

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • FEBRUARY 1, 2015

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord;  
let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us

*joyfully sing  
psalms to him.*

Psalm 95:1-2



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### Are You Being Called to Join Our Music Ministry?

Do you love to sing? Has God put a desire in your heart to serve our parish by praising Him in song? Our Chancel Choir welcomes members in Grade 6 – Adult. Our Children's Choir welcomes members in Grades 2 – 5. For more information, please contact Roberta, our Director of Music, 203-630-9295 or Roberta9700@yahoo.com or visit the Music Ministry page on our website: [www.stchris-eh.org](http://www.stchris-eh.org).

# St. Christopher Parish

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Fr. Tim S. Hickey

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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.



## OFFICE MANAGER

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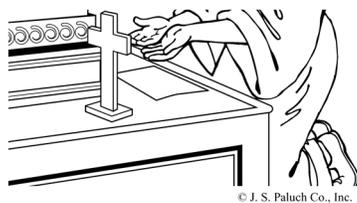
## ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL

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**Fourth Sunday  
in  
Ordinary Time  
February 1, 2015**

*“Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us.”*

– Psalm 95:6

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

Saturday, January 31 – 4:00 p.m.  
**William Wade** (*Wife Bonnie*)

Sunday, February 1 – 8:00 a.m.  
**Lauretta Skold** (*Al & Sally Labieniec*)

Sunday, February 1 – 10:30 a.m.  
**Emele Batista** (*Family & Friends*)

Monday, February 2 – 7:30 a.m.  
**Jane Noble** (*Ruth Sheehan*)

Tuesday, February 3 – 7:30 a.m.  
**George Pagano** (*Sonia Ginther*)

Wednesday, February 4 – 7:30 a.m.  
**For Jeanne Sciarra’s  
Small Christian Community Group**  
(*Anne*)

Thursday, February 5 – 7:30 a.m.  
**Paul E. Franklin** (*Wife Claire*)

Friday, February 6 – 7:30 a.m.  
**Helen Kosiorek Kronen – 29th Anniversary  
and Stanley Walter Kronen**  
(*Son Joe & Carolyn Kronen*)

Saturday, February 7 – 4:00 p.m.  
**Harold Martin – 3rd Anniversary**  
(*Wife Madeline & Family*)

Sunday, February 8 – 8:00 a.m.  
**Lauretta Skold** (*Howard & Barb Wilmes*)

Sunday, February 8 – 10:30 a.m.  
**Antonio & Filomena Freitas  
Antonio & Maria Jacinta Sousa  
All Deceased Members of  
the Freitas & Sousa Families** (*Family*)

**PARISH SUPPORT**

What We Collected (January 25):	\$ 4,038*
What We Need for General Expenses:	\$ 7,317
Parish School Support (January 18):	\$ 1,326

\*Includes \$281 received through our Online Giving program.

**ONLINE GIVING IS HERE**

We encourage you to visit the parish website at [www.stchris-eh.org](http://www.stchris-eh.org) and use the online giving link to see how easy it is to setup an online giving account. We hope many parish families will join the twenty families who in just a few weeks have already set up their accounts.

**TAX STATEMENTS**

We are happy to provide tax statements to our parishioners who request one. If you regularly use your envelopes to make your offerings to our parish and wish to receive a tax statement, please contact the parish office at 860-568-5240 or at [stchris-eh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stchris-eh@sbcglobal.net).

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

The readings on this Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time emphasize Jesus’ humanity; He was one of the people, someone who each of us could relate to not as a God, but as a man. However, it can be a bit overwhelming for us to accept Jesus in the way He wants us to.

That does not mean we do not acknowledge His divinity, but we also must view Him as a companion on our own life’s journey. In a sense, this is what stewardship calls us to — walking with the Lord and leaning on Him when we must, and certainly finding strength in His presence. But to have Him present in our lives requires us to make an effort to make that happen. – [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. If you would like to schedule a weekly dedication for either the church or chapel sanctuary lamp, please call the parish office. The suggested offering for a lamp dedication is \$15.

**WATER DISCHARGED INTO CHURCH**

On Monday Jan. 26, sometime between 8 and 10:30 a.m., water from an overflowing toilet in the women’s room in the hallway spilled into the sacristy, music room, the main portion of the church and the women’s bathroom in the wing. We immediately called Catholic Mutual, the parish and archdiocesan insurance provider. Roger Dube, Roger Dionne and I began mopping up some of the water, while we waited for a professional cleaning crew dispatched by Catholic Mutual to arrive on site. At the suggestion of Catholic Mutual’s agent, who came to the church to assess the damage, I contacted a plumber. The plumber said it was a sewage issue, so RotoRooter was contacted to come out and snake the clogged sewer line. Stephen Roczynski, a parishioner and an electrician, was also called to hook up the generators the cleaning crew needed to run its fans and other equipment; parishioner Travis Simpson came with Stephen to lend his assistance. Keith Garabedian also stopped over to offer his help.

By 5:30 the various work crews had left the church. The cleaning company left its fans running all night Monday, all day Tuesday and into Wednesday. They returned on Wednesday to clean and sanitize the church.

We hope and pray that cause of the overflowing toilet was corrected, and also that the parish insurance policy will cover the majority of the costs.

— Fr. Tim S. Hickey, Administrator

**FEAST OF ST. BLAISE**

Tuesday, February 3, 2015, following the 7:30 a.m. Mass, the traditional blessing of throats will be offered. If this is inconvenient for you and you would like a blessing, please contact the parish office at 860-568-5240 for an appointment.

**BOTTLE AND CAN DRIVE**

The next bottle and can drive to support our parish school will be held on Saturday, March 14, from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Your support is appreciated!

**BLOOD DRIVE**

St. Christopher Church Hall

Friday ~ February 13, 2015 1:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Please call **1-800-Red Cross** to make an app’t

**PARISHIONER IN NEED BAKE SALE**

Parishioners in Need (PIN) Committee will host their Sixth Anniversary Bake Sale after all Masses next weekend, February 7 and 8. We celebrate six years of operation. Since our inception, we have assisted and continue to assist several members within our parish as well as having provided resources to others within the community. Your support has helped us succeed. Please continue to watch out for those in our parish who may need assistance and may be hesitant to ask for help. Even those we have helped in the past may still be struggling and we ask that they or someone on their behalf come forward if necessary. *Let’s be aware of those who need care.*

Plan ahead for Valentine’s Day dinners. Donations of baked goods are very much welcomed (and needed) and can be brought to the church hall prior to each Mass. (Please indicate if there are nuts in the ingredients.) Thank you all for your continued support!

**FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

On Monday, February 2, we observe the ritual purification of Mary 40 days after the birth of Jesus as well as the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem. This feast is also known as Candlemas Day – the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. “Now thou dost dismiss thy servant, O Lord, according to thy word in peace; because my eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples: a light to the revelation of the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel” (Lk 2:29-32).

**HOLY FATHER’S PRAYER INTENTIONS  
February 2015**

Each month, the Holy Father commends two prayer intentions for the universal Church. Traditionally, in praying the Rosary, these are the intentions we pray for at the end of the Rosary by adding one each of the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be.

**Universal:** Prisoners. That prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity.

**Evangelization:** Separated spouses. That married people who are separated may find welcome and support in the Christian community.

### **PURGATORIAL SOCIETY**

171 deceased loved ones have already been enrolled in the Purgatorial Society of St. Christopher Church. These loved ones will be remembered during a Special Mass celebrated at 8:30 a.m. on the fourth Saturday of each month during 2015. You may enroll your loved one(s) any time during the year, and their name will be added to the list of remembrances. We will acknowledge your enrollee with a special certificate. The suggested donation to enroll a deceased loved one is \$20.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

The Catholic Graduates Club of Greater Hartford, Inc. will award three scholarships of \$1,000 each to Catholic students who are high school seniors and who plan to attend a four-year college in the fall of 2015. The applicants must reside in Hartford County. Students are chosen on the basis of financial need, scholarship, character, leadership, and achievement. Information can be obtained at the following website: [www.Catholicgraduatesct.org](http://www.Catholicgraduatesct.org). Deadline for submittal of scholarship applications is March 15, 2015.

### **ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

Registration is now open for the Adult Confirmation Spring classes being offered by the Archdiocesan's Office of Religious Education and Evangelization. Classes in this area will begin on Tuesday, March 10 at St. Mark the Evangelist Church in West Hartford. Registration paperwork must be submitted by February 20. If you or someone you know has been baptized and made their First Communion and would like to be confirmed, please call their office at 860-242-5573 or visit their website at [www.orehartford.org](http://www.orehartford.org) to register and to get more information..

### **BIRTHRIGHT ASKS FOR YOUR HELP**

Birthright, located on Main Street in East Hartford, assists women in crisis pregnancy in various ways. They are in great need for maternity clothes. If you or someone you know has gently worn, current style maternity clothes that are no longer needed, please consider donating them; Birthright would be very grateful! There is a collection box in the church wing or you can contact me for pickup. Thank you! I can be reached at 860-568-5001 or by e-mail at [ingoose@comcast.net](mailto:ingoose@comcast.net). – Peace, Phil Gosselin

### **BOY SCOUT SPAGHETTI DINNER**

On Saturday, February 7 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., Boy Scout Troop 61 is holding their annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser at South Congregational Church, 1301 Forbes Street in East Hartford. You are all invited to this deliciously wonderful night to eat, drink, participate in a tea cup auction, reminisce with old friends, make some new friends, spend quality time with family, and most importantly to support Troop 61 Boy Scouts. Tickets are only \$7 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-12 and FREE for children ages 5 and under. Families with four members or more over the age of 5, are only \$5 each.

### **PARISH SCHOOL AUCTION**

Our Annual St. Christopher Parish School Auction is coming up on Saturday, March 21, in our school auditorium. The evening begins at 6:00 p.m. with great food, raffles, silent and live auctions. The Annual Auction is our parish school's biggest fundraiser of the year and we would love the support of all our parishioners. If anyone would like to attend, place an ad in the evening's program book, become a sponsor, or donate an item for the silent or live auction (theatre or sports tickets, electronics, golf experiences, gift items, bottles of wine and other gifts), please contact Kate Darcy Hohenthal: 860-568-4100 or [darcyhohentalk@saintchristopherschool.org](mailto:darcyhohentalk@saintchristopherschool.org). Donated items can be dropped off during school hours. More information is available on our school's website at [www.saintchristopherschool.org](http://www.saintchristopherschool.org). We hope to see many of you there!

### **ST CHRISTOPHER SOCIAL CLUB**

**Monday ~ February 2 ~ 1:00 p.m.**

Our speaker for our next meeting will be John Ellsworth, Museum Director of the Vintage Radio & Communications Museum of CT. He will take us back in time when radio was an important communication tool in our lives. If you have any questions regarding the club, please feel free to contact Joan or Frank Perrone at 860-568-6229.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly business meeting this Thursday, February 5 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](mailto:scottgay95@gmail.com).

## LECTIO DIVINA & DAILY READINGS

Sunday Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Deuteronomy 18: 15-20	Malachi 3: 1-4	Hebrews 12: 1-4	Hebrews 12: 4-7, 11-15	Hebrews 12: 18-19, 21-24	Hebrews 13: 1-8	Hebrews 13: 15-17, 20-21	Job 7: 1-4, 6-7
Psalm 95: 1-2, 6-9	Psalm 24: 7-10	Psalm 22: 26b-28, 30-32	Psalm 103: 1-2, 13-14, 17-18a	Psalm 48: 2-4, 9-11	Psalm 27: 1, 3, 5, 8b-9	Psalm 23: 1-6	Psalm 147: 1-6
1 Corinthians 7: 32-35	Hebrews 2: 14-18						1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23
Mark 1: 21-28	Luke 2: 22-40	Mark 5: 21-43	Mark 6: 1-6	Mark 6: 7-13	Mark 6: 14-29	Mark 6: 30-34	Mark 1: 29-39

### 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 for Next Sunday, February 8, 2015

"Everyone is looking for you." Those are the words Simon Peter says to Jesus after the Lord has been away for the night in prayer to his Father. Crowds have gathered at Peter's house to see the Lord, to learn from him and be touched by his healing Presence. But sometimes, we need to direct people to the Lord and to his Church. They need to be told what it is or – more correctly – Who it is for whom they are looking. That is our task as evangelizers.

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