



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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www.saintchristopherschool.org

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Christopher Council #4

www.kofc-ehartford4.org

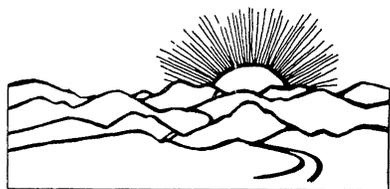
PRIESTHOOD-OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

860-761-7456 vocationshartford.org

CREDO CATHOLIC SINGLES

www.credocath.com

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



**Nineteenth Sunday
in
Ordinary Time
August 11, 2013**

“Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield.”

– Psalm 33.20

*Mass for the
Intentions of the Week*

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)

Monday, August 12 – 7:30 a.m.

Rev. Robert G. Ladamus

Tuesday, August 13 – 7:30 a.m.

Rev. John S. Ahern

Wednesday, August 14 – 7:30 a.m.

Mark Tardiff *(Family)*

Wednesday, August 14 – 5:30 p.m.

Stella Girard

In Remembrance of Her 100th Birthday
(Family)

Thursday, August 15 – 9:00 a.m.

Harriet Garvey *(Niece)*

Saturday, August 17 – 4:30 p.m.

Henry Spignesi
(Vincent & Shirley Mondo)

Sunday, August 18 – 8:00 a.m.

Louise Olinatz – 11th Anniversary *(Children)*

Sunday, August 18 – 10:30 a.m.

Joseph Cavallaro – 2nd Anniversary
(The Cavallaro Family)

OUR TITHING PARISH

Weekly Collection (August 4): \$ 5,387
Same Sunday in 2012: \$ 5,256

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

With Gratitude, Fr. Curran

PARISH SCHOOL SUPPORT

The second collection being taken up at all Masses this weekend is the monthly collection to support our parish school. Thank you for your support!



**THE ASSUMPTION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Thursday ~ August 15**

The Feast of the Assumption, a holy day of obligation, celebrates the bodily taking up of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her life. Masses for the Holy Day will be celebrated as follows:

Vigil Mass (Wed., 8/14): 5:30 p.m.

Holy Day Mass (Thurs., 8/15): 9:00 a.m.

Please note: There will be no 7:30 a.m. Mass celebrated on Thursday, August 15.

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
Stella Girard**
(Family)

✠ The candle in the chapel burns this week

**For God’s Comfort and Healing Presence for
Rita Raymond**
(Beverly Connors)

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



**ST. CHRISTOPHER
SOCIAL CLUB
MEMBERS ONLY PICNIC**

Monday ~ August 19 ~ 5:00 P.M.

Club members will be joining together in fellowship to enjoy our annual picnic in the church wing. If they have not done so already, the Telephone Committee will be calling soon to firm up what food everyone will be bringing. As usual, the club will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, cheese, rolls, and condiments. Wonderful food...great fun. See you there! If you have any questions regarding this or any future meetings, call Joan or Frank Perrone at 860-568-6229.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.” (Lk 12: 34). These words of Jesus in today’s Gospel have become among the most quoted passages ever in relationship to stewardship. Sometimes when we quote Holy Scripture, critics will claim that the statement is out of context. In this case that simply is not true. Jesus makes reference to worldly goods just prior to saying this, but the key to what He is teaching lies in the general meaning He is trying to get across – namely, we are measured and judged by the Lord based upon what is important to us.

Christ could not have made it more clear throughout His teachings that things of this world can stand in the way of living lives of holiness, of following stewardship as a way of life. Good stewards have things in the right precedence; they recognize that in order to love and serve God and our neighbor, love and service have to be more imperative to us than anything else. Jesus goes on in this Gospel to tell the Parable of the Faithful Servant. He is asking us, “Are you faithful servants?” Do our actions reflect that our hearts are with Him? “Are you prepared to meet Me face to face?” Are we?

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

"We never give more honor to Jesus than when we honor his Mother, and we honor her simply and solely to honor him all the more perfectly. We go to her only as a way leading to the goal we seek - Jesus, her Son."

– Saint Louis Marie de Montfort
True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin, #94

CHAPEL RENOVATIONS

The new carpet in the Chapel was installed this past week. This new carpet replaces the very worn carpet that had been in the chapel for many years. 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.

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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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN!

St. Christopher Church will be participating in the 40 Days for Life Campaign as affirmed by Archbishop Mansell! During this 40 days campaign, parishes will be engaging in 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration, as well as 12 hours of prayerful vigil at the abortion clinic in Hartford.

On Saturday, October 19, we will engage in prayerful vigil next to the abortion clinic in Hartford beginning at 6:00 a.m. and concluding at 6:00 p.m. We are seeking at least 2 people for each hour time for this prayerful vigil. I will be offering a shuttle from St. Christopher to Hartford to make it easier for folks to assist with this wonderful display of support for life.

Our date for Eucharistic Adoration in our church has not yet been determined, but it will be from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. We will be seeking at least 2 people for each hour time slot during this Eucharistic Adoration.

Please help us bring our prayers for life to God in this special way. Thank you! For more information or to reserve a time slot, please contact me at 860-568-5001 or at imgoose@comcast.net.

Peace, Phil Gosselin



SAVE THE DATE!
St. Christopher
Parish & School Picnic
Sunday ~ September 29 ~ 11:30 a.m.

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.

OUR SCHOOL OFFICE
is Open During the Summer!

Our parish school's office is open during the summer months Monday – 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.

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.

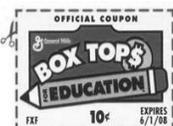
Gift Cards

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).



Box Top for Education

Help our parish school raise funds by clipping these coupons. They can be put into any collection basket. Thank you!



DEFENDING OUR
RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

The Department of Health and Human Services has called for a five-month extension before implementing the federal health care mandate, which will force religious institutions to pay for surgical sterilization, contraception and abortion-causing drugs – all procedures that go against our religious principles. This extension will give us more time to continue our fight to protect our religious freedom granted to all Americans in the U.S. Constitution.

To voice your opposition to the mandate, please call the Capitol switchboard in Washington, D.C. at 202-224-3121 and urge your Congressmen or Congresswoman and/or U.S. Senators to support legislation that will overturn the mandate. You

WE REMEMBER

We remember in prayer the following person 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.

Specialist Burley, Nicholas - 22

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!

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

Gail Rall, Brian Sisk and Alan Thibodeau. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.*



YEAR OF FAITH

Meditation

In mid-August, we celebrate the Assumption of Mary, Blessed John Paul II's "Star of the New Evangelization." The Preface for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary extols Mary as the "image of the Church's coming to perfection." Thankfully, she is also a "sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people," for August's Gospels certainly challenge pilgrims on our journey of faith. How different from Mary's selfless service is the self-absorption of Luke's "rich fool." Though his fortune is the fruit of honest hard work, the "fool" mistakenly defines himself and his life's worth *only* in terms of his possessions. But Jesus' disciples should have a different, deeper perspective on life, remembering that one day their Master will suddenly return. Being *vigilant* for that unknown moment will make us *diligent* in serving Christ as he comes to us daily in the needs of neighbor and stranger, whom we must treat *reverently* as fellow servants of God. Bearing witness like this is, in Jesus' image, is playing with fire. We may have to experience the burning anguish of choosing what is right rather than what is easy, even to the point of redefining our most personal relationships. This being so, how pointless to wonder, "Who will be saved?" Better to ask, "Will I complete *my* faith journey faithfully?"

Mission

Examine honestly and, if necessary, realign my values and priorities, definitions of success and worth, my goals and relationships.

—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

FOOD BANK REPORT

For July 2013

Requests: 47 Adults: 76 Children: 44

Thank you for your continued support of our food bank so we can continue to help feed those in need!

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.

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.

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.

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.

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. For more information, visit archdioceseofhartford.org or you may call the parish office at 860-568-5240 to request a flyer.