



Parish church & school of
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MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Monday – Thursday: 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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St. Christopher Council #4

www.kofc-ehartford4.org

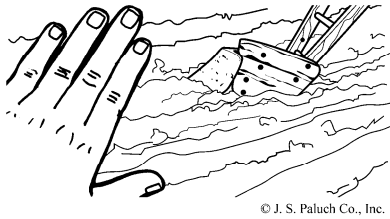
PRIESTHOOD-OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

860-761-7456 vocationshartford.org

CREDO CATHOLIC SINGLES

www.credocath.com

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC
WOMEN** www.nccw.org



**Thirteenth Sunday
in
Ordinary Time
June 30, 2013**

“No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God.”

– Galatians 3:28

*Mass for the
Intentions of the Week*

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)

Monday, July 1 – 7:30 a.m.
Rev. Anthony C. Ventura

Tuesday, July 2 – 7:30 a.m.
Doris Tessier
(Her Sister Claire Franklin)

Wednesday, July 3 – 7:30 a.m.
Diane Olinatz
(Family)

Saturday, July 6 – 4:30 p.m.
Lionel Therrien – 3rd Anniversary
(Wife & Family)

Sunday, July 7 – 8:00 a.m.
Eddy Lapid
(Wife & Family)

Sunday, July 7 – 10:30 a.m.
Moira “Mary” Traynor
(The Bonfiglio Family)

OUR TITHING PARISH

Weekly Collection (June 23): \$ 5,550
Same Sunday in 2012: \$ 5,521

Your generosity to our parish is appreciated. Many thanks for all you do to help our parish!

With gratitude, Fr. Curran



**A STEWARDSHIP
SUMMER REMINDER**

For those families who summer “away” from St. Christopher’s, please remember our parish relies on your support even during the summer months. Envelopes can be mailed or a summer offering can be made directly to the church at 538 Brewer Street, East Hartford, CT 06118. Thank you for your stewardship of our parish!

**INDEPENDENCE DAY
JULY 4**



Please note that our daily Mass will not be celebrated on Thursday, July 4. In addition, our parish office will be closed on Thursday, July 4. We will reopen on Friday, July 5, at 8:00 a.m. Our best wishes for a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July holiday!

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 Intention
In Celebration & Thanksgiving**

The candle in the chapel burns this week

**Safety for All Who Will
Be Traveling This Summer**

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

HELP NEEDED – FOOD BANK

The St. Christopher Food Bank is in need of volunteers to help fill daily orders. Our Food Bank has recently lost a few volunteers due to health reasons and another who will be moving out of the area. Volunteers call East Hartford Social Services Monday – Friday to see if there are any requests that need to be filled. If there are, volunteers go to our Food Bank which is housed at South Congregational Church to pack the orders. Most orders are picked up between 1:30 – 2:00 p.m. the same day. Light lifting is required, but there are no stairs as our Food Bank is now at ground level. Training will be provided. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please call Dick Domler at 860-569-7396.

NATURAL DISASTER RELIEF FUND

Shortly after the devastating tornado that affected the area of Moore, Oklahoma, our parish took up a special collection to support the efforts of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Charities, USA, the official domestic relief agency of the U.S. Catholic Church, as they respond to immediate emergency needs for such necessities as water, food, shelter, and medical care, as well as to the long term needs to rebuild after widespread destruction, and to the pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church. We are pleased to report that our parish collected a total of \$1,194.



FOOD BANK

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!

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

Rev. Raymond J. Barry, Kathleen “Kay” Hickson, Kenneth “Ken” Johnson and Rev. Stanley J. Sikora. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.*

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.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

There are two important stewardship messages included in today’s readings. The first is the idea of calling; and the second is the objective of discipleship.

These are reflected in the title of the U. S. Bishops’ Pastoral Letter on Stewardship: *Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response*. Although it is symbolic in many ways, and thus may not be completely clear to us, the first reading from 1 Kings reflects that notion of being called. How does Elijah call Elisha? He does not speak, but he throws a mantle over him. We need to understand that this mantle, the cloak, was originally written adderet. There were three types of cloaks, but the adderet was the sign of a prophet. God has gifted each of us, and He has called each of us. Just as Elisha was called and given the gift of prophecy, we are each called and given gifts. Stewardship is what we do with those gifts. In the Gospel from Luke Jesus calls each of us to discipleship. The call is relatively simple, just “Follow me.” It is, of course, a call to discipleship. As the Bishops strongly implied in their stewardship pastoral letter, stewardship is our response to that call. As followers of Christ, we are God’s representatives. We are called to ministry according to the gifts each of us has received.

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.



WE REMEMBER

We remember in prayer the following persons of the military who bravely fought and gallantly died during the week of June 17-23 while serving our country. We also remember all those who are caught in the crossfires of war. May they rest in peace.

- Specialist Alt, Ember M. - 21
- Specialist Ellis, Robert W. - 21
- Sergeant Garver, Corey E. - 25
- Sergeant Johnson, Justin R. - 25
- Specialist Moody, William R. - 30
- Specialist Sanchez Jr., Javier - 28

**ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD
BIBLICAL SCHOOL**

Do You Want to Encounter God More Deeply in the Bible? Our Archdiocesan Biblical School provides an opportunity for adults to know, love, and live scripture through in-depth Bible study from a Catholic perspective. Applications are due



August 15, and classes begin in early September. For more information visit the website (orehartford.org) or call the Office of Religious Education and Evangelization at 860-243-9465.

ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES

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. Registration deadline has been extended to Thurs. Aug. 8. Please visit archdioceseofhartford.org for more information or you may call the parish office at 860-568-5240 to request a flyer.

National Shrine of the Divine Mercy

You are invited to join Archbishop Mansell on Monday, August 26 for a tour and the celebration of Mass at the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA. Cost per person is \$50 and is due by Monday, August 19. Includes round trip deluxe coach from the Hartford area, comprehensive visit of the Shrine, box lunch, and group gratuity to coach driver. Please visit archdioceseofhartford.org for more information or you may call the parish office at 860-568-5240 to request a flyer.



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**

It is ironic that as we prepare to celebrate Independence Day this year, our most cherished First Amendment Right, Freedom of Religion, is being sullied by the passage of a federal healthcare mandate, which is forcing Catholic institutions to pay for medical practices that go against our religious principles.

To voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate, please call the Capitol switchboard in Washington 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.



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

Zoey Harlo Dorr

OUR SCHOOL OFFICE is Open During the Summer!

Our parish school's office is open during the summer months on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon each day. If you are interested in enrolling your child(ren) in our parish school or you wish to obtain more information, please call the school office at 860-568-4100 or visit us at www.saintchristopherschool.org.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Our parish school is most grateful for the number of *Box Tops for Education* coupons we receive each week from our parishioners! **We are pleased to announce that our school was able to raise \$1,424 during the school year that just ended.** Clipped coupons can be placed in our offertory baskets any weekend – even over the summer. Ask your friends to save them too! Thank you for your support!



RECYCLING PROGRAM

Another successful program at our parish school that you can help support – even over the summer months – is the Funding Factory Recycling Program. Our parish school **collects empty laser and inkjet cartridges and used cell phones** from the community and sends them to the Funding Factory in exchange for cash. This program has so far raised over \$14,000 for our technology program! **Our parish school ranks 42nd out of 16,974 school organizations that participate.** You may place your cartridges and used cell phones in the blue collection bin in our church hall. We thank you for your support!

GIFT CARDS

Orders for gift cards are still being placed during the summer months. If you wish to purchase gift cards to be given as gifts or to be used by you for everyday purchases, please contact Kathy at 860-569-8451 or by e-mail at kasimeone95@comcast.net. Please allow time for Kathy to get back to you. Gift cards are purchased at face value and our parish school receives a rebate for every card purchased (rebate percentages vary).



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.

A PERFECT SUMMER DAY

“A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken.”

- James Dent

SUMMERTIME SUNDAYS

It's Summer now, school is out, the pace of work slows, and some people drift away. There are visitors in the churches every summer, and familiar faces are “among the missing.” Some find the summer's call more appealing than the summons of the church bells. Many, however, would not dream of missing a Sunday, and so they make their way to Mass in unfamiliar places, watching the locals for clues as to when to sit or stand, where the Communion stations are. In answering the call, they keep the “sabbatical” rhythm of the Christian life: every seventh day, the Body of Christ assembles for 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.