



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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SCHOOL'S WEBSITE

www.saintchristopherschool.org

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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



**Tenth Sunday
in
Ordinary
Time**

June 9, 2013

*“You changed my mourning into dancing; O LORD,
my God, forever will I give you thanks.”*

– Psalm 30:12, 13

*Mass for the
Intentions*  *for the
Week*

Saturday, June 8 – 4:30 p.m.
Laura Paszek & Elsie Bosco
(Sister, Mary Harden)

Sunday, June 9 – 8:00 a.m.
Settimo & Mary Tamiso
Tom & Rose Del Rocco
(Family)

Sunday, June 9 – 10:30 a.m.
Frank McMahon
(Howard & Barbara Wilmes)

Monday, June 10 – 7:30 a.m.
Rev. Genaro J. Testa

Tuesday, June 11 – 7:30 a.m.
Joe & Ann Amrich
(The Tebecio Family)

Wednesday, June 12 – 7:30 a.m.
John & Louise Olinatz
(Children)

Thursday, June 13 – 7:30 a.m.
Doris Tessier
(Her Sister Claire Franklin)

Saturday, June 15 – 4:30 p.m.
Velma Castonguay
(Her Sister Omerine & Elmer Gendreau)

Sunday, June 16 – 8:00 a.m.
Sr. Mary Brendan *(Niece)*

Sunday, June 16 – 10:30 a.m.
Michael Fastiggi *(Family)*

OUR TITHING PARISH

Weekly Collection (June 2): \$ 5,831
Same Sunday in 2012: \$ 5,623

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

With Gratitude, Fr. Curran

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Stewardship is referred to most often as “a way of life.” We also often hear that a stewardship way of life requires a personal conversion of mind and heart. In today’s second reading from St. Paul’s letter to the Galatians, Paul speaks of two key ingredients of stewardship. First, he reminds the Galatians (and us) that stewardship requires a dramatic conversion, similar to his own. Second, he tells us that once we have been converted, our motivation for doing good, for practicing our faith, for reaching out to others, should be gratitude and an understanding that is what we are meant to do, not because of a sense of obligation or duty. In other words we are stewards because we are supposed to be, not because we are following a law or a command.

The good steward does what is right because that is the way to live — a reflection of Jesus’ own life — not because of obligation or duty. That was Paul’s message to the Galatians, and that same message applies to us.

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
John St. Onge**
In Remembrance of Our Wedding Anniversary
(Wife Simone)

The candle in the chapel burns this week

**For the Students of
Our Parish School’s Class of 2013**

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

PARISH SCHOOL COLLECTION

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

**NEW DAY PROGRAM
Begins This Monday ~ June 10**

When your life is turned upside down by the death of a loved one, a spouse or a child, it leaves you totally devastated – physically, mentally and emotionally. You seem to lose direction and purpose in your life. You find you need to rebuild your life and adjust to living without the loved one’s physical presence. It is not easy and most find they need help.

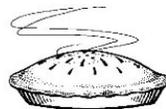
The New Day Program is designed to give you that help. First, it helps you understand why you feel the way you do and the impact to you as a person. Secondly, it gives you contact with others who are in the same circumstances to learn how they are coping or have coped with the problem. Thirdly, it provides direction and a pathway to recovery. I attended this program last year in the company of my daughter Sarah after losing my wife Rita after fifty-five plus years of married life. I found it very helpful. As an engineer, I am always looking for new tools to solve problems, and with this program, I found what I needed.

The Program puts you in touch with people who understand your situation, and who can help you through their experience in the loss of a loved one or spouse.

The Program will also help you reconcile your grief and to adjust to a life that will carry on your loved one’s legacy and continue the work for which God created you. If you have lost someone and are still dealing with the grief and changes that occur afterwards, I hope you will consider attending the New Day program and seeing how it can help you too.

– Howard Thiery

The New Day Program begins this Monday, June 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the Rectory. It will run for ten weeks. If you are interested in registering for the New Day Program or would like more information, please contact Chickie Amberg at 860-568-9069.



**DOMINICAN SISTERS’
BAKE SALE**

This Weekend – June 8 and 9

The Dominican Sisters are visiting our parish this weekend to offer for sale their homemade breads, apple pies, blueberry pies, and brownies. Everything is baked accordingly to the Dominican community recipe. The proceeds of their sale will be used to buy medical supplies for their mission to support the lepers. Your support is greatly appreciated.

HOSPITALITY WEEKEND

Please come to the church hall for hospitality, good food and togetherness **after all the Masses this weekend**. Hospitality following our 10:30 a.m. Mass will feature a clergy appreciation reception honoring our priests and deacons. Stop by after the Mass that you attend.

2013/2014 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Now is the time to register your child for our religious education program. Forms are available at the church entrances or you may contact Maria Sousa, our Coordinator of Rel. Ed. at 860-895-8692 or at stchrisre@gmail.com. **Returning families are asked to complete a new registration form each year.** Our 2nd grade sacrament program is a two-year program beginning in 1st grade. A program for children entering Kindergarten is also available.



WJMJ’s semi-annual radiothon will be held Thursday, June 13 through Saturday, June 15 and Monday, June 17. As a noncommercial radio station they are prohibited from airing commercials, so they must rely on your support to continue this valuable ministry. Most areas of the Archdiocese of Hartford can receive WJMJ at 88.9 FM, in New Haven at 107.1 FM, in Hamden at 93.1 FM, and streaming live over the internet at WJMJ.org from anywhere. Great music with the inspiration of our faith makes us the area’s most unique radio station worthy of your help and support. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us at 203-758-7367 or visit our web site at WJMJ.org to sign up. Tune in and be part of WJMJ – Catholic Radio; Where Faith Meets Life!

FOOD BANK REPORT

For May 2013

Requests: 49 Adults: 81 Children: 47

Due to the increase in the number of people who have been requesting assistance from our food bank, we are in need of non-perishable food items so we can continue to help feed those in need. Please leave your donations in the area near our candle station. Thank you for your support!



ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL GRADUATION

Our parish school will hold graduation ceremonies on Friday, June 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. We ask that you keep these eighth grade students and their families in your prayers.

FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

To commemorate National Flag Week, D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel invites everyone to their Second Annual American Flag Retirement Ceremony to be held at their facility at 30 Carter St., East Hartford on Thursday, June 13 at 6:00 p.m. If you have any worn, torn, faded or badly soiled flags, please bring them with you on the day of the ceremony or you may place them in the receptacles located at East Hartford Town Hall, 740 Main St., East Hartford Fire Department, 31 School St., or D'Esopo's, 30 Carter Street. The Flag presently flying over D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel will be properly retired during the ceremony. All other flags that are collected will be properly retired at a later date and properly buried on the grounds of the D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel.

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 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!



LOVABLE HUGGABLES

We are pleased to share with you the following letter our Religious Education office received. During Lent all our Religious Education students participated in a Lenten service project by collecting stuffed toys.

Dear Ms. Sousa,

Thank you so much for your wonderful donation of stuffed toys to Lovable Huggables. Thanks to the generosity and thoughtfulness of people like all of you, we have been able to donate nearly 175,000 stuffed animals to such places as shelters, schools, social service agencies, convalescent homes, literacy programs, and police and fire departments. We have donated animals throughout Connecticut as well as to New Orleans (after Hurricane Katrina), several Indian Reservations in Arizona and North Dakota, Haiti, Afghanistan and Cambodia.

We have been busy getting the animals you donated ready for distribution. A number of them will be going to Op-Mad, an organization that runs summer programs in some of the elementary schools in Hartford. The smaller animals will go to a health clinic in Hartford where they are given to the children before they see the doctor. The doctors tell us they have a calming effect.

Your kindness will help make the lives of others a little brighter and more joyful. Thank you so much for all your efforts collecting and delivering the stuffed animals to us. We are very appreciative.

Sincerely,

Evelyn & Linda Clark

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Thank you for your generous support of the collection for Catholic Relief Services (CRS) last weekend. Your generosity, which totaled \$1,117, will help reunite families, teach valuable life skills to those seeking a better life, and meet the vital humanitarian needs of many people. In addition, during the Lenten season our parish and school community participated in the CRS Rice Bowl program. We are happy to announce that a total of \$1,036 was raised. Your participation in the CRS Rice Bowl program will continue to make a difference in the lives of those in need throughout the entire year. Thank you!

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

The time has come for the U.S. government to provide the exemptions necessary so that churches and religious organizations will not be forced to subsidize healthcare coverage that goes against their moral principles.

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; or write to: The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20500. Let the White House know that the mandate violates the First Amendment, which guarantees religious freedom.

2013 ARCHBISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL

As we near the end of our effort for this year, we thank those who have given and encourage those who have not to join us in this important endeavor. The Archbishop’s Annual Appeal helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, counsel those in despair, offer much needed assistance to the unemployed, and make medical care available to those without insurance. **We are pleased to report that to date pledges from members of our parish total \$27,841.** Appeal packets are available at the main entrance to the church or you may make your donation online by visiting appeal.archdioceseofhartford.org.

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

Rev. John Blackall, Antonio Leonardo, Diane Olinatz, and Eileen Telesmanick. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.*

WE REMEMBER

We remember in prayer the following persons of the military who bravely fought and gallantly died during the week of May 27 – June 3 while serving our country. We also remember all those who are caught in the crossfires of war. May they rest in peace.

- Warrant Officer Mullen, Sean W. - 39
- Staff Sergeant Nunezrodriguez, Joe A. - 29
- Specialist Pierce, Robert A. - 20
- Specialist Ramirez, Ray A. - 20
- Private 1st Class Raymundo, Mariano M. - 21
- 2nd Lieutenant Sisson, Justin L. - 23
- Specialist Stoeckli, Kyle P. - 21

PRAYER LINE

Our Prayer Line is ready to receive your prayer requests! All requests are handled with care and in a confidential manner. You need only share what you wish. E-mail your requests to Beverly Connors, Prayer Line coordinator, at bcrc29@hotmail.com or call her at 860-432-1530.



Members of our Prayer Shawl Ministry at their last gathering until September. Members are (from L to R): Vivian Tardiff, Ruth Lacroix, Jean McNamara, Bea McAuliffe, Neva Ramsey, Jane Stebbins, Lucy Laing and Jeanne Sciarra. Missing from photo are Paula Chieruzzi, Helen Little, Santa Vallone and Chickie Amberg who took the picture. May they all enjoy a relaxing and peaceful summer!