



*Parish church & school of*  
**SAINT CHRISTOPHER'S**

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**PRIEST IN RESIDENCE**

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Deacon Edward Giard  
 Deacon Thomas F. Breen III

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**MASSES**

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM  
 Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM  
 Monday – Friday: 7:30 AM  
 Holy Days: As announced in the preceding Sunday Bulletin

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Saturday afternoon: 3:15 – 4:00 PM  
 or Anytime by appointment

**ROSARY and MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA**

Wednesday: 7:00 PM - Chapel

**BAPTISMS / PRE-BAPTISM PROGRAM**

By app't. w/Deacon Edward Giard –  
 Call parish office at 860-568-5240

**MARRIAGES**

Please contact Parish Priest at least six months in advance at 860-568-5240

**SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

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Jean Nowik-Martocci – 860-568-8873

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

St. Christopher Council #4  
[www.kofc-ehartford4.org](http://www.kofc-ehartford4.org)

**PRIESTHOOD-OFFICE OF VOCATIONS**

860-761-7456 [vocationshartford.org](http://vocationshartford.org)

**CREDO CATHOLIC SINGLES**

[www.credocath.com](http://www.credocath.com)

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN** [www.nccw.org](http://www.nccw.org)



**The Baptism  
of  
the Lord  
January 13, 2013**

*“He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.”*

– Titus 3:5

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

Saturday, January 12 – 4:30 p.m.  
**Ray Sinclair** (*Jan Martin*)

Sunday, January 13 – 8:00 a.m.  
**Mary Lou Lysik**  
(*Matthew & Jodie Brodack*)

Sunday, January 13 – 10:30 a.m.  
**John St. Onge – 2nd Anniversary**  
(*Wife Simone & Family*)

Monday, January 14 – 7:30 a.m.  
**Edward Brown**  
(*Dave & Chickie Amberg*)

Tuesday, January 15 – 7:30 a.m.  
**Julienne “Ann” & Donald Sheldon**  
(*Family*)

Wednesday, January 16 – 7:30 a.m.  
**Stephen Blatchley**  
(*Dave & Chickie Amberg*)

Thursday, January 17 – 7:30 a.m.  
**Marguerite Nadeau**  
(*The Tardiff Family*)

Saturday, January 19 – 4:30 p.m.  
**John Tirinzonie** (*Friend Dottie*)

Sunday, January 20 – 8:00 a.m.  
**Margaret Gallo**  
**In Remembrance of Her Birthday**  
**Carmelo Gallo – 16th Anniversary**  
(*Family*)

Sunday, January 20 – 10:30 a.m.  
**Bonnie St. Onge** (*Family*)

**OUR TITHING PARISH**

Weekly Collection (January 6):	\$ 7,303
Same Sunday in 2012:	\$ 5,983
Epiphany Collection 2013:	\$ 1,608
Epiphany Collection 2012:	\$ 1,660
Solemnity of Mary Collection 2013:	\$ 1,554
Solemnity of Mary Collection 2012:	\$ 1,915
Weekly Collection (December 30):	\$ 3,773*
Same Sunday in 2011:	\$ 5,796
Christmas Collection 2012:	\$ 14,092**
Christmas Collection 2011:	\$ 15,706

\* Weekend of a Winter Storm  
\*\* Includes one anonymous gift of \$2,500

Many thanks for your generous support of our parish! Together we make St. Christopher’s the vibrant and welcoming faith community Christ calls us to be.

With gratitude, Fr. Curran

**PARISH SCHOOL COLLECTION**  
The second collection at all Masses this weekend supports our parish school.

**SANCTUARY LAMPS**

The lamps beside our tabernacles remind us of the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.



The candle in the church burns this week  
**For Improved Health for a Parishioner**

The candle in the chapel burns this week  
**For Men and Women to be Open to God’s Call to Spread the Good News of Jesus Christ as Priests, Deacons, or Consecrated Persons\***

\* In recognition of National Vocation Awareness Week (January 13–19) – an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

If you would like to schedule a weekly dedication, please call the Parish Office at 860-568-5240.

## HOSPITALITY WEEKEND

Our parish will be offering the first Hospitality Weekend of 2013 after all the Masses next weekend, January 19 and 20, in our church hall. Refreshments will be served and we hope that all who attend Mass next weekend will stay afterwards. We would appreciate donations of hors d'oeuvres and finger foods for hospitality on January 19 after the 4:30 p.m. Mass. Donations of baked goods would be appreciated for after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses on January 20. Please bring your food donation to the church hall prior to Mass. We look forward to seeing you next weekend!

## FROM FR. CURRAN

My Dear Friends,

What a wonderful celebration of Christmas!

So many of you gave of your time and talents to make the birth of our Lord special for all of us. A special thank you to Charleen Miele, our Music Director, our musicians and cantors, and the many members of our Children and Adult choirs for providing us with such beautiful music. Thank you also to those talented people who helped to prepare, clean and decorate our Church. We also thank our lectors, ministers of Communion, ushers and altar servers who serve our parish throughout the year with dedication and dignity.

My special thanks to our great staff and to Deacon Ed for his collaboration in Christ's mission and ministry.

My personal thanks for all your kind Christmas greetings, baked goods, and gifts. I especially enjoy the family photos! My thanks for your love and support throughout the year.

In the peace  
of the Christ-child,

Fr. Curran



A Can and Bottle Drive to support our parish school will be held on Saturday, Jan. 19, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Please bring your pre-rinsed cans and bottles to the front of our school.

### Did you know?

- ◆ we also collect can tabs (they are the only pure aluminum on the can and also help us earn money for our school)
- ◆ we also collect Coke rewards bottle tops (these are the tops of many plastic Coke products that have a code that help earn money for our school)
- ◆ we can use some help!!! ANYONE can help! (especially students looking for service hours for Confirmation or high school)
- ◆ call Robin Duva at 860-568-8086 for info.

## OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS

A representative for the Holy Land Christians will be visiting our parish next weekend and will have available for purchase olive wood carvings. The olive wood carving industry has evolved as a cultural tradition of the Christians over many centuries. Many Holy Land Christians in the Bethlehem area alone rely upon income generated from this art form. The items that will be available were carved by Holy Land artisans. We invite you to stop by the church hall after all Masses next weekend to see these beautiful carvings.



## CONGRATULATIONS

### DEACON ED & FRAN GIARD

We offer our congratulations to Deacon Ed and Fran Giard on the recent arrival of their third grandchild. Thomas Edward Burgess, the first child of Patrick and Elizabeth (Giard) Burgess, was born on Sunday, January 6, at 7:21 a.m. Thomas weighed 6 lbs, 5 oz. and measured 20 1/4 inches long. May God bless them all.

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today – the Baptism of the Lord – is also the First Sunday in Ordinary Time. Jesus' Baptism Feast is placed here by the Church because it is an important part of what has been revealed and taught to us during Christmas. The Baptism of the Lord marks the official end of Christmas. Most churches do not dismantle their Christmas decorations until after this Feast Day. As Catholics perhaps we, too, should follow that example – to let everyone know that Christmas does not end with Christmas Day, but with the culmination of our understanding as to Who Christ is.

**HIGH SCHOOL COLLECTION**

We gratefully ask for your support of the 2013 High School Collection next weekend January 19/20 which assists our Catholic secondary schools as they provide an education of excellence and turn their students' dreams into reality. Your gift will have an important impact on the future of deserving young people.

**DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**

Another victory in our fight for Religious Freedom. This time in Washington D.C. where a federal appeals Court ruled in favor of Wheaton College and Belmont Abbey College after two lower courts had dismissed their cases as premature. The appellate court reinstated the cases, ordering the Obama Administration to report back every 60 days –starting in mid-February – until the Administration makes good on its promise to issue a new rule that protects the Colleges' religious freedom.

**WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF...**

Margaret "Peg" Bartholomay, Mark Caron, Edmund Mickiewicz and Jennie Sola. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.*



St. Christopher Church Hall  
**Friday ~ February 1**  
**1:30 – 6:30 p.m.**

Please call **1-800-Red Cross** (1-800-733-2767) to make an app't. or log onto [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

**WE REMEMBER**

We remember in prayer the following person of the military who bravely fought and gallantly died during December 24 – January 6 while serving our country. We also remember all those who are caught in the crossfires of war. May they rest in peace.

Private 1st Class Sims, Markie T. - 20



**THANK YOU!**

*Dear Parishioners:*

*As you may know, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade catechism class at St Christopher's adopted a family of nine for the Christmas holiday. This was a huge undertaking for our class. We would like to extend a big "Thank You" to our church family for your very generous & kind donations. With your help, we were able to provide each of the seven children with a new winter coat & new snow boots, along with other essential and non-essential items. We were also able to shop for and provide their Christmas meals. We learned the true meaning of **giving** as we collected funds, budgeted our money and then shopped for our family. We were so humbled and grateful for the outpouring of support that we received for our cause. Thank you, again & God Bless!*

*– Mrs. Laura, Miss Danielle, Julianna, Becca, Jonathan, Owen, Mackenzie, Madison, Krystal, Malia & Nygel*

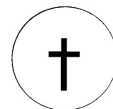


**GIFT CARDS**

Volunteers from our parish school will be selling gift cards after all the Masses the weekend of January 26 and 27. Please help support our parish school by buying gift cards for gifts and everyday purchases. If you are interested in purchasing cards before the weekend of January 26 and 27, please contact Kathy at 860-569-8451 or [kasimeone95@comcast.net](mailto:kasimeone95@comcast.net). She will add your order to the school order that is placed every Monday.

**RESPECT FOR THE EUCHARIST**

Recently, there has been an increasing number of incidents throughout the Archdiocese in which people have approached the altar to receive Holy Communion but have not consumed the Host and then taken it with them from the church. If you see someone doing this, please either politely ask the person to consume the Eucharist immediately or inform a priest, deacon or usher of the incident.



Thank you very much for your assistance in this effort to avoid any desecration of the sacred Eucharist.

**YEAR OF FAITH PILGRIMAGE**

Year of Faith Pilgrimage to Italy

Led by Archbishop Henry J. Mansell

Visit Rome, Vatican City, Orvieto, Assisi,  
Siena, Florence, Pisa, Padua & Venice!

May 20-29, 2013

Audience with Pope Benedict XVI on 5/22/13, Mass  
Celebrated Daily including at Rome's four major  
basilicas: St. Peter, St. Mary Major, St. Paul Outside  
the Walls & St. John Lateran

Visit [www.archdioceseofhartford.org](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org)  
for itinerary, cost and other details.

Deadline for registration is: Friday, January 18

**THE IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER**

**A great way to support the church  
without tax consequences!**

On January 1, 2013, Congress enacted the American  
Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 (ATRA) and included a  
late holiday gift to America's nonprofit community  
through the restoration of the IRA Charitable Rollover  
provision. The IRA Charitable Rollover allows  
individuals age 70 1/2 and older to contribute a gift up  
to \$100,000 directly from their IRA to their parish  
without the income being treated as federal  
income. Gifts must be transferred directly from an  
IRA to the parish, are not to be treated as taxable  
income, and count towards a required minimum  
distribution (RMD) for the year. A Charitable IRA  
Rollover is not deductible as a charitable contribution.

Additionally, the new law provides a special election  
available to individuals who took a distribution from  
their IRA after November 30, 2012 and before January  
1, 2013, and who make a cash gift to a qualified  
charity before February 1, 2013, to treat the gift as an  
IRA charitable rollover even though the distribution is  
not directly from the IRA to charity. The distribution  
must be from an IRA, not a 401(k) or other retirement  
plan. Please call the parish office for more  
information.

**FOOD BANK REPORT**

**For December 2012**

Requests: 22 Adults: 30 Children: 20

Thank you for your continued support of our food  
bank so we can continue to help feed those in need!

**CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES**

On Thursday, December 20, the food boxes for  
Christmas were packed in Charrier Hall at South  
Congregational Church with the help of the  
following people:

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|------------------|---------------|
| Dick Domler      | Gayle Taliani |
| Charlotte Turner | Helen Little  |
| Marge Aretcola   | Mac McCarthy  |
| Paula Chieruzzi  | Frank Perrone |
| Nancy Fox        | Debbie Wall   |

With the help of the following people on Saturday,  
December 22, we completed the boxes by adding the  
perishable items – bread, carrots, eggs, margarine,  
onions, apples and turkeys:

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| Dick Domler             | Jessica Leonard  |
| Karen D'Attilio & Erika | Johnny Leonard   |
| Lucien Lavertu          | Helen Little     |
| Michelle Lawrence       | Jay McNamara     |
| Mary Lawson             | Jill McNamara    |
| Marge Leonard           | Denise Rioux     |
| Ashley Leonard          | Charlotte Turner |
| Brittany Leonard        |                  |

With the help of the following people we delivered  
59 boxes to 57 families. We supplied enough food  
for approximately 3, 500 meals. The drivers and  
helpers were:

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Dick Domler             | Johnny Leonard           |
| Karen D'Attilio & Erika | Helen Little             |
| Lucien Lavertu          | George & Carolyn Lynberg |
| Mary Lawson             | Mac McCarthy             |
| Ray LaBrun              | Al & Beverly Plefka      |
| Marge Leonard           | Frank Perrone            |
| Ashley Leonard          | Charlotte Turner         |
| Brittany Leonard        | Jody Van & Son           |
| Jessica Leonard         |                          |

Thank you for your continued support of our Food  
Bank. We appreciate your monetary support as well  
as the food and for the volunteer hours that you give  
so generously.

Thank you one and all.

God Bless!!!