

Beginning November 8 our Vigil Mass will begin at 4:00 p.m.

You voted and the overwhelming response was in favor of beginning our Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m. during the winter months. We will resume the Vigil Mass at 4:30 p.m. on April 11, the first Saturday after Easter.

Beginning on November 8, Confessions will be heard on Saturdays from 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.

Help us spread the word!

If you have neighbors or friends who usually attend the Vigil Mass, please let them know of this change. If you've given a Mass card to someone and the Mass is scheduled for a Saturday during this time, please let them know of the change.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sundays: 8:00, 10:30 a.m.

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.

Holy Days: As announced



CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.

or by appointment



WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONS

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration • Scriptural Rosary • Perpetual Novena in Honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal • Benediction



BAPTISM

By appointment; please call the parish office at 860-568-5240 to schedule.



MARRIAGE

Please contact the parish office at 860-568-5240 at least six months in advance of your intended wedding date.



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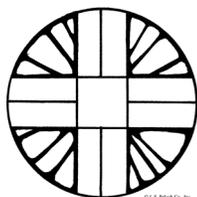


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**The Commemoration
of
All the Faithful Departed**

November 2, 2014

“If we have died with Christ, we believe we shall also live with him.”

– Romans 6:8

Mass  *for the
Intentions* *Week*

Saturday, November 1 – 4:30 p.m.

Shirley Call (*Marion Sullivan*)

Sunday, November 2 – 8:00 a.m.

**For Vocations to the Priesthood,
Consecrated Life & Permanent Diaconate**

Sunday, November 2 – 10:30 a.m.

**All the Faithful Departed
of Our Parish**

(November 1, 2013 – October 31, 2014)

Monday, November 3 – 7:30 a.m.

John & Louise Olinatz (*Children*)

Tuesday, November 4 – 7:30 a.m.

For Our Elected Officials

Wednesday, November 5 – 7:30 a.m.

**For the Seminarians of the
Archdiocese of Hartford**

Thursday, November 6 – 7:30 a.m.

Andy C. Hickey – 22 Anniversary

Friday, November 7 – 8:30 a.m.

**For the Staff, Students & Families
of Our Parish School**

Saturday, November 8 – 4:00 p.m.

Dinis Leonardo (*Wife & Family*)

Sunday, November 9 – 8:00 a.m.

Francis Kiernan

In Remembrance of His Birthday
(*Wife Denise & Family*)

Sunday, November 9 – 10:30 a.m.

Louis Sciarra – 9th Anniversary
(*Wife & Family*)

PARISH SUPPORT

What We Collected (October 26):	\$ 5,651
What We Need for General Expenses:	\$ 7,317

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

All Souls’ Day on November 2 is a day when we pray for deceased souls. These prayers may be general in nature or they may involve specific members of our families and our faith communities, including perhaps physically visiting the graves of our family members.

On All Saints’ Day, we acknowledge the presence of those who have departed this life. Today, we recognize and honor them to an even greater extent. To practice stewardship completely we need to be aware of our personal families and our faith families. Just prior to today’s Gospel reading Jesus reminds us that “I am the bread of life.” Seven times in Holy Scripture, Jesus states, “I am...” followed by various statements which allow us to grasp more fully what He is and what He has done for us.

Bread is considered one of those essentials “for life.” Jesus is reminding us that He is essential for life, for eternal life. Jesus is not speaking of the physical life on this earth, but about “eternal life.” It is that hope which allows us to trust in Him by living stewardship. This past June at Mass, Pope Francis said, “He Himself is the living bread that gives life to the world.” Let us embrace that hope.

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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
Bairos & Nowik Families**
(*Family*)

There is also the opportunity to schedule a dedication for the sanctuary lamp in our chapel. If you would like to schedule a weekly dedication for either the church or chapel sanctuary lamp, please call the parish office.

ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL BRING A BUDDY TO SCHOOL DAY

Tuesday, November 4 ~ Election Day

Ever wonder if a Catholic School is the right fit for your child? Join us on Tuesday, November 4. (It's Election Day and many schools are closed on November 4, but our parish school is open.)

St. Christopher School offers art, music, technology, and Spanish classes in addition to an outstanding and disciplined core curriculum. We have a brand new technology lab with all new touch screen computers.

Your child can attend St. Chris for the day: 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Parents, grandparents, and guardians can join us from 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. for our introduction social when your child will be matched with a buddy for the day. Then later in the day, the adults can come back to the school and join us from 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. for our wrap-up info session, while the student buddies enjoy an ice cream social together. **Experience what a day is like at St. Chris School where faith meets education.** Please help us spread the word about “Bring a Buddy to School Day!”

For more information or to register your child for this event, please contact Dr. Kate Darcy Hohenthal, School Advancement Director, at 860-568-4100 or at darcyhohenthalk@saintchristopherschool.org

40 DAYS FOR LIFE THANK YOU!

I am so grateful for the folks who participated in our 40 Days for Life Campaign! Although I was physically tired at the end of the day, the experience of Eucharistic Adoration and the prayerful, peaceful vigil at the abortion clinic invigorated my spirit! Thank you Barbara & Val Povinelli, Audrey & April Mejia, Dave & Chickie Amberg, Mary Priest, Anne Marie Volowski, Marion Sullivan, Judith Bell, Madeline Martin, Jackie Luizzi, Anne Marie Langenfeld, Jeanne Sciarra, Jean Tyburski, Tony & Maria Sousa, Toni & Ernie Mintel, Kristi Gillespie, Real & Nathalie LaPrise, Steve & Nancy Cadwallader, Tonya Brownell, Bonnie Szalay, Dave & Kate Gaudreau, Janet Duley, Mac McCarthy, Eileen & Myles McGee and Dan Valente for volunteering. You all are wonderful people! God bless you for all you do. Special thanks to Father Tim for his assistance and commitment to these endeavors!

Peace, Phil Gosselin

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

We invite you to join our students this Friday, November 7, at our First Friday Mass. The Mass will be celebrated in the church at 8:30 a.m. (NOTE: There will be no 7:30 a.m. Mass on any First Friday when school is in session; school students and teachers will attend this 8:30 a.m. Mass.)

MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATES

We extend our appreciation to Jackie Harrichak for her willingness to serve as our organist for these coming weeks while we search for a new Music Director/Organist. We have begun the interview process and we ask for your patience as we find a suitable candidate who will be a good fit for our parish. Until the position is filled and to keep costs down in the interim, there will be no organist or cantor at the 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass only.

ST CHRISTOPHER SOCIAL CLUB

It's Bingo time at the Social Club!

Feeling lucky? Our November meeting will take place on **Wednesday, November 5th** because of elections, so join us then at 1:00 p.m. for our annual Bingo Games. First card is free. Additional cards are \$1 each. Don't miss the fun. As usual, the meeting will be accompanied by some delicious refreshments. We are always eager to welcome new members, and it's a bargain at only \$10 per year. If you have any questions regarding the club, please feel free to contact Joan or Frank Perrone at 860-568-6229 or Nedra Gallo at 860-432-1793.

FAIR TRADE SALE

Thank you all for making our first Fair Trade sale a success. We're sorry we ran out of chocolates. So, by popular demand, at our next sale, the weekend of November 22/23, we will have more chocolates and a larger variety of chocolates. Also, by request, we will be adding olive oil, cashews, raisins and darker coffee (all organic) to our selection. Come by and stock up for Thanksgiving.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Our parish school is most grateful for the number of *Box Tops for Education* coupons we receive each week from our parishioners! Clipped coupons can be placed in our offertory baskets any weekend. Thank you for supporting our parish school!



SPONSOR A CHILD CAMPAIGN

The students in our religious education program as well as the Junior High students in our parish school will be undertaking a fundraiser throughout this school year to assist the children of the Diocese of Kumbakonam, India. Missionary priest Father Selva Raj was here at our parish several weeks ago and spoke to us about the need to foster the faith formation and education of their poorest children. The students have decided to help with this effort by collecting pennies throughout this school year. At the end of the school year, they will be sending all the monies collected to Fr. Raj to help the children of his diocese. \$200.00 provides a child with food, lodging and education for one full year and \$100.00 provides the same for six months. We are hoping to sponsor at least one child, but hopefully more will benefit from this fundraiser.

The students are asking for your help by donating any pennies you may have lying around at home. Containers marked "SPONSOR A CHILD CAMPAIGN" have been placed at the entrances to our church. Please help our students by donating your pennies to this great cause.

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



- Katherine Grace Aniskoff**
- Katherine Conroy Chace**
- Cole Benjamin LeBlanc**
- Sophia Elizabeth Martinez**
- Clay Vernon Sykes**
- Colton Christopher Tedford**

IMPORTANT EDUCATION FORUM

Physician-Assisted Suicide

The Pro-Life Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford is in part sponsoring an information forum on Physician-Assisted Suicide this Thursday, November 6, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at St. Mark the Evangelist Church in West Hartford. The presentations include speakers on assisted suicide as an affront to the dignity of the human person, the importance of hospice care in caring for those who are dying, the advances in pain medication and their proper applications, and what to anticipate in the Connecticut Legislature in the next session. For more information, please contact the Pro-Life Ministry at 203-213-5079.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Our parish is actively seeking students in **Grades 4 and above** who are interested in becoming an Altar Server. If you would like to learn more about the Altar Server ministry, please contact the parish office at 860-568-5240 or send an e-mail to stchris-eh@sbcglobal.net. A training session will be held in the near future.



COUNTERS MINISTRY

In a couple short weeks we will begin work on the 2015 schedule for our Counters Ministry. Now is the perfect time to express interest in joining this ministry. It's also a good time for current members to let us know if they don't plan to return in 2015. Please call Tom Hurley at 860-568-6263.

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

We regularly keep in our prayers the men and women who are serving our country in the military. If you are a parishioner with a loved one on active duty (son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, etc.), or you yourself are on active duty, please contact the parish office so we can add their names to our U.S. Military Prayer List. Please be prepared to provide us with their name and their branch of service.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Christopher Council #4

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly business meeting this Thursday, November 6 at 7:30 p.m. in our church hall. If you are a practicing Catholic man, 18 years of age or older and are interested in learning more about becoming a Knight, please contact Scott Gay, Grand Knight, at 860-670-8898 or at scottgay95@gmail.com.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Our Food Bank is beginning to collect non-perishable food items to help fill this year's Thanksgiving baskets. Items such as stuffing mix, canned vegetables, gravy, instant potatoes, soup, cranberry sauce, cereal, cake mix, pudding, pasta, spaghetti sauce, etc. are being requested. A full list will be provided in a next weekend's bulletin. **For those wishing to donate a turkey, please purchase one in the 12-16 lb. range.** Questions? Please call Dave at 860-569-4325.

LECTIO DIVINA & DAILY READINGS

Sunday <small>All Souls' Day</small>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday <small>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</small>
Wisdom 3: 1-9	Philippians 2: 1-4	Philippians 2: 5-11	Philippians 2: 12-18	Philippians 3: 3-8a	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Philippians 4: 10-19	Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12
Psalm 23: 1-6	Psalm 131: 1bcde-3	Psalm 22: 26b-32	Psalm 27: 1, 4, 13-14	Psalm 105: 2-7	Psalm 122: 1-5	Psalm 112: 1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9	Psalm 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9
Romans 5:5-11 or Romans 6:3-9							1 Corinthians 3: 9c-11, 16-17
John 6: 37-40	Luke 14: 12-14	Luke 14: 15-24	Luke 14: 25-33	Luke 15: 1-10	Luke 16: 1-8	Luke 16: 9-15	John 2: 13-22

What is Lectio Divina?

While reading sacred scripture, read the words with a love and sense of discovery until something seems to strike home. Sit with the passage as one would with a good friend-not just thinking or analyzing, but instead remaining in a quiet, listening spirit, so the word can nurture and challenge you.

Call to Prayer: "Let us take a moment in the midst of all our activity to prepare ourselves for prayer."

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The Word of God: Choose one of next Sunday's readings. One person reads the scripture aloud as others are attentive to a word, phrase, or theme that is meaningful to them. Allow for a minute of silent reflection. Have another person read the same scripture a second time.

Faith Sharing: Begin with an open ended question such as "What strikes you from this reading?" and/or you can use the "Reflection Question" found below. Allow time for reflection & sharing.

Closing Prayer: At the end of the faith sharing, invite participants to pray aloud for any particular petitions or praises they may have. Feel free to close with: The Lord's Prayer or spontaneous prayers or a faith-based song.

Reflection Question for Next Sunday, November 9, 2014

For Your Reflection: Next Sunday's readings have a common theme: buildings, in keeping with the Feast of the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome. Many think St. Peter's Basilica is the "Pope's Church," but as Bishop of Rome, St. John Lateran is the Pope's Cathedral. Do our houses have any symbols or images in them that remind us or tell visitors that we are Christians? That our foundation rests on Jesus?

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