



*Parish church & school of*  
**SAINT CHRISTOPHER'S**

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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.saintchristophersschool.org](http://www.saintchristophersschool.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)



**Easter Sunday  
of the  
Resurrection  
of the Lord  
April 20, 2014**

*“When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.”*

– Colossians 3:4



Sunday, April 20 – 8:00 a.m.

**Joseph Chesery – 19th Anniversary**  
*(Daughter Madeline & Santo Cassarino)*

Sunday, April 20 – 10:30 a.m.

**Robert Boardman, Sr.**  
**John & Margaret Grogan**  
*(Family)*  
**Michael Grogan**  
*(Sister)*

Monday, April 21 – 7:30 a.m.

No Daily Mass

Tuesday, April 22 – 7:30 a.m.

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

Wednesday, April 23 – 7:30 a.m.

**Eudore Nadeau & Joseph Tardiff**  
*(The Tardiff Family)*

Thursday, April 24– 7:30 a.m.

**Francis Vance**  
*(Pamela Vance & Carol Stacey)*

Saturday, April 26 – 4:30 p.m.

**Eleanor Curran**  
*(John & Vivian Twarkins)*

Sunday, April 27 – 8:00 a.m.

**Mr. & Mrs. Fernand Riendeau**  
*(Solange & Gilles Hebert)*

Sunday, April 27 – 10:30 a.m.

**Cassandra Browne – 10th Anniversary**  
**Gerard Cormier – 8th Anniversary**  
*(Your Loving Family)*

### OUR TITHING PARISH

Due to the early transmission deadline imposed by our publisher for this weekend’s bulletin, the financial report from last weekend will be published in next weekend’s bulletin.

### 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

### THANK YOU!

We are pleased to report that several parishioners have responded so generously to our request for financial help. We have received gifts in the following amounts: \$250, \$300, \$500, \$3,000 and \$10,000. WOW! What a testament to their love and concern for our parish. We are most grateful! Would you respond in kind in any amount that is comfortable for you?

### SANCTUARY LAMPS

The lamps beside our tabernacles remind us of the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.



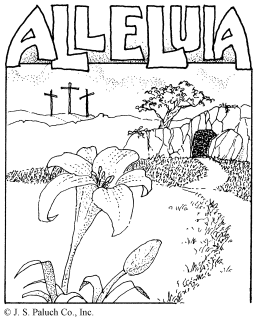
✠ The candle in the church burns this week

**In Loving Memory of  
Eleanor Curran**  
*(Lillian Jones & Janette Forte)*

✠ The candle in the chapel burns this week

**In Loving Memory of  
Bob Connors**  
**In Remembrance of His Birthday**  
*(Wife Beverly)*

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



On behalf of Deacon Ed, Deacon Tom and our parish staff, I wish you and your family a blessed Easter.

Yours in the Risen Christ,  
Fr. Curran

### OFFICE HOURS

In observance of the Easter holiday, our parish office will be closed on Monday, April 21. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 22, at 8:00 a.m.

### DAILY MASS

Our daily Mass will not be celebrated on Monday, April 21.

### 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).



### ST CHRISTOPHER SOCIAL CLUB

Thank you to everyone who made our auction a great experience and a worthwhile addition to our fundraising efforts. From those who donated items, to those who bought raffle tickets, bid on live auction items, set up, served refreshments, and cleaned up afterwards...every area of help was so appreciated.

For those members who were not present at the April meeting, we have decided to take a "Lunch and a Play" trip on Sunday, June 8. We will have lunch at the Publick House in Sturbridge, MA at noon, and then go to the Stageloft Theater, also in Sturbridge, to see the musical play "I Remember Mama." The total cost is \$34. As usual, we will carpool to keep the cost very affordable. Since we have to give a head count to both locations as soon as possible, please advise us by phone, at the number below, if you are interested in attending. Payment is due by the May 5th meeting.

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

### SUMMER 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 both a Pre-School and a Middle School program. For more information or to register, please visit our website [stchrisvbc.weebly.com](http://stchrisvbc.weebly.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](http://www.stchris-eh.org). Select the "Catholicism Series" link on the left.

### ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

#### *Building Hope... Providing Help*

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal changes lives through service to the Lord. In addition to assisting the underserved of our communities, your gift helps those cultivating a vocation to the priesthood. Your gift to the Appeal is an investment in the future of our Church and our faith. Every gift will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated. 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. *Every gift makes a difference!*



### EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

**Sunday, April 27**

The Archdiocesan Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry, in collaboration with the Interreligious Eco-Justice Network, invites you to attend the second Riverfront Earth Day celebration in Hartford on April 27. Come to the Interfaith Prayer Service at the Charter Oak Cultural Center in Hartford at 12:45 p.m., followed by a less than one mile march/procession to the Riverfront Mortensen Plaza where there will be speakers, exhibits, food, and entertainment from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. For more information visit [riverfrontearthdayct.org](http://riverfrontearthdayct.org).

**MEETING NOTICE**

A meeting to discuss the financial stability of the parish will be held jointly by the Finance and Parish Councils on Thursday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. This meeting is open to all parishioners.

**PARISH COUNCIL  
WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS**

The Parish Council would like to welcome the following parishioners:

Lori Brunette    Pat Clark    Joan Perrone

We are most appreciative for their interest in becoming more involved in our parish. If you are interested in serving on our Parish Council, we invite you to do so. Please call the parish office at 860-568-5240 for more information.



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](http://redcrossblood.org).



**Alleluia!** During the past six weeks, our parish community has prayed, fasted and given alms with a special focus on the poorest members of our global community. Our lives were touched by stories from Kenya, Guatemala, the Philippines, Malawi, Haiti, and the United States. Through our Lenten prayers and donations, we have touched the lives of millions of people served by Catholic Relief Services, our representative to the poorest communities in the world. Please return your Rice Bowl to the collection box at the front of our church. This collection box will be available until May 18. Thank you for your generosity!

**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.



**WHO KNEW???**

As part of my job as a counselor, I am constantly reading and looking for tools that my clients can use to improve their health and their quality of life. While reading the book Mind Over Medicine by Lissa Rankin, I came across this and wanted to share it with all of you! If you think there is no benefit in coming to church... worshipping with a community...think again!

"You might not consider going to church a health-inducing behavior, but it is. A study conducted by the California Public Health Foundation, which was published in the American Journal of Public Health, found a strong association between attendance at religious services and lower mortality over a 28-year period for 5,286 Alameda County residents." "...another study showed, if you have heart surgery and receive support and strength from your religious community, you'll be three times more likely to be alive six months later." (Excerpts from the book)

"People who attend religious services have larger social networks. A religious community prevents isolation and fosters better health. The positive effect of spiritual community on the body's health is dramatic, possibly because places of worship encourage socialization, and people who share religious beliefs tend to take care of one another..." "Individuals who attend religious services regularly live seven and a half years longer (almost 14 years longer for African Americans) than those who never or rarely attend religious gatherings. People who are part of a spiritual community have also been shown to have lower blood pressure and reduced risk of cardiovascular disease, lower rates of depression and suicide, lower rates of substance abuse, and stronger immune systems." (Excerpts from the book)

If you are reading this, chances are you are someone who is reaping the benefits of worshipping with our wonderful Parish family. Now it's your chance to share that with others! Invite someone to come and experience what we have to offer! Let them know it's good for their health!

– Charleen Miele

### HOMEFRONT HELP NEEDED!

HomeFront Day, Saturday, May 3, 2014 is coming soon and we need help! 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. Our HomeFront recipient this year is an East Hartford neighbor; she is a single mom with two children and her mother also lives in the home with them.

Some of the projects that we will be tackling, if we have sufficient volunteer participation, are:

- Replace front entry way door
- Replace front storm door
- Replace side storm door
- Repair backyard stockade fence
- Replace 2 exterior light fixtures and GFI outlets
- General yard cleanup and gutter cleanup
- Landscaping
- Repair concrete walkway to the front door
- Paint 2 ceilings
- Repair heating system baseboards

**We are going to have a crew meeting on Monday, April 28 at 6:30 pm in the church hall** to discuss the project and assign volunteers to the various tasks. This meeting is very helpful to the success of our project, so please attend if at all possible.

Please consider assisting us with this very worthy project of neighbor helping neighbor.

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

### THANK YOU!

We extend our appreciation to our friends at Paul Buettner Florist on Burnside Avenue in East Hartford who so graciously allowed us to store our palms and palm decorations in their cooler for the couple of weeks leading up to Palm Sunday. The palms and decorations are perishable, so it was wonderful of them to help us so we could provide our parishioners with the freshest palms possible.



**ST. CHRISTOPHER  
SCHOOL  
OPEN HOUSE  
Sunday ~ April 27  
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Our parish school invites you to attend our Open House for prospective families of Pre-Kindergarten to Grade Eight students next Sunday, April 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come and see why our students test more than one year above grade level on IOWA Standardized Tests. Our parish school provides a value-oriented education in a safe and comfortable environment. We also provide an after school program that runs until 5:30 p.m. for any of our families who have a need for such a service.

Our graduates leave our parish school prepared to excel in higher education. St. Christopher School is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Applications are now available for Fall Enrollment. We hope to see you there.

If you have any additional questions or are unable to attend, but would like more information, please call the school office at 860-568-4100. You can also visit our website at [www.saintchristopherschool.org](http://www.saintchristopherschool.org).



### RECYCLING NOTICE

Students of our parish school have been earning money by participating in the Funding Factory Recycling Program. **We collect empty laser and inkjet cartridges and used cell phones** from the community and send them to the Funding Factory in exchange for cash. This program has so far raised close to \$15,000 for our technology program! You may place your cartridges and used cell phones in the blue collection bin in our church hall. We thank you for your support!

### GIFT CARDS

Volunteers from our parish school will be selling gift cards again after all the Masses the weekend of May 17 and 18. 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).

