



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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SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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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
of
Lent**

April 6, 2014

*“Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; LORD,
hear my voice!”*

– Psalm 130:1

Mass  *for the
Intentions* *Week*

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)**

Monday, April 7 – 7:30 a.m.

Rev. John P. Rohan

Tuesday, April 8 – 7:30 a.m.

**Paul E. Franklin
(Wife Claire)**

Wednesday, April 9 – 7:30 a.m.

**Stanley Walter Kronen – 61st Anniversary
and Helen Kosiorek Kronen
(Son Joe & Carolyn Kronen)**

Thursday, April 10 – 7:30 a.m.

**Mary Rogosky Verotsky – 17th Anniversary
and Charles George Verotsky
(Daughter Carolyn & Joe Kronen)**

Saturday, April 12 – 4:30 p.m.

Bernie Casey – 7th Anniversary (Family)

Sunday, April 13 – 8:00 a.m.

Eleanor Curran (Fred & Pat Clark)

Sunday, April 13 – 10:30 a.m.

**Carmelo Botticello
(Dave & Chicken Amberg)**

OUR TITHING PARISH

This weekend’s bulletin had to be transmitted early; therefore, last weekend’s collection will be reported in next weekend’s bulletin. Thank you.

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.

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

St. Paul in his letter to the Romans, the second reading, asks us to understand that the spirit dwells within us, and that is what is important; not our flesh or our bodies, but what God has placed in us — the Holy Spirit. What is important is that Spirit, for that is truly the key to truth and life.

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 Parishioners
Who Are Dealing With
Difficult Health & Life Issues**

✚ The candle in the chapel burns this week

**That During this Lenten Season
We are Reminded that the Spirit Dwells Within Us**

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

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

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATE
Monday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory dining room. The meeting is open to all parishioners.



EASTER FLOWERS

Donations for Easter flowers made in memory of loved ones to decorate our altar and church in this beautiful season are now being accepted. For your convenience, a donation envelope has been included with your weekly envelopes for March/April. Please **PRINT** the name(s) on your envelope and place it in the collection basket or send it to the rectory by **April 13**. You may also print the name(s) on a piece of paper and put in an envelope marked "Flower Fund." Thank you.

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.



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 to all parishioners after all Masses this weekend, 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.

PALLIUM PILGRIMAGE TO ROME 12 Seats Remaining!

Registration Deadline: April 14

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.

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 or pick up a registration form at the back of the church.



GIFT CARDS

After All Masses This Weekend!

Volunteers from our parish school will be selling gift cards again after all the 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 school volunteer Ania at 860-569-0686 or at simpsonania@sbcglobal.net. Orders are placed every Monday, so contact Ania if you would like to receive cards at other times.

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.



St. Christopher Church Hall

Friday ~ May 2, 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.

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.

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.

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. A training session will be held in the near future.



This week, CRS Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the people of Haiti. We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, *Call to Family, Community and Participation*, and reminded that, as social beings, we are called to seek God together. Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters in Haiti and all around the world, that our families and communities may be strengthened and blessed.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Our Homebound Ministry is ready to bring Communion to our parishioners who are homebound or are at home recuperating. Please call Barbara Casey at 860-568-4638 to make the necessary arrangements.



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

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.

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, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center community room. Light Refreshments will be served. New candidates always welcome.

**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.

Also, in the near future we will be conducting a second collection to assist with the required offering that helps make HomeFront possible. Your donations assist our parish in making this ministry a reality. Thank you for your past and future support of this project of neighbor helping neighbor

HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion ~ April 13

Saturday's Vigil Mass (April 12): 4:30 p.m.
Sunday Masses (April 13): 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Monday ~ April 14

Daily Mass*: 7:30 a.m.

Confessions: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday & Wednesday ~ April 15 and 16

Daily Mass*: 7:30 a.m.

* Daily Mass is celebrated in our church hall.

Holy Thursday ~ April 17

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 p.m.

(Please note: according to ancient tradition,
there is no morning Mass Thursday or Friday.)

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion ~ April 18

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion: 3:00 p.m.

Living Stations of the Cross: 7:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday ~ April 19

Blessing of Food: 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Confessions: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
(No afternoon Confessions)

The Great Easter Vigil – 8:00 p.m.

(Please note: that in keeping with the
solemnity, this is an extended Vigil –
No 4:30 p.m. Mass)

(Participation at the Mass of the Easter Vigil
fulfills the obligation for Mass on Easter.)

Easter Sunday:

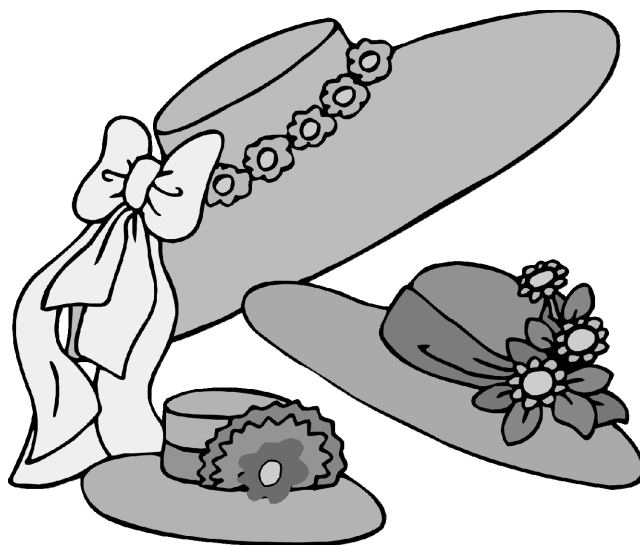
The Resurrection of the Lord ~ April 20

Masses at 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

BRING ON SPRING BY PUTTING ON SPRING!

All parishioners are invited (and encouraged!) to bring on spring by wearing bright spring clothes to whichever Easter celebration you attend this year! Let's bring back the tradition of Easter Bonnets too! Decorate your hat with fresh or silk flowers and don your favorite colors that scream SPRING!!! Men, we invite you to find your brightest and "springiest" tie, shirt, handkerchief, or anything else that can Spring up your Easter Wardrobe! Let's celebrate Springtime even if Mother Nature has other ideas!

Let's have some fun!!!!



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

Our families can become wrapped up chasing things we perceive will make us happy. Jesus' words to Lazarus, He says to us: "Come out" from what entombs you. In this fifth week of Lent "untie" yourself and be free from unnecessary possessions.