Hector, a young man who was living in his car with little food to eat. Fr. Paul O'Brien encouraged Hector to follow his dream of attending college and was there to help him every step of the way. Hector's is a remarkable story of hope. **Learn more and see Hector's story at clergytrust.org.** If you have not yet given to this collection and would like to do so envelopes are available in the back of the Church or you can give online at clergytrust.org. Thank you for your generosity!

EASTER FLOWERS – Thank you to all who contributed to beautifying the Church with your donations for Easter flowers! Special thanks to Peter Cavallaro of Boston Wholesale Flowers for his generous donation of flowers. All the flowers enhance the Church and give glory to our Risen Lord!

CORI FORMS – All employees and volunteers (e.g. readers, Eucharistic minister, religious education teachers, ushers etc.,) who assist at the Parish need to submit a CORI form annually. If you have not yet done so, please contact Megan at admin@stchristopherchurch.org to make arrangements to complete this required form.

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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION – Jesus said: “Let the little children come to me.” The next scheduled date for the Baptism of children is **Saturday, May 25**. If you are interested in having a child baptized please contact Regla Soto, at 617-319-2719 to make the necessary arrangements.

2019 CATHOLIC APPEAL – The 2019 Catholic Appeal Goal for St. Christopher is \$9,298. **To date \$4,462** 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!

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.

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: \$824.85 (Clergy Health & Retirement Fund = \$140)