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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
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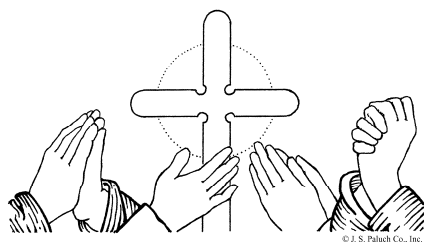
PRIESTHOOD-OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

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**Twelfth Sunday
in
Ordinary Time
June 23, 2013**

“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” – Galatians 3:28

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, June 22 – 4:30 p.m.

Joseph & Eva Bergeron
(Daughter Irene Crowley)

Sunday, June 23 – 8:00 a.m.

Charles Stebbins *(Family)*

Sunday, June 23 – 10:30 a.m.

Donald Repass
(Tony & Maria Sousa)

Monday, June 24 – 7:30 a.m.

Lois Moriarty *(Sonia Ginther)*

Tuesday, June 25 – 7:30 a.m.

Doris Tessier
(Her Sister Claire Franklin)

Wednesday, June 26 – 7:30 a.m.

Lorraine Hebert
(Norman & Edith Daigle)

Thursday, June 27 – 7:30 a.m.

Rev. Robert W. Ladish

Saturday, June 29 – 4:30 p.m.

Ken Harrison, Sr. *(Family)*

Sunday, June 30 – 8:00 a.m.

Dominick Natalie
In Remembrance of His Birthday
(Wife & Family)

Sunday, June 30 – 10:30 a.m.

Helen C. Katin
(The Katin & Brewer Families)

OUR TITHING PARISH

Weekly Collection (June 16): \$ 5,499
Same Sunday in 2012: \$ 6,125

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

The readings for this Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time deal with the dichotomy of emotions found in Christ’s Crucifixion. It was a tragedy and an extremely sad occurrence; at the same time, as it meant salvation for us, it was a time of great joy.

Our lives are filled with sadness and joy. Those who practice stewardship as a way of life focus on the joys. If we concentrate on our blessings, the crosses we must bear become less burdensome and more tolerable. The noted author and lecturer Helen Keller, who was both deaf and blind, had a wonderful stewardship outlook on life. She once said, “Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see a shadow.” That is our challenge as stewards — to concentrate on the good in life because that is what brings us great happiness.

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 Celebration of
Deacon Ed & Fran Giard’s
Graduation from the
Archdiocesan Catholic Biblical School**
(Beverly Connors)

The candle in the chapel burns this week

For a Happy & Safe Summer for All

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



YEAR OF FAITH

May this Year kindle in every believer a resolve to profess the faith in its fullness, with renewed conviction, and to celebrate the faith more intensely especially in the Eucharist, the summit toward which all the Church's activity is directed and the source from which all the Church's energy flows. Without liturgy, the profession of faith would lack the grace to bear fruit in Christian witness (see Benedict XVI, Door of Faith, 9, 11).

Meditation

How providential that June opens, in this Year of Faith, with the solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). June's Sunday Gospels show Jesus comforting the afflicted and forgiving sin, predicting his saving passion and challenging would-be disciples to take up their cross daily and follow him. But faithful discipleship is impossible without the grace that flows from Christ's Eucharistic sacrifice, without the comfort bestowed by Jesus' abiding Eucharistic presence. Thus June becomes a grace-filled opportunity to renew our appreciation of the multiple dimensions of the Eucharist by rediscovering the riches of the Church's teaching: Eucharist as sacrifice and paschal banquet (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1322-1372, 1382-1390; Compendium, 271, 275, 280-281; YouCat, 212); Christ's Real Presence (Catechism, 1373-1381; Compendium, 282-283; YouCat, 216-218); full, conscious and active participation (internal and external) (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, 14; Catechism, 1345-1355); fruits of the Eucharist in our personal and communal lives (Catechism, 1391-1401); Eucharist as pledge of future glory (Catechism, 1402-1405).

Mission

Study the Church's teaching on the Eucharist; prepare more prayerfully for Sunday (daily) Mass; spend time each week in Eucharistic adoration.

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Kelly Christine Burnham & Christopher Wayne Burdge

BRAKE THE CYCLE FOR POVERTY

Potluck Dinner & Presentation

Everyone is invited to attend a potluck dinner and presentation being held this **Tuesday, June 25, at 5:00 p.m. in our parish school gym.** This event is being co-hosted by Deacon Tom Breen.

In July 2003, 8 bikers and 6 support staff from St. Bridget Church in Manchester rode from Manchester, CT to Washington, DC to raise the awareness of poverty, visiting parishes along the way. The Brake the Cycle of Poverty Team continues to meet with parishes interested in Thinking About, Talking About, and Taking Action against poverty in their local area and in Connecticut.

Please come to learn to PEDAL without having a bike and bring a dish to share.

WE REMEMBER

We remember in prayer the following persons of the military who bravely fought and gallantly died during the week of June 10 – 16 while serving our country. We also remember all those who are caught in the crossfires of war. May they rest in peace.

Lance Corporal Brown, Jared W. - 20

Staff Sergeant Thomas Jr., Jesse L. - 31

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.

St. Christopher Church Hall

Friday ~ July 12, 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.





The U.S. bishops have called for a *Fortnight for Freedom*, a two-week period of prayer and action, to address many current challenges to religious liberty, including the August 1, 2013 deadline for religious organizations to comply with the HHS mandate, Supreme Court rulings that could attempt to redefine marriage in June, and religious liberty concerns in areas such as immigration and humanitarian services.

Beginning on the vigil of the Feasts of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More – two great martyrs who remained faithful in the face of political persecution – these fourteen days from June 21 to July 4 are dedicated as a great hymn of prayer for our country. Religious freedom is a right that must be safeguarded and preserved. Through prayer, education, and peaceful action, we hope to remind ourselves and others in the United States, including government officials, about the importance of preserving this fundamental right.

Please visit www.fortnight4freedom.org for more information.

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

During the Fortnight for Freedom, it is imperative that we consider that the federal healthcare mandate violates religious freedom by: forcing religious insurers to write policies that violate their beliefs; forcing religious employers and schools to subsidize and facilitate coverage that violates their beliefs; and forcing conscientiously objecting employees and students to purchase coverage that violates their beliefs.

To voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate, please call the Capitol switchboard in Washington, D.C. at 202-224-3121 and ask for your Congressmen or Congresswoman and/or U.S. Senators. Ask them to support legislation that will overturn the mandate.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

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. Thank you!

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.



Please note: Religious Education registrations will be accepted during our Vacation Bible Camp which begins this Monday, June 24 – Friday, June 28 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. each day. Please see Maria at the specially marked table during Bible Camp.



WOODEN FISH & GIFTS

The gifts of bread, wine and water to be brought to the altar for presentation are placed on a small table in the center aisle before Mass. Also on the table before Mass is a small wooden fish. Those who would like to present the gifts to the priest during Mass are asked to take the fish from the table before the start of Mass. That tells others that someone has volunteered to present the gifts.

Those who do volunteer are asked to wait until the priest comes down the altar steps after the collection. They then bring the container of bread, called a ciborium, (from the Latin word for “food”) and the cruets of wine and water and present them to the priest.

Children may take part, but should be accompanied by an adult. Those carrying the gifts should walk side by side, at a normal pace, not rushing, making it a real procession.

We encourage more people to participate in this small but significant action of the Mass. The gift bearers really represent the whole assembly. The gifts, including the money which is collected and presented at the same time, represent the gift of ourselves, our whole lives to God.



Welcome
Summer!

SUNDAY WORSHIP IN THE SUMMER

Giving yourself to summer worship will enrich you, delight you, and give you a sense of the word of God's progress in your heart. In today's world, summer is the time when we are most acutely aware of the beauty of the world. Gratitude and wonder are fertile soils for God's word to take root and prosper. Welcome the visitor today, and resolve that when you travel, you will be faithful to Sunday worship.



Mass Times was developed in 1994 to help traveling Catholics find a church nearby to their destination. When you visit their website at masstimes.org, you can begin your search of locating parishes near to your destination. The search will show the church name, address, phone number, and Mass schedule for all churches in the area. **Please note:** Worship times are maintained by the individual churches, so it is recommended that you call the church directly to verify their schedule of Masses.

SUMMER SAINTS

Even vacation has its saintly patron. The general patrons of travelers include St. Nicholas of Myra, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Joseph and St. Christopher.

If you are traveling by car, remember that St. John the Baptist is the patron saint of highways, and St. Frances of Rome is the patron of motorists.

When traveling with children sometimes divine help is required; mothers can turn to St. Anne, and the fathers can turn to St. Joseph, and both can invoke St. Monica, a patroness of families.

REST

"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is hardly a waste of time."

– John Lubbock

SUMMERTIME PRAYER

Walk along beside me, Jesus,
as I begin the months of summer.
As I work, play, enjoy family time
and friendships, may I hear Your
voice within me, guiding me toward
all that is right and good.

Give me faith in your presence,
knowing that You walk beside me
in everything I do.

Gracious and loving God,
thank you for the gift of summer.
May the warmth of its sun and the
beauty of its light remind me daily
of your love for me. Amen.

SUMMER BASKETBALL CLINIC

FOR GIRLS ENTERING GRADES 5 – 9

Mercy High School in Middletown is holding a basketball clinic in their gymnasium for girls entering grades 5 – 9 from July 22 – 26, 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon each day. Girls will have fun while practicing drills and learning new skills for better play. Clinic director is Tim Kohs, Mercy Athletic Director and Varsity Basketball Coach. For more information, please call 860-347-8957 or visit www.mercyhigh.com.

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER BREAKFAST

A Holy Spirit Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, June 29 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield. Guest speaker will be Andrew Bieszad, M.S., author of "Lions of the Faith: Saints, Blesseds and Heroes of the Catholic Faith in the Struggle with Islam." Registration is \$15.00. Call 860-243-8234.

CATHOLIC SHRINES IN AMERICA

Join the Archdiocese of Hartford Year of Faith Motor Coach Pilgrimage from Bloomfield, CT to Catholic Shrines in America from October 23 – 25, 2013. Deadline to register is Friday, June 28. Please visit archdioceseofhartford.org for more information or you may call the parish office at 860-568-5240 to request a flyer.