



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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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



**Twenty-second
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 1, 2013**

“You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God.”

– Hebrews 12:22a

*Mass for the
Intentions*  *for the
Week*

Saturday, August 31 – 4:30 p.m.

Velma Castonguay
(Niece Ina & Bob J. Hetkowsky)

Sunday, September 1 – 8:00 a.m.

Rev. Edward G. Pfnausch

Sunday, September 1 – 10:30 a.m.

Patricia M. DiGregorio
(Dave & Chickie Amberg)

Tuesday, September 3 – 7:30 a.m.

Maria DeSiano
(Richard & Mary Burke)

Wednesday, September 4 – 7:30 a.m.

Diane E. Olinatz
(Friend)

Thursday, September 5 – 7:30 a.m.

Peggy Hickson – 2nd Anniversary
(Family)

Saturday, September 7 – 4:30 p.m.

Dinis Leonardo
(Wife & Family)

Sunday, September 8 – 8:00 a.m.

Jerry Millstein
In Remembrance of His Birthday
(Wife & Family)

Sunday, September 8 – 10:30 a.m.

Albert & Antonietta Pettinato
Justin Todd Briere
(Family)

OUR TITHING PARISH

Weekly Collection (August 25): \$ 5,255
Same Sunday in 2012: \$ 5,678

Many thanks for your generous support of our parish! Together we make St. Christopher’s the vibrant and welcoming faith community Christ calls us to be.

With Gratitude,
Fr. Curran

LABOR DAY

There will be no daily Mass celebrated this Monday, September 2.

Our parish office will be closed on Monday, September 2 in observance of the holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 3, at 8:00 a.m.

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday weekend!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Sometimes it's important to work for that pot of gold. But other times it's essential to take time off and to make sure that your most important decision in the day simply consists of choosing which color to slide down on the rainbow.

– Douglas Pagels
These Are the Gifts I'd Like to Give to You

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
Nelson Freitas**
(Joe & Jean Martocci)

✠ The candle in the chapel burns this week

**For All Those Who Labor and
For Those Who Are Seeking Employment**

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



**BEST WISHES
ROCH & JEANINE!**

This coming week our Parish Council president, Roch Girard and his wife Jeanine will be leaving our parish as they will be relocating to the state of

South Carolina. Roch and Jeanine have been parishioners of St. Christopher's for over 40 years and have been very faithful communicants. During their time here, Roch has been an extremely active member of the parish. In addition to being a long-time member of our Lector ministry, Roch has shown great stewardship and leadership through his service as Parish Council president and as chairman of our Building and Grounds committee, our Safety and Health Committee, and our Engineering Study Committee. In March of 2010, Roch was awarded the Saint Joseph Archdiocesan Medal of Appreciation by Archbishop Mansell at a special ceremony held at the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

We know you join us as we offer our gratitude and appreciation to Roch and Jeanine and wish them the very best as they begin a new life in South Carolina. They will be truly missed. **Meilleurs vœux à nos amis!** (*Best wishes our friends!*)

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Confirmation classes for baptized Catholics who have made their First Communion and are 18 years of age and older will be held this fall at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield on six consecutive Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. beginning Sept. 17. 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, please visit orehartford.org or you may call the parish office at 860-568-5240. Registrations are due by September 6.

FIRST COMMUNION DOLLS & PICTURES

We invite our parents to take their child's Communion doll off the bulletin board at the back of the church. We also invite our parents to take any picture(s) of the Communion retreat they wish. We will do our best to return to the families the dolls not taken by September 13. Thank you!



CHOIR NOTES

Greetings!

As summer winds down, we anticipate the increased activity that comes with Fall... and for our Music Ministry family that means rehearsals! Just a few notes here regarding the rehearsal schedule for both adult and children's choir.

Adult Choir

Please note that adult choir rehearsals will begin on Thursday, September 12, at 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested in joining the adult choir can just show up on that evening or talk to Charleen (or any current choir member) for more details. We are always excited to welcome new members...and of course, always have a special need for more Men's voices! **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Children's Choir

Regarding Children's Choir...this gets more complicated. We will NOT be meeting on Monday afternoons as we did last year. Due to my other job, I am no longer available in the afternoons on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Wednesdays. My only option for a weekday afternoon rehearsal is Thursday afternoons at 4:30 p.m. prior to adult choir. I will have forms available by the weekend of Sept. 7/8 for both existing and new members. Children's choir rehearsals will NOT begin until the 26th of September. I realize this day and time may not work for everyone, but we will have to do what we can!

General Info

I am looking forward to another great year of beautiful music made by our awesome Music Ministry family. I am forever grateful for the dedicated singers we have here at St. Christopher Church. I am always looking for instrumentalists, so if there is anyone interested in playing flute, violin, drums, or any other instrument...we will find a way of incorporating you into our family! Please see me at the piano before or after church if you are interested or have questions. I continue to be honored to direct such a wonderful group of people who love to praise God through song.

Peace, Charleen



**2013/2014
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Classes for Students Entering
Grades K-8
Begin Sunday, September 15**



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.

DENTAL MISSION FUNDRAISER

Last October I had the privilege of participating in a dental mission to Guatemala for a week. Word was out that we were coming; the natives came by the hundreds. Under primitive conditions the team of dentists, hygienists, assistants and volunteers swung into action ministering to 600 people. Not speaking the language and having no dental skills, I worked with the children showing them how to clean and care for their teeth – all in sign language. Even though some people had walked 5 hours to get to us, we had to turn some away because of time. I ran out of children's toothbrushes/toothpaste to give them.

This year I will be returning with the team but we hope to service everyone and be better equipped. To defray our normal expected operating expenses (like fuel for the generators, security for the staff, water, dental supplies and equipment) we are having our first formal fundraising effort.

I invite you to pray for the success of our mission and I invite you to join us on Thursday, September 12 for a casual, relaxing evening (5:00 - 8:00 PM) at the Gallery (141 New London Tpke. Glastonbury) to meet the dental mission team and learn from the enthusiastic volunteers. The evening will include 5 food stations and a beverage, a silent auction and raffle items. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. Donations are gladly accepted with checks payable to CCIF-KOL (Crossroads Community International Fellowship/ Kitchen of Love) with memo to "dental mission". For more information contact me at 860-568-9069 or visit ddsinternational.wordpress.com. Thank you.

– Chickie Amberg

Youth Ministry

9th and 10th Grade Students

Register for this year's program IN PERSON on Saturday, September 7 after the 4:30 p.m. Mass and on Sunday, September 8 after both Masses. \$50 per student.

Sunday, October 6, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.: Opening evening retreat for parents AND students in the church hall.

First Sunday of the Month, November to May: Life Night for all Confirmation students in the church hall from 7 – 9 p.m.

11th Grade Students

Application to be confirmed due September 1st!

Sunday, September 15: Retreat for those being confirmed.

Sunday, September 22, 2:00 p.m.: Confirmation Mass

Youth Ministry Events and Mini-Courses

Open to All High School Students

Podcast and Pizza: Wednesdays or Thursdays, 7–9 p.m., in the Parish Center. Contact stchrisym@gmail.com for this week's day. Bring \$3 to contribute to the pizza and a drink to share!

BINGO at Aurora Senior Living, fourth Monday of the month...7–8 p.m. September 23 is the next date!

“Give Me Shelter – Walk to End Homelessness” to benefit Immaculate Conception Shelter and Housing, Saturday, September 21 – 9:15 registration, 10:30 walk, 12:00 lunch \$20 donation

Archdiocesan Youth Spectacular: September 29 – \$20, noonish to 7ish

Jamie's Run 5K - race to benefit CCMC. We have participated in this race for the last three years! Want to train together and make this into a mini-course? We will start on Sunday, September 22 (earlier time on September 29 because of the Youth Spectacular) ...meet from 11:30-1:00 on Sundays, and plan to do some running/reading on your own during the week. Then we will run the 5K on November 3!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN!

St. Christopher Church will again be participating in the 40 Days for Life Campaign! 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.

Our dates for Eucharistic Adoration in our church will be from Monday, September 30, 2013 at 6:00 a.m. until Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at 6:00 a.m.

On Saturday, October 19, 2013 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 slot for both the Eucharistic Adoration and the prayerful vigil. Also, I will be offering a shuttle from St. Christopher to Hartford for the prayerful vigil to make it easier for folks to assist with this wonderful display of support for life. 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 by e-mail at imgoose@comcast.net.

Peace, Phil Gosselin

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

The Catholic Church's stand against the federal health care mandate isn't about access to contraception, which is widely available. It is about a government regulation that is forcing the Church to act against our moral principles, thereby, violating religious freedom.

To voice your opposition to the mandate, please call the Capitol switchboard in Washington, D.C. at 202-224-3121 and urge your representatives to support legislation that will overturn the mandate.

WE REMEMBER

We remember in prayer the following persons of the military who have bravely fought and gallantly died during August 19 – 25 while serving our country. We also remember all those who are caught in the crossfires of war. May they rest in peace.

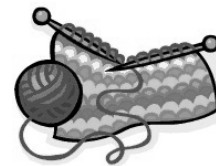
Specialist Alvarez, Kenneth Clifford - 23

Private Hostetter, Jonathon Michael Dean - 20

Master Sergeant Banner Jr., George A. - 37

PRAYER

SHAWL MINISTRY



Susan Gordon Lydon, author of THE KNITTING SUTRA, says: "throughout history, handcrafts have often been fashioned with the aid of prayer, one prayer for each bead or each stitch, while keeping good thoughts to enhance the spiritual purpose of the object." The ladies in the Prayer Shawl Ministry in St. Christopher Parish agree. The spiritual practice of knitting /crocheting begins with the selection of yarn, continues with the knitting and meditating upon its purpose, and is carried right through to blessing the final product. Sometimes this process is soft and meditative, punctured by the click of the knitting needles; at other times, it incorporates the sound of our voices sitting in a circle talking, laughing, crying, and sharing. The giver also receives. Some of our rewards of creating these gifts are new friends, reduced stress, tranquility, creative inspiration and an overall sense of well-being. We welcome anyone who wishes to join our ministry of prayer and love. We meet in the Church hall on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month from 1:00 - 2:30 PM. **Our starting date is September 9, but feel free to join us at any time.** Beginners are welcome. If you wish to receive a shawl, please contact Chickie Amberg at 860-568-9069.

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.



WANT PEACE? WORK FOR JUSTICE!

St. Patrick – St. Anthony Committee for Social Justice and Adult Faith Formation Invites you to An Interactive Workshop Adding Advocacy to Compassion being held on Saturday, September 7 at the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry, 285 Church Street, Hartford. The workshop begins at 10:00 a.m. and concludes with the Celebration of the Eucharist at 4:00 p.m. Suggested offering is \$20 (includes lunch and snacks). Pre-registration is requested by calling 860-756-4034 by September 2. More information can be found on the flyers at the side entrances of our church.