



Parish church & school of
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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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St. Christopher Council #4

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www.credocath.com

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



**Saints
Peter and Paul,
Apostles**

June 29, 2014

“Through all the earth their voice resounds, and to the ends of the world, their message.”

– Psalm 19:5

Mass Intentions for the Week

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)

Monday, June 30 – 7:30 a.m.

Rev. Julian A. Szumilo

Tuesday, July 1 – 7:30 a.m.

Edmond Guerin
(The Guerin Family)

Wednesday, July 2 – 7:30 a.m.

Edmond & Leona Guerin
(The Guerin Family)

Thursday, July 3 – 7:30 a.m.

Rev. Harold D. Heinrich

Saturday, July 5 – 4:30 p.m.

Ken Harrison, Sr.
(Family)

Sunday, July 6 – 8:00 a.m.

William R. Stone
(Family)

Sunday, July 6 – 10:30 a.m.

Eddy Lapid – 5th Anniversary
(Family)

OUR TITHING PARISH

Weekly Collection (June 22):	\$ 5,727
What We Need:	\$ 7,317

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

The saints we honor today could not have been more different – Peter, the village fisherman, hard-headed, emotional, and impulsive; Paul, educated by rabbis in Jerusalem, a skilled tentmaker, and Roman citizen. Peter knew Jesus personally, Paul saw him in a vision, and both were changed forever. Each had a dark side. Before his conversion, Paul persecuted Christians to protect the Jewish faith, and after three years with Jesus, Peter denied knowing him. Both recognized Jesus as their risen Savior. Jesus told Peter to feed his flock (new believers) while Paul took the gospel into the non-Jewish world. They suffered verbal attacks, flogging, imprisonment and shipwreck. Their faith upheld them, and each went to a martyr’s death. At the end of Mass we often hear “Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.” This is not “Have a nice day!” but a reminder of our own daily mission. What’s yours?



GO in peace and do not harbor ill-will toward anyone. **LOVE** in word and deed not just those closest to you but the unlovable ones. **SERVE** cheerfully when called on, no matter how small or great the task.

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

**For All People – Young and Old –
Who Are Dealing with Difficult Life Issues**

✚ The candle in the chapel burns this week

**For Father Curran
As He Goes on Sabbatical
May He Find Rest and Peace**

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

OUR FAREWELL TO FR. CURRAN

As most of you know, this is Fr. Curran's last weekend with us. In his honor a Farewell Reception is being held in the church hall following the 10:30 a.m. Mass this Sunday. Everyone is invited to attend.

In addition, after all Masses this 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 a Memory Book that we are assembling for him. Please plan to stop by to jot him a quick a note.

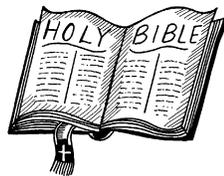
Beginning this Sunday evening, June 29 until Sunday, July 6, our parish will be cared for by Fr. Charles Ikwuegbu, the Parochial Vicar at St. Brigid Church in West Hartford. He will celebrate our daily Masses this coming week as well as all Masses next weekend. We look forward to welcoming Fr. Charles to our parish.

On Monday, July 7, Fr. Timothy Hickey will begin his duties here as our Spiritual Leader and Administrator. Fr. Tim has requested that hospitality be held after all Masses his first weekend of July 12 and 13. He is looking forward to meeting you and having the opportunity to engage in conversation with you. Please plan to come by to meet him.

We kindly request donations of baked goods and finger foods that can be served at these hospitalities. Donations may be brought to the church hall prior to the start of the Mass you plan to attend the weekend of July 12 and 13.

We look forward to meeting Fr. Tim and welcoming him to our parish!

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.

IMPORTANCE OF MOVING ONWARDS

As we prepare for changes in our spiritual leadership, we share with you the following article written by Lynn Campbell, Executive Director of the Archdiocesan Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry.

"How can I find my seat, when you are sitting in my chair?"

Commuting to New Haven each day provides ample time for reflection (as much as one can do while driving), listening to the radio, and listening to books and talks on CD. Recently I listened to a talk by Dr. Vanessa White on leadership, presented at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress. Dr. White is the Director of the Augustus Tolton Pastoral Ministry Program at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

She began her talk with *"How can I find my seat, when you are sitting in my chair?"* She spoke of the importance of developing new leaders for ministry, and the need to step aside from your current position and give others the space to move in. We must understand that these new leaders will not be starting where we left off, but will need some guidance and space for learning and growing. And, it may be difficult for us to see that the ministry is taking a different direction. Things do not have to be done the way they have always been done.

Social ministry is about evangelization. It is about the recognition of God and God's call. It begins with inviting others to respond to the call. In *"Communities of Salt and Light"* the Bishops write, *"We are called to be the 'salt of the earth' and 'light of the world,' in the words of scriptures. This task belongs to every believer and every parish."* We are evangelizing when we invite others into ministry.

I share with you some thoughts for your reflection. How am I empowering others to take the lead? Am I recognizing the gifts and talents of others and bringing them into ministry? Who is ready to take on a new challenge?

– Lynn Campbell

Saints Peter and Paul worked tirelessly to spread the Gospel. Not all can be apostles, but we, too, must be good stewards of *our* vocations, using the gifts we've been given in the service of God's kingdom.



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.

**OUR SCHOOL OFFICE
is Open During the Summer!**

Our parish school's office is open during the summer months Monday – Thursday from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. If you are interested in enrolling your child(ren) in our parish school or you wish to obtain more information, please call the school office at 860-568-4100 or visit saintchristopherschool.org.



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!

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/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, or visit us online at 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!*

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.



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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. **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.



★ JUNE 21 to JULY 4, 2014 ★



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.*

A PERFECT SUMMER DAY

“A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken.”

- James Dent

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ODE TO A VOLUNTEER

Many will be shocked to find
when the day of judgment nears,
that there's a special place in heaven
set aside for volunteers.

Furnished with big recliners,
satin couches and footstools,
where there's no committee chairperson,
no group leaders or carpools.

No eager team that needs a coach,
no bazaar with a bake sale.

There will be nothing to staple,
nothing to fold or mail.

Telephone lists will be outlawed,
but a finger snap will bring,
cool drinks and gourmet dinners,
and rare treats fit for a King.

You ask who'll serve these privileged few
And work for all they're worth?

Why all those who reaped benefits,
And not once volunteered on earth.

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. 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.

SUMMERTIME SUNDAYS

It's Summer now, school is out, the pace of work slows, and some people drift away. There are visitors in the churches every summer, and familiar faces are "among the missing." Some find the summer's call more appealing than the summons of the church bells. Many, however, would not dream of missing a Sunday, and so they make their way to Mass in unfamiliar places, watching the locals for clues as to when to sit or stand, where the Communion stations are. In answering the call, they keep the "sabbatical" rhythm of the Christian life: every seventh day, the Body of Christ assembles for 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, 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.

**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!

PRAYER LINE

Our Prayer Line is ready to receive your prayer requests! All requests are handled with care and in a confidential manner. You need only share what you wish. E-mail your requests to Beverly Connors, Prayer Line coordinator, at bcrc29@hotmail.com or call her at 860-432-1530.

