



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

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St. Christopher Council #4

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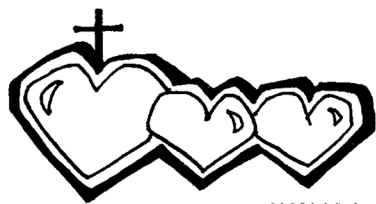
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Seventh Sunday
in
Ordinary Time

February 23, 2014

“Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.”
– Leviticus 19:2b

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, February 22 – 4:30 p.m.

Eleanor Curran

(Members of the Adult Social Club)

Sunday, February 23 – 8:00 a.m.

Rev. Edward G. Pfnausch

Sunday, February 23 – 10:30 a.m.

John Connors – 4th Anniversary

(Wife & Family)

Monday, February 24 – 7:30 a.m.

Elsie & Ed Walker

(Jean Walker)

Tuesday, February 25 – 7:30 a.m.

Eleanor Curran

(Dave & Chickie Amberg)

Wednesday, February 26 – 7:30 a.m.

Diane Olinatz

(Family)

Thursday, February 27 – 7:30 a.m.

Debra L. Petig

(Her Sister Sandra Shinder)

Saturday, March 1 – 4:30 p.m.

**Reparation to the
Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Sunday, March 2 – 8:00 a.m.

Irene Laprise

(Renaud Laprise)

Sunday, March 2 – 10:30 a.m.

**In Celebration of
Our Parish School’s 50th Anniversary**

OUR TITHING PARISH

Weekly Collection (February 16):	\$ 3,512
What We Need:	\$ 7,317

PLEASE HELP

We are seeking donors to help cover the high cost of snow removal we are experiencing during this extremely snowy winter. If you are willing to help with a donation of \$25, \$50, \$100 or any other amount that is comfortable for you, please place your donation in an envelope marked “Snow Removal” and drop it in any weekend’s collection basket or mail it to the parish office. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

In the first reading for this Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, God declares to Moses, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Jesus echoes that sentiment in the Gospel from Matthew affirming “You shall love your neighbor.” More than once Christ points out to us that this is the formula for striving for holiness and following Him. All we have to do is love our neighbor and everything else will fall in to place.

YOUR CUP

*“When your cup runneth over,
share your blessings with someone else.”*

–Unknown

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 G. Curran**
(Lillian Jones & Janette Forte)

✠ The candle in the chapel burns this week

For All Who Are Struggling This Winter

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

MARDI GRAS DINNER

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

**** Registration Deadline: February 27 ****

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. 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!



EVENING OF MUSIC & REFLECTION

Our music ministry is pleased to present their annual "Evening of Music & Reflection" to be held on Saturday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m., following the Knights of Columbus' Mardi Gras Dinner.

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. 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.

ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL

50th Anniversary
Mass & Reception



Sunday ~ March 2 ~ 10:30 a.m.

To the Parishioners of St. Christopher Church:

Thank you so much for the kindness and generosity you have shown our parish school over the past fifty years. As was announced last weekend, Archbishop Blair will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary Mass on Sunday, March 2 at 10:30 a.m. Please spread the word to our alumni and past parents who may have left the area. We hope that many of you will be able to join us for this joyous occasion.

A reception will follow in Murphy Hall at the school and everyone is invited. We will need some help, however. If you are planning to attend, and we hope you are, we are asking each family to bring a donation of food or beverages to the school prior to the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Volunteers will be at the school beginning at 8:30 a.m. to accept contributions.

Thank you again. We feel truly blessed to be a part of this great St. Chris community.

God Bless,

Kathleen E. Madej, Principal

WELCOME FR. PIUS!

We are pleased that Fr. Pius will be able to assist us here at St. Christopher's while he's in the country for an extended visit. Fr. Pius is the son of our parishioners Boniface and Caroline Eluka and comes to us from the Catholic Diocese of Enugu where he was ordained to the priesthood in July of 2002. Please extend to Fr. Pius a warm St. Christopher welcome.



ARCHBISHOP BLAIR PRAYER CARDS

We are pleased to make available prayer cards with a photo of Archbishop Blair. We invite you take one and to pray the prayer on the reverse side for his benefit. Cards available at all entrances.

**WELLNESS DAY
AT ST. CHRISTOPHER CHURCH
Saturday ~ March 1**

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 are available at the piano. Feel free to come even if you don't sign up...we will plan for more than expected!

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 ~ 860-614-8382

GIFT CARDS

This Weekend After All Masses



Volunteers from our parish school will be selling gift cards in the church hall after all Masses this weekend. 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.

CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS!

Parish Council Members Needed!

According to the Parish Council Bylaws, it's time to start searching for Council members. We are all stewards of our parish and this means contributing time, talent, and treasure. **We need your time and talent!** We need interested parties to serve in an advisory capacity to our pastor, Fr. Curran. I fully understand the time constraints on everyone these days, I have them too. However, serving on the Council does not require a lot of time. Meetings are held five times a year, usually at 7:00 p.m. and we try to keep them to an hour's length. There may be a time or two when we spend more than an hour or when a special meeting is called, but that rarely happens.

In every organization, you find the same people stepping up to the plate and volunteering their services. Let's be different. New blood in an organization leads to new ideas and fresh thinking and I'm sure there are many of you just brimming with new ideas. So, don't be shy, join the Council and put your ideas into action.

Please contact Bonnie at the parish office or me (my number is on the front of the bulletin) with any inquires or interest – no obligation. We also invite you to attend a meeting (usually announced in the bulletin) to see us in action first hand.

Thank you for your consideration.

– Madeline Cassarino, Acting President

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATE

Monday, February 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the Rector dining room. The meeting is open to all parishioners.

**“CATECHISM” SERIES
BEGINS THIS WEEK**

You may be asking yourself, "How can I deepen my faith this Lent?" We have an answer for you! Join us on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. in our church hall beginning February 25 as we explore our faith over a ten-week period with “Catholicism.” You may attend as many or as few evenings as you wish. ALL are invited. please visit our website at stchris-eh.org for detailed information on what’s being offered each week or see the green flyers at all the entrances. The evenings will be hosted by Dan Valente, a teacher in our parish school. If you have any questions or are interested in helping to share this program, you are encouraged to contact Dan Valente at 860-384-5097.

**THANK YOU FROM PIN
(Parishioner in Need) COMMITTEE**

*“Blessed are the Givers...
and grateful are the Receivers.”*

The PIN committee has been *blessed* with a caring parish and is truly *grateful* to all who contributed in some way... by baking, by purchasing, by making a donation. Over \$700 was raised from our bake sale that was held a couple of weekends ago. Most important, however, are the spirits we hope to raise by assisting those who need our help. Please continue to be observant of those in the parish who may need a helping hand, and then reach out to them. If they are hesitant of asking for help, then contact PIN (through the Parish Office) on their behalf. *Please be aware of those who need care.*

Gratefully yours, PIN Committee

WE REMEMBER

We remember in prayer the following persons of our armed services who bravely fought and gallantly died between February 10 – 15 while serving our country, and all those who are caught in the crossfires of war. May they rest in peace.

- Private 1st Class Gray, Joshua A. - 21
- Specialist Landis, Christopher A. - 27
- Specialist Pelham, John A. - 22
- Sergeant Skelt, Roberto C. - 41
- Master Sergeant Torian, Aaron C. - 36

ST CHRISTOPHER SOCIAL CLUB

Monday – March 3 – 12:00 noon

Mark your calendars for our next gathering. Following a short business meeting, we will be treated to a delicious corned beef or turkey sandwich luncheon, and yummy desserts. Remember, we will meet at **NOON**. Following our lunch, we will be having some fun Irish entertainment.



Also on March 3, don’t forget to bring your new or gently used item for April’s auction. This should be a fun time, and a great money-raiser for the club.



If you have any questions regarding the auction or the club, please feel free to contact **Joan or Frank Perrone at 860-568-6229.**

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.

RELIGIOUS ED REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2014/2015 school year will begin on Sunday, March 9. Maria Sousa, our Religious Education Coordinator, will be in our church hall after the 10:30 Mass on the following Sundays: March 9, 16, 23 and 30.



**RITE OF CHRISTIAN
INITIATION FOR ADULTS**

Our RCIA journey will continue today, Sunday, Feb. 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center community room. Light Refreshments will be served. New candidates always welcome.

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.