



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
months in advance at 860-568-5240

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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SCHOOL'S WEBSITE

www.saintchristophersschool.org

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Jean Nowik-Martocci – 860-568-8873

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David Gaudreau – 860-569-4325

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St. Christopher Council #4

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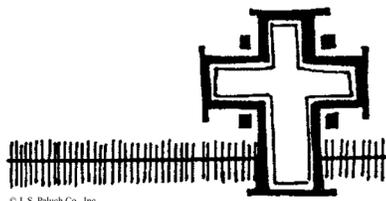
PRIESTHOOD-OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

860-761-7456 vocationshartford.org

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www.credocath.com

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WOMEN** www.nccw.org



The
Most Holy
Trinity
June 15, 2014

“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.”

– John 3:16a

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

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*)

Monday, June 16 – 7:30 a.m.

Sister Mary Brendan
(*Niece*)

Tuesday, June 17 – 7:30 a.m.

Paul Franklin
(*Wife Claire*)

Wednesday, June 18 – 7:30 a.m.

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

Thursday, June 19 – 7:30 a.m.

Francis Vance
(*Pamela Vance & Carol Stacey*)

Saturday, June 21 – 4:30 p.m.

Manuel Machado (Wife & Daughter)

Sunday, June 22 – 8:00 a.m.

Rev. James B. Gunnoud

Sunday, June 22 – 10:30 a.m.

Ken Johnson – 1st Anniversary
(*Family*)

OUR TITHING PARISH

Weekly Collection (June 8):	\$ 5,177
What We Need:	\$ 7,317

PARISH SCHOOL SUPPORT

The second collection being taken up at all Masses this weekend supports our parish school. Thank you!

LIFE IN THE TRINITY

The name of the Trinity is, without a doubt, the most familiar sacred name to us. We speak it every time we make the sign of the cross, and it forms the heart of our Creed. Trinity Sunday is a good day, however, to stop and reflect on the unique role of each of the three persons we name so often in the Trinity and in our own lives. When we celebrate the Eucharist on Sunday, we come together as the Body of Christ through our baptism, and through the power of the Holy Spirit we offer the whole prayer of the Mass to God the Father. This presence of the Trinity does not stop when we leave church on Sunday. We are – always and everywhere – members of the Body, and everything we do as members of that Body is empowered by the Holy Spirit, all of it offered to the glory of our loving Father.

Take a moment each day this week to reflect on how the persons of the Trinity were present to you during the day, and how other people came to see the presence of the Trinity in your witness to the Good News. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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
The Deceased Members of the Sullivan Family**
(*Marion Sullivan*)

✚ The candle in the chapel burns this week

**For All Fathers
Both Living & Deceased**

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

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

Last weekend Fr. Curran announced that he will be leaving St. Christopher's. His last day as our pastor will be June 30. The Personnel Board of the Archdiocese of Hartford will be meeting this Monday, June 16 to begin the process of selecting a new pastor for our parish. At the very least, we expect a temporary administrator to be selected and to begin serving our parish on June 30. We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the Personnel Board in their decision making process.

A reception will be held in Fr. Curran's honor following the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 29. We kindly request donations of baked goods and finger foods that can be served at this reception. All donations may be brought to the church hall prior to the start of Mass that morning. Thank you!



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

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.



(III) Matthew Joseph Risley & Stephanie Landry

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



Fr. Curran, Deacon Ed Giard, Deacon Tom Breen and the entire parish staff wish all the fathers of our parish a Happy Father's Day!

Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice.

Let us praise those fathers who, despite divorce, have remained in their children's lives. Let us praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely chose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their stepchildren's love and respect.

Let us praise those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.

Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

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.



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.



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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

The gift of God in Christ Jesus is the blueprint for every act of Christian generosity. We give because he first gave to us. Accordingly, we should take notice of how this verse brings several foundational truths about the relationship between love and giving to light. (1) John 3:16 shows us that the biblical concepts of "love" and "gift" are inseparable. In fact, it is impossible to understand one without the other. 1 John 3:16 tells us, "By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers." Thus, because God's love is gift love, our love must be expressed through giving as well. (2) We must give up our rights. Jesus loved us by giving up what rightfully belonged to him so that we could have the everlasting life which we don't deserve. This means that we are not only called to give out of our excess, but from the personal possessions we feel entitled to. (3) Finally, this means we are called to give sacrificially. After all, if Christ's example teaches us anything about giving, it teaches us that Christian generosity is radically – even violently – sacrificial.

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 unfailing 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.

THANK YOU!

We wish to thank the following parishioners who participated in our 10:30 a.m. liturgy last Sunday – Pentecost Sunday – by proclaiming the scripture and reading the Prayer of the Faithful in various languages. It was a wonderful reminder that the Catholic Church is the Church of all languages, nations and peoples, for the Lord is the Lord of and for all languages, nations and peoples.

Caroline Eluka – Igbo	Peter Tran – Vietnamese
Solange Hebert – French	Dan Valente – Spanish
Sally Labieniec – Sign Language	Anne Marie Volowski – Polish
Maria Sousa - Portuguese	



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!

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS

It has been eleven years since the Archdiocese of Hartford instituted a Safe Environment Office in order to be in compliance with the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. Our parish offers the following programs on an ongoing basis: Background Check Authorizations, Virtus® Protecting God's Children for Adults, Safe Environment Training for Ministers to the Sick and Homebound, and a Child Lures Prevention Program. In addition to these programs, we make available the following information which can be found posted on the bulletin boards at the side entrances of our church.

HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OF SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

If you have knowledge or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult (an adult with an intellectual disability) has been sexually abused, in any manner, by personnel of the Archdiocese of Hartford, you are urged to report this information to:

Sister Dolores Lahr, CSJ
Victim Assistance Coordinator
Archdiocese of Hartford
134 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, CT 06105-3784
860-541-6475
sr.lahr@aohct.org

In addition, you will be asked to follow up in writing with a detailed description of the facts involved in the incident. Specifics of this written report can be found in the *Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Hartford Relating to Allegations of Sexual Misconduct Involving Minors and Vulnerable Adults*. This document is available online at www.archdioceseofhartford.org. The Archdiocese of Hartford will report any and all incidents to the proper civil authorities.

Mandated reporters in the State of Connecticut are required by law to report any incident of sexual abuse involving a minor or vulnerable adult. We encourage any Non-Mandated persons to report such incidents to the proper authorities as well. We support your right to do so.

Incidents involving sexual abuse of minors (persons under the age of 18) should be reported to:

State Department of Children and Families Careline
1-800-842-2288

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 18 – 59 should be reported to:

Abuse Investigations Division of the Office of Protection and Advocacy
for Persons with Disabilities
1-800-842-7303

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 60 and over should be reported to:

Department of Social Services for the Elderly
1-888-385-4225

Once a written report of an incident of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult has been received, an investigation will be undertaken by, or on behalf of, the Archdiocese of Hartford.