



Parish church & school of
SAINT CHRISTOPHER'S

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 Deacon Thomas F. Breen III

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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

Mrs. Kathleen Madej – 860-568-4100

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SCHOOL'S WEBSITE

www.saintchristophersschool.org

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Jean Nowik-Martocci – 860-568-8873

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Mary Priest – 860-569-0087

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Barbara Casey – 860-568-4638

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Bev Connors – 860-432-1530
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PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Toni Amberg – 860-568-9069

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

Phil Gosselin – 860-568-5001

COORDINATOR OF FOOD BANK

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

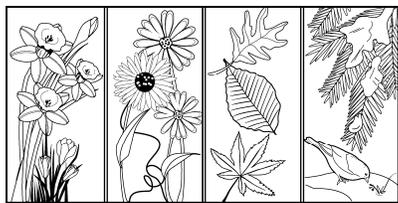
PRIESTHOOD-OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

860-761-7456 vocationshartford.org

CREDO CATHOLIC SINGLES

www.credocath.com

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN www.nccw.org



**Eighteenth Sunday
in
Ordinary Time
August 4, 2013**

“Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart.”

– Psalm 90:12

Mass Intentions for the Week

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)

Monday, August 5 – 7:30 a.m.

Leo Tardiff
(The Tardiff Family)

Tuesday, August 6 – 7:30 a.m.

Catherine A. Sullivan
(Daughter)

Wednesday, August 7 – 7:30 a.m.

Paul E. Franklin
(Wife Claire)

Thursday, August 8 – 7:30 a.m.

Rev. Joseph Parzymies

Saturday, August 10 – 4:30 p.m.

Francis “Frank” McMahon
(Dave & Chickie Amberg)

Sunday, August 11 – 8:00 a.m.

Valda Bourque (Marie Bastarache)

Sunday, August 11 – 10:30 a.m.

Helen Martocci – 14th Anniversary
(Husband & Family)

OUR TITHING PARISH

Weekly Collection (July 28):	\$ 4,702
Same Sunday in 2012:	\$ 5,367
Missionary Work in Peru:	\$ 1,541

Many thanks for all you do to support our parish and its many ministries!

With Gratitude, Fr. Curran

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“One’s life does not consist of possessions” (Lk 12:15). With these words, Jesus reaffirmed what He tries to teach throughout His ministry. You may be aware that more than half of His parables dealt directly with this concept of “possessions and ownership.” Stewardship, of course, makes it clear that what we may have, possess, or own is merely a gift for which we are the caretaker, the steward. Yet, this remains one of the main stumbling blocks to a stewardship way of life.

We live in a society that places great emphasis on possessions – the car we drive, the house we live in, the latest technological advancements. This attitude has been prevalent to humankind for thousands of years. The way the Lord addressed it in His time is still quite applicable today. He cautions us that the measure of our life is not found there, however. The Lord closes the parable in today’s Gospel by saying, “Thus will it be for all who store up treasures for themselves, but are not rich in what matters to God.” Stewardship challenges us to get our priorities correct and to understand that what may seem important in this life is not important in the next.

SANCTUARY LAMPS

The lamps beside our tabernacles remind us of the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.



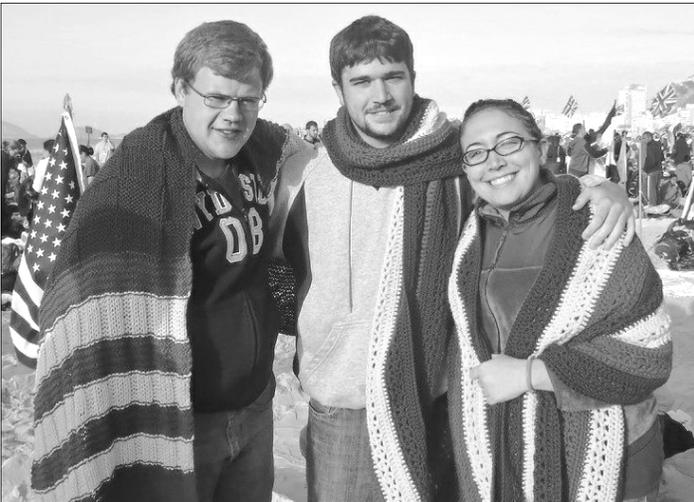
✠ The candle in the church burns this week
For a Special Intention

✠ The candle in the chapel burns this week
For All Our Parish Families

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

WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMS

As this bulletin prepares to go to press, our World Youth Day pilgrims are making their way home from Rio de Janeiro. While on their pilgrimage, they were busy keeping us updated. We invite you to read about their pilgrimage by going to stchriswyd.weebly.com or by scanning the QR code shown here.



Our World Youth Day pilgrims (Kevin Hadyka, Joseph Garabedian and Ginamarie Garabedian) wrapped in their shawls which were presented to them by our Prayer Shawl Ministry before they left for Rio de Janeiro. This picture was taken on Copacabana beach last Sunday where an estimated 3 million young people attended Mass celebrated by Pope Francis.

THANK YOU LEONARD’S FARM!

We wish to express our appreciation to our parishioners John and Marge Leonard, owners of Leonard’s Farm on Forest Street in East Hartford, for donating the lovely flower pots that beautify the entrances to our church and parish center. In addition to donating the pots, John comes by regularly with filled watering cans to care for the plants. We are most grateful for their generosity!

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Our Homebound Ministry is ready to bring Communion to our parishioners who are homebound or are at home recuperating. Please call Barbara Casey at 860-568-4638 to make the necessary arrangements.

SEEKING... BAPTISMAL BLANKETS

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry is currently on summer hiatus. We are seeking parishioners who knit or crochet who would be able to help us keep our inventory of baptismal blankets well stocked as we have a number of babies being baptized this summer. The finished blankets measure 36” x 36” and must be made using a soft, pure white yarn (with or without a shimmer). The blanket can be knitted or crocheted using your favorite stitch. If you are interested in preparing a blanket or two, please let us know. You may call Chickie Amberg at 860-568-9069 or the parish office at 860-568-5240. 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.



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!

CHAPEL RENOVATIONS

We’ve been reporting to you these past couple of weeks the exciting news about the renovations being done in our Chapel. Members of our Knights of Columbus Council #4 generously donated their time, talent and materials and repainted our chapel.

New carpet is now on order to replace the very worn carpet in the Chapel. The cost to the parish to replace the carpet is \$2,575. 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.

**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.

WE REMEMBER

We remember in prayer the following persons of the military who bravely fought and gallantly died during July 23 – 28 while serving our country. We also remember all those who are caught in the crossfires of war. May they rest in peace.

- Sergeant Lawson, Eric T. - 30
- Sergeant New, Stephen M. - 29
- Specialist Nichols, Rob L. - 24
- Specialist Nouv, Caryn E. - 29
- 1st Lieutenant Russell, Jonam - 25
- Sergeant Smith, Stefan M. - 24

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.



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.

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.

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 or you may call the parish office at 860-568-5240.

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Religious freedom is a cornerstone of our democracy. The HHS mandate fundamentally alters the fragile balance between government and religious groups created by the framers of our Constitution. The same First Amendment that protects religious freedom protects freedom of the press. We wouldn’t stand for the government telling news programs whom to interview or what articles to write.

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.

WHAT YOU REALLY NEED

“You have succeeded in life when all you really want is only what you really need.”

– Vernon Howard

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 Monday, August 12.** 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.

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 rachelsvineyard.org.

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.



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

Amiyah An Collins
Leland Eugene Collins

FRUGALITY

“Frugality is one of the most beautiful and joyful words in the English language, and yet one that we are culturally cut off from understanding and enjoying. The consumption society has made us feel that happiness lies in having things, and has failed to teach us the happiness of not having things.”

– Elise Boulding

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Christopher Parish & School Picnic

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 50th 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.

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. Gift cards are purchased at face value and our parish school receives a rebate for every card purchased (rebate percentages vary).

