



*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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[www.saintchristopherschool.org](http://www.saintchristopherschool.org)

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

St. Christopher Council #4  
[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)



**Third Sunday  
of  
Lent**  
**March 23, 2014**

*“While we were still sinners Christ died for us.”*  
– Romans 5:8

*Mass for the  
Intentions Week*

Saturday, March 22 – 4:30 p.m.  
**Andre Charron**  
(Wife Lise)

Sunday, March 23 – 8:00 a.m.  
**Francis & Olga Ostrowski**  
(Francis – 13th Anniv. & Olga – 37th Anniv.)  
(Family)

Sunday, March 23 – 10:30 a.m.  
**Jean-Nil Hugron**  
(Suzanne Martel & Family)

Monday, March 24 – 7:30 a.m.  
**Alan Thibodeau**  
(Mother)

Tuesday, March 25 – 7:30 a.m.  
**Frederick Leone, Jr.**  
(Dave & Chickie Amberg)

Wednesday, March 26 – 7:30 a.m.  
**Mark Tardiff**  
(Family)

Thursday, March 27 – 7:30 a.m.  
**Roland Thibodeau**  
(Wife Anita)

Saturday, March 29 – 4:30 p.m.  
**Dinis Leonardo** (Wife & Family)

Sunday, March 30 – 8:00 a.m.  
**Ivan Maillet**  
(Norman & Edith Daigle)

Sunday, March 30 – 10:30 a.m.  
**Virginia Demers – 4th Anniversary**  
(Family)

**OUR TITHING PARISH**

Weekly Collection (March 16):	\$ 6,185
What We Need:	\$ 7,317

**HELP US!**

Our church and parish school are in need of large financial gifts to help us meet our operating expenses. Gifts of \$500.00, \$1,000.00, \$2,500.00, \$5,000.00 and greater would help us immensely. Jesus tells us “ask and you shall receive.” Gifts can be made payable to *St. Christopher Church*, 538 Brewer Street, East Hartford, CT 06118. Gifts to our parish school can be made payable to *St. Christopher School* and mailed to the same address.

Thank you!  
– God

**GOD’S WORD TODAY**

Today’s Gospel ... the story of the Samaritan woman at the well cuts to the heart of the journey of conversion. ... As the conversion unfolds, Jesus uncovers the woman’s sinfulness. Imagine yourself at the well. Imagine the Lord Jesus uncovering your own sinfulness. Rediscover the great gift that the Lord Jesus offers you today: a way out of sinfulness and a way into everlasting peace and goodness.

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**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

**In Loving Memory of  
Joni Wilson**  
(Beverly Connors)

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

### SOUP AND STATIONS

Our *Soup & Stations* is a sharing of simple soup and bread (with conversation and sharing with fellow parishioners) at 5:30 p.m. in our church hall followed by Stations of the Cross beginning at 6:30 p.m. in our church. This will take place on the following Wednesday evenings during the season: March 12, 19, 26 and April 2. Children from our parish school and religious education program will lead us once again in the Stations.



So...dig out your favorite soup recipes and mark your calendars to keep Wednesday evenings free. "Be church" with us and get to know the people in your church family.

**Volunteers are needed to prepare soup and/or bread for each Wednesday.** You may simply bring with you to the church hall the item you wish to share on the Wednesday evening that works best for you. Soup and bread are all we will need. No desserts please.

### FIFTY & FABULOUS 15th Annual Auction

Saturday ~ April 5



Our parish school will be holding its 15th Annual Auction on Saturday, April 5 at 5:30 p.m. at Murphy Hall in St. Christopher School. It's an evening for adults that's full of fun, good food, great items up for bid, raffles and excitement. Silent & Live Auction. Tickets are \$25 per person / \$20 per person for Seniors (65 & up). Tickets may be obtained online by going to [www.saintchristopherschool.org](http://www.saintchristopherschool.org) or by calling the school at 860-568-4100.



This week, CRS Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the people of the Philippines. We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, *Option for the Poor*, and reminded of Jesus' words: "Whatever you did for these least of mine, you did for me." Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters in the Philippines and all around the world, that we see the Face of Christ in the poor among us.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will be operating under a reduced schedule this week and next week. The schedule is as follows:



- Friday, March 28: Closed
- Monday, March 31: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
- Tuesday, April 1: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
- Wednesday, April 2: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
- Thursday, April 3: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
- Friday, April 4: Closed

Regular office hours will resume on Monday, April 7: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (closed for lunch from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.).

### ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, counsel those in despair, offers much-needed assistance to the unemployed, and helps make medical care available to those without health insurance. If you would like to make a gift, simply mail in your pledge card. (Extra Appeal packets are available at the main entrance of our church.) You may also visit the Archdiocesan website at [archdioceseofhartford.org](http://archdioceseofhartford.org), or call the Appeal Office at 800-781-2550. Prayerfully consider supporting this year's Appeal.

### THE VICARIATE OUTREACH PROGRAM Building Hope...Providing Help

In the spirit of stewardship the Archbishop's Annual Appeal initiated the Vicariate Outreach Program in 1997. The Program offers support to local organizations that, by their efforts, are a meaningful extension of the mission of the Catholic Church and its teachings.

If you wish to suggest a worthy local charity for funding by the Vicariate Outreach Program, please contact the parish office at 860-568-5240 by Wednesday, April 9. Not all nominations may be eligible for final selection. The ultimate decision will be made by an Appeal Committee.

### WEBSITE CALENDAR

Would you like to know what's going on in our parish? We invite you to check out our new Calendar on our website. Visit [www.stchris-eh.org](http://www.stchris-eh.org).



### LIVING STATIONS

The dramatic presentation of our Lord's passion, death and resurrection has become a beautiful tradition here at St. Christopher parish; we hope this tradition will never cease. The Living Stations cannot happen without the involvement of many people from our St. Christopher community. What are the needs? We need folks to portray the various individuals that played a role in the Stations of the Cross: Jesus, Mary, Simon, Veronica, Pilate, Roman soldiers, and various citizens of Jerusalem. We also need a narrator and numerous readers. The presentation will be Good Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. We typically have an organizational meeting at the start of Holy Week and a dress rehearsal in the middle of Holy Week. If you are willing to help make this a reality, please contact Phil or Alice Gosselin at 860-568-5001 or at imgoose@comcast.net.

### "CATHOLICISM" SERIES

You're invited, ALL are invited (yes, **you** reading this!). Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. in our church hall from February 25 – April 29. Join us anytime! 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 about each week's episode can be found on our website at [www.stchris-eh.org](http://www.stchris-eh.org). Select the "Catholicism Series" link on the left. For more info., contact Dan Valente at 860-384-5097 or at [valentedmsc@yahoo.com](mailto:valentedmsc@yahoo.com).

### GIFT CARDS

Volunteers from our parish school will be selling gift cards again after all the Masses the weekend of April 5 and 6. Please help support our parish school by buying gift cards for gifts and/or for your everyday purchases. For more information contact school volunteer Ania at 860-569-0686 or by e-mail at [simpsonania@sbcglobal.net](mailto:simpsonania@sbcglobal.net). Orders are placed every Monday, so contact Ania if you would like to receive cards at other times.



### THANK YOU!

I would like to thank the PIN Committee for purchasing me a floor mat for my new apartment. It is greatly appreciated. I hope you can find it in your hearts to support this worthwhile cause, as it serves a great purpose.

With much gratitude, Michele Hurteau

### PALLIUM PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

With Archbishop Leonard Blair

**Registration Deadline: March 28**

Join Archbishop Blair on Sunday, June 29 as Pope Francis confers the Pallium upon him. The Pallium is a sign of apostolic authority to Archbishop Blair. During this pilgrimage, visit Rome, the Vatican City, Orvieto and Assisi. Mass will be celebrated each day at such churches as St. Peter, St. Mary Major, Basilica of St. John Lateran and the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi. For itinerary, cost and other details, please visit [www.archdioceseofhartford.org](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org).

### THE NONVIOLENT LIFE

Mark your calendars! St. Bridget's in Manchester will host acclaimed author and peace advocate John Dear on Friday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m. Nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by Rev. Desmond Tutu, John is known throughout the world as an ardent voice and witness for nonviolence. John is a popular speaker, lecturer, retreat leader, and the author/editor of 30 books. John's most recent book, *The Nonviolent Life*, will be available for purchase and signing at the presentation.

In the book, John maps out a simple vision of nonviolence that any of us can follow. How can I become more nonviolent toward myself, my family, my community, and my world? Like Jesus, John challenges us to become the people of peace that our world desperately seeks. Let's take up this call to peace together.

### RELIGIOUS ED REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2014/2015 school year has begun. Maria Sousa, our Rel .Ed. Coordinator, will be in our church hall after the 10:30 Mass this Sunday, March 23 and next Sunday, March 30.

**SPRING IS IN THE AIR...  
HOMEFRONT IS COMING!**

HomeFront Day, Saturday, May 3, 2014 will be upon us before we know it. For those who are not familiar with the HomeFront project, it is a community outreach, a one day repair blitz for a neighbor in need, where St. Christopher Church will form a crew to perform necessary home repairs and the HomeFront organization provides the materials. The typical HomeFront recipient is elderly, disabled or a single parent and the average total household income was \$22,000 for recipients in 2010.

At this point we have not received any information about our HomeFront recipient but we need to get our crew organized anyways. If you would be willing to assist there are many way to get involved. We always need skilled persons such as carpenters, electricians, plumbers, painters, etc., but we also need folks who can do common homeowner tasks such as raking, painting, pulling weeds, mowing the lawn, cleaning, etc.

Please consider assisting us with this very worthy project. A big part of the success of our project is feeding our hardworking crew with a simple lunch on HomeFront Day, and if we could provide them with some coffee and maybe donut holes or something similar in the morning while we are getting ready for our day, that would awesome. If there is a group in our parish or a parishioner who is a member of an outside organization that would assist us with these needs, we would be so grateful!

We can make a difference but it won't happen without you. Please say **YES!** For more information or to volunteer, please call Phil Gosselin, 860-568-5001 or by e-mail at [imgoose@comcast.net](mailto:imgoose@comcast.net).



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR  
HOLY THURSDAY**

During the Mass of the Lord's Supper being celebrated at 7:00 p.m. on Holy Thursday, April 17, there is the ritual of the washing of the feet. We are seeking up to 12 volunteers who are interested in participating in this ritual and having their feet washed. Please contact Maria Sousa, our Coordinator of Religious Education, at 860-895-8692 or at [stchrisre@gmail.com](mailto:stchrisre@gmail.com) if you are interested.

**LENTEN CONFESSIONS**

Let the light in this Lenten season by going to confession. Every Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Hartford will be open for the Sacrament of Reconciliation Mondays from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. For more information, visit [Light4you.info](http://Light4you.info).

**ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

Confirmation classes for baptized Roman Catholics who have made their First Communion and are 18+ years old will be held at St. Mark the Evangelist in West Hartford from 7:00–9:00 p.m. for six consecutive Tuesday evenings beginning April 1. For more info. or to register, visit [www.orehartford.org](http://www.orehartford.org).

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN  
INITIATION FOR ADULTS**



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

**JOYFUL GESTURERS**

Calling all children ages eight and older...teenagers welcome too! Brand-new to St. Christopher's Parish, our very own youth praise team! "Joyful Gesturers" is looking for boys and girls ages 8 and up who would love to praise God with movement! No dance experience required! We will be focusing on movements & gestures (similar to those used in the song we sing at Vacation Bible Camp). If there are children who are interested in participating with true dancing, we will be happy to incorporate that in as well for those children. Our "Joyful Gesturers" will share their praise movements periodically throughout the year. It is NOT a weekly commitment. Since it is brand new, we will play it by ear, but we don't want families to think it is a huge commitment. We will be coordinating with the children's liturgy committee and music ministry teams to see how and when we can best praise God with our movements! My vision is to share our talents a few times a year, but it will be a work in progress to see what fits our parish families best! If your child, son or daughter, is interested, please call me, Bridget Cooke, at 860-202-3692.