



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate the sixth Sunday of Easter, we have become very much aware of the healing presence of Jesus Christ within our own families. The mandate for staying at home by the governor to ensure public safety during the still occurring pandemic afforded each one of us the opportunity to appreciate the gift of our health and its fragility. The domestic church residing within your own homes should have been purified by words and actions that were life-giving during this time. Our Lord Jesus Christ encouraged us to live in and with His love. We have been brought into a community of faith, a community that truly has received a new life, the opportunity to be like Jesus Christ.

As we listen to the Sacred Scriptures, we acknowledge that suffering does occur and certain aspects of it are worthy to endure. We know for certain that enduring trials and tribulations as did Jesus, we become alive in Him. Each one of us is called to experience the wonder of Jesus being the WORD for us.

Words are used by each one of us to communicate truths. Some people, however, communicate untruths; these lies confound the environment and confuse people from knowing truth itself.

Jesus Christ is both human and divine. He is the Word made flesh. He is the cause for our knowing the truth of God Himself.

Let us together take seriously the gift of words and how they are utilized and recognize the power in which they wield. What we say is how we define ourselves. What we say is what we believe. What we believe is what we know to be true. The truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ enables each one of us to know the power of our speech. The words we use ought to be life-giving, assuring others of the relationship they are called into with Christ.

“Writing, though useful, is but a poor substitute for the living voice, to which our Lord committed the preaching and teaching of the word of life” (John Hughes, Bishop of New York, 15 May 1848). The written word is static and bears no meaning unless engaged through reading and more powerfully by giving the written texts voice through articulation. The other issue is using our ears to truly “listen” not just to hear words, but to allow them to penetrate our being that will cause the mind and heart to process and actualize a response worthy of praise.

Let us be people of the Word who is Jesus the Christ, and let us make our response known through how we glorify God in our humanity by the charity we share with others.

Pax Christi,

Vy. Rev. John B. Gabage, V.F.



We would like to thank all of our parish catechists and Religious Ed. volunteers for the amazing work they have done this past school year. We are blessed to have each and every one of you! While our school year ended a bit sooner than anyone could have anticipated, your sharing of our Catholic faith with the young people of our parish is greatly appreciated! Thank you & God bless you!



We encourage all families to continue working with your children on learning their prayers, attending (online) Mass together each week from your domestic churches, and praying as a family. These are all irreplaceable examples to set for your children as they grow and learn about our Catholic faith.

Please check the parish website for the latest updates and information- including online Religious Education Registration for next year as well as activities that can be done from home during this time.

We look forward to seeing everyone whenever that may be and continue to keep you in our prayers during this time apart.



Dear St Christopher's Parishioners,

Thank you for all the prayers and encouragement you have given me as I continue in formation for the priesthood. At two years into formation, I am continuously amazed at the beauty of the spiritual and intellectual depth

of our Faith. In a world often hostile or dismissive towards religious believers, the sense of warmth and love in our parish community, flowing from Christ, has been a powerful testament to the truth of our Faith. I abandoned the Catholic Faith in my college years, only to discover the emptiness of the "ways of the world." Yet, when I finally found my way back home to the Catholic Church, the sacraments and love of the community at St Christopher's were there to reawaken the beauty and wonder of the gift of life God has given each one of us. So, thank you for being great witnesses of Christ's Love in the world and for all of the prayers that have undeniably strengthened me on my journey through formation. Please know of my sustained prayers for all of you and I look forward to one day humbly serving you as a priest in the Diocese of Wilmington. May Christ's Love continue to console and strengthen us, and may we always seek the intercession of our gentle Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. St Christopher, pray for us.

In Christ,

Mark Donohue

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	MAY 18 Father Salvador Vahi
TUESDAY	MAY 19 Pat McCormick & MaryBeth Dale+
WEDNESDAY	MAY 20 Father Dan Leary
THURSDAY	MAY 21 John Brown
FRIDAY	MAY 22 Vicki Isaac+
SATURDAY	MAY 23 June & Bill Harris+
SUNDAY	MAY 24 Parishioners of St. Christopher's

Wishing you all the Peace of Christ and good health, during this challenging time of the Pandemic.



PLEASE HELP: If you are looking for ways you can help, there are several food drives coming up to help stock Haven Ministries' Emergency Food Pantry. Last month we were able to provide food for over 1000 residents, and the need is growing!!

THE FOOD PANTRIES ARE OPEN the third Friday Monthly from 5:30-7pm - the next one is Friday, May 15th for Queen Anne County residents with photo ID's.

DRIVE - THRU FORMAT

Please help spread the word to those in need.

Emergency food available daily by calling: 410-739-436

****Please note: Haven Ministries is planning a POP-UP Food Pantry in early May. More information soon. ****

HOMELESS SHELTER UPDATE - Haven Ministries is continuing to provide shelter, case management, food, etc to 8 homeless people, and will continue through at least June. Our church is occasionally asked to provide a casserole meal to be dropped off. If you are interested in being on an "ON-CALL" list, please respond to this email. We will call if a need arises. There is no schedule.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" Phil 4: 6-7

We would like to thank
Parks Tire & Auto
for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin



Outreach

The OUTREACH Food Bank is open and needs your help.

As this virus and "no work" continues, those out of work will be asking for more food. Our plan is to provide one bag of food to each person asking for it. Our volun-

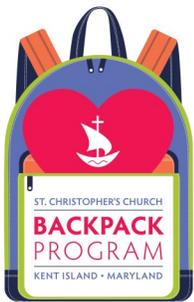
teers will be taking the food bags out to the cars of people who request food.

We will need soups with meat in them, canned chicken, canned tuna, canned fruit, canned vegetables, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti, canned beef Stew, canned chili with meat, those packages dry potatoes and rice, boxes of potatoes and rice. Just whatever you can provide will be good...

In addition, Our Backpack Program will be providing 30 bags of weekend food for backpack kids each week...so their need are also great.

Please consider placing your donation in the bin OUTSIDE of the Church Hall...or you can drop it off at the OUTREACH Door during the time it is open...MON/WED/FRI 0930-1200.

If you are concerned about coming to the Church Parking lot, then please contact OUTREACH (leave a message with address and your phone number) and we will arrange a time to pick up your food donation from your door-step. Phone 410-643-3366 .



Backpack Program

We have been receiving a good amount of donations but we're still providing 60 backpacks per week. That's over 600

items coming off our replenished shelves, so we need your continued support.

We are in need of tomato and vegetable soups, single serve bowls of Chef Boyardee, Spaghettios, or rice and chicken. Also single serve packs or kits of tuna salad.

As always, thank you!



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I hope we can focus on the heartwarming stories that are also emerging from this Pandemic. May we find many creative ways to

help each other, despite the restrictions we need to observe to ultimately save lives.

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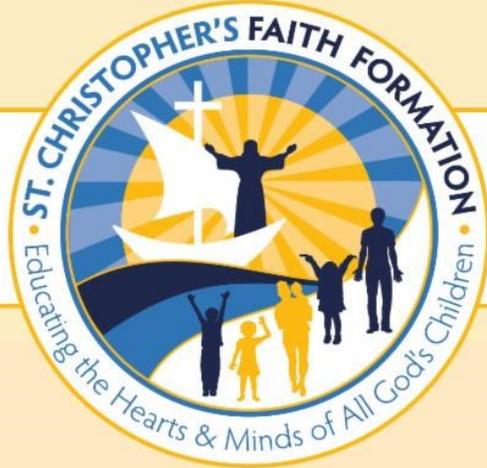
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Thank you for all your support!! May God bless you!

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2020-2021 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



REGISTRATION

Variety of class options for
Kindergarten through 8th Grade!

2020-2021 Online Registration now open until June 1st!

Religious Ed Registration classes are filled on a first come first served basis and space is limited. We have many offerings this year including :

- Weekly Classes (Sunday Morning or Wednesday Evening)
- Sacramental Prep
- Monthly Family Catechesis

For more information please see our parish website:

www.stchristopherski.org/religious-education