



*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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**PRIESTHOOD-OFFICE OF VOCATIONS**

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**Pentecost  
Sunday**  
**June 8, 2014**

*“There appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.”*

– Acts 2:3

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

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)*

Monday, June 9 – 7:30 a.m.

**Frank Wroniak**

*(Grandparents)*

Tuesday, June 10 – 7:30 a.m.

**Veronica Vance**

*(Pamela Vance & Carol Stacey)*

Wednesday, June 11 – 7:30 a.m.

**Joe & Ann Amrich**

*(The Tebecio Family)*

Thursday, June 12 – 7:30 a.m.

**Mark Tardiff**

*(Family)*

Saturday, June 14 – 4:30 p.m.

**Joseph & Eva Bergeron** *(Daughter Irene Crowley)*

Sunday, June 15 – 8:00 a.m.

**Joseph Leonardo** *(Mom & Daughters)*

Sunday, June 15 – 10:30 a.m.

**Michael Fastiggi – 6th Anniversary**  
*(Wife & Family)*

**OUR TITHING PARISH**

Weekly Collection (June 1):	\$ 5,487
What We Need:	\$ 7,317

**RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT**

At last! The power hinted at and the Spirit promised are unleashed on this holy day. We call it the birthday of the church. Try to listen to today’s scripture passages with some sense of how electrifying these events must have been to those who lived through them. Up until now, they have been waiting in the upper room. In today’s first reading, that room is filled with wind and fire and bold proclamations in foreign tongues.

In the second reading, Paul describes the Pentecost event, too. His description includes all of us. The Spirit lives on in the church in each of us who are members of the Body of Christ, given different gifts from the same Spirit. Only after Pentecost could the apostles look back and understand what Jesus meant when he said, as reported in today’s Gospel reading, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

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**THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Knowledge, Fortitude, Piety, Fear of the Lord.

**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**

**John St. Onge**

**In Remembrance of Our Wedding Anniversary**

*(Wife Simone)*

✠ The candle in the chapel burns this week

**That We All Awaken in Our Hearts  
the Desire for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

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

### 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

### FOOD BANK MINISTRY

We are pleased to announce that Dave and Kate Gaudreau are the new coordinators of our Food Bank Ministry. Dave and Kate have taken over the responsibilities from Dick Domler who served as the coordinator of our Food Bank Ministry for over 30 years. (His wife Eleanor worked alongside him until her passing in February of 2012.) We are most grateful to Dick for his unflinching commitment to this ministry and to those in need in our community.

Dick expresses his appreciation to not only Dave and Kate for the willingness to serve as the coordinators, but also to all the volunteers who have helped him through the years. It is his hope that these volunteers will continue to give their time to this ministry so the wonderful service that this ministry provides can also continue.

If you wish to learn more about the volunteer opportunities available in our Food Bank Ministry, please contact Dave Gaudreau at 860-569-4325.

### FOOD BANK REPORT

**For May 2014**

Requests: 42 Families   Adults: 68   Children: 27

Thank you for your continued support of our food bank so we can continue to help feed those in need!



### 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](http://stchrisvbc.weebly.com) for more information and to register or pick up a registration form at the main entrance of our church.



### 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](mailto: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.



### PARISH LIBRARY

Work is progressing nicely on the library, although it will be several more months before it will be fully inventoried and organized.

Because of shortage of space, it is necessary to eliminate some books from the library. We are offering parishioners the opportunity to take them (**for free**) for your personal use. The books have been placed on a table next to the library; and will be available until **June 22**. At that time, they will be disposed of. We hope you will stop by the church wing to take advantage of this opportunity.

Thank you,  
Joan Perrone

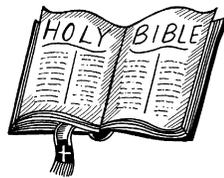
### A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

Like the disciples in today's gospel, there are times we shut the doors of our hearts to people or events. It's how we create emotional distance. Permanent distancing is lethal and prevents the PEACE Jesus offers you today.

**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](http://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.

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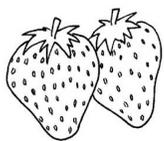


**Do You Want to Encounter  
God More Deeply in the Bible?**

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](http://www.orehartford.org) or call the Office of Religious Ed. and Evangelization at 860-242-5573, ext. 2670.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Through your support, which totaled \$1,367, families will be reunited, valuable life skills will be taught to those seeking a better life, and many will have vital humanitarian needs met. Please visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) (search “Catholic Relief Services Collection”) to learn how your donations make a difference and help *Jesus in disguise*.



**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.

**LECTOR MINISTRY**

Our Lector Ministry is seeking individuals who are interested in proclaiming the Scripture readings at Mass. If you are interested in this opportunity or would like more information, please contact Tammy Stone at 860-944-8265 or Bonnie at the parish office at 860-568-5240.



**HELP KEEP CONNECTICUT’S  
CATHOLIC RADIO STATION  
GOING STRONG!**

Participate in the “WJMJ Radio-thon” Thursday-Monday, June 12-16, and keep your favorite uplifting music, inspirational messages and religious news on the air. Where Faith Meets Life, WJMJ 88.9 on the FM dial, Catholic radio in Connecticut and [www.WJMJ.org](http://www.WJMJ.org) on the Internet. To make a donation via credit card, please click the Radio-thon Donate menu button at <http://www.wjmw.org>. Your support is greatly appreciated!

**THE HOLY SPIRIT**

The Holy Spirit inspires and strengthens us each day to live as disciples. If we trust the promptings of the Spirit, we will always speak and act with faith and truth. Our words or deeds may be just one small seed sown in someone’s soul; we sow, then entrust the Holy Spirit to nurture that seed. The Spirit of God is upon us, so share the glad tidings!



**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](mailto: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!



(II) Matthew Joseph Risley & Stephanie Landry



### ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL GRADUATION

The St. Christopher Class of 2014 received our diplomas on Friday, June 6. The ceremony was the completion of a journey that, for many of us, began in preschool here at St. Christopher's. We had the good fortune to have caring teachers to guide us along the way. St. Christopher has indeed helped us to grow stronger in both our knowledge and faith. We know that without the support of the parishioners, this journey would not have been possible. With that in mind, the Class of 2014 would like to express our sincere thanks to all of you.

Each year, St. Christopher School has offered different challenges and experiences. We took our annual trips to the Big E in the fall and to High Meadow in May. Our trip to New York was wonderful with shopping in Times Square, visiting Rockefeller Center and seeing a Broadway production of *Aladdin*. Our year also included a class retreat held at the Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford.

Although field trips are great fun, we were active in the classroom as well. We studied religion, history, science, algebra, English, literature, Spanish, technology and geography. We participated in International Night in March, displaying our projects about different countries. We read many powerful novels in literature class, including *To Kill a Mockingbird* and Elie Wiesel's memoir, *Night*. We learned how to graph equations in math, and wrote a research report in English. Our technology class gave us the opportunity to create our own PowerPoint yearbook. We became closer to God through meditation and service learning. We have truly grown in knowledge and in spirit.

Now the journey takes a different turn with our upcoming high school years. In September, we will all go our separate ways. Many of us this year will continue our Catholic school education at East Catholic. Others will be attending magnet high schools and local public high schools. Wherever we go, we will take with us the values and work ethic that we were taught at St. Christopher School.

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The class of 2014 extends our gratitude to the parishioners of St. Christopher Parish. Our heartfelt thanks to each of you!

– St. Christopher School Class of 2014

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| Samantha Bessette | John Marcin       |
| Thomas Cloutier   | Flynn Socha-Mello |
| Morgan Geres      | Clare Poirier     |
| Joevon Gregory    | Emily Potvin      |
| Austin Heath      | Jayla Quintero    |
| Matthew Kiro      | Daniele Russo     |
| Brittany Leonard  | Jakarae Williams  |

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

**Delia Helene McFiallos**  
**Noah Justin Quinn**



### 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.

St. Christopher Church Hall  
**Friday ~ July 11**  
**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).