



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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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Christopher Council #4

www.kofc-ehartford4.org

PRIESTHOOD-OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

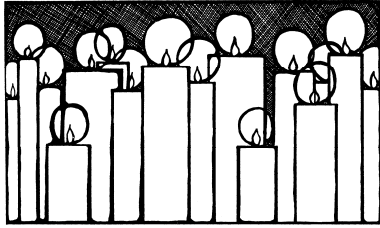
860-761-7456 vocationshartford.org

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www.credocath.com

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**Thirtieth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

October 27, 2013

“The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest until it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds.”

– Sirach 35:17-18a

*Mass  for the
Intentions  Week*

Saturday, October 26 – 4:30 p.m.

James F. O’Keefe (*Wife & Family*)
James J. O’Keefe (*Mother & Family*)

Sunday, October 27 – 8:00 a.m.

Eddy Lapid
(*Wife & Family*)

Sunday, October 27 – 10:30 a.m.

Joanne DeMaio
(*St. Christopher Prayer Shawl Ministry*)

Monday, October 28 – 7:30 a.m.

Diane Olinatz
(*Family*)

Tuesday, October 29 – 7:30 a.m.

Special Intention for Paul Novotasky
(*Family*)

Wednesday, October 30 – 7:30 a.m.

Constance Tardiff
(*The Tardiff Family*)

Thursday, October 31 – 7:30 a.m.

Rev. John C. Blackall

Saturday, November 2 – 4:30 p.m.

Frank & Vince Carrubba
(*The Miano Family*)

Sunday, November 3 – 8:00 a.m.

Benoit “Ben” Landry (*Family*)

Sunday, November 3 – 10:30 a.m.

Ken Johnson (*Leah Dumez*)

OUR TITHING PARISH

Weekly Collection (October 20): \$ 5,580

Same Sunday in 2012: \$ 5,602

This month’s collection to support our parish school was reported incorrectly in last weekend’s bulletin. The collection totaled \$1,429, not \$992 as previously reported.

My personal thanks for your generous support which is so essential for our parish and parish school!

With Gratitude, Fr. Curran

ALL SAINTS DAY

Friday ~ November 1

All Saints Day commemorates all those who have attained the beatific vision in Heaven and is a holy day of obligation. Masses on Friday, November 1, will be celebrated at 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

HELP NEEDED



Our parish is seeking someone who is willing to launder and press on a weekly basis the small liturgical linens we use during Mass. If you are interested in helping us with this task, please call the parish office at 860-568-5240. Thank 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
Robert Boardman, Sr. – 1st Anniversary**
(*Family*)

✠ The candle in the chapel burns this week

In Appreciation for All Priests
(*In Recognition of Priesthood Sunday – 10/23*)

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

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS



Our parish will celebrate during our 10:30 a.m. Mass next Sunday, November 3, the memory of those who have died since last November. A candlelight service within our Eucharistic Liturgy will commemorate each of the deceased.

We invite parishioners who have lost a family member or close friend this past year, even though they may not have been buried from St. Christopher's, to join us for this liturgy and to bring with you that morning a photo of your loved one with a name card to be placed on our Memory Board prior to the start of Mass. Please arrive early so your picture can be placed before Mass begins.

Please be advised that this liturgy is expected to extend beyond the usual hour to allow all those who wish to come forward to light a candle for their loved ones.

Please note:

A reception will be held in our church hall following this Mass on November 3. We kindly request donations of baked goods and finger foods that can be served at this reception. All donations may be left in the church hall prior to the start of Mass. We thank you for your support!

– Eugenia Nowik-Martocci
Consolation Minister

THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who participated in this year's 40 Days For Life campaign. I am so grateful for all those who prayed for life during our 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration and/or during the 12 hours of prayerful, peaceful vigil in Hartford last Saturday. Although all of you who participated are a blessing, I want to send a special thanks to Dan Valente for praying during the wee hours of the morning during the Eucharistic Adoration as well as coming to Hartford to pray for about 5 hours. God bless you all!

Peace, Phil Gosselin

LOST AND FOUND

A ring was found in the church. If you suspect this ring might be yours, please call the parish office at 860-568-5240 to identify.

HOSPITALITY WEEKEND

Our parish will hold its next "Hospitality Weekend" after all Masses next weekend, November 2 and 3. Hospitality after the 10:30 a.m. Mass will be the reception that follows our Annual Memorial Mass (see article to the left). Please plan to stop by and say hello! Share some food. Visit with parishioners you already know and meet those you see in church who you don't know. Also, please consider bringing with you an appetizer, dessert, or finger food to share at the hospitality after the 4:30 p.m. Mass and a baked good or snack food for the hospitalities after the Sunday Masses. Donations of food items can be brought to the church hall before each Mass. Thank you so much and we look forward to seeing you!



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

The journey continues on Sunday evenings. Next gathering is this Sunday, October 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center community room.

RECTORY GENERATOR

Near the end of 2011 our parish took up a special collection to raise funds to purchase and install a generator for the Rectory. We are happy to report that the generator is ready to be used at the first sign of a power outage. We thank our parishioner, Ernie Hutt, for the great job he did in overseeing this project. We thank our parishioner and snow removal contractor, George Agnelli, for his willingness to assist Fathers Curran and Cremonie as needed. We thank you, our parishioners, for your generous support which made the installation of this generator possible. God bless you all!

CONGRATULATIONS TO DEACON ED

Please join me in congratulating Deacon Ed and his wife Fran on Deacon Ed's 29th anniversary of ordination to the diaconate. Deacon Ed was ordained October 26, 1984 and has served the people of the Archdiocese of Hartford faithfully in this important role of service in the Church for the past 29 years, having served here at St. Christopher's since June 2009. We thank Deacon Ed and his wife Fran for their generous service to our parish and to the Church.

in Christ, Fr. Curran



LYMAN ORCHARD PIES

Pies and cookie dough orders have been placed! Orders will be available for pick up in our church hall this Wed., Nov. 6, from 1:30 – 5:30 p.m. Any questions, please contact Sarah Poirier at sarahpoirier@comcast.net.

COUNTERS MINISTRY

In a few short weeks we will begin work on the 2014 schedule for our Counters Ministry. Now is the perfect time to express interest in joining this ministry. It's also a good time for current members to let us know if they don't plan to return in 2014. Please call Tom Hurley at 860-568-6263.

HOMEFRONT 2014

As part of a 27 year tradition, HomeFront, Inc. announces that possible free home repair assistance to qualified neighbors in need may be available in May of 2014. Fueled by a mission of keeping deserving neighbors in their homes with an improved quality of life, HomeFront invites members of the community to consider someone who may be in need of our assistance. If you know any homeowners who could benefit from free home repairs this Spring, please let them know that applications are now being accepted. **Deadline to submit an application is November 15, 2013.** All requests for help will remain confidential. To find out more about the HomeFront project or to request an application, please call them at 1-800-887-HOPE (4673). Applications are also available on their website at www.homefrontprogram.org.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

Our Food Bank is in need of the following food items to fill this year's Thanksgiving food baskets.

Canned Vegetables, Cereal, Instant Potatoes, Coffee, Stuffing Mix, Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Pasta, Canned Tuna, Spaghetti Sauce, Soup, Mayonnaise, Cake Mix, Frosting, Pudding Mix, Jello, Graham Cracker Pie Crust and TURKEYS.

Non-perishable donations may be left in the area near our Candle Station. **If you are able to donate a turkey, please let Dick Domler know by November 22.** You can reach him at 860-569-7396.

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

According to a lawsuit filed by the Archdiocese of Washington, the federal healthcare mandate requiring that Catholic institutions pay for prescriptions and procedures such as: abortion-inducing drugs, contraception and sterilization that violate their religious principles is a deliberate plan to attack and marginalize Catholic beliefs "by holding them up for ridicule on the national stage." We mustn't permit the government to trample on 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.

TRIDUUM IN HONOR OF SAINT JUDE THADDEUS

Saint Isaac Jogues Church in East Hartford is holding a Triduum in honor of Saint Jude Thaddeus. The Triduum begins this Sunday, October 27 after their 5:30 p.m. Mass with Exposition and Reflection. On Monday, October 28, the Feast Day of Saints Simon and Jude, a Reflection and Exposition will begin at 7:00 p.m. On Tuesday, October 29, a Reflection will begin at 7:00 p.m. and the evening will close with Solemn Benediction. Speakers will be Fr. Timothy E. Ryan and Deacon Michael Torres from the East Hartford Catholic Communities North.

BUS TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY

East Catholic High School is sponsoring a bus trip to NYC on Saturday, November 16. The bus departs the school parking lot at 8:00 a.m. Afternoon to shop and site-see. \$110 per person and includes First Mezzanine seats for the Christmas Spectacular at Radio City Music Hall. Bus stops at Eldorado Diner on the way back home. Lunch and dinner on your own. Please call Sarah Adanti at 860-649-5336, ext. 234 to reserve your seat.

WE REMEMBER

We remember in prayer the following persons of the armed services who bravely fought and gallantly died between October 18 – 20 while serving our country. We also remember all those who are caught in the crossfires of war. May they rest in peace.

Lance Corporal Grant, Christopher O. - 20
Sergeant Turnbull, Lyle D. - 31

GIFT CARDS

Volunteers from our parish school will be selling gift cards after all Masses this weekend, October 26 and 27. Please help support our parish school by buying gift cards for gifts and/or for your everyday purchases. For more information contact Ania at 860-569-0686 or by e-mail at simpsonania@sbcglobal.net. Orders are placed every Monday, so contact Ania if you would like to receive cards at other times.



SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

Our parish school is currently compiling a list of substitute teachers. If anyone is interested in substituting at our school, please pick up an application at the school office Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or call the school office at 860-568-4100. Your completed application along with your resume can be dropped off at the school or you may mail them to Mrs. Kathleen Madej, Principal, St. Christopher School, 570 Brewer Street, East Hartford, CT 06118. **Retired schoolteachers are strongly encouraged to share their professional experience.** Thank you for considering this wonderful opportunity!

OPEN HOUSES & ENTRANCE EXAMS SCHEDULED AT AREA HIGH SCHOOLS

Xavier High School, a Catholic college preparatory school for young men in Middletown. Open House this Sunday, Oct. 27 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Entrance exam: Saturday, Nov. 16 at 8:00 a.m. Exam pre-registration can be done online at xavierhighschool.org. Info: 860-346-7735

Mercy High School, a Catholic college preparatory school for young women in Middletown. Open House on Sunday, Nov. 3 beginning at 1:00 p.m. Entrance exam: Saturday, Nov. 16 at 8:00 a.m. Exam pre-registration can be done online at www.mercyhigh.org. Info: 860-346-6659.

East Catholic High School, a co-ed Catholic college preparatory school in Manchester. Open House on Thursday, November 7 at 6:45 p.m. Entrance exam : Saturday, Nov. 16 at 8:00 a.m. Exam pre-registration can be done online at www.echs.com. Info: 860-649-5336, ext. 238.

HELP!

Our parish school is in need of a new phone system. The old system is almost 20 years old. We need \$3,000 to help pay for it. Would you please be willing to help? You can send a check in any amount directly to our school or parish office, or you may put an envelope marked "School's Phone System" in any weekend collection basket. Thank you!

INFLUENZA (FLU) CLINIC

The Town of East Hartford's Department of Health and Social Services is hosting an Influenza (Flu) Clinic on Friday, November 1 from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. at the South End Senior Center, 70 Canterbury Street, East Hartford. East Hartford residents who are 55 years and older are eligible to receive the vaccine free of charge. **(Proof of age and residency are required.)** For more information, please call 860-568-4281 or 860-291-7324.



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION

Thank you for putting faith and action together by responding so generously to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith on World Mission Sunday. Our parish raised \$1,241. Your generosity will help Sister Clara and her Sisters serve children at risk in India, and reach also the many priests, religious and lay leaders around the world who offer practical, emotional and spiritual care to communities, children and families in desperate need. Visit IAmAMissionary.org for more information.

ROCK FOR GRANDMA CONCERT

St. Bartholomew Church in Manchester is hosting a "Rock for Grandma" benefit concert featuring musician Sean Forrest, founder of Haiti180. The concert will be held on Saturday, November 16. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online for \$15 at www.rockforgrandma.com. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$20. Proceeds from this concert will be used to build a loving home for Haiti's forgotten elderly. The 7th and 8th grade students at our parish school support the ministry efforts of Haiti180 through their prayers and in-class community service learning projects. Learn more at haiti180.com.