



*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

**SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

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

**PRIESTHOOD-OFFICE OF VOCATIONS**

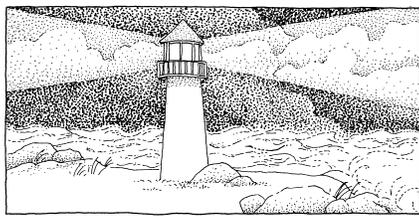
860-761-7456 [vocationshartford.org](http://vocationshartford.org)

**CREDO CATHOLIC SINGLES**

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

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**

[www.nccw.org](http://www.nccw.org)



**Fourth Sunday  
of  
Easter**

**April 21, 2013**

*“I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth.” – Acts 13:47b*



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**

**Deceased Members of the Volowski Family**

(*Anne Marie Volowski*)

Monday, April 22 – 7:30 a.m.

**Paul E. Franklin** (*Wife Claire*)

Tuesday, April 23 – 7:30 a.m.

**Louise Olinatz**

(*Children*)

Wednesday, April 24 – 7:30 a.m.

**Veronica Vance**

(*Pamela Vance & Carol Stacey*)

Thursday, April 25 – 7:30 a.m.

**Jacqueline Schempp – 5th Anniversary**

(*Family*)

Saturday, April 27 – 4:30 p.m.

**Robert Fillatti** (*Wife & Daughter*)

Sunday, April 28 – 8:00 a.m.

**Walter Forrest – 1st Anniversary**

(*Wife & Family*)

Sunday, April 28 – 10:30 a.m.

**Cassandra Browne – 9th Anniversary**

**Gerard Cormier – 8th Anniversary**

(*Their Loving Family*)

**OUR TITHING PARISH**

Weekly Collection (April 14): \$ 6,234

Same Sunday in 2012: \$ 5,458

Your generosity to our parish is appreciated. Many thanks for all you do to help our parish!

With Gratitude, Fr. Curran

**PARISH SCHOOL SUPPORT**

The second collection at all Masses this weekend supports our parish school. Thank you!

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

Stewardship is a joyful response in gratitude for the many gifts granted by the Lord. The readings for this Fourth Sunday of Easter are filled with the reasons we have to be joyful. Calling stewardship a “joyful response” brings to mind other ways this way of life has been described, including “a grateful response” and “a disciple’s response.” All of these apply to the good steward. Because we place our trust in the Lord, we understand that He is the Shepherd, the Lamb of God, and we are His flock. Another psalmist proclaims, “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it.” (Psalm 24:1) The more we come to see that God entrusts these things to us for the purpose of serving and glorifying God, the more we are able to offer them joyfully back to God.

**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**

**Bob Connors**

**In Remembrance of His Birthday**

(*Wife Bev & Family*)

The candle in the chapel burns this week

**In Loving Memory of**

**Leona Guerin**

(*Beverly Connors*)

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

**HOMEFRONT HELP NEEDED!**

HomeFront Day, Saturday, May 4, 2013 is coming soon and we need help! 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. Our HomeFront recipient this year is an East Hartford neighbor; she is 62 years old and has had a kidney transplant and despite her challenges she is spunky and has a very good attitude.

The primary task is to replace 15 windows in this house that was built in 1915; other tasks are: repair damaged boards on her side porch and paint, as well as paint her front porch; paint her kitchen; general yard/basement cleanup; install a GFI in her kitchen and replace a broken dimmer switch in her bedroom; replace the broken dead bolt lock on her front door; repair her washing machine drain so it doesn't back up and plant some flowers and mulch if we can get them donated.

**We are going to have a crew meeting on Monday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall to discuss the project and assign volunteers to the various tasks.** This meeting is very helpful to the success of our project so please attend if at all possible.

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](mailto:imgoose@comcast.net).

**NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION SUPPORTS HOMEFRONT**

The unending generosity of the St. Christopher Parish for worthy projects is inspiring. Our parish is once again providing a crew to assist an East Hartford neighbor in need through the HomeFront project. *(Please see the article above for all the details.)* The second collection next weekend, April 27/28, will assist with the required Team Sponsorship Donation that helps make HomeFront possible. Thank you for your past and future support of this project of neighbor helping neighbor.



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Our monthly Children's Liturgy will be celebrated next Sunday, April 28 at 10:30 a.m. Hospitality will follow in the church hall and is being hosted this month by families with children in all grades. Everyone is invited!

**HOSPITALITY WEEKEND**

**May 4 and 5**

Hospitality for the month of May falls on Derby Day – the Kentucky Derby on May 4. To make it a fun weekend why not darn fancy hats ladies? Since we don't get to wear hats very often anymore it could be fun to pull one out of the closet. The more extravagant the better. Fun for the children could include a horse race, hobby-horse race. If you have a wooden rocking horse please bring it in next weekend April 27/28 so we can see how many we have. If you have any fun ideas to offer, please contact me, Chickie Amberg at 860-568-9069. Hospitality for May is being sponsored by the Prayer Shawl Ministry.



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

**Joseph August Micoletti**

**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](mailto:tonya.brownell@gmail.com) or at 860-655-9482.

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP**

**June 24 – 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](http://stchrisvbc.weebly.com) or pick up a registration form at the back of the church. We hope to see you there!





### 1ST ANNUAL CUPCAKE CONTEST & BAKE SALE

Our parish school's 8th grade students invite you to participate in our 1st Annual Cupcake Contest and Bake Sale on Friday May 3. Stop over to St. Christopher School anytime between 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. to vote for your favorite cupcakes and to enjoy our bake sale. This is not a tasting cupcake contest. The cupcake contest is a fun contest to show off cupcakes you decorate at home and bring to the school on May 3. If you are able to donate cupcakes or any other baked good to our bake sale, you can drop your donation off at the school anytime between 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 3.

#### How to participate:

- Complete the Cupcake Contest Pre-registration Form and place it in the weekend Church collection or you can drop your pre-registration form off at the school.
- Select your best decorated cupcake and bring it to St. Christopher School anytime between 7:30 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 3.
- Attend the Cupcake Contest on Friday, May 3 between 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. to vote for your favorite cupcakes.
- Cupcake entries \$2 each; general admission \$1 per person.

#### Why participate?

- Have fun decorating and/or voting for your favorite cupcakes!
- Enjoy baked goods available at our bake sale.
- Support the Class of 2013 as they work to raise funds to purchase a statue of Saint Christopher and repair the school chimney.

For more info, please contact Kate Darcy Hohenthal at Hohenthal@cox.net or 860-402-8547, Bonnie Szalay at the Parish Office at 860-568-5240, or Audrey Cesana at the school office at 860-568-4100.



St. Christopher Church Hall

Friday ~ May 17, 2013

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).

### GIFT CARDS



Volunteers from our parish school will be selling gift cards again after all the Masses next weekend 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](mailto:kasimeone95@comcast.net). Orders are placed every Monday, so call Kathy if you would like to receive cards at other times.

### DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Many Catholic organizations, and many other associations have been voicing their opposition against the Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate. The Knights of Columbus, for example, have stated strongly: “Our Church teaches that nobody may be forced to act against his convictions, nor is anyone to be restrained from acting in accordance with his conscience in religious matters in private or in public, alone or in association with others, within due limits...To require a person to violate his conscience, then, is to require him to surrender not only his rights, but also his dignity.

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

### WE REMEMBER

We remember in prayer the following persons of the military who bravely fought and gallantly died during April 7 – 14 while serving our country. We also remember all those who are caught in the crossfires of war. May they rest in peace.

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Ruffner, Matthew P. - 34

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Yoder, Jarett M. - 26

### PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support of the essential work of the Holy Father and his charitable acts through the Peter's Pence Collection. Our contributions, which totaled \$1,336, will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help the Holy Father reach out to those in need. Thank you for being a Pilgrim of Charity through your generosity!

**ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL  
PRESENTS OUR  
14<sup>th</sup> 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 Masses this 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. You can also order your tickets online by going to:

**[stchris.schoolauction.net/auction2013](http://stchris.schoolauction.net/auction2013)**

For more information, please contact Karen Santacross, Advancement Director, at 860-568-4975 or by e-mail at [ksantacross@hotmail.com](mailto:ksantacross@hotmail.com). We hope to see you at the Auction!

**ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN BLUE MASS**

Everyone is invited to join Archbishop Mansell as he celebrates the Fifth Annual Archdiocesan Mass on Sunday, May 5, at 11:00 a.m. in the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford. The Blue Mass provides a way to come together as the People of God to honor and recognize the sacrifice of police, firefighters, Department of Correction, and Emergency Medical Services personnel. This year's Blue Mass, once again, will include a special remembrance of those who have died in the line of duty as well as recognition of their families and departments.

**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.catholicocialjustice.org](http://www.catholicocialjustice.org).

**2013 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

It is important that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident that the funds are used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal only supports the ministries and programs indicated in the 2013 Appeal literature.

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge to the 2013 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so. Extra appeal packets are located at the main entrance of the church. You may also make your donation online by visiting: [appeal.archdioceseofhartford.org](http://appeal.archdioceseofhartford.org).

**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.

St. Christopher School

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and their Families invite you to the



# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Cupcake Contest\*

## Pre-Registration Form

# Cupcake Contest and Bake Sale Friday, May 3, 2013

Contestant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Select One:

Child Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_\_\_

# of cupcake entries \_\_\_\_\_ X \$2.00 per entry = Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

We will send an email confirmation receipt of your entry.

*\*Proceeds to benefit the Class of 2013 Legacy Gifts to St. Christopher School. The students hope to raise enough funds to purchase a statue of St. Christopher and repair the school chimney.*

### Cupcake Contest Rules

- You can enter multiple cupcakes (each entry is \$2)
- No store bought cupcakes can be submitted to the contest
- This is not a cupcake tasting contest

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