



*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

**SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

St. Christopher Council #4  
[www.kofc-ehartford4.org](http://www.kofc-ehartford4.org)

**PRIESTHOOD-OFFICE OF VOCATIONS**

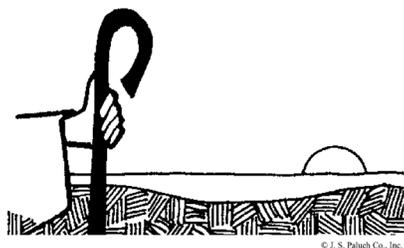
860-761-7456 [vocationshartford.org](http://vocationshartford.org)

**CREDO CATHOLIC SINGLES**

[www.credocath.com](http://www.credocath.com)

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**

[www.nccw.org](http://www.nccw.org)



Fourth Sunday  
of  
Lent

March 30, 2014

“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.”

– Psalm 23:1

Mass  for the  
Intentions  Week

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)

Monday, March 31 – 7:30 a.m.

**John & Louise Olinatz**  
(Children)

Tuesday, April 1 – 7:30 a.m.

**Eleanor Curran**  
(Prayer Shawl Ministry)

Wednesday, April 2 – 7:30 a.m.

**Elizabeth Barno**  
(Family)

Thursday, April 3 – 7:30 a.m.

**Rev. James B. Gunnoud**

Saturday, April 5 – 4:30 p.m.

**Reparation to the  
Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Sunday, April 6 – 8:00 a.m.

**Louise Agnes**  
(Family)

Sunday, April 6 – 10:30 a.m.

**Victor Goslin**  
(Family)

### OUR TITHING PARISH

Weekly Collection (March 23):	\$ 5,928
What We Need:	\$ 7,317

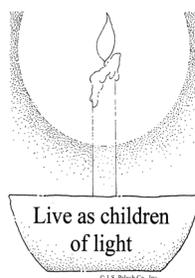
### HELP US!

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

### LIVING GOD’S WORD



We pray to God as the ineffable light, calling forth from the darkness of fear and prejudice and hatred men and women who choose to live in the light of Christ. We pray God to remove our attraction to the darkness, replacing it with a love for the Light.

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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 Thanksgiving & Appreciation for  
Charleen Miele**  
(Beverly Connors)

✠ The candle in the chapel burns this week

**That During this Lenten Season  
We All Seek a Love for the Light**

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

**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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
Lenten Fish Dinner**

The men of St Christopher's Knights of Columbus Council #4 are preparing a delicious feast to be served on Friday, April 11, in our church hall.

The menu is:

- Fresh Cod baked with a buttery cracker crust
- Clam Chowder
- Homemade cole slaw
- Maddie's famous Mac & Cheese
- Tossed Salad

Cost is \$10 per person, children under 10 yrs old - \$5

There is no set meal time, so you can select what time you want to eat. Dinner will be served in the church hall from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

To reserve your seat at the feast and to let us know what time you will be joining us for dinner, please contact any member of the Knights or you can contact Scott Gay, Grand Knight:

860-670-8898 or [scottgay95@gmail.com](mailto:scottgay95@gmail.com)



This week, CRS Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the people of Malawi. We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, *Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers*, and reminded that, just as He labored to create the universe, God sanctifies and calls us to work. Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters in Malawi and all around the world, that we work with joy for God's greater glory.

**SOUP AND STATIONS**

**Last Chance!!!**



Our last Soup and Stations for this Lenten season will be held this Wednesday, April 2. If you have not attended one of these evenings, we strongly encourage you to attend this last one. It is a sharing of simple soup and bread (with conversation and sharing with fellow parishioners) beginning at 5:30 p.m. in our church hall followed by Stations of the Cross beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the church. This Lenten event has again been proven to be most successful, and we hope you will be able to experience it. **Offerings of soup and bread would be most welcome.** No desserts please.

**ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal provides help to those in need! This year's Appeal goal is a challenge, but it is nothing compared to the challenges many suffer each and every day of their lives. Please consider supporting this important effort. 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.



**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](mailto:imgoose@comcast.net).

### VACATION BIBLE CAMP

It is beginning to warm up and summer is just around the corner. St. Christopher's will be holding Vacation Bible Camp from **June 23 – June 27**. This year we are building our program with the addition of a Pre-School and Middle School program. If you would like more information or if you would like to register please visit our new website [stchrisvbc.weebly.com](http://stchrisvbc.weebly.com) or pick up a registration form at the back of the church.



### GIFT CARDS

Volunteers from our parish school will be selling gift cards again after all the Masses next weekend, 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 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.

## 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 Coordinator of Religious Education, will be in our church hall after the 10:30 Mass this Sunday, March 30.



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our monthly Children's Liturgy will be celebrated next Sunday, April 6 at 10:30 a.m. Hospitality will follow in the church hall and is being hosted this month by families with children in Grades 3 & 6. Everyone is invited!

### ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Our parish is actively seeking students in **Grades 4 and above** who are interested in becoming an Altar Server. If you would like to learn more about the Altar Server ministry, please contact the parish office at 860-568-5240 or send an e-mail to [stchris-eh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stchris-eh@sbcglobal.net). A training session will be held in the near future.



### 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).



### SOCIAL CLUB MEETING Monday, April 7 ~ 12:45 p.m.

**SOLD!**

(Maybe to you?)

Members and **non-members** are invited to join us for our silent and live auction of new and gently used items. Some will be sold by purchasing raffle tickets and placing them in the appropriate containers for a drawing, and some will go to the highest bidder. Come and take advantage of terrific bargains while helping out the club with this fundraiser. (Reminder, the box will be in the church wing near the library until March 31 for your last-minute donations).

Silent Auction items will be displayed in the wing and raffle tickets for these items will be on sale after all the Masses on April 5 & 6. Stop by and check out what items are available!

2014 dues of \$10 are now payable. Please make your payment at the membership table prior to the meeting. If you have any questions regarding the club, please feel free to contact Frank Perrone at 860-568-6229.

**EASTER FOOD BASKETS**

We will pack and deliver the Easter Food Baskets on Thursday, April 17 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at South Congregational Church, 1301 Forbes Street, East Hartford. We need packers and drivers, so please plan to join us!

Our Food Bank is in need of the following items to help us to be able to prepare these baskets:

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|-------------------|------------|
| Macaroni & Cheese | Cereal     |
| Peanut Butter     | Muffin Mix |
| Jelly             | Cake Mix   |
| Canned Fruit      | Frosting   |
| Gravy             | Pasta      |
| HAMS              |            |

Non-perishable food items may be left in the area near our candle station. If you'd like to donate a ham, please contact Dick Domler at 860-569-7396. Thank you for your support!

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS**

Our RCIA journey will continue today, Sunday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center community room. Light Refreshments will be served. New candidates always welcome.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
St. Christopher Council #4**

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly business meeting this Thursday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m. in our church hall. If you are a practicing Catholic man, 18 years of age or older and are interested in learning more about becoming a Knight, please contact Scott Gay, Grand Knight, at 860-670-8898 or at scottgay95@gmail.com.

**“CATHOLICISM” SERIES**

ALL are invited. 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. More information about each week's episode can be found on our website at 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.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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



- 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.).

**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.