



Parish church & school of
SAINT CHRISTOPHER'S

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(effective July 7, 2014)

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MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
Monday – Friday: 7:30 AM
Holy Days: As announced in the
preceding Sunday Bulletin

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday afternoon: 3:15 – 4:00 PM
or other times by appointment

**ROSARY and MIRACULOUS MEDAL
NOVENA**

Wednesday: 7:00 PM - Chapel

BAPTISMS / PRE-BAPTISM PROGRAM

By appointment – Please call parish
office at 860-568-5240 to schedule

MARRIAGES

Please contact Parish Priest at least six
months in advance at 860-568-5240

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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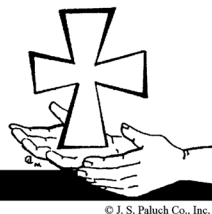
860-761-7456 vocationshartford.org

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www.credocath.com

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC

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**14th Sunday
in
Ordinary Time
July 6, 2014**

*“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.”*

– Matthew 11:28

Mass Intentions for the Week

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)

Monday, July 7 – 7:30 a.m.

Paul Franklin
(Wife Claire)

Tuesday, July 8 – 7:30 a.m.

Rev. Robert W. Ladish

Wednesday, July 9 – 7:30 a.m.

Rev. John C. Blackall

Thursday, July 10 – 7:30 a.m.

Carolyn Brand
(Ruth Sheehan & Family)

Friday, July 11 – 7:30 a.m.

Rev. Anthony C. Ventura

Saturday, July 12 – 4:30 p.m.

Dinis Leonardo (Wife & Family)

Sunday, July 13 – 8:00 a.m.

Rev. Stanley J. Sikora

Sunday, July 13 – 10:30 a.m.

**John St. Onge
In Remembrance of His Birthday**
(Wife Simone & Family)

OUR TITHING PARISH

Weekly Collection (June 29):	\$ 5,975
What We Need:	\$ 7,317

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me... for my yoke is easy, and my burden light.” With these words of relief and comfort, Jesus calls us to be one with Him so that He can share in our own burdens, our own trials and tribulations. Jesus is encouraging us to share our tests with Him by taking on the yoke and allowing Him to assist us with our troubles and difficulties. Often we point out that one of the basics of stewardship is to live a God-centered life rather than a self-centered life. The Lord’s message is that in living this way, our lives, and especially the distressful aspects of our lives, become something that He can bear more easily. Of course, we have to be willing to be His disciples and to commit our lives to serving Him and others. In that way, the Lord will truly give us rest. Jesus’ spirit, dwelling within us, will genuinely give us life.

– <http://www.thecatholicsteward.com>

THE RIGHT DIRECTION

“If we walk one step toward God, God will run ten steps toward us.”

—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

**For All Deceased Parishioners
and For Their Loved Ones**
(The Andrews & Sinicrope Family)

✠ The candle in the chapel burns this week

**For Father Tim
As He Becomes Our
Spiritual Leader & Administrator**

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

WELCOME FR. CHARLES

While we await the arrival of Fr. Tim, our new Spiritual Leader and Administrator, we are pleased to have with us Fr. Charles who currently serves as the Parochial Vicar at St. Brigid Church in West Hartford. We are grateful to Fr. Charles for the support he's given our parish this past week and we welcome him as our celebrant this weekend.

MEETING & WELCOMING FR. TIM

Fr. Timothy Hickey, our new Spiritual Leader and Administrator, will be moving into the Rectory this Sunday and will begin his duties here at our parish this Monday, July 7. We look forward to meeting Fr. Tim and welcoming him to St. Christopher's.

**Meet & Greet Receptions
July 19 and 20**

We will be holding hospitality after all Masses the weekend of July 19 and 20. (Please note: This is different than what was announced in last weekend's bulletin.) Fr. Tim is looking forward to meeting you and having the opportunity to engage in conversation with you. Please plan to come by the hall 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 19 and 20. Thank you!



**ST. CHRISTOPHER
SOCIAL CLUB
MEMBERS PICNIC**

**Monday, August 4
5:00 p.m.**

It was necessary to change the date of the picnic. The new date is **August 4**. We hope that you can make it.

Members of the Telephone Committee will be calling you prior to the picnic to determine what food you will be bringing. Looking forward to seeing you in August.

If you have any questions regarding the club, please feel free to contact Frank or Joan Perrone at 860-568-6229.



Thank you!

The reception that was held for Fr. Curran last Sunday was very well attended. We are most grateful to all those who helped make this reception so successful and so memorable for Fr. Curran. We thank the many parishioners who set up the hall and prepared the food tables and those who stayed to help with the clean up. We thank those of you who donated a food item. There were so many delicious food choices! We thank Joe Kronen for volunteering to take pictures to capture the day. We thank all of you who attended the reception.

We also appreciate those who took the time after all our Masses last weekend to jot a quick note to Fr. Curran on the pages that will be included in the Memory Book that is being assembled for him. We're sure he will enjoy reading all your messages. Thank you!

NOTE FROM FR. CURRAN

My sincere thanks to all of you, my friends, for your warm and loving sendoff. Words cannot express my affection for you. May the Lord continue to bless us all with His peace and joy.

in His name, Fr. Curran

TAG SALE – AUCTION – BAKE SALE

20th Annual Tabor House Tag Sale, Auction and Bake Sale being held on July 17, 5-8pm (opening reception/shopping-\$10 admission, July 18, noon-6pm \$1.00 admission, and July 19, 9am-3pm free. Huge silent auction, bake sale. Location: Convent of the Sisters of St Joseph, 27 Park Rd/Corner Prospect Ave West Hartford, ground level of the chapel. Entrance across from Wendy's restaurant. This significant community event benefits Tabor House and the underserved population in the surrounding area. Donations of household items (no books, TVs or clothes) can be dropped off on site Monday 7/14, Tuesday 7/15 and Wednesday 7/16, 8:30 am-3 pm. Questions? E-mail David at dtdyson@comcast.net or call Loretta at 860-563-9217. **It's not too late for the youth to sign up to volunteer for community service hours starting 7/14.** For more information, visit taborhousect.org.



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.

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.



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!

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel is about missionaries. As Jesus received a mission today, parents accept the mission of raising a family. Parents are not alone in this exhausting and difficult mission. Today Jesus tells us "Come to me and I will give your rest."

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!*

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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.



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.

GOD'S WORD TODAY

Each week we gather to celebrate Mass. There is a statistic that says that two out of every three people who attend church services on a regular basis in this country are hurting in some way. This means that if you happen not to be hurting this week, chances are that the two people on either side of you are somehow burdened. One of the reasons that many people attend Mass is to bring their cares and worries to the tables of the word and Eucharist in the hope that the Lord will transform them. Today's Gospel is a font of comfort and strength. Listen carefully as these words are proclaimed at Mass today. Pray that the Lord will give rest to those who are weighted down. Pray that we will all find rest in the Lord, whose yoke is easy and whose burden is light.

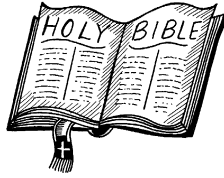
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PRAYER LINE

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 bcr29@hotmail.com or call her at 860-432-1530.



**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.



**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!

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.

LIVING GOD'S WORD

Lord, give us the rest only you can give when we feel burdened by life's labors and sorrows. Open our hearts so that we learn from you to seek and accept the yoke that is easy. Give us the strength to help others with the burdens that weigh them down.

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Come unto Me
... AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST

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

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"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."

– Theodore Roosevelt