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Sunday, June 2, 2019

7th Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel Jesus prays to His Heavenly Father at the Last Supper for all His disciples: **"Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me."** Jesus prays for a profound unity among His followers. It is this desire of the Lord that has prompted the Catholic Church and many Christians denominations to commit themselves to seeking visible unity, what is called ecumenism. The Second Vatican Council called all Catholics to pursue this ecumenical effort: "The Sacred Council exhorts all the Catholic faithful to ... take an active and intelligent part in the work of ecumenism... Catholics, in their ecumenical work, must assuredly be concerned for their separated brethren, praying for them, keeping them informed about the Church, making the first approaches toward them. But **their primary duty is to make a careful and honest appraisal of whatever needs to be done or renewed in the Catholic household itself...** For although the Catholic Church has been endowed with all divinely revealed truth and with all means of grace, yet its members fail to live by them with all the fervor that they should, so that the radiance of the Church's image is less clear in the eyes of our separated brethren and of the world at large, and the growth of God's kingdom is delayed. **All Catholics must therefore aim at Christian perfection...**" The first and most important work of ecumenism is the pursuit of our holiness.

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.

ORDINARY MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday - 4:00 PM,

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

Monday thru Friday - 12:05PM

MASS INTENTIONS:

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

Sunday, June 2, 10:00 AM - For the repose of Carlos Compre, 2nd anniversary

Monday, June 3, 12:05 PM – For Maria Davulis on her birthday, requested by her family

Thursday, June 6, 12:05 PM – For the repose of Josephine Davulis, 8th month anniversary, requested by her family

Friday, June 7, 12:05 PM – For the repose of Philippe Tardif on his 5th memorial anniversary, requested by Louise Tardif

Saturday, June 8, 4:00 PM – For the repose of the souls of PFC Brian Kelly, USMC, PFC Robert Cunningham, USMC, PFC Ed Stone, USMC, and CPL Gary Guest, USMC, 50th anniversary, requested by American Legion Lt. Willis N. Penny Post 399

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

BIENVENIDO PADRE MICHAEL/MIGUEL: Una cálida bienvenida extendemos al p. Michael Sheehan, FPO, de los franciscanos de la observancia primitiva. P. Michael y sus compañeros franciscanos son una comunidad de sacerdotes y hermanos que luchan por vivir la regla original de San Francisco. Están ubicados aquí en la Arquidiócesis de Boston. Su Casa está ubicada en la parroquia de St. Patricio en Roxbury. Gracias p. Michael por estar con nosotros!

SECOND COLLECTION – This week’s Second Collection assists with the cost of the **maintenance and improvement of the grounds** surrounding the rectory and the Church. Your support is greatly appreciated.

SUMMER MASSES – While away on vacation, or otherwise traveling during the summer, check out masstimes.org for accessible and free information on the location of Masses, times celebrated, languages used, contact information etc., for over 117,000 churches in over 200 countries.

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. Call Father Ed Riley @ 617-746-5425 for more information.

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.

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!

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.

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.

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, Sanacion 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.

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.

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