



Parish church & school of
SAINT CHRISTOPHER'S

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Deacon Thomas F. Breen III

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Dianne Rumsey

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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 SECRETARY

Audrey Cesana – 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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Richard Domler – 860-569-7396

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



**Twentieth Sunday
in
Ordinary Time
August 18, 2013**

"[Jesus] endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God."

– Psalm 33.20

*Mass for the
Intentions of the Week*

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)

Monday, August 19 – 7:30 a.m.

John Zadrozny
(Sonia Ginther)

Tuesday, August 20 – 7:30 a.m.

Paul E. Franklin
(Wife Claire)

Wednesday, August 21 – 7:30 a.m.

Ed & Elsie Walker
(Jean Walker)

Thursday, August 22 – 7:30 a.m.

Rev. Joseph Parel

Saturday, August 24 – 4:30 p.m.

Jose Figueiredo – 6th Anniversary
(Wife Maria)

Sunday, August 25 – 8:00 a.m.

Rev. John P. Tracy

Sunday, August 25 – 10:30 a.m.

Albert & Antonietta Pettinato
(Family)

OUR TITHING PARISH

Weekly Collection (August 4):	\$ 5,742
Same Sunday in 2012:	\$ 5,316
Parish School Support	\$ 1,653

Many thanks for all you do to support our parish and our parish school!

With Gratitude, Fr. Curran

CANDLE STATION

Lighting a candle is a prayer: when we have gone it stays alight, kindling in the hearts and minds of others the prayers we have already offered for them and for others, for the sad, the sick, and the suffering, and prayers of thankfulness too.



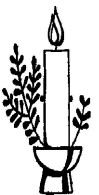
Lighting a candle is a parable: burning itself out, it gives light to others. Christ gave himself for others. He calls us to give ourselves.

Lighting a candle is a symbol: of love and hope, of light and warmth, our world needs them all.

We invite you to light one of the candles on our candle station. The suggested offering is \$3.00.

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
The Deceased Members of the Garvey Family**
(Marion Sullivan)

✠ The candle in the chapel burns this week

**For Students, Teachers & Faculty
Preparing to Return to School
For the New School Year**

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. 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.

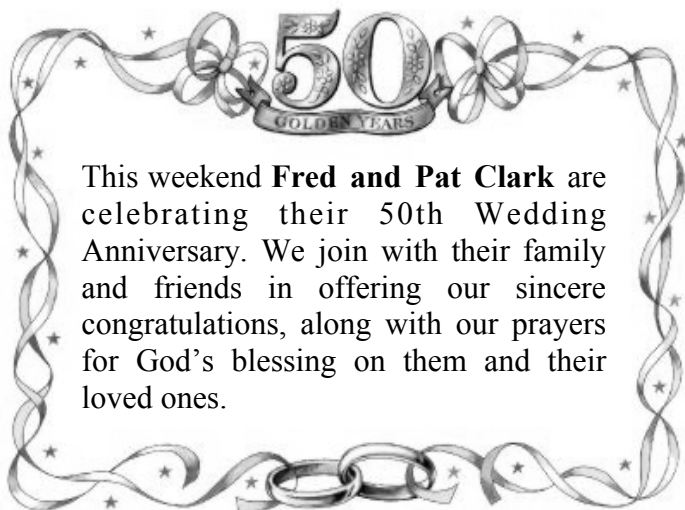
SEEKING... BAPTISMAL BLANKETS

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!



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.



This weekend **Fred and Pat Clark** are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. We join with their family and friends in offering our sincere congratulations, along with our prayers for God's blessing on them and their loved ones.

**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.

PARISH LIBRARY



The parish library has been moved into the church hall and is now open for your use. There are many sections in our library devoted to prayer, spirituality, biographies, and more. There is also a children's section. Please take time to browse through the books and feel free to borrow one that catches your eye. There are also bins for returns and for donations of religious books. We hope you enjoy the parish library. Happy reading!

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

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

A federal judge has temporarily exempted Hobby Lobby Stores, an arts and crafts chain and its affiliated Mardel Christian bookstore chain, from complying with the federal health care mandate on the grounds that it violates the retailer’s Christian beliefs. The Becket Fund, the law firm that represents Hobby Lobby, says there are 63 other lawsuits challenging the mandate.

Let us join in this crusade to protect our religious freedom by calling the Capitol switchboard in Washington, D.C. at 202-224-3121 and urging your Congressmen or Congresswoman and/or U.S. Senators to support legislation that will overturn the mandate. You can also write to the White House at: 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20500.

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.



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!



we are one family under God

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, including our own Archbishop Henry J. Mansell, is asking you to urge your members of the House of Representatives to pass comprehensive immigration reform legislation that reflects our Catholic values.

You can join the U.S. Catholic bishops in this effort by sending an electronic postcard to Washington, DC that asks your Representatives to pass just and compassionate immigration reform legislation. The postcards and more information can be found at www.justiceforimmigrants.org. In addition, extra copies of last week's bulletin insert with more information can be found at the main entrance of our church.

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY CELEBRATION

All couples celebrating their 25th, 50th, 60th, as well as other special anniversaries this year are invited to attend a special Mass that will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford on Sunday, October 20, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. Archbishop Mansell will be the main celebrant. Each couple will be greeted personally, receive a commemorative memento, get a photo with Archbishop Mansell, and renew their wedding vows. A simple reception will follow. Family members and friends are encouraged to attend. Please call Bonnie at the parish office at 860-568-5240 to respond to this invitation. All couples who register by Wednesday, September 25 will have their names listed in the program being prepared for this celebration.

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.



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR


All are invited to experience what the apostles did on Pentecost. A 7-week journey will begin on Tuesday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m. at St. James Church Hall, 896 Main Street in Manchester. This seminar will help you begin or deepen your relationship with Jesus. After the seminar a love and hunger for the sacraments, scripture and prayer will increase in your life. You will experience a fuller measure of the fruit of the Holy Spirit. At the seminar you will find a community that quickly becomes like family. You will find love and support. A typical seminar includes prayer, songs of praise, talks on the seven themes, witness, small group discussion and fellowship. For more information, call Jim at 860-643-1365 or Ray at 860-888-2269.

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.

St. Christopher Church Hall
Friday ~ September 20, 2013
1:45 – 6:45 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 July 29 – August 11 while serving our country. We also remember all those who are caught in the crossfires of war. May they rest in peace.

- Specialist Grace Jr., Keith E. - 26
- Staff Sergeant Herrera, Octavio - 26
- Sergent Hicks, Jamar A. - 22
- Specialist Welch, Nickolas S. - 26