



Parish church & school of
SAINT CHRISTOPHER'S

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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'S WEBSITE

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Jean Nowik-Martocci – 860-568-8873

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Christopher Council #4

www.kofc-ehartford4.org

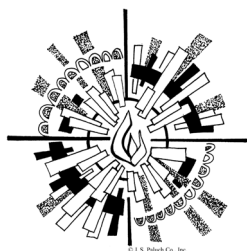
PRIESTHOOD-OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

860-761-7456 vocationshartford.org

CREDO CATHOLIC SINGLES

www.credocath.com

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC
WOMEN** www.nccw.org



**Fifth Sunday
in
Ordinary Time
February 9, 2014**

“Light shines through the darkness for the upright.”

– Psalm 112:4



Saturday, February 8 – 4:30 p.m.

John & Eileen Telesmanick

(Kathy & Bob Nixon)

Sunday, February 9 – 8:00 a.m.

Marie Fulco

(Tom & Jill Hurley)

Sunday, February 9 – 10:30 a.m.

Helen Katin

(The Katin & Brewer Families)

Monday, February 10 – 7:30 a.m.

Stanley Thomas Kronen – 1st Anniversary

(Brother Joe & Carolyn Kronen)

Tuesday, February 11 – 7:30 a.m.

Veronica Vance

(Pamela Vance & Carol Stacey)

Wednesday, February 12 – 7:30 a.m.

John & Louise Olinatz

(Children)

Thursday, February 13 – 7:30 a.m.

Roland Thibodeau *(Wife Anita)*

Saturday, February 15 – 4:30 p.m.

Paul Crowley – In Remembrance of His Birthday

(Wife Irene)

Sunday, February 16 – 8:00 a.m.

Frank Wroniak *(Grandparents)*

Sunday, February 16 – 10:30 a.m.

Norman Girardin – 5th Anniversary

(Family)

OUR TITHING PARISH

Weekly Collection (February 2):	\$ 5,282
What We Need:	\$ 7,317

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

“You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world.” With those two short sentences, Jesus reminds us all of our Baptismal and Stewardship callings. It is important that we remember that these two brief sentences occur in Holy Scripture just after the Lord taught us the Beatitudes.

Today’s Gospel reading is a small part of Jesus’ longest oration in all of Holy Scripture — His Sermon on the Mount. In so many ways this Sermon is a stewardship presentation. If we just focus on the two pieces of advice the Lord gives in the four verses of today’s Gospel, we go a long way to both understanding and achieving stewardship.

If we bring meaning and enhancement to the lives of those around us (salt), and if we provide love and joy to them (light), we will have gone a long way to fulfilling what Jesus has exemplified that we must do. We will indeed have responded to Him as He wished — as disciples and stewards.

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

For All Married Couples

In recognition of World Marriage Day

✚ The candle in the chapel burns this week

For All Who Are Sick

In recognition of World Day of the Sick

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



**PARISHIONER IN NEED
BAKE SALE**

This Weekend After All Masses

Parishioners in Need (PIN) Committee will host their Fifth Anniversary Bake Sale after all Masses this weekend. Please stop by to see what goodies are available. 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.** Thank you all for your continued support!



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.

Urgent need of types O+, O-, A- and B-

TAX STATEMENTS

We are happy to provide tax statements to our parishioners who request one. If you regularly use your envelopes to make your offerings to our parish and wish to receive a tax statement, then please contact Bonnie at the parish office at 860-568-5240 or at stchris-eh@sbcglobal.net. Thank you.

**MERCY & XAVIER HIGH SCHOOLS
PRESENT**

“Les Miserables”

Friday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 1 at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 2 at 2:00 p.m.

\$10 Admission

Mercy High School Auditorium

Info: mercyhigh.com & xavierhighschool.org

“CATHOLICISM” SERIES BEGINNING

You're invited, ALL are invited (yes, **you** reading this!). Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. in our church hall beginning on February 25. We'll join Fr. Robert Barron for an amazing journey around the world and delve deeply into the Catholic faith. “Catholicism,” a ten part series, was filmed on location in 15 countries on six continents. “Catholicism” first aired in 2011 on both PBS and EWTN and received rave reviews. This is the most vivid illustrated teaching tool ever created about Catholicism. On this global journey brought to us now so close to home, we'll learn more about the living culture of the Catholic Church. More information will follow. The evenings will be hosted by Dan Valente, a teacher in our parish school. You can contact Dan at 860-384-5097 or at valentedmsc@yahoo.com.

USE YOUR TALENT

“Having only modest talent is no excuse for not using it. Think what the morning would be like if only talented birds sang!”

– Anonymous

MARDI GRAS DINNER

Saturday ~ March 1 ~ 6:00 p.m.

The men of St Christopher's Knights of Columbus Council #4 are preparing a delicious feast before our Lenten fast. The Louisiana themed Mardi Gras Dinner menu will include:

- Gumbo - seafood soup
- Jambalaya - chicken & sausage & rice
- Muffuletta sandwiches - crusty bread with salami, ham, provolone and chopped olive salad
- Cajun shrimp boil - shrimp, corn and potatoes simmered in a spiced broth
- Homemade macaroni and cheese
- Desserts including king cake, carrot cake and more desserts
- Beverages

Cost is \$10 per person, and \$5 for children under 10 years old. Adults are invited to BYOB. **Reservations must be made in advance by February 27.** To reserve your seat at the feast, please contact any member of the Knights or you can contact Scott Gay, Grand Knight, at 860-670-8898 or at scottgay95@gmail.com. We hope to see y'all there!

DONATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

Children's Books

The 8th grade students in our parish school are collecting new and gently used children's books to donate to St. Gerard's Center for Life in Hartford and Birthright of East Hartford. The book drive is being held until February 16. The books will help educate poor children to help raise them out of poverty. Collection boxes are available in the church hall for your donations. Thank you for your support!

WELLNESS PROGRAM

OFFERED AT THE SACRED SELF, LLC!

It's time to get up and out again and The Sacred Self, LLC is ready to help make that happen! Our second Wellness Program will begin in March and run for five weeks...ending with optional participation in the Spicy Green Bean Diva run on April 6! The program meets on Saturday mornings beginning March 8 and ending with the final session on Saturday, April 5 and then the race Sunday morning April 6. For details, please see Charleen Miele (at the piano!) NOTE: This program is open to both men and women and there are two options... a running group and a walking group. All fitness levels can participate!

Charleen Miele
The Sacred Self, LLC
109 Main Street
Wethersfield, CT 06109
860-614-8382

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Organizations such as church-sponsored universities, hospitals and social services, are facing a fine of \$100 per day (\$36,500 per year) per employee if they provide health coverage that does not include contraceptives, including abortion-causing drugs, and sterilization. Exorbitant fines like these will surely force a lot of organizations that serve tens of thousands of people to close.

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.

FOOD BANK COORDINATOR NEEDED

We are seeking a Food Bank Coordinator for our parish. The Coordinator position can be filled by an individual, a couple of friends or a married couple. Our current coordinator, Dick Domler, has been serving in this capacity for many years. His wife Eleanor served alongside him until she passed away in February 2012. Due to physical limitations, Dick is no longer able to keep this position. We are most grateful to him and his wife for all their years of service to this ministry.

This is an important ministry serving those in need in our community. The responsibilities of our Food Bank are shared with the members of South Congregational Church. If you would like to learn more about the responsibilities of the Coordinator, please contact Dick Domler at 860-569-7396.

FOOD BANK REPORT

For January 2014

Requests: 30 Adults: 50 Children: 25

Thank you for your continued support of our food bank so we can continue to help feed those in need!

GIFT CARDS

Volunteers from our parish school will be selling gift cards again after all the Masses the weekend of February 22 and 23. 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.



Box Top for Education

Our parish school is most grateful for the number of *Box Tops for Education* coupons we receive each week from our parishioners! We are pleased to announce that our school was able to raise \$1,424 during the 2012/2013 school year. Clipped coupons can be placed in our offertory baskets any weekend. Ask your friends to save them too! Thank you for your support!

**WELLNESS DAY
AT ST. CHRISTOPHER CHURCH**

On Saturday, March 1, we will hold our first (hopefully the first of many!) Wellness Day at St. Christopher Church. Please note that this is a day open to both MEN and WOMEN and you can participate in any or all of the programs available! The schedule is as follows:

9:00 am: Stretch and Relaxation Class (including a singing bowl meditation and music!)

11:00 am: Healthy Cooking Presentation by "Healthy Essentials" (with yummy samples!)

12:30 pm: Chew and Chat (table discussions and sharing!)

(break for the afternoon)

7:30 pm: Our annual "Evening of Music and Reflection" presented by the Music Ministry and Liturgical Dance Teams! Theme: "Welcome the Light...Carry the Light...BE the Light!"

There will also be the Knights of Columbus Mardi Gras Dinner immediately following our 4:30 p.m. liturgy, so feel free to make an evening of it!

We are looking for an idea of how many people are interested in participating in each event for planning purposes. Sign up sheets will be posted within the next two weeks! Feel free to come even if you don't sign up...we will plan for more than expected!

Questions?...see Charleen (at the piano!)

HELP NEEDED

Our Altar Committee is seeking individuals who are available to help prepare our church for our weekend liturgies. The members of the Altar Committee typically meet on Friday mornings. If you are available and interested in helping, even if it's only for short term, please call Bonnie at the parish office at 860-568-5240. Thank you.

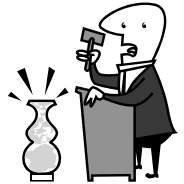


PRAYER LINE

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.

**ST. CHRISTOPHER
SOCIAL CLUB**

Unfortunately, we had to cancel another meeting because of the weather. We were going to announce at the February 3 meeting that we are planning to have another Club Auction at our **April** meeting. We are asking members to bring to the **March** meeting an item that they would like to donate to the Club Auction. It doesn't have to be new; but it should be in good condition. This will give us time to sort and categorize the items for the **April** auction. More information about the next meeting on March 3 will be in a future bulletin. If you have any questions regarding the auction or the club, please feel free to contact **Joan or Frank Perrone at 860-568-6229 or Nedra Gallo at 860-432-1793.**



**RITE OF CHRISTIAN
INITIATION FOR ADULTS**

Our RCIA journey will continue today, Sunday, Feb. 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center community room. Light Refreshments will be served. New candidates always welcome.



SCHOLARSHIPS

The Catholic Graduates Club of Greater Hartford, Inc. will award three scholarships of \$1,000 each to Catholic students who are high school seniors and who plan to attend a four-year college in the fall of 2014. The applicants must reside in Hartford County. Students are chosen on the basis of financial need, scholarship, character, leadership, and achievement. Information can be obtained at the following website: www.Catholicgraduatesct.org. Deadline for submittal of scholarship applications is March 15, 2014.

WE REMEMBER

We remember in prayer the men and women of our armed services who bravely fought and gallantly died while serving our country, and all those who are caught in the crossfires of war. May they rest in peace.



Pray for Peace





You are cordially invited to attend the

St. Christopher School

50th Anniversary Mass

Celebrated by

Archbishop Leonard P. Blair

March 2, 2014

At 10:30AM

St. Christopher Church

*Reception Immediately Following
In Murphy Hall at St. Christopher School*