



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

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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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



**Seventh Sunday
of
Easter**
May 12, 2013

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end”

– Revelation 22:13

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 11 – 4:30 p.m.

Special Intention

Sunday, May 12 – 8:00 a.m.

Gerry Martin

(Wife Jan & Family)

Monday, May 13 – 7:30 a.m.

Susan Viglione

18th Anniversary

(Jean Walker)

Tuesday, May 14 – 7:30 a.m.

Doris Tessier

(Her Sister Claire Franklin)

Wednesday, May 15 – 7:30 a.m.

John & Louise Olinatz

(Children)

Thursday, May 16 – 7:30 a.m.

Joseph Bernard Burns

22nd Anniversary

(Carolyn & Joe Kronen)

Saturday, May 18 – 4:30 p.m.

Roland L. Pepin – 2nd Anniversary

(Children)

Sunday, May 19 – 8:00 a.m.

Edward Paolino

(John & Sheryl Kupec)

Sunday, May 19 – 10:30 a.m.

Elizabeth Peck

(Al & Sally Labieniec)

OUR TITHING PARISH

Weekly Collection (May 5): \$ 5,671

Same Sunday in 2012: \$ 6,765

Many thanks for all you do to help our parish!

With Gratitude, Fr. Curran

PARISH SCHOOL COLLECTION

The monthly collection to support our parish school will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

According to the Gospel of Luke, Jesus gives his final instructions to His Apostles just prior to His Ascension into Heaven, which we celebrated on Thursday. He tells them that they are His witnesses, and charges them to go out and spread the Good News. Nevertheless, we subsequently learn that they went back to Jerusalem and they prayed. In fact, they prayed until Pentecost (which we celebrate next weekend). That was in many ways an act of stewardship. Jesus had cautioned them that they were not prepared for the ministry to which He was calling them. We are all called, but that does not mean we are prepared.

They prayed, and we need to pray. Scripture also notes that they “prayed with one accord.” Assuredly they prayed as individuals, but they also prayed together. As good stewards, we need to do that, too. It brings us closer to the Lord we must serve; it helps us to understand what Jesus expects of us. Prayer provides the foundation for lives of service, lives of stewardship. If we remain close to Jesus, we will never be left unprepared to be good stewards.

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 Special Favor

The candle in the chapel burns this week

For All Mothers – Living and Deceased

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



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.

HOSPITALITY WEEKEND

Celebrating the First Communion of our children last weekend added to the togetherness and joy of Hospitality Weekend. Special thanks to the Prayer Shawl Ministry who hosted. Thank you to **Chickie Amberg, Helen Little, Lucy Laing, Bea McAuliffe, Jean McNamara, Jeanne Sciarra, Jane Stebbins, Vivian Tardiff, Santa Vallone, Paula Chieruzzi and Coffeeman Dave Amberg.** Honorary member **Joanne DeMaio** who gave so much time and energy to making shawls was present in spirit. Joanne died recently. May she rest in peace. The next Hospitality Weekend will be June 8 and 9.



Ernie and Toni Mintel enjoying last weekend's Kentucky Derby Hospitality Weekend.



FIRST COMMUNION

Next Sunday, May 19, 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 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the Church for the children making their First Communion next Sunday.

SHARE YOUR ACTS OF FAITH

If you know of someone or an organization in our parish that has helped spark your faith or enhanced the spirituality at your parish in this *Year of Faith*, we want to hear from you! Tell us about their *Act of Faith* by filling out the short form found at www.archdioceseofhartford.org by clicking on the Year of Faith logo. Perhaps, someone has started a new Bible study group; developed a parish youth activity; created a community fundraiser; begun a new ministry; made a donation of time or money to enhance your parish in a spiritual or aesthetic way; collected supplies for a charity; or inspired you to grow stronger as a Catholic; whatever their *Act of Faith* may be, we ask you to fill out the form. **Deadline is May 15.**

We will share these *Acts of Faith* with our communities by posting them on the Archdiocesan website. Then, on Sunday, June 2, 2013 at 3:00 pm, Archbishop Henry J. Mansell will celebrate the Archdiocesan *Year of Faith* Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Hartford and share some of the *Acts of Faith*. The hope is that these *Acts of Faith* will inspire us to grow in our love for God and His Church.

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.

HOMEFRONT

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Another HomeFront project completed and I have many people to thank. First I want to thank Fr. Curran, Deacon Ed and Deacon Tom for supporting our participation in the HomeFront project. Next our House Captain, Norm Cote who joyfully expended so much energy and time to help make our HomeFront ministry successful and our Assistant House Captain, Tony Sousa who was such a valuable asset to the success of this project; Tony does a great job of keeping us on task! Although an aggregate thank you to our tremendous crew might be adequate, I feel compelled to mention each by name: Roger Messier, David Boardman, Kevin Hadyka, Dave Amberg, Lori Brunette, Steve Araujo, Real & Nathalie Laprise, Everett Hayes, Ashleigh Sargent, Danielle Gallery, Anne Morrison, Ernie and Toni Mintel, Deacon Tom Breen, Dan Valente, a teacher at St. Christopher School, and two of his students, Mackenzie McGee and Camry Brown.

Thank you to Joanne Hadyka for preparing lunch for our hungry crew and Kristie Sargent for donating coffee, donut holes and pastries to get us off to a great start! Thank you to Tony Sousa's friend Joel Grout who brought so much talent and enthusiasm to our crew! Thank you to Joan McCarthy for giving our landscaping effort the jumpstart it needed with her generous donation to help purchase flowers, and a very special thanks to Lori Brunette for securing additional donations from Home Depot and Agway as well as planning all the landscaping efforts! Thank you to Bonnie Szalay for all she does to make things happen behind the scene. And last, but not least, thank you to the St. Christopher parish community for financially supporting our efforts through the special collection for HomeFront and for your prayers!

Thank you and God bless you all!

Peace, Phil Gosselin – Volunteer Coordinator

HOMEFRONT LOST & FOUND

If you can help get these items back to their owners, please call Phil Gosselin at 860-568-5001.

Found: Water can and a red shovel

Lost: Green plastic rake with a wooden handle

GIFT CARDS

Next Weekend – May 18 and 19



Please help support our parish school by buying gift cards for gifts and everyday purchases. Card will be available for purchase after all Masses next weekend, May 18 and 19. This is the last weekend for card sales for this school year. We will resume again in the fall. For more information, please contact Kathy at 860-569-8451 or by e-mail at kasimeone95@comcast.net.

WE REMEMBER

We remember in prayer the following persons of the military who bravely fought and gallantly died during May 1 – 4 while serving our country. We also remember all those who are caught in the crossfires of war. May they rest in peace.

- Specialist Cardoza, Kevin - 19
- Staff Sergeant Christian, Eric D. - 39
- 1st Lieutenant Landrum, Brandon J. - 26
- Technical Sergeant Mackey III, Herman - 30
- Private 1st Class McClure, Charles P. - 21
- Specialist Murach, Thomas Paige - 22
- Staff Sergeant Phillips IV, Francis Gene - 28
- Captain Pinckney, Victoria A. - 27
- Specialist Prescott, Brandon Joseph - 24
- Specialist Santiago Jr., Trinidad - 25
- Staff Sergeant Simpson, Michael H. - 30
- Corporal Sonka, David M. - 23
- Captain Voss, Mark T. - 27

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF... Marie Bain, Joanne DeMaio, and Marjorie Kearns. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.*



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 or pick up a registration form at the back of the church. **Registration deadline is Friday, May 31.** We hope to see you there!

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Next weekend our parish will take up the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). This Collection communicates the Good News through social media activities and enriches our faith through podcasts, television, radio, and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our archdiocese, so please be generous in this Collection. CCC is how the Good News gets around *to you*.



BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

This weekend we have the opportunity to support Birthright's service to pregnant women in crisis. Members of St. Christopher's Pro-Life Committee will distribute baby bottles (one per family) after all Masses this weekend as part of a fundraiser for Birthright. We ask that you take the bottle home, fill it with coins, cash or a check and return it to the specially marked baskets by Sunday, June 2. As you will see from the insert inside the bottle, you may make a donation in honor or in memory of a loved one. Birthright will send an acknowledgement card of your gift of life.

This is a great opportunity for our church families to have hands-on involvement in a project that saves the lives of unborn children and makes a lasting difference in the mothers' lives. Birthright thanks you for any help you can give.

2013 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Your support of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal is encouraged. Every dollar makes a difference to those who are without shelter, adequate food, health care or mental health services, those without access to education; and those who are ill. Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's Appeal. Extra appeal packets are located at the main entrance of our church. You may also make your donation online by visiting: appeal.archdioceseofhartford.org.



CAN & BOTTLE DRIVE

The last Can and Bottle Drive of this school year will be held on Saturday, June 15, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Please bring your pre-rinsed cans and bottles to the front of our school. Thank you for supporting our parish school!

Prayer for Mother's Day

Thank you God for all mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, and those who have provided love, support, time and talents to each of us. We ask for your blessing on those living and not living and for mothers to be. We pray they always turn to you in times of joy and sorrow and that they continue to be a source of strength in leading us to you. May all mothers know your loving and gentle presence. We ask this in your name. Amen.



Fr. Curran, Deacons Ed Giard and Tom Breen, and the entire parish staff wish all the mothers of our parish a Happy Mother's Day!

MOTHER & CHILD

"Mother & Child" – the mother's group where we connect and support one another along our journey through motherhood with Mary, the faithful Mother of our Lord as our support, will be getting together on Saturday, May 18 from 9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Parish, Main St. Glastonbury! FREE BABYSITTING provided! RSVP to 860-655-9482 or tonya.brownell@gmail.com if you can join us or have questions.

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

From May 20 -29, 2013, Archbishop Mansell will be leading a Year of Faith Pilgrimage to Rome and other Italian cities. He will celebrate Mass at the four major basilicas in Rome: St. Peter, St. Mary Major, St. Paul Outside the Walls and St. John Lateran. He and the Connecticut pilgrims will pray that the federal health care mandate is changed so that freedom of religion is protected for people of all faiths.

If you have a special intention, the Archbishop will remember your intentions during the Masses on the pilgrimage. Visit: www.archdioceseofhartford.org and click in the Year of Faith box to fill out and email a form.

The time is now to contact the White House and let them know that the mandate violates the First Amendment, which guarantees every American freedom of religion. Call the White House at: 202-456-1111 or 202-456-1414 or visit www.whitehouse.gov/contact.