



*Parish church & school of*  
**SAINT CHRISTOPHER'S**

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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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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

St. Christopher Council #4  
[www.kofc-ehartford4.org](http://www.kofc-ehartford4.org)

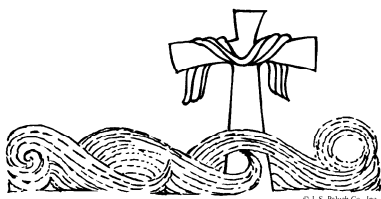
**PRIESTHOOD-OFFICE OF VOCATIONS**

860-761-7456 [vocationshartford.org](http://vocationshartford.org)

**CREDO CATHOLIC SINGLES**

[www.credocath.com](http://www.credocath.com)

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN** [www.nccw.org](http://www.nccw.org)



**Seventeenth Sunday  
in  
Ordinary Time  
July 28, 2013**

*“You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.”*

– Colossians 2:12

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

Saturday, July 27 – 4:30 p.m.  
**Jude Pomerleau – 8th Anniversary**  
(Family)

Sunday, July 28 – 8:00 a.m.  
**Jeannot Landry – 1st Anniversary**  
(Family)

Sunday, July 28 – 10:30 a.m.  
**Eileen & Henry Parys**  
(The Burzawa Family)

Monday, July 29 – 7:30 a.m.  
**Bob Connors – 9th Anniversary**  
(Wife Beverly & Family)

Tuesday, July 30 – 7:30 a.m.  
**Rev. Raymond J. Barry**

Wednesday, July 31 – 7:30 a.m.  
**Rev. Joseph K. Parzymies**

Thursday, August 1 – 7:30 a.m.  
**Rev. Arthur J. Audet**

Saturday, August 3 – 4:30 p.m.  
**Dinis Leonardo**  
(Wife & Family)

Sunday, August 4 – 8:00 a.m.  
**Wayne Szalay & Elek Szalay**  
(Family)

Sunday, August 4 – 10:30 a.m.  
**Victor Goslin**  
(Family)

**OUR TITHING PARISH**

Weekly Collection (July 21): \$ 5,289  
Same Sunday in 2012: \$ 6,209

My sincere thanks for all you do to make our parish a place where Christ is encountered and where His joy and life are share with and for others!

With Gratitude, Fr. Curran

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

*“Ask and you shall receive...seek and you shall find...knock and the door will be opened.”* Today’s Gospel includes all of these admonitions, and more. The late Archbishop Thomas Murphy, who chaired the Bishops’ committee on stewardship, was apt to say, “Just because you are living out stewardship may not mean the gates of Heaven will fly open for you.” Thus, from a stewardship viewpoint, it is worth considering what door Jesus was talking about? He was speaking of Himself. He is our door to eternity; He is the gate; He is the gatekeeper. The point is that stewardship is a way of life to which we are called. However, we are also called to pray — to have a consistent and planned relationship to God. It is not enough to share and to give and to love; we must go beyond that so that, as Paul indicates in today’s second reading, we are one with Christ: *“You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God.”*

**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 Successful Endeavor for a Parishioner**

✠ The candle in the chapel burns this week

**In Loving Memory of  
Sandra Leonard DeVivo  
In Remembrance of Her Birthday**  
(Family)

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

**WELCOME FR. JOHN SANTONE!**

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith is established in every diocese to organize support for the missions. The Society brings to each parish one of the groups working in the missions to speak about their particular work. This year our parish welcomes Fr. John Santone, C.S.C. of the Congregation of Holy Cross who is visiting us this weekend to speak to us about his Congregation's missionary work in Peru.

Fr. Santone is a Holy Cross Priest and native of Waterbury, CT. Ordained in 2000, he has served in parishes in Connecticut, Massachusetts and Indiana. Fr. Santone currently serves as the Assistant Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of Ft. Wayne-South Bend, IN while residing with his religious community at the University of Notre Dame.

We ask that you support this appeal as generously as possible through today's second collection.



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**St. Christopher  
Parish & School Picnic  
Sunday ~ September 29**

Don't let your calendar get filled up and miss this fun event. The 2013-2014 school year is a celebration of our parish school's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and this is just one of the exciting things planned.

The picnic will be held on Sunday, September 29 (after the 10:30 a.m. Mass) from 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the field behind the school. In case of rain, we will have an indoor picnic in the school gym. Everyone always has a great time and we hope to see you there! More information to follow in future bulletins.

**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](http://www.saintchristopherschool.org).

**CONGRATULATIONS DEACON TOM!**

Please join me in congratulating Deacon Tom who recently celebrated his 27th anniversary of ordination to the diaconate. Deacon Tom was ordained June 21, 1986 and has served the people of the Archdiocese of Hartford faithfully in this important role of service in the Church for the past 27 years, having served here at St. Christopher's since January 2013. We thank Deacon Tom for his generous service to our parish and to the Church.

in Christ, Fr. Curran

**CHAPEL RENOVATIONS**

We can't begin to express our appreciation and gratitude to the members of St. Christopher Council #4 Knights of Columbus who so generously donated their time and talent to paint our chapel and supplied all the paint and materials needed. We are certainly blessed and are most grateful to this generous group of men who worked so hard on this project.

Now that the painting is done, the parish is obtaining quotes to replace the very worn carpet in the Chapel. If you are interested in helping the parish offset the cost of the new carpet, we invite you to put an offering in an envelope marked "Chapel Renovations" and place it in any weekend collection basket. Thank you.



**Knights of Columbus Painting Crew**

Pictured (Left to Right): Harry LaCosse, Mike Gay, Roch Girard, Rene Letourneau and Bob Falkevitz  
Missing from photo: Scott Gay, Patrick Gay and Dan Gay

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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](mailto: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.

**WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF...** Carmela Levere, Helen Staskavich, and Roland Thibodeau. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.*

**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.

**WE REMEMBER**

We remember in prayer the following persons of the military who bravely fought and gallantly died during July 14 – 22 while serving our country. We also remember all those who are caught in the crossfires of war. May they rest in peace.

- Specialist Maddox, Anthony R. - 22
- Lance Corporal Tuttle, Benjamin W. - 19
- Staff Sergeant Zimmerman, Sonny C. - 25



**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!

**WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMS**

Our World Youth Day pilgrims will be returning home from Rio de Janeiro in a few days. They've been busy keeping us updated during their pilgrimage. We invite you to read about their pilgrimage by going to [stchriswyd.weebly.com](http://stchriswyd.weebly.com) or by scanning the QR code shown to the right. They look forward to sharing all of their experiences with us when they come back!



**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](mailto:stchris-eh@sbcglobal.net).

**DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**

Those who argue that the Catholic Church is against access to fundamental women reproductive services are wrong. The Catholic Church is against obligatory provisions in the mandate that would force us to pay for surgical procedures, contraception and abortion-inducing drugs that go against our religious convictions. 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.

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar**

Today's gospel guarantees if we "ask" we will "receive," perhaps not what we want, but what our Heavenly Father knows is best for us, His children. All the love we have for our children, God has for us and more. As our children trust us, we must trust "Our Father."

### **BIRTHRIGHT THANK YOU!**

I recently received a letter of thanks from Mary McNamara, President and Volunteer at Birthright with regards to the Baby Bottle Fundraiser; she states, "Thank you for doing the baby bottle fundraiser at your church. Your support gives us the opportunity to help pregnant girls and women give birth to their babies! You make the loving support our friendship counseling volunteers offer to pregnant women in crisis possible." We raised \$1,825 to assist Birthright fulfill their mission. Thank you and God Bless you for your continued support of life of mothers and babies in our community!

Peace, Phil Gosselin

### **ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

Confirmation classes for baptized Catholics who have made their First Communion and are 18 years of age and older will be held this fall. In our area classes will be held at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield on the following Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.: September 10, 17, 24, October 1, 8, and 15. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Monday, October 28, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel of St. Thomas Seminary.

If you are interested in registering for this class or would like to know where other classes are being held, please visit [orehartford.org](http://orehartford.org) or you may call the parish office at 860-568-5240.

### **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](mailto:brc29@hotmail.com) or call her at 860-432-1530.

### **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.** For more information, please visit [archdioceseofhartford.org](http://archdioceseofhartford.org) or you may call the parish office at 860-568-5240 to request a flyer.

### **MARIAN PRAYER CENACLE**

The Catholic Communities of East Hartford North invite you to join their Marian Prayer Cenacle held on the first Saturday of each month after their 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary Church, the corner of Main St. and Maplewood Ave. in East Hartford. They pray the Rosary and other Marian prayers in addition to a reading of a message from *To The Priests, Our Lady's Beloved Sons*. As our Lady urges us, "Multiply in every part of the world, the cenacles of prayer which I have asked of you, like torches in the night, like sure points of reference, like shelters needed and sought for." For more information, please contact Peggy Solimene at 860-282-0076.

### **RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT**

#### **For Healing After Abortion**

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend being held September 27-29, 2013 in Hamden, CT. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. The fee is \$100 and includes meals, private room and all retreat materials. For more information, contact Marie at 203-631-9030 or go to [rachelvineyard.org](http://rachelvineyard.org).

### **WAYS TO HELP OUR PARISH SCHOOL**

#### **Financial Gifts**

Like many non-profit organizations, our parish school is in need of financial gifts and/or benefactors. If you are willing to make a financial gift or bequest to our parish school, would you please contact Karen Santacross, our school's Development Director, at 860-568-4100 or Bonnie, our parish's Office Manager, at 860-568-5240.

#### **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](mailto:kasimeone95@comcast.net). Gift cards are purchased at face value and our parish school receives a rebate for every card purchased (rebate percentages vary).

