



# First Holy Communion

*May the Holy Spirit light the way  
as these young people receive  
the Body of Christ for the first time.*

St. Christopher Church

May 4, 2014

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*Body of Christ, true Bread of Life,  
stay always in my heart.*

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**Third Sunday  
of  
Easter**

**May 4, 2014**

*“You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.”*

– Acts 2:28

*Mass*  *for the  
Intentions* *Week*

Saturday, May 3 – 4:30 p.m.

**Reparation to the  
Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Sunday, May 4 – 8:00 a.m.

**Leona Guerin**  
(Sandra Wardwell)

Sunday, May 4 – 10:30 a.m.

**Eleanor Curran**  
(Howard & Barb Wilmes)

Monday, May 5 – 7:30 a.m.

**Paul Franklin**  
(Wife Claire)

Tuesday, May 6 – 7:30 a.m.

**Muriel Lebel**  
(The Tardiff Family)

Wednesday, May 7 – 7:30 a.m.

**Robert Ruth**  
(Ruth Sheehan & Sally Willard)

Thursday, May 8 – 7:30 a.m.

**Susan Viglione – 19th Anniversary**  
(Jean Walker)

Saturday, May 10 – 4:30 p.m.

**Dinis Leonardo (Wife & Family)**

Sunday, May 11 – 8:00 a.m.

**Joseph Leonardo**  
(Mom & Daughters)

Sunday, May 11 – 10:30 a.m.

**Mildred Buccino**  
(Richard & Mary Burke)

**OUR TITHING PARISH**

Weekly Collection (April 27):	\$ 6,182
What We Need:	\$ 7,317

**COLLECTION FOR HOMEFRONT**

**This Weekend**

The second collection being taken up at all Masses this weekend is to support this year’s HomeFront project. The monies collected will assist with the required Team Sponsorship Donation that helps make HomeFront possible – a wonderful program of neighbor helping neighbor. Thank you!

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

Today’s Gospel tells the story of Jesus’ walk to Emmaus with two of the disciples. Frightened, sad, and confused, the two don’t recognize Jesus at first. In the end, these disciples recognize Jesus as we are to recognize him—in the breaking of the bread.

This is what we should experience at each Mass when the priest, as he consecrates the bread, says, “Take this all of you and eat of it; for this is my body which will be given up for you.” In the Eucharist we should find everything from Holy Scripture. We, like the disciples who walked with Jesus on the road to Emmaus, should find joy and satisfaction and strength. And we, like they, should hurry to all we know to proclaim, “The Lord has truly been raised.” It is still Easter and we have much to do.

**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  
Scott Hatje**  
(Mom’s Love Forever)

✚ The candle in the chapel burns this week

**For The Young People of Our Parish  
Who Are Making Their First Communion**

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



Well, I missed the deadline to submit this article for inclusion in last weekend's bulletin, so I hope my music ministry team can forgive me for this overdue "thank you!!" I am so grateful for the team of music ministers I work with and as I say all the time...I could never do what I do without them!!! Special thanks to all my Cantors (especially Toni Mintel who volunteered to come to EVERY Mass during Lent to sing harmony and play percussion!!) and to all my choir members for their dedication in sharing their gifts! A special thank you to Bonnie for working so hard on the Triduum programs and for handling the many other details that many of us will never know!! I don't know what we would do without her!! I am blessed beyond blessed to work with the people I do, and for that, I am grateful!! The blessings of Easter to all!!

- Charleen

### A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

In today's gospel the disciples were returning home so "downcast" they did not recognize Jesus walking with them. In our homes we can be so overwhelmed with responsibilities we don't see God with us. Today's gospel tells us to stop and open our eyes to the blessings we are to one another.



Our parish is helping to make a difference in the lives of millions of people around the world suffering from poverty and hunger. To ensure that our Rice Bowl donations will be put to use as soon as possible, please return your Rice Bowl to the collection box at the front of our church by May 18. Thank you for your generosity!

### FROM OUR PASTOR'S DESK

*To my fellow parishioners,*

*I want to thank you once again for all your notes, cards, words of love and support, Masses and donations made in my mom's memory. Though I am not able to respond to you in person, I want you to know how much you and these acts of kindness have helped me. Let's continue to pray for one another.*

*All my love, Fr. Curran*

### OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS This Weekend

We welcome to our parish this weekend representatives of the Holy Land who have available for purchase some beautiful olive wood carvings. Many Christians in the Holy Land make their livelihood through the selling of their hand carved religious items. We invite you to stop by the church hall after all Masses this weekend to see these beautiful carvings and to support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.



### 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 [stchrsvbc.weebly.com](http://stchrsvbc.weebly.com).



### ST CHRISTOPHER SOCIAL CLUB MEETING

**Monday ~ May 5 ~ 1:00 p.m.**

We are pleased to have Carolyn Bell, a wonderful entertainer, to sing for us for our May meeting. Don't miss it.

As you know, payment of \$34 for the Lunch and Play in Sturbridge, MA on June 8 will be due at this meeting. Lunch at noon will be at the Publick House, and the play will be "I Remember Mama" at 2:00 p.m. at the Stageloft Theater. If you have not already signed up, please call us as soon as possible so that we can give the head count to both venues.

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



(II) Eric Anthony Proia & Nicole Marie Donato



### BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Next weekend we have the opportunity to support Birthright's service to pregnant women in crisis. Members of St. Christopher's Pro-Life Committee will distribute baby bottles (one per family) after all Masses next weekend, Mother's Day weekend, as part of a fundraiser for Birthright.

We ask that you take the bottle home, fill it with coins, cash or a check and return it to the specially marked baskets by Sunday, June 1. As you will see from the insert inside the bottle, you may make a donation in honor or in memory of a loved one. Birthright will send an acknowledgement card of your gift of life.

This is a great opportunity for our church families to have hands-on involvement in a project that saves the lives of unborn children and makes a lasting difference in the mothers' lives. Birthright thanks you for any help you can give.

### MEETING NOTICE

The Parish Council will meet again on Wednesday, May 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory. This meeting is open to all parishioners.

### LIVING ROSARY

St. Paul Church, 2577 Main St., Glastonbury, extends a warm welcome to parishioners of St. Christopher Church to our Living Rosary, Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament being held on Monday, May 5, from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. As each bead of the rosary is prayed, a candle is lit, forming the shape of a rosary around the church. Children are welcome and are encouraged to attend accompanied by their parents. Please join us for this inspirational and prayerful evening! – Marie Levy

### EDUCATION AND CRAFT FAIR

An Education and Craft Fair will be held at Holy Apostles College and Seminary, 33 Prospect Hill Rd, Cromwell on Saturday, May 17 from 9:00 a.m. –12:00 noon. Lots of used books, homemade crafts, baked goods and much more! Free admission, free goodie bags and kids are welcome. For more information contact Grace at 610-256-8422 or at mommygm@gmail.com.

### PARKING LOT STRIPING

We wish to express our sincerest appreciation to a parish family, who wishes to remain anonymous, for generously arranging and donating the parking lot striping that was done here recently. We also express our appreciation to AAA Pavement Marking in Somers, CT for graciously discounting their service for the family and for doing such a wonderful job on the striping. Thank you!

### ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

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

It is important that when you give to any charitable organization that they funds are used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal only supports the ministries and programs indicated in the 2014 Appeal literature. For more information please visit the Appeal website at [archdioceseofhartford.org](http://archdioceseofhartford.org). If you have not yet made your gift or pledge, please pray about your decision and consider making a pledge or one-time gifts. Simply mail in your pledge card. (Extra Appeal packets are available at the main entrance of our church.) Every gift will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated.



### PENTECOST SUNDAY

We are seeking individuals who would be interested and willing to serve as readers at our 10:30 a.m. Mass on Pentecost Sunday, June 8. Several readers are needed to proclaim the Old and New Testament readings as well as the General Intercessions in different languages! The variety of languages expresses the Church's catholicity, that is, her universality. People of every race, nation, and tongue enrich the Church. At Pentecost, from many languages and peoples, God brought together in unity the Church. If you would like to assist us, please contact the parish office at [stchris-eh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stchris-eh@sbcglobal.net) or at 860-568-5240.

### MOUNT ST. JOSEPH REUNION

The Mount St. Joseph Academy Class of 1964 will hold its 50th reunion on Saturday, September 20, 2014. The committee is seeking all fellow graduates. Please call Barbara Sullivan at 860-224-1581 for details.



## JOIN OR RENEW THIS WEEKEND Support Our Parish School!

Join or renew today & save at BJ's Warehouse Club.

- Get \$10 off a \$50 annual membership Fee (\$40)
- Get \$20 off a \$100 annual membership Fee (\$80)
- Free additional 3 months of membership
- Plus, BJ's will donate \$5 of your membership fee back to St. Christopher School

There will be a school volunteer in our church hall after all Masses this weekend to help you join or renew your membership.

### 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).



### ANNUAL BOOK & MEDIA SALE

The Archbishop O'Brien Library will hold their annual book and media sale this coming week.

- Wednesday, May 7: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday, May 8: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Friday, May 9: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 10: 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Items for sale will include religious and theological classics, scripture, church history, saints, spirituality, audio books and CD's, videos, and DVD's. In addition there will be hard cover fiction and non-fiction, like new, at reduced prices. A variety of additional subject areas will be represented as well as some pre-1950 vintage books and oversize books. Items are all in good to excellent condition and prices start at \$.50. The Library is located at the Archdiocesan Center at Saint Thomas Seminary, 467 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield. Refreshments will be served. The event is open to all and proceeds will benefit the library. For more information, please visit: <http://stseminary.org/library-main.html>.

### BLESSING BAGS

We are collecting items for the homeless. Each student at Saint Christopher School will receive a blessing bag to put in their family's car. When they see a homeless person on the streets and don't have anything to give them, they can give them a blessing bag, which contains everyday personal care items. Also included will be information about soup kitchens, homeless shelters, notes of inspiration, and prayer cards.

We especially need to collect gallon size Ziploc bags, prayer cards, and rosaries. The following items will help make this project a success: small sticks of deodorant, single packages of bar soap, mini/travel size shampoo, travel size tooth paste, toothbrushes, granola bars, Chap Stick or lip balm, 12 oz. bottles of water, tube socks, and combs. **All items need to be collected by Sunday, May 18, 2014.** Please place all donations in the box marked "Blessing Bags" in the church hall.

If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Dan Valente, Religion teacher at our parish school at [valented@saintchristopherschool.org](mailto:valented@saintchristopherschool.org) or call him at 860-384-5097.

God bless you and thank you for your generosity!

– The 8th Grade Class of 2014

### ABC'S OF ANNULMENTS

"ABC'S of Annulments", an informational program designed to answer questions about the process of Annulments, will be held on Friday May 9th 2014 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM, at St. Gregory the Great Church, 235 Maltby Street, Bristol, CT. This program will be held in the Church Hall. Pre-registration is not required. Brother Larry Lussier, CSC, will be the presenter. Questions will be accepted following the presentation. This presentation is open to all seeking an annulment in the Catholic Church. Attending this session is required to attend the follow up annulment writing sessions. For further information, please call 203-937-7040, or 203-467-3538. Sponsored by the: "Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Hartford".

### SAVE THE DATE

5th Annual Bishop Peter Rosazza  
Social Justice Conference – Saturday, June 14