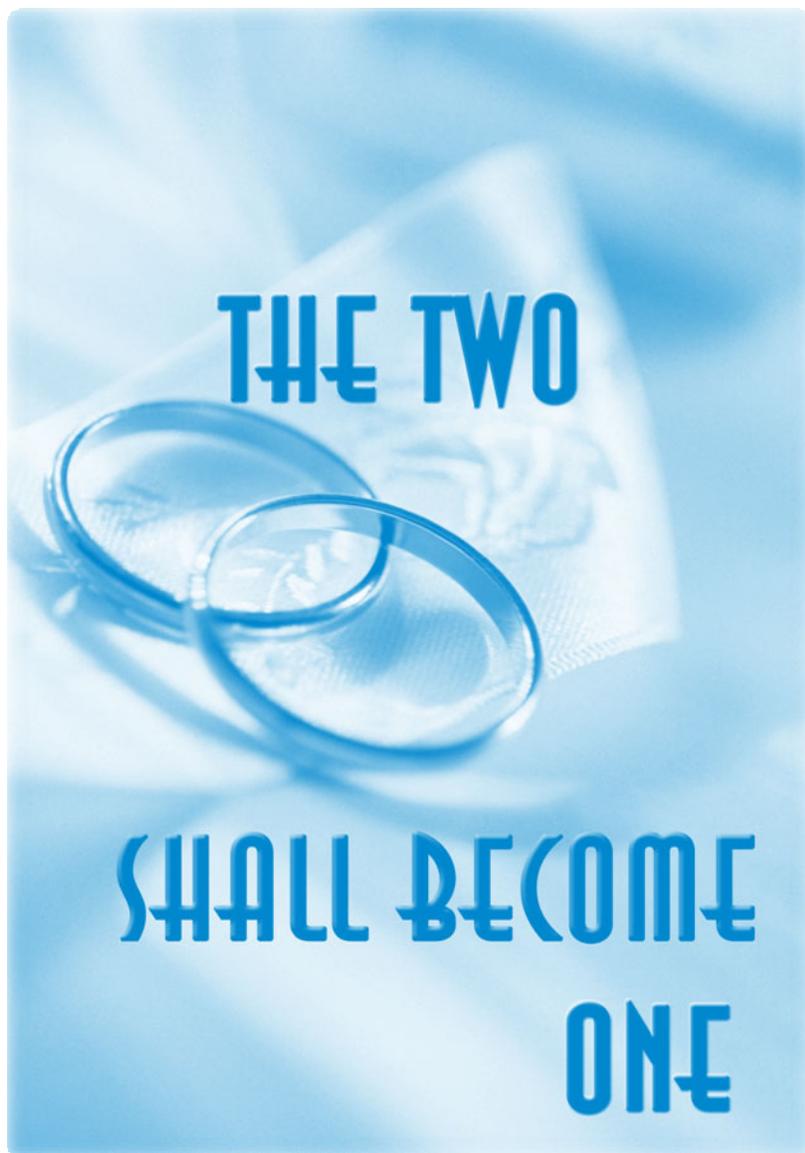


Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 4, 2015



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

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

Monday – Thursday: 7:30 a.m.



CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.



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



FUNERALS

We will help you plan the Mass
of Christian Burial for your loved
one after arrangements have been
made with a funeral home.



BAPTISM

By appointment; please call
the parish office to schedule.



MARRIAGE

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



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*“Let the children come to me; do not prevent them,
for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”*

– Mark 10:14

*Mass for the
Intentions for the
Week*

Saturday, October 3 – 4:00 p.m.

Deceased Members of the Miano Family
(The Miano Family)

Sunday, October 4 – 8:00 a.m.

Joseph Riley *(Don & Jackie Luizzi)*

Sunday, October 4 – 10:30 a.m.

Louis Cascone *(MaryAnn McElhiney)*

Sunday, October 4 – 2:00 p.m.

Confirmation Mass

St. Christopher’s Confirmandi

Monday, October 5 – 7:30 a.m.

Mark Tardiff *(Family)*

Tuesday, October 6 – 7:30 a.m.

Filomena Chaves Melo *(Maria Leonardo)*

Wednesday, October 7 – 7:30 a.m.

Fernand Turmel – 10th Anniversary
(Wife & Family)

Thursday, October 8 – 7:30 a.m.

Jose Sousa *(Family)*

Saturday, October 10 – 4:00 p.m.

Manuel Machado *(Wife Maria)*

Sunday, October 11 – 8:00 a.m.

Rev. James G. Fanelli

(His Sister Eleanor Fanelli)

Sunday, October 11 – 10:30 a.m.

Antonio & Filomena Freitas
Antonio & Maria Jacinta Sousa
All Deceased Members of
the Freitas & Sousa Families

PARISH SUPPORT

What We Collected (September 27): \$ 5,401*

What We Need for General Expenses: \$ 6,500

*Includes \$418 received through our Online Giving program and \$472 from mail-in offerings.

THANK YOU

Thank you! On behalf of the students in the Catholic elementary schools of the Archdiocese of Hartford, we send deep gratitude to all who contributed to last weekend’s 2015 HOPES Collection. Your investment in Catholic school education will help students thrive in a culture of educational excellence while encountering the living God and becoming faith-filled, productive citizens.

Dale R. Hoyt, Ed.D.,

Superintendent of Catholic Schools

Archdiocese of Hartford – ww.catholicschoolsct.org

(Editor’s Note: Our parish collected a total of \$1,239 of which St. Christopher School will receive \$310 – 25% of what we collected. Thank you for your generosity.)

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

In today’s Gospel Jesus tells us “...whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.” Small children, infants in particular, are largely helpless. Children understand their dependence. If we too reach that conclusion that we are dependent on God, and if we put our lives into God’s hands, like a child, we are more likely to “inherit the kingdom.” Jesus is telling us to trust Him, and that will help us to be the stewards and disciples we are expected to be.

SANCTUARY LAMP

The lamp beside our church tabernacle reminds us of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.



✠ The candle in our church burns this week

In Loving Memory of

Edwin G. & Lillian B. Jones

In Remembrance of Their 101st Birthday

(Daughter Janette Forte)

To schedule a sanctuary lamp dedication, please call the parish office. The suggested offering is \$15.

FOOD BANK COORDINATOR NEEDED

We are seeking a Food Bank Coordinator for our parish. The Coordinator position can be filled by an individual, a couple of friends or a married couple. Our current coordinator, Dave Gaudreau, has been serving in this capacity for the past year and half. Due to family obligations, Dave is no longer able to keep this position. We are most grateful to him for his service to this ministry. This is an important ministry serving those in need in our community. The responsibilities of our Food Bank are shared with the members of South Congregational Church. If you would like to learn more about the responsibilities of the Coordinator, please contact Dave Gaudreau at 860-569-4325.

ARCHDIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE MASS

The Annual Archdiocesan Respect Life Mass will be celebrated next Sunday, October 11 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. Archbishop Blair will celebrate the Mass and commission the parish pro-life representatives from throughout the Archdiocese. All are invited.

ADULT SOCIAL CLUB

Monday – October 5 – 1:00 p.m. – Church Hall

Summer is over, and it's time for our meetings to resume. We are pleased to have David Shikes entertain us with his jokes and stories. We are looking forward to an afternoon of fun, and laughs. Don't miss this! Our club is open to all, and we are always ready to welcome new members. If you have any questions regarding the club, please feel free to contact Frank or Joan Perrone at 860-568-6229.

SCHEDULING MASS INTENTIONS

This is a friendly reminder that we are now scheduling Mass intentions for **2016**. Our weekend Masses during 2016 are filling up quickly, so if there is a particular date and Mass time for which you hope to schedule an intention, please call the parish office at your earliest convenience to avoid any disappointment. **This year's 10:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve has recently become available.** All other Masses in 2015 – both weekend and weekday – have all been booked. To schedule a Mass, please stop by the parish office or contact us at 860-568-5240 or at stchris-eh@sbcglobal.net. The suggested offering for a weekday Mass is \$15 and \$25 for a weekend Mass.

LYMAN ORCHARD PIE AND COOKIE DOUGH SALE!

Our parish school will be taking orders for pies and cookie dough from Lyman Orchards in Middlefield, CT after all Masses this weekend, October 3/4 and next weekend, October 10/11. The pies and cookie dough will arrive frozen, ready to be baked (except for the pumpkin and the cream pies which are pre-baked and simply need to be thawed). Orders will be available for pick up in the church hall the afternoon of Thursday, November 19. Your order will not only help our parish school, but will be very delicious, too! Any questions, please contact Sarah Poirier at sarahpoirier@comcast.net or at 860-568-0632.

FLU VACCINE CLINICS

The Town of East Hartford's Department of Health and Social Services is offering two free of charge, seasonal flu vaccine clinics for East Hartford residents, 55 years and older. (*Proof of age and residency required.*) These clinics will be held at the South End Senior Center, 70 Canterbury Street in East Hartford on Friday, October 16 and Friday, October 23 from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. each day. For more information, please call 860-568-4281 or 860-291-7324.

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to announce that music returns to the 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass beginning this weekend. Toni Mintel, who has been an active member of our parish's music ministry for many years, has offered to provide music at this Mass.

May God bless you,

Father John

“LOVE GOD AND LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR.”

(Mark 12:30-31)

Do you have a welcoming voice as well as a smile to welcome parishioners, new people, and visitors to St. Christopher's? Consider these gifts from God an opportunity to become a “parish greeter.” A training and information session will be held in our church hall on Monday, October 12 at 7:00 p.m. If interested, please contact Anne Marie Volowski at 860-461-0449 or annemarievolowski@yahoo.com.

CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Confirmation

The first class of this new school year for both first and second year Confirmation students will be held this Sunday, October 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. **This is a class for parents and students to attend together.** If you did not register online, please plan to arrive at 6:40 p.m. in order to register.

Youth Ministry

Every Wednesday night we meet for *Podcast and Pizza* in the Parish Center (the building to the right of the school, upstairs – use the turnaround driveway). We meet from 7:00 – 8:45 p.m. We eat pizza, share what's going on in our lives, and talk about anything and everything – no topic is off-limits!! We finish with prayer. This evening is open to ALL high school students. We would love to have you join us! Please RSVP each week to stchrisym@gmail.com so we are sure to order enough pizza. If you are able, please bring \$3 towards the cost of the pizza.

CT CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday – October 24 – 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
at Goodwin College in East Hartford
ctcatholicmen.org

LITURGY COMMITTEE

We are seeking a few more parishioners who are interested in serving on our Liturgy Committee. This committee assists Father John with planning and implementing the various aspects of liturgical activities, including special liturgies, and with helping to foster good worship in the parish on an on-going basis. **We will meet on Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory basement.** If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Lori Brunette at 860-655-9367.

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Chancel Choir

We invite all adults and middle and high school students to join our Chancel Choir. We rehearse on Thursday evenings in the church beginning at 7:30 p.m. We sing weekly at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Children's Choir

We invite students in grades 2 and up to join the Children's Choir. We rehearse on Saturdays from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. We sing at the monthly Children's Liturgies.

UPDATE! – 40 Days for Life Campaign

St. Christopher Church will again be joining parishes around the world by participating in this year's *40 Days for Life* Campaign! During this campaign, we will be engaging in 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration as well as 12 hours of prayerful vigil next to the abortion clinic in Hartford. Eucharistic Adoration in our church will be from Wed., Oct. 21 at 6:00 a.m. to Thurs., Oct. 22 at 6:00 a.m. The prayerful vigil in Hartford will be held on Sat., Oct. 17 from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. We are seeking at least 2 people for each one-hour time slot for both the Eucharistic Adoration and the prayerful vigil.

Update: As I write this, I have three volunteers for Adoration (two for the 8:00 p.m. time slot and one for the 9:00 p.m. time slot) and no volunteers for the vigil. Please consider participating in either or both of these wonderful opportunities to support life at all stages.

Also, I will be offering a shuttle from St. Christopher's to Hartford to make it easier for folks to assist with this wonderful display of support for life. Please help us bring our prayers for life to God in this special way. For more info or to reserve a time slot, please contact me at 860-568-5001 or at imgoose@comcast.net.

Peace, Phil Gosselin

My dear friends,

In the next few months, we will be commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of our parish in various ways.

I would be interested in knowing if anyone has photographs of the celebration of that event in September 1965. Also, if anyone has photographs of the dedication of our church building when it was completed in 1955 when we were still a mission of Blessed Sacrament Church.

Feel free to contact me if you have any memories or mementos of the history of our parish family. Perhaps, some day, they will be included in a publication of our parish's history.

Yours in Christ, I am

Father John Gwozdz

LECTIO DIVINA & DAILY READINGS

Sunday <small>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday <small>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>
Genesis 2: 18-24	Jonah 1:1 - 2:2, 11	Jonah 3: 1-10	Jonah 4: 1-11	Malachi 3: 13-20b	Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2	Joel 4: 12-21	Wisdom 7: 7-11
Psalms 128: 1-6	Jonah 2: 3-5, 8	Psalms 130: 1b-4ab, 7-8	Psalms 86: 3-6, 9-10	Psalms 1: 1-4, 6	Psalms 9: 2-3, 6, 16, 8-9	Psalms 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12	Psalms 90: 12-17
Hebrews 2: 9-11							Hebrews 4: 12-13
Mark 10: 2-16	Luke 10: 25-37	Luke 10: 38-42	Luke 11: 1-4	Luke 11: 5-13	Luke 11: 15-26	Luke 11: 27-28	Mark 10: 17-30

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, October 11, 2015

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the rich young man to give away all that he has in order to have treasure in heaven. But he is unable to free himself from his possessions, and so he goes sadly away. Does what I own keep me from following Jesus?

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