



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
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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



**Third Sunday
of
Easter**
April 14, 2013

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing.” – Revelation 5:12

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 13 – 4:30 p.m.

Louis & Angela Trevison

(Daughter Mary Harden & Family)

Sunday, April 14 – 8:00 a.m.

Joseph Chesery – 18th Anniversary

(Daughter Madeline & Santo Cassarino)

Sunday, April 14 – 10:30 a.m.

Madeleine Halle (Norman & Edith Daigle)

Monday, April 15 – 7:30 a.m.

Mark Tardiff (Family)

Tuesday, April 16 – 7:30 a.m.

**Stanley Walter Kronen – 60th Anniversary
and Helen Kosiorek Kronen**

(Son Joe & Carolyn Kronen)

Wednesday, April 17 – 7:30 a.m.

**Mary Rogosky Verotsky – 16th Anniversary
and Charles George Verotsky**

(Daughter Carolyn & Joe Kronen)

Thursday, April 18 – 7:30 a.m.

Eudore Nadeau & Joseph Tardiff

(The Tardiff Family)

Saturday, April 20 – 4:30 p.m.

Andre Charron (Wife Lise)

Sunday, April 21 – 8:00 a.m.

Jude Onyia

(The Nwafor Family)

Sunday, April 21 – 10:30 a.m.

David A. Muszynski & Ronald E. Volowski

(Anne Marie Volowski)

OUR TITHING PARISH

Weekly Collection (April 7): \$ 6,449

Same Sunday in 2012: \$ 6,075

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

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Can there be a more specific instruction to us as stewards than “Feed my sheep?” Of course, Jesus was saying this to St. Peter, and the meaning behind these words was much broader than what it may be to us. However, the basic charge is the same.

What do we do to feed the Lord’s sheep? When we go to Mass, we are one of the sheep coming to be fed. It would seem that Jesus is challenging us to do more than that. If we view ourselves as stewards of the faith, as stewards of our families, as stewards of our neighborhoods and communities, it means that we are expected to do more, to give more of ourselves to assure that the flock is truly tended and fed. We live in an extremely secular world, a world that constantly places barriers to us as Catholics and Christians. Just as Peter, John, and the others respond, we, too, need to realize that there are times when we must recognize that “We must obey God rather than men.”

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
Richard Macsuga & John Macsuga
(Family)**

The candle in the chapel burns this week for

**Special Intentions for Frank Szalay
(Family)**

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

PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION

This weekend, through our second collection, we support the Holy Father in his charitable works. The Peter’s Pence Collection is taken up worldwide to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disaster and others in need of emergency assistance. Be a pilgrim of charity – please be generous in today’s Collection.

WE HAVE OUR HOMEFRONT HOUSE!

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. Our HomeFront recipient this year is in East Hartford; she is a woman in her sixties.

Norm Cote, our House Captain, Tony Sousa, our Assistant House Captain and I, our Volunteer Coordinator, met with our 2013 HomeFront recipient to review the home repair needs that she had. The primary task is to replace about 12 windows in this house that was built in 1915; there is some light plumbing, electrical and carpentry work that needs attention; possibly replace a back door and replace a dead bolt lock on another; a bit of painting; general yard/basement/garage cleanup; and plant some flowers/bushes/mulch if we can get them donated.

Please consider assisting us with this very worthy 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.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE (by Bud Ozar)

Jesus invited the disciples to “Come and have breakfast.” At this beach breakfast and the Last Supper Jesus teaches us meals should be more than eating. Family meals are opportunities to share prayer, listen to each other’s stories, understand and support one another.

HOSPITALITY WEEKEND

Last week’s Hospitality Weekend was well attended. Special thanks to **Rita Rivera and her family** who hosted the weekend, to **Howard Wilmes** and to all who brought refreshments. The next Hospitality Weekend will be May 4-5. Plan to attend!

SPA FOR THE SOUL

Ladies...a mini-retreat...just for you! LOCAL!! Enjoy this retreat tailor made for the busy woman. Saturday, May 11 beginning at 8:45 a.m. and ending with Mass at 11:00 a.m. for those wishing to stay. Directed Meditation. Take home ideas. Opportunity for Confession. Soothe the soul! Right here at St. Christopher's Parish. Please RSVP to Tonya Brownell at tonya.brownell@gmail.com or at 860-655-9482.

EAST HARTFORD MAYOR’S 3rd ANNUAL GREEN & CLEAN PROJECT

What better way to spend a beautiful spring day than with friends and community supporters. Join East Hartford Mayor Marcia Leclerc on Saturday, April 27, for the 3rd Annual Green and Clean Project. Several locations throughout town have been identified to target litter and debris, paint fire hydrants, spread mulch and show our spirit and pride in East Hartford.

Join Mayor Leclerc at 9:00 a.m. on the Town Green where everyone will gather to form work groups and assign projects. While trash bags and some tools will be available, you are encouraged to bring a rake or broom and a pair of work gloves from home. Everyone will work until 1:00 p.m. and then return to the Town Green to drop off equipment and have lunch together.



To register yourself or your group, please call Youth Services at 860-291-7182 or Parks & Recreation at 860-291-7166.

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

Rita Belliveau, Wilfred Gray, Leona Guerin, and Yolanda Gusy. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.*

WOMEN'S WELLNESS PROGRAM

As many of you know, I recently completed my graduate degree in counseling and have opened my own psychotherapy practice in Old Wethersfield – The Sacred Self, LLC. In addition to working with individual clients, I am beginning to offer programs that center around "wellness of mind, body, and spirit." Beginning April 20, and running every Saturday for eleven weeks (minus April 27), I will be offering a "Women's Wellness" program from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.. The program involves some group sharing, nutritional information, guided meditation, and physical activity. We will meet at my office (109B Main Street, Wethersfield) and walk (or run, or dance-walk, etc.) from there each week. I will accommodate various physical abilities and levels. The morning will end with stretching, setting an intention for our day, and fostering the presence of our "sacred self." If you are interested in this program, please see me at the piano for additional information. I am excited to offer this and more programs in the future. There is no requirement to commit to the entire ten sessions.

Peace, Charleen



Our Church is growing! We welcome into our Christian community through the holy waters of baptism:

Anthony Figueroa, Jr.

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

We continue to be very concerned about the implementation of the federal healthcare mandate. Many with moral and religious objections remain ineligible for any exemption or "accommodation." These include: Individual purchasers and their families; employees of religious organizations that qualify only for the "accommodation" (since these employees will still be automatically enrolled in the objectionable coverage); for-profit companies and businesses, including those owned and controlled by religious believers; nonprofit employers who are not explicitly religious in character (e.g., pro-life groups that object to abortifacients).

If you haven't expressed your opposition to the federal healthcare mandate, please contact the White House at: www.whitehouse.gov/contact or call: 202-456-1111 or 202-456-1414.

GIFT CARDS



Volunteers from our parish school will be selling gift cards again after all the Masses the weekend of April 27 – 28. 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, so call Kathy if you would like to receive cards at other times.



1ST ANNUAL CUPCAKE CONTEST

Our parish school's 8th Grade students invite you to participate in our 1st Annual Cupcake Contest Open House on Friday May 3, 2013 anytime between 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. The cupcake contest is a fun contest to show off cupcakes you decorate at home and bring to school on May 3 for the contest. This is not a tasting cupcake contest. The contest will be judged by the following groups: Alumni, Students in grades PreK-Grade 8, teachers and administration, and parishioners of Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of Peace, Saint Christopher, Saint Mary's, Saint Isaac Jogues, and Saint Rose.

The Class of 2013 hopes to raise enough funds to purchase and dedicate a Saint Christopher statue and repair the school chimney. Pre-registration forms will be distributed in next weekend's bulletin. \$2.00 to enter the contest; \$1.00 for general admission.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

June 24 – 28



For more information or to register, please visit our new website at stchrisvbc.weebly.com or pick up a registration form at the back of the church.

WE REMEMBER

We remember in prayer the following persons of the military who bravely fought and gallantly died during March 30 – April 6 while serving our country. We also remember all those who are caught in the crossfires of war. May they rest in peace.

- Specialist Robles-Santa, Wilbel A. - 25
- Specialist Santos Jr., Deflin M. - 24
- Captain Steel, James Michael - 29
- Staff Sergeant Ward, Christopher M. - 24

**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. The parishioners of our parish 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. New this year will be a Travel Table with trips to Orlando, St. Thomas, Hawaii and Sedona, AZ up for bid. You'll also 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.

Our dinner menu for the evening will be catered by Maneely's in South Windsor and includes:

- Tossed & Caesar Salads
- Tortellini Alfredo and Penne Marinara
- Chicken Francaise
- Swedish Meatballs
- Oven Roasted Potatoes
- Mixed Vegetables
- Dinner Rolls & Butter

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 the Masses weekend. You can also use a Reservation Form (which can be found at the main entrance of our church) by placing it and your ticket money in an envelope labeled School Auction and putting it in the collection basket at Mass.

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 contact Karen Santacross at 860-568-4100 or by e-mail at ksantacross@hotmail.com.

DRIVERS NEEDED

A one-day retreat for blind persons will be held on Saturday, May 11, from 10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Caristas Christi Center at Mount Sacred Heart in Hamden. For years now, members of the Knights of Columbus have been helping those who wish to attend the retreat with transportation. The Knights are seeking transportation volunteers and escorts during the retreat. Please contact Chris Randall at 860-490-3566 ASAP for a list of persons needing transportation and their contact information. Also if you know a blind person(s) who would be interested in attending the retreat, please let Chris know.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Bishop Peter Rosazza Social Justice Conference will be held on Saturday, June 8, at St. Paul High School in Bristol. More information to follow or it can be found at www.catholic-social-justice.org.

FOOD BANK – EASTER BOXES

On Monday, March 25, Dick Domler, Charlotte Turner, Aiden, Jill and Chris McCue, Nancy McNamara and Denise Rioux got together in the kitchen of South Congregational Church to put together 14 “Easter pails” for the children of our Easter food box recipients who are under 12 years old.

Town Hall does not give us names at Easter; therefore, we deliver boxes only to members of our two churches. This year we packed and delivered on the same day – Thursday, March 28.

The morning packers were:

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| Dick Domler | Denise Rioux |
| Charlotte Turner | Peggy Schoen |
| Phil Gravel | Debbie Wall |
| Nancy McNamara | |

At about 10:00 a.m. the drivers were:

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| Dick Domler | Mac McCarthy |
| Charlotte Turner | Paula |
| Michelle Lawrence | Peggy Schoen |
| Mary Lawson | Debbie Wall |

Our thanks to you who donated food, money and time. It takes many volunteers to successfully continue this endeavor. God bless!