



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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SCHOOL'S WEBSITE

www.saintchristophersschool.org

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Christopher Council #4
www.kofc-ehartford4.org

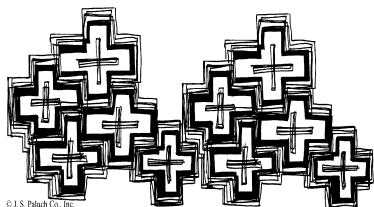
PRIESTHOOD-OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

860-761-7456 vocationshartford.org

CREDO CATHOLIC SINGLES

www.credocath.com

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN www.nccw.org



Fourteenth Sunday
in
Ordinary Time
July 7, 2013

“May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

– Galatians 6:14

Mass Intentions  for the Week

Saturday, July 6 – 4:30 p.m.
**Lionel Therrien – 3rd Anniversary
and Virginia Therrien**
(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)

Monday, July 8 – 7:30 a.m.
Paul E. Franklin
(Wife Claire)

Tuesday, July 9 – 7:30 a.m.
Francis Vance
(Pamela Vance & Carol Stacey)

Wednesday, July 10 – 7:30 a.m.
Rev. John C. Blackall

Thursday, July 11 – 7:30 a.m.
Rev. Stanley J. Sikora

Saturday, July 13 – 4:30 p.m.
Henry & Pearl Harden
(Daughter-in-Law Mary)

Sunday, July 14 – 8:00 a.m.
Joseph Marsan
(The People of St. Christopher’s Parish)

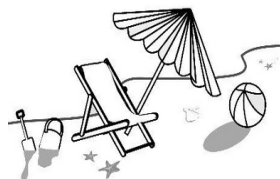
Sunday, July 14 – 10:30 a.m.
Catherine Claffey
(Family)

OUR TITHING PARISH

Due to our early submission deadline for this weekend’s bulletin, last weekend’s collection will be published in next weekend’s bulletin.

My personal thanks for all your support!

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!

LIVING GOD’S WORD

Jesus sends off seventy-two disciples in our Gospel today. He instructs them in advance not to expect success in all of their endeavors. So when they fail, they are to “shake the dust from their feet” and move on. It is an instruction to be heeded by any who fail.

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 His Birthday
(Wife Simone & Family)

The candle in the chapel burns this week

**In Loving Memory of
Moira Traynor**
(The Traynor Family)

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



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Our parish office will be operating under a reduced schedule this coming week. The schedule is as follows:

- Mon. and Tues. (7/8-9): 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Wed. (7/10): 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Thurs. and Fri. (7/11-12): 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
- Mon. (7/15): 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

In addition, the parish office will close at 12:00 noon on the Fridays during July and August.

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.



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!

PILGRIMAGE TO SICILY & ROME

Fr. Fontana, the pastor of St. Anthony Church in Bristol, is hosting a Pilgrimage to Sicily & Rome, November 12-20, 2013. Cost is \$2,969 per person and includes round trip transatlantic air from New York to Italy, 8 nights at wonderful 4-star hotels, buffet-style breakfast daily, 3 dinners, full-time local tour escort, papal audience with our new Pope and much more! For more information, please call St. Anthony Church at 860-583-1349.

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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.



**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.



**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.

A FAMILY PERSEPECTIVE – by Bud Ozar

Just like the seventy two disciples sent out by Jesus in today’s gospel, families are expected to be MISSIONARIES. By our lives, words and lifestyle we proclaim peace, commitment, fidelity and respect to a culture caught up with violence and gratification.

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

It is worth repeating that the federal health care mandate does not exempt Catholic charities, schools, universities or hospitals. These institutions are vital to the mission of the Church and all of the people we serve, but the administration does not deem them “religious employers” deserving conscience protection. This stipulation violates religious freedom guaranteed to every American under the First Amendment.

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.

WE REMEMBER

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

19TH ANNUAL TABOR HOUSE TAG SALE

The 19th annual Tabor House GIANT tag sale/silent auction/bake sale is being held on July 18, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. (opening reception/shopping – \$10 admission), July 19, 12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m., and July 20, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Location: Convent of the Sisters of St Joseph, 27 Park Road in West Hartford, ground level of the chapel. This significant community event benefits Tabor House and the under served population in the surrounding area. The award winning Tabor House GIANT Tag Sale/Auction has become a Connecticut tradition to benefit formerly homeless men living with HIV/AIDS who now live at both homes. The proceeds of almost \$20k from the event last year also benefited the immigrant and poor population of the inner city who need to outfit their residences with affordable items, while helping the environment.

Donations of items (no books, clothes or large furniture) can be dropped off on site Monday, 7/15 Tuesday, 7/16 and Wednesday, 7/17 from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. each day.

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 Thursday August 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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few.” With these words, Jesus sent His disciples to the far ends of the earth to evangelize and bring the faith to the many people they encountered. Blessed John Paul II delivered a homily directed to that exact statement in November 2004. As is the case with sermons given by the Pope, that message was meant for all of us. John Paul II made it clear that all of us were the laborers. He also explained that the world was still filled with souls who had not heard nor understood the message. Perhaps centuries had passed, but we still needed to be “heralds and witnesses” to the faith, as there is a “sense of need for Christ” rising up from the people of the world. In Matthew’s relating of this incident, Matthew quotes Jesus as saying, “Pray the Lord of the harvest to send our laborers.” The point is clear to us as stewards of the Church: first, we must recognize our role as evangelizers, as laborers in the harvest, by living out our faith as examples of Christian witness; second, we need to pray, consistently and constantly, for as John Paul II went on to say in that homily, “Prayer moves the heart of God.”

**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.

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).



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MUSEUM

The Knights of Columbus museum located on State Street in New Haven is excited to announce that their newest exhibit is now open – *Windows into Heaven: Russian Icons & Treasures*. This exhibit contains over 225 Russian icons along with liturgical and devotional items. Icons have been called windows into heaven because they are said to give a glimpse of the eternal realm. Many of the icons are more than 100 years old, predating the Bolshevik Revolution. *Windows into Heaven: Russian Icons & Treasures* will run until April 27, 2014. Admission and museum parking are free as a public service of the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please call 203-752-4630 or visit kofcmuseum.org.

MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST

Magnificat – a ministry to Catholic women – invites all women to a breakfast on Saturday, July 27, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at The Clarion in Bristol. The speaker will be Deacon Bob Berube. The cost is \$20 and must be received no later than Friday, July 19. Payment can be mailed to Magnificat, P.O. Box 1871, Bristol, CT 06010. No tickets will be sold at the door. For more information, call Gloria Brophy at 860-584-8803.

**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.

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 brc29@hotmail.com or call her at 860-432-1530.



SUMMERTIME SUNDAYS

There’s a different pace to a summer Sunday, especially on those days when we dream of air conditioning and wave any available paper to stir the air. Yet we persist in gathering, even with so many breaks from the usual routines. We distance ourselves not only from routines, but from schedules and familiar well-worn paths. These are playful days and contemplative days. We see long-lost friends and visit almost-forgotten places. We have more leisure than any people before in the history of the world, and we need it because our lives are so care-worn and tiring. More of us walk barefoot and look up at the stars or dip our toes in the lake or sea, sing around campfires, read novels on the beach, and eat comfort food with our fingers. We see how beautiful life can be, and are more aware than usual of how God is always breaking in with signs of love. During the summer months God invites us into a season of celebration. Keeping Sunday holy is a good habit to cultivate in these days when our spirits are especially receptive to God’s deep desire for us to know divine love.

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If you are traveling this summer and want to find a church nearby to your destination, you will find this information at: masstimes.org.