



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
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www.credocath.com

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**Third Sunday
in
Ordinary Time
January 26, 2014**

“Wait for the LORD with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.”

– Psalm 27:14

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 25 – 4:30 p.m.
Joseph Wolk – 35th Anniversary
(Wife & Family)

Sunday, January 26 – 8:00 a.m.
Eleanor Curran
(Harriet Hyde)

Sunday, January 26 – 10:30 a.m.
Elizabeth Peck – 1st Anniversary
(Daughter Michele Hurteau)

Monday, January 27 – 7:30 a.m.
Eleanor Curran
(The Plefka Family)

Tuesday, January 28 – 7:30 a.m.
Jeremiah B. Sullivan
(Daughter)

Wednesday, January 29 – 7:30 a.m.
Diane Olinatz
(Family)

Thursday, January 30 – 7:30 a.m.
William Wade
(Wife Bonnie)

Saturday, February 1 – 4:30 p.m.
John Tirinzonie – 3rd Anniversary
(Mom & Jan)

Sunday, February 2 – 8:00 a.m.
Paul Curran *(Fred & Pat Clark)*

Sunday, February 2 – 10:30 a.m.
Janet Durbin *(Dave & Chickie Amberg)*

OUR TITHING PARISH

Weekly Collection (January 19):	\$ 5,935
What We Need:	\$ 7,317

HIGH SCHOOL COLLECTION

We gratefully ask for your support of the 2014 High School Collection through our second collection this weekend. This collection assists our Archdiocesan Catholic secondary schools as they foster educational excellence and prepare young people to become productive citizens and church leaders. Your gift is an investment that will continue to pay dividends.

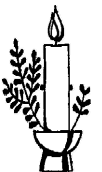
STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Through stewardship we are called to be the light of Christ to others. In today’s first reading from Isaiah, and repeated by the Lord in Matthew’s Gospel is that radiant statement, “The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light.” We are all aware of the joy of light. Of course, this light is much more than just luminescence. This is also the light of understanding and faith, the light to which the Scripture really refers.

Each of us is called as a disciple, as a steward, of Jesus Christ. Our challenge is to hear that call, respond to it, seek our own vocation, and live it out as good Stewards of the Good News. Where are you in that process? Each of us needs to pursue our Christian calling.

SANCTUARY LAMPS

The lamps beside our tabernacles remind us of the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.



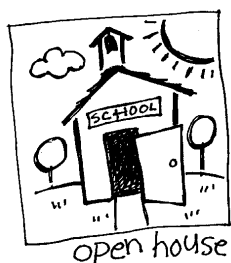
✠ The candle in the church burns this week

**In Loving Memory of
Eleanor Curran**
(Lillian Jones & Janette Forte)

✠ The candle in the chapel burns this week

**In Loving Memory of
John & Agnes Shannon**
(Family)

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



ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

**Tuesday
January 28, 2014**

Our parish school invites you to attend our Open House for prospective families of Pre-Kindergarten to Grade Eight students on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 (Snow Date - January 29). Come and see why our parish school students test more than one year above grade level on IOWA Standardized Tests. There will be two Open House sessions:

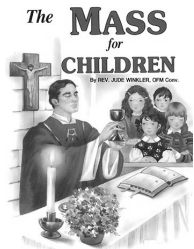
9:00 – 11:00 a.m. while school is in session
6:30 – 8:00 p.m. (includes tour)

You can attend one or both sessions. Come and learn about our program of excellence and meet some of the staff, students, and parents. Our parish school provides a value-oriented education in a safe and comfortable environment. We also offer a fully-staffed After School Program until 5:30 p.m. for the convenience of our parents. Our graduates leave our parish school prepared to excel in higher education. St. Christopher School is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Applications are now available for Fall Enrollment. We hope to see you there!

If you have any additional questions or are unable to attend, but would like more information, please call us at 860-568-4100. You can also visit our website at: www.saintchristopherschool.org.

THE MASS FOR CHILDREN

We are pleased to make available to the children of our parish The Mass for Children booklets that they can use during our liturgies. These booklets have been revised to reflect the new translation of the



Roman Missal. We ask that these booklets remain in the church pews so they are available for the children to use week after week. If you are interested in obtaining a copy for use at home or you would like to give one to a young family member or friend, please contact the parish office at 860-568-5240.

GIFT CARDS

After All Masses This Weekend!



Volunteers from our parish school will be selling gift cards after all the Masses this weekend, January 25 and 26. 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.



OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS

After All Sunday Masses This Weekend

A representative for the Holy Land Christians is visiting our parish this Sunday after our 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses and has available for purchase olive wood carvings. The olive wood carving industry has evolved as a cultural tradition of the Christians over many centuries. Many Holy Land Christians in the Bethlehem area alone rely upon income generated from this art form. The items that are available were carved by Holy Land artisans. We invite you to stop by the church hall to see these beautiful carvings.

SAFE TRAVELS DEACON TOM!

This week Deacon Tom is visiting Kenya as part of his role with Catholic Relief Services. He is meeting with the people of Kenya and learning more about what we're doing to help them through our support of Catholic Relief Services. Please keep the people of Kenya in your prayers and let's pray that Deacon Tom has a rewarding visit and returns home safely.

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

**Francis Jidefor Okonkwo
Christopher Thomas Simpson**



GRATITUDE

“O Thou who has given us so much; mercifully grant us one thing more – a grateful heart.”

– George Herbert

WELCOME THE LIGHT!!

We are happy to announce that this year, for the first time, we will be sponsoring a day of Wellness and Togetherness to "welcome in the light" we are now receiving following the Winter Solstice! The day will be held on **Saturday, March 1** and will begin in the morning with a "Sunrise Stretching and Relaxation Class"...followed by Morning Prayer, and then a cooking presentation by the owner of Healthy Essentials (topic to be determined!). We will likely gather for a "chew and chat" boxed lunch and then break for the afternoon (so people can take care of things at home.) In the evening, we will celebrate our usual 4:30 p.m. Liturgy, followed by the Knights of Columbus' Mardi Gras Dinner, and then our music ministry's annual Evening of Music and Reflection! The Theme for the Evening this year is "Welcome the Light...Carry the Light...BE the Light!"

If anyone is interested in helping with the details of the day, please see Charleen at the piano. She will contact you with information regarding details of an organizational meeting. What a perfect way to gather as a Parish, share some time together, make new friends, learn about self-care, and honor and praise our God at the same time!

Peace, Charleen

St. Christopher Church Hall

Friday ~ February 14, 2014

1:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Please call **1-800-Red Cross** (1-800-733-2767) to make an app't. or log onto redcrossblood.org.



SPAGHETTI DINNER

East Hartford Boy Scout Troop 61 is holding a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, February 1, from 4:00–7:00 p.m. at South Congregational Church, 1301 Forbes Street in East Hartford. \$7.00 per adult, \$5.00 for children 6-12, \$5.00 per person for families of four or more, and children 5 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased at the door.



ST CHRISTOPHER SOCIAL CLUB

Monday, February 3 ~ 1:00 p.m.

Since our January meeting was cancelled because of the weather forecast, Jeff Wieselberg has agreed to come to this meeting instead. He will be offering some beautiful piano music, vocals, and delightful entertainment. This will be followed by yummy desserts and coffee.



If you have been thinking of joining the social club, now is the time. Dues are only \$10 a year, and are due each year in January. This small amount will give you months of pleasant interaction with our members and lots of interesting things to see and do. I urge you to speak with any member of our group, and they will certainly encourage you to be part of this vibrant, friendly group. Please feel free to contact **Joan or Frank Perrone at 860-568-6229** if you have any questions regarding the club.

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

The U.S. Supreme Court will hear the case of Hobby Lobby Inc., an Oklahoma City-based arts and crafts chain with 13,000 full-time employees, in March 2014. The company says the HHS mandate violates its religious freedom, by requiring it to pay for health insurance that goes against its moral convictions.

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the mandate by calling President Obama at the White House at 202-456-1111 or Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius at 202-205-5445. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

WE REMEMBER

We remember in prayer the followings persons of our armed services who bravely fought and gallantly died during January 10 – 17 while serving our country, and all those who are caught in the crossfires of war. May they rest in peace.

Sergeant Lee, Daniel Tyler - 28

Chief Warrant Officer McAdams, Andrew L. - 27

Sergeant Scobie, Drew M. - 25

Specialist Sipple, Andrew H. - 22

**BOY SCOUT
SUPER BOWL GRINDER SALE**



Boy Scout Troop 57 of East Hartford will be making grinders and salads for Super Bowl Sunday, February 2.

12" grinder choices are Turkey, Ham, Salami or Combo (all three meats) for \$5.00 each. Large antipasto salads filled with cold cuts, cheeses and a hard boiled egg are \$6.50 each and garden salads or vegetable grinders are \$4.00 each.

Please place your order by Friday, January 31 by contacting our parishioner and Scoutmaster Scott Gay at 860-670-8898 or at scottgay95@gmail.com. Grinders will be available for pick up in the church hall after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on February 2.

Troop 57 has been in East Hartford for over 50 years. We work with boys and young men to teach responsibility, leadership, preparation and perseverance. We are raising money for summer camp and for our trip to Washington D.C. during the summer. We thank you for your support!

**PARISHIONER IN NEED
BAKE SALE**



Parishioners in Need (PIN) Committee will host their Fourth Anniversary Bake Sale after all Masses the weekend of February 8 and 9. We celebrate five years of operation. Since our inception, we have assisted and continue to assist several members within our parish as well as having provided resources to others within the community. Your support has helped us succeed. Please continue to watch out for those in our parish who may need assistance and may be hesitant to ask for help. Even those we have helped in the past may still be struggling and we ask that they or someone on their behalf come forward if necessary. Let's be aware of those who need care.

Plan ahead for Valentine's Day dinners. Donations of baked goods are very much welcomed (and needed) and can be brought to the church hall prior to each Mass. (Please indicate if there are nuts in the ingredients.)

Thank you all for your continued support!

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE
by Bud Ozar**

When Jesus called his disciples, they came "immediately." Parents wish their children would respond as quickly, but they don't. Children grow slowly into responsibility. It is a process like walking, not done "immediately", but in small steps. Parenting demands patient encouragement.

HELP US HELP OTHERS

Riverside Health & Rehab Center, 745 Main Street in East Hartford is seeking reliable volunteers for a variety of interesting and challenging positions. Whether you prefer patient contact or clerical work, several opportunities are available in the following areas: clerical positions, gift shop (afternoons), assisting recreation staff, birthday party (Sunday – monthly), Out trips. Flexible hours are available and full training is provided. To find out how you can become a valued member of their team, please call the Volunteer Service Office at 860-289-2791, ext. 331 weekdays from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday –Thursday.



Mardi Gras Dinner
Saturday ~ March 1 ~ 5:30 p.m.
Hosted by St. Christopher Knights
of Columbus Council #4

Followed by our Music Ministry's
Evening of Music & Reflection

More information to come!

CAN AND BOTTLE DRIVE

Our parish school will host a Can and Bottle Drive on Saturday, February 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Please bring your pre-rinsed cans and bottles to the front of our school. We also collect aluminum can tabs. All proceeds benefit our parish school.



**RITE OF CHRISTIAN
INITIATION FOR ADULTS**

Our RCIA journey will continue today, Sunday, Jan. 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center community room. Light Refreshments will be served. New candidates always welcome.

