



*Parish church & school of*  
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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

**SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

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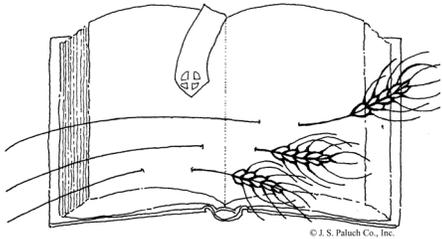
860-761-7456 [vocationshartford.org](http://vocationshartford.org)

**CREDO CATHOLIC SINGLES**

[www.credocath.com](http://www.credocath.com)

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**

[www.nccw.org](http://www.nccw.org)



**The Most Holy  
Body and Blood  
of Christ**

**June 22, 2014**

*“Not by bread alone does one live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the LORD.”*

– Deuteronomy 8:3b

*Mass Intentions*  *for the Week*

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)*

Monday, June 23 – 7:30 a.m.

**Kay Hickson – 1st Anniversary**  
*(Her Sister Ann Hickson Pease)*

Tuesday, June 24 – 7:30 a.m.

**Thomas Cacioppo**  
*(Family & Friends)*

Wednesday, June 25 – 7:30 a.m.

**John & Louise Olinatz**  
*(Children)*

Thursday, June 26 – 7:30 a.m.

**Rafaela Engenito**  
*(Antonietta Torretta)*

Saturday, June 28 – 4:30 p.m.

**Dominick Natalie**  
**In Remembrance of His Birthday**  
*(Wife & Family)*

Sunday, June 29 – 8:00 a.m.

**Charles Stebbins** *(Family)*

Sunday, June 29 – 10:30 a.m.

**Francis & Veronica Vance**  
*(Pamela Vance & Carol Stacey)*

**OUR TITHING PARISH**

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|------------------------------|----------|
| Weekly Collection (June 15): | \$ 5,146 |
| What We Need:                | \$ 7,317 |
| Parish School Support        | \$ 1,841 |

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, “The Eucharist is the ‘source and summit of the Christian life’” (3.1324). The word “Eucharist” finds its roots in the Latin word eucharistia, which in turn came from the Greek word eucharistos, which means, quite simply, “gratitude” or “thanksgiving.”

How appropriate that we, who are called by Christ to be a stewardship people, celebrate at the focal point of every Mass an act of thanksgiving and gratitude – namely the reception of Jesus’ incredible gift to us – the Eucharist.

The Lord proclaims in today’s Gospel reading from John, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever.” When we receive the Lord in His real presence at Mass, we should approach the Eucharist with respect, humility, commitment, and love. These words also apply to how we live our lives through stewardship. We are a Eucharistic people, grateful and giving. In receiving the Lord in all His fullness through the Eucharist, we in turn are called to share that goodness through love with all we meet.

– [www.thecatholicsteward.com](http://www.thecatholicsteward.com)

**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 Father Curran  
In Appreciation for His Time Among Us**

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

### OUR FAREWELL TO FR. CURRAN

As many of you know, Fr. Curran has 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 has begun the process of selecting a new pastor for our parish. At the very least a temporary administrator will be selected and will begin serving our parish on June 30.

A Farewell Reception will be held in Fr. Curran's honor following the 10:30 a.m. Mass next 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 our 10:30 a.m. Mass next Sunday. If you are able to help with the reception, please call the parish office at 860-568-5240 to let us know.

In addition, we will be assembling for Fr. Curran a Book of Memories that will include mementos, photos and messages of good wishes. After all Masses next weekend, we invite you to the church hall where you will have the opportunity to write a message of good wishes to Fr. Curran that will be included in the Memory Book. We would also like to include photos in the Memory Book. If you have a photo with Fr. Curran that you'd be willing to share, please bring the photo with you next weekend and leave it in the specially-marked box in the church hall. It will be helpful if you could please make note of who is in the photo and where or why the photo was taken.

We thank you for your help as we prepare to say goodbye to Fr. Curran!

### CHANGE

"Continuity gives us roots; change gives us branches, letting us stretch and grow and reach new heights."

– Pauline R. Kezer

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).



### 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 begins this Monday, June 23 at 7:00 p.m.** and is being held here at St. Christopher's. Please pre-register 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



### 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

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

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**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.



**Please note:** Religious Education registrations will be accepted during our Vacation Bible Camp which begins this Monday, June 23 – Friday, June 27 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. each day. Please see Maria at the specially marked table during Bible Camp.



The United States Conference for Catholic Bishops has designed the third annual *Fortnight for*

*Freedom* from June 21 to July 4 to raise awareness for religious liberty. The theme of this year’s *Fortnight* focuses on the freedom to serve the poor and vulnerable in accord with human dignity and the Church’s teaching. Please consider praying the following prayer often during this two week period.

**Prayer for Religious Liberty**

*Almighty God, Father of all nations,  
For freedom you have set us free in Christ Jesus.  
We praise and bless you  
for the gift of religious liberty,  
the foundation of human rights, justice,  
and the common good.  
Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and  
promote our liberties;  
By your grace may we have the courage to defend  
them, for ourselves and for all  
those who live in this blessed land.  
We ask this through the intercession of Mary  
Immaculate, our patroness,  
And in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with whom you live and reign, one God,  
for ever and ever. Amen.*

**AMEN**

Take a look around at the walls of our church. The word “Amen” has resounded off these walls countless times at the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer and as the faithful have come forward to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Today’s feast is about these “Amens” offered in faith, offered in times of trouble or doubt, spoken in joy, spoken mindlessly, but all given to God in a multitude of ways. It is our very lives that lie behind our “Amens” and are touched by the presence of Christ, the presence we celebrate today. More importantly, we celebrate the love of Christ for us shown in the sacrifice on Calvary and that he continues to give to us in every celebration of the Eucharist. What can we do but rejoice in that great love, and then go out into the world and live that love in sacrificing for others?

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**TRANSFORMATION**

*“The effect of our sharing in the Body and Blood of Christ is to change us into what we receive.”*

– Pope St. Leo the Great

**SICILY TOUR**

Father John Gatzak, Executive Director of the Archdiocesan Office of Radio & Television and General Manager of WJMJ Radio, leads you on this early fall, 11 day day/9 night tour of Sicily from October 6-16, 2014. Cost per person, double occupancy, from JFK, New York: \$4,049. For more information, call 203-758-7367 or 860-242-8800; Email: [pilgrimages@ortv-hartford.org](mailto:pilgrimages@ortv-hartford.org), or visit us online at [www.ortv.org](http://www.ortv.org). Your participation in this tour sponsored by the Office of Radio & Television helps support the daily television Mass and WJMJ, Catholic Radio... *Where Faith Meets Life!*



**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!



Welcome  
Summer!

### SUNDAY WORSHIP IN THE SUMMER

Giving yourself to summer worship will enrich you, delight you, and give you a sense of the word of God's progress in your heart. In today's world, summer is the time when we are most acutely aware of the beauty of the world. Gratitude and wonder are fertile soils for God's word to take root and prosper. Welcome the visitor today, and resolve that when you travel, you will be faithful to Sunday worship.



Mass Times was developed in 1994 to help traveling Catholics find a church nearby to their destination. When you visit their website at [masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org), you can begin your search of locating parishes near to your destination. The search will show the church name, address, phone number, and Mass schedule for all churches in the area. **Please note:** Worship times are maintained by the individual churches, so it is recommended that you call the church directly to verify their schedule of Masses.

### SUMMER SAINTS

Even vacation has its saintly patron. The general patrons of travelers include St. Nicholas of Myra, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Joseph and St. Christopher.

If you are traveling by car, remember that St. John the Baptist is the patron saint of highways, and St. Frances of Rome is the patron of motorists.

When traveling with children sometimes divine help is required; mothers can turn to St. Anne, and the fathers can turn to St. Joseph, and both can invoke St. Monica, a patroness of families.

### REST

*"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is hardly a waste of time."*

– John Lubbock

### CONGRATULATIONS TO DEACON TOM

Please join me in congratulating Deacon Tom and his wife Mary on Deacon Tom's 28th anniversary of ordination to the diaconate. Deacon Tom was ordained June 21, 1986 and has served the people of the Archdiocese of Hartford faithfully in this important role of service in the Church for the past 28 years, having served here at St. Christopher's since January 2013. We thank Deacon Tom and his wife Mary for their generous service to our parish and to the Church.

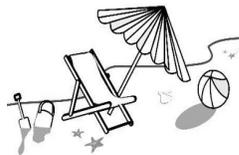
### LECTOR MINISTRY

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.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MUSEUM

The Knights of Columbus museum located on State Street in New Haven is excited to announce that their newest exhibit is now open – *Illuminating the Word: The Saint John's Bible*. This exhibit showcases the first handwritten and hand-illustrated Bible to be commissioned by a Benedictine monastery in 500 years. *Illuminating the Word* presents 68 original pages from all seven volumes of The Saint John's Bible along with tools, sketches, materials and rare books. This exhibit will run through October 2014. Admission and museum parking are free as a public service of the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please call 203-752-4630 or visit [kofcmuseum.org](http://kofcmuseum.org).



### A STEWARDSHIP SUMMER REMINDER

For those families who summer "away" from St. Christopher's, please remember our parish relies on your support even during the summer months. Envelopes can be mailed or a summer offering can be made directly to the church at 538 Brewer Street, East Hartford, CT 06118. Thank you for your stewardship of our parish!