



*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

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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[www.kofc-ehartford4.org](http://www.kofc-ehartford4.org)

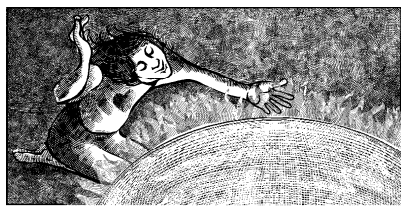
**PRIESTHOOD-OFFICE OF VOCATIONS**

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)



**Twenty-third  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

**September 8, 2013**

*“Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.”*

– Psalm 90:14

*Mass*  *for the  
Intentions* *Week*

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*)

Monday, September 9 – 7:30 a.m.  
**Paul E. Franklin** (*Wife Claire*)

Tuesday, September 10 – 7:30 a.m.  
**Ann & Mike Cervini**  
(*Barbara & Valentine Pavinelli*)

Wednesday, September 11 – 7:30 a.m.  
**John & Louise Olinatz**  
(*Children*)

Thursday, September 12 – 7:30 a.m.  
**Marie St. Arnauld – 3rd Anniversary**  
(*Jeanne Sciarra*)

Saturday, September 14 – 4:30 p.m.  
**Maureen DesRosiers**  
**For Good Wishes & God’s Blessings**  
(*Love, Mom*)

Sunday, September 15 – 8:00 a.m.  
**Timothy McCarthy** (*Family*)

Sunday, September 15 – 10:30 a.m.  
**Leona Guerin** (*Tony & Maria Sousa*)

**OUR TITHING PARISH**

Weekly Collection (September 1): \$ 5,579  
Same Sunday in 2012: \$ 6,071

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.

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

No matter how we read or interpret today’s readings, the bottom line is that being a follower of Jesus, pursuing lives of stewardship, is not going to be easy. To be a steward, to be ready, means that we must have a close relationship with the Lord. It means that we understand the importance and the power of prayer. And most of all it means that we know that Jesus is with us every step of the way. As our Holy Father Pope Francis said recently at the World Youth Day celebration: “Put on Christ in your life, and you will find a friend in whom you can always trust.”

**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  
John J. Barry**  
**In Remembrance of His Birthday**  
(*Daughter & Granddaughter*)

✠ The candle in the chapel burns this week

**In Loving Memory of  
John Vignone**  
**In Remembrance of His 100th Birthday**  
(*Wife Assunta & Family*)

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

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY BONNIE!**

This past week, Bonnie Szalay, celebrated 10 years in her position as our parish’s Office Manager. During these past 10 years and amongst her many tasks, Bonnie has helped to schedule over 4,600 Mass intentions, assisted in scheduling over 800 baptisms and funerals, prepared over 500 bulletins for publication, processed over 250 payrolls, and answered a countless number of telephone calls. We are most grateful to Bonnie for her dedication to our parish and for the kind and welcoming manner in which she treats all callers and visitors. Thank you, Bonnie!

**COUNTERS’ GATHERING**

The Counters’ Ministry is hosting a gathering for its members next Sunday, September 15 from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the Gallery Restaurant in Glastonbury. Members who have not already indicated they are attending should contact Tom Hurley at 860-568-6263 no later than Tuesday, September 10.

**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 this 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.

**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. 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.



**HOSPITALITY WEEKEND**

**September 14 and 15**

Hospitality Weekend will kick off the fall season next weekend, September 14 and 15 in our church hall after all three Masses. Along with faith, hope, love and prayer, it is so important to know each other as sisters and brothers in the Lord and to greet each other and spend these moments after Mass together. **Make it a point to stop by.** If you plan to attend the 4:30 p.m. Mass, we ask that you consider bringing with you an appetizer or finger food. If you plan to attend either the 8:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Mass, we ask that you consider bringing a baked good or snack food. Donations can be brought to the church hall prior to Mass. Our religious education classes begin next Sunday, September 15, so we will need more food than usual for hospitality following the 10:30 a.m. Mass because of all the children who will be present. Thank you so much and we look forward to seeing you!

**2013/2014 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
**Classes for Students Entering Grades K-8**



**Begin Next 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](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.

**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!

**HELP! 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's to Hartford for the prayerful vigil to make it easier for folks to assist with this wonderful display of support for life. **As I write this announcement I have only 2 volunteers.** 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

**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.



**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. **We also welcome monetary donations to help us purchase perishable food items. Please place your donation in any collection basket in an envelope marked "Food Bank."**

**FOOD BANK REPORT**

For August 2013

Requests: 47 Adults: 81 Children: 50

**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 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!



**PARISH & SCHOOL PICNIC**  
**Sunday ~ September 29 ~ 11:30 a.m.**

The 2013-2014 school year is a celebration of our parish school's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and our annual picnic is just one of the exciting events planned. Everyone always has a great time. Flyers that give you all the details are available at the entrances of the church. If you are planning to attend, please let us know by filling out the bottom section of the flyer. You may place your form in the collection basket these next couple of weeks. We are also seeking volunteers to help with the picnic. You may use the same form to express your interest in helping. We hope to see you there!

**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.



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

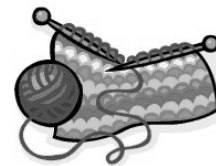
**Deeksha Choudary Mallavarapu**

**WE REMEMBER**

We remember in prayer the following persons of the military who have bravely fought and gallantly died during August 26 – September 1 while serving our country. We also remember all those who are caught in the crossfires of war. May they rest in peace.

- Staff Sergeant Bowden, Joshua J. - 28
- Staff Sergeant Ollis, Michael H. - 24
- 1st Lieutenant Togi, Jason - 24
- Sergeant 1st Class Young, Ricardo D. - 34

**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.

**DEFENDING OUR**  
**RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**

A Washington Post-ABC News poll indicates that the public is sharply divided about the healthcare mandate, with 42% percent of Americans in favor of it and 49% against it. Yet, the Administration has not shown any indication that it will revise any part of it. What will it take? 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.

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](http://redcrossblood.org).