



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

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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

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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)



**Third Sunday  
in  
Ordinary Time  
January 27, 2013**

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.”*

– Luke 4:18a

*Mass for the  
Intentions for the  
Week*

Saturday, January 26 – 4:30 p.m.

**Gene & John Tirinzonie**  
*(Family)*

Sunday, January 27 – 8:00 a.m.

**William Stone – 30th Anniversary**  
*(Wife & Family)*

Sunday, January 27 – 10:30 a.m.

**Dianne Gallicchio – 10th Anniversary**  
*(Her Loving Family)*

Monday, January 28 – 7:30 a.m.

**Jeremiah B. Sullivan**  
*(Daughter)*

Tuesday, January 29 – 7:30 a.m.

**Walter Hirschmugel**  
*(The Duleys)*

Wednesday, January 30 – 7:30 a.m.

**John & Louise Olinatz**  
*(Children)*

Thursday, January 31 – 7:30 a.m.

**William Wade**  
*(Wife Bonnie)*

Saturday, February 2 – 4:30 p.m.

**Gertrude McPherson**  
*(Friend Irene Crowley)*

Sunday, February 3 – 8:00 a.m.

**Rev. John P. Rohan**

Sunday, February 3 – 10:30 a.m.

**Paul DonAroma**  
*(Al & Sally Labieniec)*

**OUR TITHING PARISH**

Weekly Collection (January 20): \$ 5,300

Same Sunday in 2012: \$ 5,533

My personal thanks for your generous support of our parish. By sharing your time, talent and treasure, you enable us to further the mission of bringing Christ to our families, our young people, our community and our world!

With gratitude, Fr. Curran

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

Today’s second reading from Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians makes a strong statement about faith and how it is closely tied to the concept of community. “For in one spirit we were all baptized into one body.” (1 Cor. 12:13) Paul goes on to explain that the body — the Church, our faith community — cannot function or survive without each member playing an active part.

That, of course, is the essence of stewardship. Each member, each part of the body, has been granted certain gifts and a specific purpose. If we fail to acknowledge those gifts, or if we fail to seek and find and carry out our purpose, our vocation, in relation to the body, the whole community may suffer. Stewardship is represented by a desire to share through gratitude, a sense that we are in communion with the Lord and with one another.

**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

**In Loving Memory of  
Helen (Nellie) Fallon**  
*(Daughter Beverly Connors)*

The candle in the chapel burns this week

**For Our Parish School Families & Staff  
During this Catholic Schools Week**

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

**COME MEET DEACON TOM!**

We invite you to take the opportunity after all Masses this weekend to meet Deacon Tom who began his assignment here on January 5. Deacon Tom and his wife Mary will be attending the Pasta Dinner being held in our school gym following the Vigil Mass (which supports our World Youth Day pilgrims). Deacon Tom will also be available to meet you in the church hall after the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses where refreshments will be served.

**IN MEMORY – REV. JOHN ROHAN**

It is with sadness that we share the news of Fr. Rohan’s passing. Fr. Rohan, who died on Jan. 20, was pastor of The Catholic Communities of East Hartford North which consists of St. Isaac Jogues, St. Mary and St. Rose parishes. Fr. Rohan was a classmate of Fr. Cremonie in the Class of 1972. He was ordained on May 27, 1972 by the Archbishop John F. Whealon at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. Fr. Rohan was very supportive of our parish school following the St. Christopher/St. Rose merger. He was a member of our parish school board and continued to take up a monthly collection at all three of his parishes for the benefit of our parish school.

*Give him eternal rest, O Lord, and may your light shine on him forever.*

**SIGN OF PEACE**

During this time of year when flu and colds are widespread, you may wish to offer each other the Sign of Peace using a gesture other than shaking ones hand. You may be more comfortable offering a nod, a bow or a wave of the hand. These gestures are perfectly acceptable in offering the Sign of Peace to those around you.

**HOSPITALITY WEEKEND**

Our next Hospitality Weekend will be March 2-3. Special thanks to **Jeff and Shannon Williams** and **Cynthia Spada** and their families who hosted last weekend’s hospitalities. Sincere thanks to **Howard Wilmes** for his help and to all those who donated food. The togetherness was great! Parishioners, please plan to volunteer you and your family to host a future weekend either in May or June. Call the parish office at 860-568-5240 to volunteer.

**BOOK DISCUSSION**

At the end of our recent Evening of Music and Reflection program we put forth a challenge for everyone to consider reading the book “The Four Agreements” by don Miguel Ruiz. **We plan to gather and discuss this book on Monday evening, February 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.** If you would like to attend, but are unable to make this date, please let me know and we will take into consideration the number of people unable to make this evening. If need be, we will schedule a different date or an additional date for discussion. Hopefully everyone has been able to acquire a copy of the book by now. If you are having trouble locating a copy, let me know and I will see if I can help. I know it is available on both Amazon.com and Barnesandnoble.com (and probably in the Barnes and Noble store as well!) and many local libraries have copies to borrow.

– Charleen Miele



**ST. CHRISTOPHER SOCIAL CLUB**

**Monday ~ February 4**

**1:00 p.m.**

**Church Hall**

We are pleased to have Felicia Ortner with us. She will give us information about black bears in Connecticut. Are they increasing in numbers? Are they in our area? Come and find out. We will also discuss the upcoming “Lunch and a Play.” As usual, we will have delicious refreshments following the program.

If you have been thinking of joining the Social Club, now is the time. Dues are only \$10 a calendar year. This small amount will give you months of pleasant interaction with our members and lots of interesting things to see and do.

If you have any questions regarding the club, please feel free to contact **Joan or Frank Perrone at 860-568-6229 or Nedra Gallo at 860-432-1793.**



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).

**PARISHIONER IN NEED  
BAKE SALE**



Parishioners in Need (PIN) Committee will host their Fourth Anniversary Bake Sale after all Masses next weekend, February 3 and 4. We celebrate four years of operation. Since our inception, we have assisted and continue to assist several members within our parish as well as having provided resources to others within the community. Your support has helped us succeed. Please continue to watch out for those in our parish who may need assistance and may be hesitant to ask for help. Even those we have helped in the past may still be struggling and we ask that they or someone on their behalf come forward if necessary. Let's be aware of those who need care.

Plan ahead for Super Bowl gatherings or Valentine's Day dinners. Donations of baked goods are very much welcomed (and needed) and can be brought to the church hall prior to each Mass. (Please indicate if there are nuts in the ingredients.)

Thank you all for your continued support!

**TIME**



The holidays are well behind us; the year stretches out ahead. And what sort of year will it be? To judge by the words of Jesus in today's Gospel, it will be "a year acceptable to the Lord." And Jesus surely didn't mean only the next three hundred sixty-five days facing his listeners at that time.

When Jesus announced the "arrival" of God's favor, it was a message for all time, for every year. Similarly, we read today in Nehemiah how the people gathered with solemnity to hear God's word as though for the first time. They listened, and then fell to the ground and wept. But the prophet said, "Today is holy . . . do not be sad, and do not weep."

The "year acceptable to the Lord" is this year. The day that is "holy" is this day. The time to listen is now. What sort of year will you have? What sort of day? God's help is always here. What you do with each day can be holy and acceptable to the Lord if you but listen to and act on God's word.

**BOY SCOUT**

**SUPER BOWL GRINDER SALE**



The East Hartford Boy Scouts of Troops 57 and 61 are selling grinders and salads for Super Bowl Sunday, February 3. 12" grinder choices are Ham, Italian Combo, Turkey or Veggie for \$5.00 each. Large antipasto salads are \$6.50 and garden salads are \$4.00.

**Please place your order by Wednesday, Jan. 30** by contacting our parishioner Scott Gay at 860-670-8898 or at [scottgay95@gmail.com](mailto:scottgay95@gmail.com). Grinders will be available for pick up in the church hall after 11:30 a.m. on February 3.

**CREDO CATHOLIC SINGLES EVENT**

Credo Catholic Singles will hold its annual St. Valentine's Potluck Dinner on Saturday, February 9, in the St. Christopher School gymnasium. You are invited to attend our 4:30 Vigil Mass. Following the Mass there will be a social hour beginning at 5:30 p.m. The Potluck dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. The evening will include time to socialize, share a meal and listen to music as we remember St. Valentine. Please bring your favorite dish. A-H: dessert with Valentine Theme, I-R: side dish, S-Z: main dish. \$5.00 donation includes a free raffle ticket with a chance to win some great prizes. For more information call Harriet 203-248-3184.

**DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**

The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty is moving forward with several litigations regarding the federal health care mandate and how it violates our religious freedom. The Becket Fund represents the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN), Hobby Lobby Craft stores, East Texas Baptist University, Colorado Christian University, Belmont Abbey College and many others. To get information on these cases and others, and to keep abreast on this critical issue visit [www.becketfund.org](http://www.becketfund.org).

**WE REMEMBER**

We remember in prayer the following person of the military who bravely fought and gallantly died during January 14 – 20 while serving our country. We also remember all those who are caught in the crossfires of war. May they rest in peace.

**GIFT CARDS**

*This Weekend – January 26 & 27*



Volunteers from our parish school will be selling gift cards after all the Masses this weekend, January 26 and 27. Please help support our parish school by buying gift cards for gifts and everyday purchases. For more information, please contact Kathy at 860-569-8451 or by e-mail at [kasimeone95@comcast.net](mailto:kasimeone95@comcast.net). Orders are placed every Monday, so call Kathy if you would like to receive cards at other times.

**VALENTINE’S DAY DINNER**

If you would like to do something different and very special for your valentine, consider joining fellow parishioners for a Valentine's Day (February 14) celebration at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center. Join us for a celebration of the Mass at 6:00 PM followed by a delicious five-course buffet dinner prepared by Holy Family's talented chef, Joe Ethier. Along with dinner, local wine educator and Chief Grape Officer of WineTimeCt Lauren Guerriero, will offer her expertise and include 3 wines to compliment the meal courses. A musical combo will provide background and dance music. The cost per person is \$65. Reservations can be made by calling 860-521-0440. We hope to see you for a very special evening.

**LITURGY CORNER... “Did you know?”**

The Psalm that follows the first reading is called the “Responsorial Psalm” as it is done as a “response” to the first reading. You should be able to find a connection in the theme of the first reading and the psalm. It is believed that the psalms, found in the Hebrew Scriptures (formerly known as the Old Testament) were written as poetry set to music. Thus, psalms should be sung...not recited. The reason the Cantor proclaims the psalm from the Ambo is that the psalms are considered the “Word of God” and thus, they are to be proclaimed from that sacred place reserved for the Word of God...the Ambo!

**PEACE**

*“First keep the peace within yourself, then you can also bring peace to others.”*

– Thomas a Kempis



**ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

**Tuesday ~ January 29, 2013**

Our parish school invites you to attend our Open House for prospective families of Pre-Kindergarten to Grade Eight students being held on Tuesday, January 29. Come and see why St. Chris’ students test more than one year above grade level on IOWA Standardized Tests. There will be two sessions:

- 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. while school is in session
- 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. (includes tour)

You can attend one or both sessions. Come and learn about our program of excellence and meet the staff, students, and parents. Our parish school provides a value-oriented education in a safe and comfortable environment. Learn more about our:

- Full-day Kindergarten
- Full Day and Half-Day Pre-K Programs
- Strong Academic Program
- Caring faculty & staff
- Spanish (K-8)
- Instruction in Art & Music
- State of the Art Computer Classes (K-8)
- Physical education & sports program
- Extra curricular activities
- A fully-staffed After-School Program until 5:30 p.m. for the convenience of our parents

Our graduates leave St. Christopher’s prepared to excel in higher education. Our parish school is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Applications are now available for Fall Enrollment. We hope to see you there!

If you have any additional questions or are unable to attend, but would like more information, please call us at 860-568-4100. You can also visit our website at: [www.saintchristopherschool.org](http://www.saintchristopherschool.org).

