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This Weekend at All Masses



Seventh Sunday
of
Easter

June 1, 2014

"They have kept your word."

– John 17:6b

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

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 Anniversary
(Wife & Family)

Monday, June 2 – 7:30 a.m.

Paul Franklin
(Wife Claire)

Tuesday, June 3 – 7:30 a.m.

Marguerite Ducat
(Bob & Marie Gesualdi)

Wednesday, June 4 – 7:30 a.m.

Diane Olinatz
(Family)

Thursday, June 5 – 7:30 a.m.

Leona Guerin
(The Guerin Family)

Saturday, June 7 – 4:30 p.m.

Peter Mondo (Vincent & Shirley Mondo)

Sunday, June 8 – 8:00 a.m.

Geoffrey Callahan (Fred & Pat Clark)

Sunday, June 8 – 10:30 a.m.

Mr. & Mrs. Jean Hebert
(Solange & Gilles Hebert)

OUR TITHING PARISH

Weekly Collection (May 25):	\$ 5,538
What We Need:	\$ 7,317

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Collection – This Weekend

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Mt 25:40). Today, we are reminded that Jesus identified himself with our poorest brothers and sisters. The Catholic Relief Services Collection, being taken up as the second collection at all Masses this weekend, serves Jesus in the victims of human trafficking, in those who suffer from unjust laws, and in those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. Through your support you help *Jesus in disguise*. Please be generous.

LIVING GOD'S WORD

We pray to God to continue to pour the Holy Spirit into our hearts so that we can love with God's own love, when our own ability to love fails us. We pray that we can grow into that full maturity that we see in Jesus, who prayed for his enemies from the cross.

THE TRUE MEASURE

"When I die, God won't measure my head to see how clever I was. God will measure my heart to see how loving I was."

– Anonymous

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
Marcel Dulude – 6th Anniversary
(Wife & Family)

✠ The candle in the chapel burns this week

For the Young People of Our Parish School
Who Will Soon Be Graduating

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

MINISTRY OF GREETERS

The May edition of the Catholic Update, *THE JOY OF BEING CATHOLIC*, starts out by saying “When Catholics are baptized, the Christian community welcomes them ‘with great joy’”. We know this experience of communal joy from the many baptisms we experience on Sunday mornings. Frequently, the family and guests of the baptized come to St. Christopher’s for the first time and for some, it is their first time in a Catholic church. How are they received? Is anyone welcoming them into our faith family, our house of worship? Are we a joyful community?

We have been talking about the ministry of GREETERS at St. Christopher’s for a very long time. It’s now time to get this ministry of hospitality up and running. To this end, **there will be an orientation session in our church hall this Tuesday, June 3, at 7:00 p.m.** when we will be discussing the BE ATTITUDES of the ministry and setting a schedule. Then on Pentecost, we will commission participants into this new ministry. They will be identified by a formal name tag. Greeters are not collectors or ushers because that is yet another of the many ministries contributing to a joyful family celebration. If you may be interested, please call me with inquiries (860-568-9069) or simply come to the orientation to see if this is your calling.

Another quote from this Catholic Update article... “I think of the Catholic Church as a massive family... We’re all welcome and we know the same recipes – the sacraments and the Scriptures.” The Master Chef invites all to the banquet with a joyful heart.

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



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.

FATHER’S DAY MASS REMEMBRANCES

As Father’s Day approaches, you may have your father (living or deceased) remembered in a special way during our Masses on Father’s Day weekend. For your convenience, an envelope has been included with your weekly envelopes for June. Please **print** the name(s) on your envelope, indicate whether living or deceased, and place it in the collection basket or have it to the parish office **by June 8.**

SUMMER VACATION BIBLE CAMP



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.



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!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Christopher Council #4

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly business meeting this Thursday, June 5 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.

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

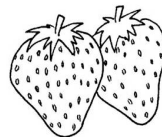


(III) José Craig Soto & Jennifer Sierra

(I) Matthew Joseph Risley & Stephanie Landry

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.catholicocialjustice.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.



STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL AND TAG SALE

St. Mary's Church is sponsoring a Tag Sale and Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 14, at their Parish Center, 30 Maplewood Avenue in East Hartford. 9:00 – 3:00 p.m. Free admission to the hall. Ticket for shortcake and coffee/punch is \$5.00 at the door. Other food on sale. Door prizes, bake sale, religious articles and books.

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!



**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 next Sunday, Pentecost Sunday, June 8. Several readers are needed to read our 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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

This past Thursday we celebrated the Feast of The Ascension of the Lord. There are some key elements to Jesus' Ascension to which we must connect. Why did the Lord depart earth in the way that he did? He could have simply vanished or dissolved, or left in any way imaginable. However, most scholars believe that He wanted the Apostles, and He wanted us through their witness, to see Him leave physically and to see Him leave in such a way that we would know He was physically gone. However, His last words are: "I am with you always until the end of the age." He is there for us every day and every moment. Through the Holy Spirit He will provide us the strength to be good stewards. We must pray for that strength and then use it to do what is right.

**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.



**ST. CHRISTOPHER
SCHOOL GRADUATION**

Our parish school will hold graduation ceremonies on Friday, June 6, at 7:00 p.m. in our church. We ask that you keep these eighth grade students and their families in your prayers.

2014/2015 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Now is the time to register your child for our religious education program. Forms are available at the church entrances or you may contact Maria Sousa, our Coordinator of Rel. Ed. at 860-895-8692 or at stchrisre@gmail.com. **Returning families are asked to complete a new registration form each year.** Our 2nd grade sacrament program is a two-year program beginning in 1st grade. A program for children entering Kindergarten is also available.

CANDLE STATION



Lighting a candle is a prayer: when we have gone it stays alight, kindling in the hearts and minds of others the prayers we have already offered for them and for others, for the sad, the sick, and the suffering, and prayers of thankfulness too.

Lighting a candle is a parable: burning itself out, it gives light to others. Christ gave himself for others. He calls us to give ourselves.

Lighting a candle is a symbol: of love and hope, of light and warmth, our world needs them all.

We invite you to light one of the candles on our candle station. The suggested offering is \$3.00.

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!

