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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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St. Christopher Council #4
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PRIESTHOOD-OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

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www.credocath.com

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The Most Holy Trinity

May 26, 2013

“[T]he love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.” – Romans 5:5b

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 25 – 4:30 p.m.
Dorothy M. Pepin – 2nd Anniversary
(Children)

Sunday, May 26 – 8:00 a.m.
Emile Laprise – 41st Anniversary
(Family)

Sunday, May 26 – 10:30 a.m.
John Klien
(Al & Sally Labieniec)

Tuesday, May 28 – 7:30 a.m.
Mark Tardiff
(Family)

Wednesday, May 29 – 7:30 a.m.
Doris Tessier
(Her Sister Claire Franklin)

Thursday, May 30 – 7:30 a.m.
Rev. Edward G. Pfnausch

Saturday, June 1 – 4:30 p.m.
Marcel Dulude – 5th Anniversary
(Wife & Family)

Sunday, June 2 – 8:00 a.m.
John Kenefick
(Fred & Pat Clark)

Sunday, June 2 – 10:30 a.m.
Frank Vallone
(Wife & Family)

OUR TITHING PARISH

Weekly Collection (May 19): \$ 5,478
Same Sunday in 2012: \$ 5,727

My personal thanks for your generous support of our parish. By sharing your time, talent and treasure, you enable us to further the mission of bringing Christ to our families, our young people, our community and our world!

With Gratitude, Fr. Curran

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

It would seem appropriate on this Most Holy Trinity Sunday that we focus on the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in light of a stewardship way of life. Stewardship has been defined as “the grateful and responsible use of God’s gifts in the light of God’s purpose as revealed in Jesus Christ. Christian stewards, empowered by the Holy Spirit, commit themselves to conscious, purposeful decisions.”

In today’s Gospel from John, the Lord proclaims that the Holy Spirit will “guide you to all truth.” Stewardship is truth; it is the way we are called to see our lives and to live our lives. It is a God-centered way of living. Catholic Christian stewardship is using the gifts God has given us, to do the work God has called us to do. One of the primary objectives of our lives is to discern and carry out God’s purpose for us. What is our personal mission? Do you hear God’s call to be truer within your faith and beliefs?

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
Bill Hoffman**
(Beverly Connors)

The candle in the chapel burns this week

**For the Men and Women Who Have Died While
Serving in the United States Armed Forces**

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

MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

Please note that our daily Mass will not be celebrated this Monday, May 27. In addition, our parish office will be closed on Monday, May 27. We will reopen on Tuesday, May 28, at 8:00 a.m.



**ST. CHRISTOPHER
SOCIAL CLUB
Monday, June 3
1:00 p.m.**

We are fortunate to have Jim Sisti perform his magic for us at our June meeting. He has 25 years experience in the world of magic; and this should prove to be an exciting experience. 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.**

FRIENDLY REMINDER

As a courtesy to those around you, please turn off your cell phone when you arrive for Mass. Thanks!

NEW DAY PROGRAM

"You will grieve, but your grief will become joy."
(Jn. 16:20)

When we are in the midst of sorrow or distress of some kind, we cannot feel pleasure. That is why faith in "life beyond death" is vital, trusting that unknown new life or growth is possible after each "death" occurs. Future peace and joy will return in time, after grief, prayer and acceptance have been given their due. This new life is assisted in the New Day program, primarily for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. This 10 week program will begin on Monday, June 10 at 6:30 p.m. Location is yet to be decided, but it will be somewhere in our parish facilities. Registration is helpful by calling me at 860-568-9069. If you know anyone who may benefit from such a gathering, please call me and I'll extend to him/her a personal invitation.

- Chickie Amberg, MA

PIANO RECITAL

Sunday ~ June 2 ~ 3:00 p.m.

St. Christopher Church

Dr. Watson "Will" Morrison, a member of our parish for over 55 years, will present a piano recital in our church on Sunday, June 2 at 3:00 p.m. for the benefit of our parish school.



Among other works, the recital program will include two of the greatest masterpieces ever written for the piano: the "Funeral March" Sonata by Frederic Chopin and the Variations on the Crucifixus Movement from Bach's B Minor Mass by Franz Liszt which includes the complete crucifixion and resurrection of Christ.

Dr. Morrison holds the title of Professor Emeritus of Piano at the Hartt School of the University of Hartford. He has performed as far away as Iceland and Brazil and has served four terms on the prestigious Competition International Fulbright Committee for Pianists in New York City. He has recorded for "The Musical Heritage Society" and is a member of "The American Liszt Society."

Will hopes all of his many friends at St. Christopher's will come to hear him perform on June 2. A \$10.00 donation is suggested as a good will gesture for this very worthy cause.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Thank you for your generosity in last week's Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Because of your support, which totaled \$1,115, millions of faithful can gain a deeper understanding of their faith through Catholic resources on the Internet, television, radio, and print media. Remember, half of your donations are staying in our Archdiocese to support local communication projects. To learn more about the important work supported by this collection, please visit www.usccb.org (search Catholic Communication Campaign").



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

Brooklyn Diane Manganello



VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Registration Deadline Drawing Near!

Vacation Bible Camp at St. Christopher's is being held this year from June 24 - June 28, from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. It is a great way to begin this year's summer vacation. Each day children will sing songs, play fun games, make exciting crafts, and immerse themselves in a bible story. We also have a mid-morning snack and learn valuable lessons that help us to "Stand Strong with God!" 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!

ST. CHRIS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Postponed to Fall

The St. Christopher School Board has decided to postpone the 23rd Annual Golf Tournament scheduled for June 1 to the Fall of 2013 at a golf course yet to be announced. This decision was made based on the recent problems with the Long Hill Country Club Golf Course. If you have already sent in your sponsorship money or your golf fees, we will return your checks. Thank you for your understanding and we hope to see you at this great event in the Fall.

PARISH LIBRARY

The parish library has been moved into the church hall and is now open for your use. There are many sections in our library devoted to prayer, spirituality, biographies, and more. There is also a children's section. Please take time over the next few weeks to browse through the books and feel free to borrow one that catches your eye. There are also bins for returns and for donations of religious books. We hope you enjoy the parish library. Happy reading!



We thank Kevin Hadyka and those who helped him move our parish library and get it organized and ready for all our use. We appreciate the time they devoted to this endeavor!

WORLD YOUTH DAY

The generous parishioners of St. Christopher Parish have amazed me again. Thank you so much for your support of the World Youth Day bake sale two weeks ago. Your generosity helped us to reach our goal of \$6,000 raised. These funds halve the total cost of the trip for each pilgrim. The pilgrims are looking forward to seeing Pope Francis in Rio de Janeiro in July. Please keep a lookout in the bulletin for how you will be able to follow our pilgrimage online, as we journey to Brazil. Thank you for your support and for making this pilgrimage possible.

– Kevin Hadyka, WYD Pilgrimage Director

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

We are seeking parishioners and others who would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith and Church - or to share their faith. With enough interest we will begin in the Fall and meet regularly through the Spring, learning and sharing together. Suitable candidates will receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist), as appropriate, at the Easter Vigil. For more information, please call Deacon Tom Breen at 860-643-7268 or you may leave your name with Bonnie at the parish office by contacting her at 860-568-5240 or at stchris-eh@sbcglobal.net.

GIFT CARDS

Please help support our parish school by buying gift cards for gifts and everyday purchases. For more information, or to purchase gift cards, please contact Kathy at 860-569-8451 or by e-mail at kasimeone95@comcast.net.



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Next weekend our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from the Collection help provide food to the hungry, welcome and support to displaced refugees, and invaluable life skills to those seeking a better life. **How will you help?** Next week, please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and **Jesus in disguise.**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION!!!

We extend our congratulations to Fr. Curran as he celebrates his 15th year of Ordination this week. We also congratulate Fr. James Manship who grew up in St. Christopher's parish and was ordained alongside Fr. Curran on May 30, 1998. Fr. Manship is the son of our long-term parishioners Calvin and Theresa Manship. May our Lord's blessing, His joys and His graces be a rich reward for Fr. Curran, Fr. Manship and their families for their selfless dedication in His service, and may their hearts be filled with peace.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CLERGY APPRECIATION RECEPTION

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Clergy Appreciation Reception on Sunday, June 9, after our 10:30 a.m. Mass. The Knights will honor Fr. Curran on the 15th Anniversary of his Ordination. They will also honor Fr. Louis Cremonie, Deacon Ed Giard and Deacon Thomas Breen in appreciation for their service to our parish.

The Knights will provide a variety of hors d'oeuvres and will serve coffee, tea, cocoa and juices. The Knights are asking for voluntary contributions of luncheon finger foods and dessert items which can be dropped off in the church hall before the 10:30 Mass on June 9.

The Knights invite all our parishioners to attend the reception to thank Fr. Curran for his 15 years as a priest and for his tremendous leadership as our pastor these past six years, and to thank Fr. Cremonie and our two Deacons for their outstanding service to our parish community.

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Our parish's Pro-Life Committee wishes to thank all the families who took a baby bottle after Mass a couple of weeks ago. On behalf of Birthright we will collect the bottles filled with coins, cash or check. You may place your bottle in the specially marked basket by Sunday, June 2. This is an opportunity to support a project that saves the lives of unborn children and makes a lasting difference in the mothers' lives. Any help you can give is much appreciated!



YEAR OF FAITH MASS

An Archdiocesan Mass celebrating the *Year of Faith* will be celebrated on Sunday, June 2, at 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph. The *Year of Faith* offers us a unique opportunity to gather together as the Archdiocesan family in the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, the mother church of the Archdiocese, which calls people from all our parishes and institutions throughout Hartford, Litchfield and New Haven counties, and as one family of believers to profess our faith in the Risen Lord. This is expected to be a glorious celebration and we hope many of you will be able to attend.

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

In order to commemorate the last eight months, which have inspired many spirited examples of faith in action across Connecticut, and to pray for continued evangelization in this special Year of Faith, Archbishop Henry J. Mansell will celebrate a Year of Faith Mass on Sunday, June 2, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford. We will keep the preservation of religious freedom in our prayers. To voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate, contact the White House at: www.whitehouse.gov/contact or call 202-456-1111 or 202-456-1414

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!



WE REMEMBER

We remember in prayer the following persons of the military who bravely fought and gallantly died during the week of May 13 – 19 while serving our country. We also remember all those who are caught in the crossfires of war. May they rest in peace.

- Sergeant Aguon, Eugene M. - 23
- Sergeant 1st Class Baker, Jeffrey C. - 29
- Specialist Daehling, Mitchell Kirk - 24
- Specialist Flores, Dwayne W. - 22
- Specialist Gilbert, William Joseph - 24
- Sergeant 1st Class Rhea, Trenton L. - 33