



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
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SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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www.credocath.com

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC
WOMEN** www.nccw.org



**Sixth Sunday
of
Easter**

May 25, 2014

*“I will ask the Father, and he will give you . . .
the Spirit of truth.”*

– John 14:16-17

*Mass for the
Intentions for the
Week*

Saturday, May 24 – 4:30 p.m.

Dorothy M. Pepin – 3rd Anniversary
(Children)

Sunday, May 25 – 8:00 a.m.

Emile Laprise
(Renaud Laprise)

Sunday, May 25 – 10:30 a.m.

Grace Amadeo
(Chickie Amberg)

Tuesday, May 27 – 7:30 a.m.

Paul Franklin
(Wife Claire)

Wednesday, May 28 – 7:30 a.m.

Mark Tardiff
(Family)

Thursday, May 29 – 7:30 a.m.

Charles Bernard – 9th Anniversary
(Wife & Family)

Thursday, May 29 – 9:00 a.m.

Antonio Leonardo
(Wife & Family)

Saturday, May 31 – 4:30 p.m.

Clarence “Kelly” Saucier (Dorothy Clark)

Sunday, June 1 – 8:00 a.m.

Francis Macchi (Fred & Pat Clark)

Sunday, June 1 – 10:30 a.m.

Marcel Dulude – 6th Anniv. (Wife & Family)

OUR TITHING PARISH

Weekly Collection (May 18):	\$ 5,187
What We Need:	\$ 7,317

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN
Thank you for your generosity in last week’s Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Because of your support, which totaled \$1,116, millions of faithful will have the opportunity to deepen their faith through resources on the Internet, television, radio, and print media. Remember, half of your donations are staying in our Archdiocese to support our communication needs. To learn more about the important work supported by the Collection for CCC, please visit www.usccb.org (Search “Catholic Communication Campaign”).



**THE ASCENSION
OF THE LORD**

Thursday, May 29

The Feast of the Lord’s Ascension is Thursday, May 29, a holy day of obligation. Masses on Thursday, May 29, will be celebrated at 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. A Vigil Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 28, at 5:30 p.m.

WEBSITE CALENDAR

Would you like to know what’s going on in our parish? We invite you to check out our Calendar on our website. Visit www.stchris-eh.org.

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

For All Who Are Dealing with Hardships

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

MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

Please note that our daily Mass will not be celebrated this Monday, May 26. In addition, our parish office will be closed on Monday, May 26. We will reopen on Tuesday, May 27, at 8:00 a.m.

Hello
 Hlabari
 Guten Tag
 Nyob zoo
 Ni hao ma
 Salam
 Buenos días
 Kia ora
 Osivo
 Konnichiwa
 Bonjour

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Don't Be Shy!!

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 or at 860-568-5240.

**ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD
BIBLICAL SCHOOL**

**Do You Want to Encounter
God More Deeply in the Bible?**

Our Archdiocesan Catholic Biblical School helps adults to know, love, and live scripture more fully through an in-depth Catholic Bible study. Applications are due August 15. Classes begin in early September. For more details, visit www.orehartford.org or call the Office of Religious Ed. and Evangelization at 860-242-5573, ext. 2670.

HOMEFRONT LOST & FOUND

If any of our HomeFront volunteers accidentally picked up either one of the following items, please let me know and I will make arrangements to return them to the owner:

- Silver colored pliers
- Orange Home Depot bucket

Please contact me at 860-568-5001 or by e-mail at imgoose@comcast.net. Thank you!

Phil Gosselin, Volunteer Coordinator – HomeFront



**SUMMER VACATION
BIBLE CAMP**

Registration Deadline: May 31

Super Cool Underwater Bible Adventure is getting ready to dive. St. Christopher's will be holding

Vacation Bible Camp from **June 23 – June 27**. S.C.U.B.A. is this year's theme and this year we are building our program to include Pre-School and Middle School programs. Visit stchrisvbc.weebly.com for more information and to register or pick up a registration form at the main entrance of our church.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you." (John 14:20) Jesus is speaking to us about the Holy Trinity and our oneness with Him, God the Father, and the Holy Spirit. If we fully accept that this relationship exists, and if we embrace it to lead God-centered lives, we are much closer to the ideal of holiness the Lord wants for each of us.

Stewardship is a God-centered way to live. One of the challenges of our secular society is that the way of life which we may see daily in all aspects of our experience, certainly on television and in motion pictures, is the opposite of stewardship. Rather than being God-centered, it is often self-centered.

Through all the readings for this Sixth Sunday of Easter we can sense this call to be one with God. The first reading from Acts reminds each of us that we are filled with the Holy Spirit, just as the Samaritans were. Peter's letter (the second reading) imparts the value of having Christ alive in our hearts. Of course, Jesus Himself, speaking to us through the Gospel of John, assures us that striving to be one with Him means that we have within us an Advocate, the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit. This is the Comforter Who allows us to accomplish much.



(II) José Craig Soto & Jennifer Sierra

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Our parish's Pro-Life Committee wishes to thank all the families who took a baby bottle on Mother's Day weekend. On behalf of Birthright we will collect the bottles filled with coins, cash or check. You may place your bottle in the specially marked basket by Sunday, June 1. This is an opportunity to support a project that saves the lives of unborn children and makes a lasting difference in the mothers' lives. Any help you can give is much appreciated!



SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE

The 5th Annual Bishop Peter Rosazza Social Justice Conference will be held at St. Paul Catholic High School in Bristol on Saturday, June 14 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The Conference includes a Nationally-Recognized Keynote Speaker, Fair Trade Food and Craft Sale, Workshops and Exhibits, Information, Conversation and Inspiration! For more information and to register by June 9, visit them at: www.catholicsocialjustice.org/2014-conference.html or you can pick up a copy of this year's brochure which can be found on the long tables at the entrance to our church.



**ST. CHRISTOPHER
SOCIAL CLUB MEETING**

**Monday ~ June 2
1:00 p.m.**

At last!!!! Jeff Weiselberg will be joining us with his piano music and vocals for a delightful and entertaining afternoon. You will remember...we had to cancel Jeff twice because of winter weather. Well, here it is, almost June..and no snow in sight!!! Hurray!!!!

If you have signed up for the Lunch and Play on Sunday, June 8, be sure to confirm your food choice at our June meeting. No changes can be made once the choices have been submitted to the Publick House. Thanks.

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 or Joan Perrone at 860-568-6229.



Our Church is growing! We welcome into our Christian community through the holy waters of baptism:

Laurel Ann McBreen

GIFT CARDS



The sale of gift cards after Mass will resume again in the fall. If you would like to purchase gift cards during the summer months, please contact school volunteer Ania at 860-569-0686 or at simpsonania@sbcglobal.net. These cards not only make great gifts, but they are also great for you to use to make everyday purchases such as groceries, gas, etc. You can help support our parish school by purchasing these gift cards. Thanks!

**SUMMER PROGRAMS BEING
OFFERED AT MERCY HIGH SCHOOL**

High Achievement Program (HAP)

For girls rising to 7th & 8th Grade
July 7 – 18 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Academics in the morning – skills needed for the HSPT (High School Placement Test) in air-conditioned small classroom settings and on-site recreational time in the afternoon. Register after May 23 - \$350. For more information and to register, call 860-346-6659 or visit www.mercyhigh.com.

Summer Basketball Clinic

For girls rising to 5th – 9th Grade
July 21 – 25 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Have fun while practicing drills and learning new skills for better play. Director: Tim Kohs, Mercy Athletic Director and Varsity Basketball Coach. Cost: \$150. For more information and to register call 860-347-8957 or visit www.mercyhigh.com.

Theater Arts Program

For girls rising to 6th – 8th Grade
July 21 – 25 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

TAP provides a creative and interactive theatrical experience. The focus of this one-week session will be Musical Theater and will culminate with a trip to the Goodspeed Opera House to see the 50th anniversary production of "Fiddler on the Roof." Cost: \$200. For more information and to register, visit www.mercyhigh.com or call 860-346-6659.

CRS RICE BOWL


We are so pleased to report that \$1,598.76 was collected to support this year's CRS Rice Bowl program. **This is a 76% increase over what we collected last year.** We congratulate you and express our appreciation to you for your generous response to this year's program!

CRS Rice Bowl supports hunger and poverty alleviation efforts in communities around the world, as well as in our own local community. 75 percent of your gift supports CRS' programs around the world. Some examples include:

- Agriculture projects help farmers improve harvests
- Water and sanitation projects bring clean water to communities
- Mother and child health projects offer health and nutrition services
- Education projects provide resources and training

25 percent of your donations go to hunger and poverty alleviation efforts in our own community.

Thank you again for your support of the CRS Rice Bowl program!



CAN AND BOTTLE DRIVE

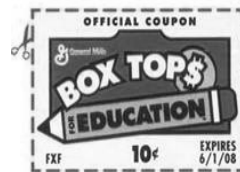
The last Can and Bottle Drive of this school year will be held on Saturday, May 31, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Please bring your pre-rinsed cans and bottles to the front of our school. We also collect aluminum can tabs. All proceeds benefit our parish school. Thank you!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION!!!

We extend our congratulations to Fr. Curran as he celebrates his 16th year of Ordination this week. We also congratulate Fr. James Manship who grew up in St. Christopher's parish and was ordained alongside Fr. Curran on May 30, 1998. Fr. Manship is the son of our long-time parishioners Calvin and Theresa Manship. And we also congratulate Fr. Cremonie, our priest in residence, as he celebrates his 42nd year of Ordination on May 27. May our Lord's blessing, His joys and His graces be a rich reward for Fr. Curran, Fr. Manship and Fr. Cremonie and their families for their selfless dedication in His service, and may their hearts be filled with peace.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

A Memorial Day Mass will be held on Monday, May 26 at 10:00 a.m. in the mausoleum chapel at St. Mary Cemetery, 930 Burnside Avenue in East Hartford. Please join us for this special Celebration of the Eucharist to remember and honor our deceased veterans and other loved one who have gone before us.



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Our parish school is most grateful for the number of *Box Tops for Education* coupons we receive each week from our parishioners! We are pleased to announce that our school has been able to so far raise \$1,414 during this school year. Clipped coupons can be placed in our offertory baskets any weekend. Ask your friends to save them too! Thank you for your support!

NEW DAY PROGRAM

"You will grieve, but your grief will become joy."

(Jn. 16:20)

When we are in the midst of sorrow or distress of some kind, we cannot feel pleasure. That is why faith in "life beyond death" is vital, trusting that unknown new life or growth is possible after each "death" occurs. Future peace and joy will return in time, after grief, prayer and acceptance have been given their due. This new life is assisted in the New Day program, primarily for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. **This 10 week program will begin on Monday, June 23 at 7:00 p.m.** Location is yet to be decided, but it will be somewhere in our parish facilities. Registration is helpful by calling me at 860-568-9069. If you know anyone who may benefit from such a gathering, please call me and I'll extend to him/her a personal invitation.

– Chickie Amberg, MA

LOVE AND SPIRIT

Love and Spirit are the concepts Jesus chooses for His final and forever message we hear in today's Gospel. Where love is, there we find God. God's Spirit (Jesus' Spirit) will be with us always. Where is there love in my life? That is where God is. Where is love lacking in our world? That is where we need to bring God's presence.