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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

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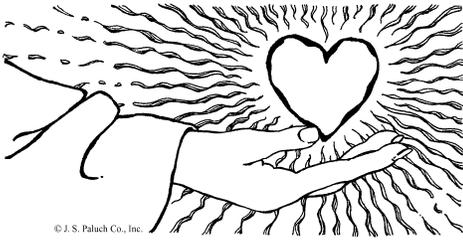
PRIESTHOOD-OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

860-761-7456 vocationshartford.org

CREDO CATHOLIC SINGLES

www.credocath.com

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN www.nccw.org



**Fifth Sunday
of
Easter**

April 28, 2013

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“Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race.”

– Revelation 21:3

*Mass for the
Intentions of the
Week*

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)

Monday, April 29 – 7:30 a.m.

Doris Tessier

(Her Sister Claire Franklin)

Tuesday, April 30 – 7:30 a.m.

Eleanor Domler

(Husband & Family)

Wednesday, May 1 – 7:30 a.m.

Fernand Viens

(Jean-Luc & Laurette Belanger)

Thursday, May 2 – 7:30 a.m.

Rev. Robert G. Ladamus

Saturday, May 4 – 4:30 p.m.

Velma Castonguay

(Her Sister Omerine & Elmer Gendreau)

Sunday, May 5 – 8:00 a.m.

Dennis Daigle – 11th Anniversary

(Mom, Dad & Family)

Sunday, May 5 – 10:30 a.m.

Pauline Larson (Dave & Chickie Amberg)

OUR TITHING PARISH

Weekly Collection (April 21): \$ 5,654

Same Sunday in 2012: \$ 6,423

Parish School Support: \$ 1,896

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

With Gratitude, Fr. Curran

HOMEFRONT COLLECTION

The second collection at all Masses this weekend supports this year’s HomeFront project. Please see the article on page 2 to learn more about this year’s project and to find out how you can help. Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Jesus calls us to “Love one another” many times in Holy Scripture. That admonition seems so simple. Yet, many of us struggle with it. It is as if the Lord says to us, “Stewardship is actually quite simple. Rather than trying to grapple with definitions and specifics, if you just do this, you will indeed be living lives of stewardship: Love one another.” What Jesus was calling His followers to do, and what He is calling us to do, is to recognize how much He loves us (He redeemed us with His very life); He then asks us to love one another in the same way. It might be called a Circle of Love. Jesus loves us; we love Him; we love others in His name; they love Jesus; they love us. Quite simple.

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 God’s Comfort & Healing Presence
for a Parishioner**

The candle in the chapel burns this week

**For A Successful HomeFront Project and for
God’s Blessings on Our HomeFront Recipient**

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

HOMEFRONT – LAST CALL!

HomeFront Day, Saturday, May 4, 2013 is coming soon! 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; her washing machine drain backs up and needs to be repaired and plant some flowers and mulch if we can get them donated.

We are going to have a crew meeting this 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 it 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.



MOTHER'S DAY MASS REMEMBRANCES

As Mother's Day approaches, you may have your mother (living or deceased) remembered in a special way during our Masses on Mother's Day weekend. For your convenience, an envelope has been included in your envelope set. Please **print** the name(s) on your envelope, indicate whether living or deceased and submit **by May 5**. You may also print the information on a piece of paper and put it in an envelope marked "Mother's Day Remembrance."

KENTUCKY DERBY HOSPITALITY WEEKEND

Next weekend is Kentucky Derby Weekend. We will be sharing togetherness and hospitality in the church hall after all the Masses with special fun like ladies and men's hats, hobby-horse races for the children and Mint Julep drinks for all (sorry, no alcohol added!). It should be great fun. Plan to stop after Mass.

We would appreciate donations of hors d'oeuvres and finger foods for Saturday, May 4 after the 4:30 Mass. Donations of baked goods would be appreciated for 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses on Sunday.

Please bring your donations to the church hall prior to Mass. The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be hosting. We look forward to seeing you for "tons of fun!"



FIRST COMMUNION

Next Sunday, May 5, at our 10:30 a.m. Liturgy, children from our parish's Religious Education program and our parish school will receive their First Holy Communion. Please keep these children and their parents and family members in your prayers.

FIRST COMMUNION REHEARSAL

There is a First Communion rehearsal scheduled for this Wednesday, May 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the Church. (This rehearsal is for the children making their First Communion on May 5. Another rehearsal will be held for those children who will be making their First Communion on May 19.)

LITURGY CORNER... "Did you know?"

There is a special sink in the Sacristy that is called the Sacarium? What makes this sink special is that the drainage pipe goes directly into the earth rather than into the sewer system. This sink is used for the purification of the sacred vessels used during Eucharistic Liturgies. Thus, any remaining evidence of the Body and Blood of Christ from the vessels is rinsed into this sink and drained directly back into the earth. The Body of Christ returning to the earth as life giving nutrients.



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. **(Entry forms are available at the main entrance to our church.)** 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.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

We are seeking individuals who would be interested and willing to serve as readers at our 10:30 a.m. Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 19. Several readers are needed to proclaim the Old and New Testament readings as well as the General Intercessions in different languages! The variety of languages expresses the Church's catholicity, that is, her universality. People of every race, nation, and tongue enrich the Church. At Pentecost, from many languages and peoples, God brought together in unity the Church. If you would like to assist us, please contact the parish office at stchris-eh@sbcglobal.net or at 860-568-5240.



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 stchrsvbc.weebly.com or pick up a registration form at the back of the church. We hope to see you there!

WE REMEMBER

We remember in prayer the following person of the military who bravely fought and gallantly died during April 15 – 21 while serving our country. We also remember all those who are caught in the crossfires of war. May he rest in peace.

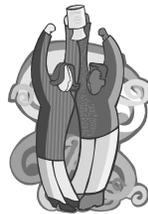
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GIFT CARDS

After All Masses This Weekend!



Volunteers from our parish school will be selling gift cards again after all the Masses this 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.



ST. CHRISTOPHER SOCIAL CLUB Monday, May 6 ~ 1:00 p.m.

Can your table-mates team beat the other teams? Come and play Scattergories with us. It will be lots of fun, and you'll love the prizes. As usual, this will be followed by light refreshments.

If you have been thinking of joining the social club, or have not yet paid your 2013 dues, 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 ~ 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.

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 Pennsylvania Catholic Health Association (PCHA), for example, has stated tellingly: "...The assault on religion mounted by this mandate is staggering. It is time for the mandate to be amended to shed the bias against the very ministries created to advance Christ's gospel values." 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.

DEACON TOM – CRS GLOBAL FELLOW

Please keep Deacon Tom in your thoughts these next few days. He and Mary are traveling to Baltimore to the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) headquarters for orientation for his new role as a CRS Global Fellow. He will be serving as a spokesperson for CRS at various events and venues around the country in addition to serving our parish as Deacon. May God bless him in this new venture.

THE CASE FOR IMMIGRATION REFORM

Congress and the president, despite their serious differences, have an opportunity in the coming months to pass and enact the kind of immigration reform that will address both our economic and security needs, BUT, WILL THEY DO IT JUSTLY? The bishops of the U.S. have suggested five key elements needed for serious reform:

- 1) a path to citizenship
- 2) the preservation of family unity
- 3) legal means for unskilled laborers to enter and work legally in this country
- 4) due process rights for immigrants
- 5) constructive attention to root causes of migration

JOIN US in the Saint Bridget school cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. on WED., MAY 8 to meet and discuss with people who are directly involved and/or affected by the immigration reform issues. COME HEAR WHAT THEY HAVE TO TELL US! Followed by refreshments and brought to you by the St. Bridget Social Justice Education and Advocacy Committee.

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 by calling 860-655-9482 or by sending an e-mail to tonya.brownell@gmail.com.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Christopher Council #4

The Knights of Columbus will hold their next meeting this Thursday, May 2 in our church hall. 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.

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.catholicsocialjustice.org.

2013 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports many important ministries and programs. Gifts are allocated towards religious education programs, youth ministries, local charities, the education of our seminarians, our retired clergy, our Catholic schools, and all of the services provided by the Archdiocese, far too many to list here. If you have not yet made your gift or pledge, please pray about your decision and consider making a pledge or one-time gift. Join us, your Catholic community, as we share our blessings and join in *Charity: Our Witness to Faith*.

Extra appeal packets are located at the main entrance of our church. You may also make your donation online by visiting: appeal.archdioceseofhartford.org. We offer our appreciation and gratitude to the parish families who have already made a gift to the 2013 Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

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.