



Parish church & school of
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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

PRIESTHOOD-OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

860-761-7456 vocationshartford.org

CREDO CATHOLIC SINGLES

www.credocath.com

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

www.nccw.org



**Easter Sunday
of the
Resurrection of
The Lord**

March 31, 2013

“When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.”

– Colossians 3:4

Please note: There will be no daily Mass celebrated on Monday, April 1. In addition, our parish office will be closed on Monday, April 1 and will reopen on Tuesday, April 2 at 8:00 a.m.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, March 31 – 8:00 a.m.
Carol Colby – 1st Anniversary
(Daughter & Family)

Sunday, March 31 – 10:30 a.m.
Albert & Antonietta Pettinato
Justin Todd Briere
(Family)

Tuesday, April 2 – 7:30 a.m.
Sam Sciacchitano
(Dave & Chickie Amberg)

Wednesday, April 3 – 7:30 a.m.
Debra R. Petig
(Her Sister Sandra Shinder)

Thursday, April 4 – 7:30 a.m.
Doris Tessier
(Her Sister Claire Franklin)

Saturday, April 6 – 4:30 p.m.
Velma Castonguay
(Niece Ina & Bob J. Hetkowsky)

Sunday, April 7 – 8:00 a.m.
Louise Agnes – 2nd Anniversary
(Husband & Children)

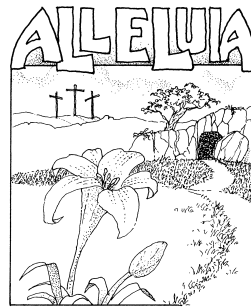
Sunday, April 7 – 10:30 a.m.
Virginia Demers – 3rd Anniversary
(Family)

OUR TITHING PARISH

Weekly Collection (March 24): \$ 6,421
Same Sunday in 2012: \$ 6,292

My personal thanks for your generous support which is so essential for our parish!

With Gratitude, Fr. Curran



**On behalf of Deacon Ed,
Deacon Tom and our parish
staff, I wish you and your
family a blessed Easter.**

Yours in the Risen Christ,

Fr. Curran

AN EASTER BLESSING

May the glory and the promise
of this joyous time of year
bring peace and happiness to you
and those you hold most dear.

And may Christ, Our Risen Savior,
always be there by your side
to bless you most abundantly
and be your loving guide.

Happy Easter!

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 a Parishioner
Dealing with Life Issues**

The candle in the chapel burns this week

**For Our Faith Community
That We Rise to New Life in Jesus and
Joyfully Proclaim the Good News with Our Lives**

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

PASTA DINNER

With the news of Pope Francis' election we have never been more excited to be attending World Youth Day in Brazil this July. We are over half way to reaching our goal but need your help to get us the rest of the way. We will be holding another pasta night on **Saturday, April 6, at 5:30 p.m.** in the school gym. This event is shaping up to be a great evening for all who attend. Tickets are just \$8 for adults, \$5 for children, and \$25 for a family. The meal includes, salad, bread, pasta, homemade meatballs, and dessert. We already have some great prizes lined up for our teacup raffle including dining certificates and a Pandora Bracelet. Please see, Kevin Hadyka for tickets at all our Easter Masses this weekend, or you may purchase them at the door.



ST. CHRISTOPHER SOCIAL CLUB

Monday ~ April 1 ~ 1:00 p.m.

It's our pleasure to have the two-woman group "One Achord" with us for our April meeting entertainment. As usual, this will be followed by light refreshments.

Reminder: On **Saturday June 22**, we will **lunch at the Publick House** before attending **Fiddler on the Roof** at the **Stageloft Theater** in Sturbridge. If you have not already done so, please bring your payment of \$33 to the meeting, as this is the final deadline.

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.**

LIVING GOD'S WORD

We pray to God on Easter that we shall never again see darkness. We ask God to open our eyes to know him in the breaking of bread and we ask for strength to follow him in his risen life.

HOSPITALITY WEEKEND

Our parish will share togetherness next Sunday, April 7, after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses. Plan to stop for refreshments and to chat with other members of our parish family. It's fun! Our host family, who will be organizing Hospitality Weekend for the first time, is asking for donations of baked goods and snack foods to be shared after each of our Sunday Masses. Donations of food can be brought to the church hall before Mass. Thank you so much and we look forward to seeing you!



CRS RICE BOWL

We are most grateful to those who have been participating in this special Lenten program. You may place your Rice Bowl in the specially marked container at the front of the church which will be available until April 14. Through your Lenten prayers and donations, you have helped touch the lives of millions of people. Thank you!

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

It is now officially spring and summer is just around the corner. St. Christopher's will be holding Vacation Bible Camp from **June 24 – June 28**. The Theme this year is *Kingdom Rock*. If you would like more information or if you would like to register, please visit our new website at stchrisvbc.weebly.com or pick up a registration form at the back of the church. We hope to see you there!



Kingdom Rock:

Where Kids Stand Strong for God

THANK YOU!

We extend our appreciation to our friends at Paul Buettner Florist on Burnside Avenue in East Hartford for their generous donation of palms and decorations for our celebrations last weekend. We also thank our friends at St. Paul Church in Glastonbury for sharing some of their palms with us when we experienced a shortage. And a heartfelt thanks to our parishioner Denise Rioux who stripped all the palms to get them ready for distribution. Thank you all!

2013 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

In just a few short weeks, our parish has already pledged \$11,237 to the 2013 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. In these trying times, the need of our surrounding community grows and the assistance provided by the Appeal is needed more than ever. If you have not yet made your commitment to this year's Appeal, please consider doing so in the days ahead. Your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal will help continue the vital services, ministries, and programs that help so many throughout the Archdiocese.

If you did not receive the 2013 Archbishop's Annual Appeal mailing, please feel free to pick up one of the extra pledge packets located at the main entrance of the church. You may also make your donation online by visiting the following website: appeal.archdioceseofhartford.org. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

In the second reading today, St. Paul reminds the Colossians that they have been raised with Christ, exhorting them to "think about the things above rather than things of earth." We, too, have been raised with Christ. Let us rejoice and be glad!

GIFT CARDS

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. Orders are placed every Monday.



Students of our parish school have been earning money by participating in the Funding Factory Recycling Program. We collect empty laser and inkjet cartridges and used cell phones from the community and send them to the Funding Factory in exchange for cash. This program has so far raised over \$14,000 for our technology program! You may place your cartridges and used cell phones in the blue collection bin in our church hall. We thank you for your support!

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

This Easter, let us keep religious freedom in our prayers.

O God our Creator, from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome – for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us – this great land will always be "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

WE REMEMBER

We remember in prayer those who are away from their families and friends this Easter season while they are serving our country. We pray that God grant them courage and strength, both spiritual and physical, and hasten their safe journey back home to their families and friends.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Christopher Council #4

The Knights of Columbus will hold their next meeting on Thursday, April 4. The officer's meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. followed by the business meeting at 7:30 p.m. If you are a practicing Catholic man, 18 years of age or older and are interested in learning more about becoming a Knight, please visit kofc-ehartford4.org.

**ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL
PRESENTS OUR
14th ANNUAL AUCTION**

Coming Home for our 50th!

Our parish school is proud to announce its 14th Annual Auction on Saturday, April 27, 2013 at Murphy Hall in St. Christopher School. The school is using this event as a kick-off to its 50th Anniversary Celebration. Our parishioners have played an important role in our success and we want you there to help us ring in the next 50 years. It looks to be a good time for all with fine food, drink, and lots of great items to bid on during both the live and silent auctions. You'll be able to find getaways to the Cape, a ride in a hot air balloon, tickets to theater productions and sporting events, gift certificates to stores and restaurants, and much, much more!

This is an adults only event. The cost is \$25.00 per person (\$20.00 per person for Seniors). Your ticket price includes food and drinks. There will also be a 50/50 raffle and lots of door prizes. It's a great night out. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses next weekend. You can also send your Reservation Form in with your ticket money to the school by placing it in an envelope labeled *School Auction* and putting it in the collection basket at Mass. (Reservation forms can be found at the main entrance to our church.)

We are still looking for auction items. If you have a new item or a service you would like to donate to the auction or if you have a business that would like to advertise in our catalog, please call Karen Santacross at 860-568-4100 or you can e-mail her at ksantacross@hotmail.com.

We hope to see everyone on April 27!

A NOTE OF THANKS

Fr. Curran, Suzanne, Maria, Helen, Ruth, Dorothy, Anne Marie, and all others whose names escape me,

I am so grateful to the Good Lord and to you for your care, kindness, and prayers during my recent "medical episode" at church.

With heartfelt love and the "Lord's Blessings."

Always,

Frank S.

**SPRING IS IN THE AIR...
HOMEFRONT IS COMING!**

HomeFront Day, Saturday, May 4, 2013 will be upon us before we know it. For those who are not familiar with the HomeFront project, it is a community outreach, a one day repair blitz for a neighbor in need, where St. Christopher Church will form a crew to perform necessary home repairs and the HomeFront organization provides the materials. The typical HomeFront recipient is elderly, disabled or a single parent and the average total household income was \$22,000 for recipients in 2010.

At this point we have not received any information about our HomeFront recipient, but we need to get our crew organized anyways. If you would be willing to assist, there are many way to get involved. We always need skilled persons such as carpenters, electricians, plumbers, painters, etc., but we also need folks that can do common homeowner tasks such as raking, painting, pulling weeds, mowing the lawn, cleaning...

Please consider assisting us with this very worthy project. A big part of the success of our project is feeding our hardworking crew with a simple lunch on HomeFront Day. It would be awesome if we could also provide them with some coffee and maybe donut wholes or something similar in the morning while we are getting ready for our day. If there is a group in our parish or a parishioner who is a member of an outside organization that would assist us with these needs, we would be so grateful!

Also, in the near future we will be conducting a second collection to assist with the required fee that helps make HomeFront possible. A donation of just a few dollars per person would be very helpful. Thank you for your past and future support of this project of neighbor helping neighbor.

We can make a difference, but it won't happen without you. Please say **YES!** For more information or to volunteer, please contact Phil Gosselin at 860-568-5001 or by e-mail at imgoose@comcast.net.

WINGED FAITH

"Faith furnishes prayer with wings, without which it cannot soar into Heaven."

– St. John Climacus