St. Christopher Parish

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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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ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Maria Sousa 860-895-8692
stchrisre@gmail.com
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 1, 2016

“May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you!” – Psalm 67:6

Mass for the Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 30 – 4:00 p.m.
Jerry Millstein – 7th Anniversary
(Wife & Family)

Sunday, May 1 – 8:00 a.m.
Joseph Leonardo (Mom & Daughters)

Vivienne Hope Renouf (Family)

Monday, May 2 – 7:30 a.m.
Susan Mathiau (Betty Zizzamia)

Tuesday, May 3 – 7:30 a.m.
Deborah Fallacaro
(Thursday Morning Hospitality Group)

Wednesday, May 4 – 7:30 a.m.
Roland Thibodeau (Wife Anita & Lois)
Alan Thibodeau (Mom & Lois)

Thursday, May 5 – 7:30 a.m.
John & Louise Olinatz (Children)

Thursday, May 5 – 9:00 a.m.
Rev. Edward J. McLean

Thursday, May 5 – 5:30 p.m.
Rev. Theodore T. Raczynski

Saturday, May 7 – 4:00 p.m.
Scott Hatje
(Your Loving Mom, Brother & Family)

Sunday, May 8 – 8:00 a.m.
Bernard Nowik – 13th Anniversary (Family)

Sanctuary Lamp

The lamp beside our church tabernacle reminds us of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. If you would like to schedule a sanctuary lamp dedication, please contact the parish office.

PARISH SUPPORT
What We Collected (April 24): $ 5,752*
*Includes $533 received through our Online Giving program and $225 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish family.

HOMEFRONT COLLECTION
This weekend we’re taking up a special collection to help the parish offset the required Team Sponsorship Donation that helps make the HomeFront project possible. We thank you for your support of this community outreach project. (Please see the article on page 3 of this bulletin for more information about this year’s HomeFront project.)

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION
Today’s Gospel Reading from John 14 recounts what Jesus says to His disciples as He prepares to leave them. Specifically the Lord says, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you.” Jesus makes a point of making it clear to His followers and to us that He is not just saying “Peace” the way people usually do, but from Him it is filled with more strength and meaning. It is “Not as the world gives” that Jesus is saying “Peace be with you.” Jesus is telling us that He through the Holy Spirit will always be with us, stand next to us, and strengthen us. That is something we must believe. Trusting in the Lord is a key aspect of stewardship. – www.thecatholicsteward.com

PADDED PEWS
This is a gentle reminder to those who need to sit in the padded pews at the front of the church. It seems that the pew on the east side is used more than the other resulting in some overcrowding. This usually happens at the Vigil Mass. Also, family members or friends who accompany them are encouraged to sit in the pew behind them when space is at a premium. Thank you!
ASCENSION OF THE LORD
The Feast of the Lord’s Ascension is Thursday, May 5, a holy day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated on Thursday, May 5 at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

BABY BOTTLES FOR BIRTHRIGHT
Baby bottles will be available after all Masses on Mother’s Day weekend, May 7/8. Please plan to take a bottle home, fill it with your spare change (cash or a check) and return it on the weekend of May 21/22. This is an opportunity for the St. Christopher community to have a hands-on involvement in a project that helps save the lives of unborn children and makes a difference in their mothers’ lives, too. Thanks for your support.

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS ED
Now is the time to register your child for our 2016/2017 religious education program. Returning families are asked to submit a new registration form each year. First Communion and Reconciliation preparation is a two-year program beginning in Grade 1. Registration forms are available all the church entrances. For more information or for assistance in registering your child, please contact Maria Sousa, Coordinator of Religious Education at 860-895-8692 or at stchrisre@gmail.com

FIRST COMMUNION
We congratulate the following children who will be receiving the Body of Christ for the first time this Sunday during our 10:30 Mass. We are grateful to those who helped to prepare these children for this sacrament and to their parents for raising them in the Catholic faith.

- Urielle Afoakwa-Abrokwa
- Jayda Ayala
- Nicole Boland
- Bryce Hoyes
- Gavin Hoyes
- Aidan Landry
- Thomas Mahon
- Dhriti Mallavarapu
- Alessandra Mazzei
- Olivia Miranda
- Daniel Mitchell
- Andrew Monroe
- Elias Morera
- Kamsiyonna Onyia
- Colin Paul
- Kaylah Rodriguez
- Stella Rojas
- Ava Rosa
- Liam Rowe
- John Simpson
- Alessandro Wierbicki

ST CHRISTOPHER SOCIAL CLUB
Monday ~ May 2 ~ 1:00 p.m. ~ Church Hall
The Social Club invites you to join us in May for a wonderful afternoon. Kandie Karle (also known as the Victorian Lady) will entertain us with her vintage clothing and stories of life at the turn of the century (early 1900s). We are lucky that she was able to fit us into her calendar. This program will be enjoyed by both men and women.

There will be an admittance charge of $10 for non-members, and $5 for members. Believe us...you will get your money’s worth. If you have any questions about this program, please call Nedra Gallo at 860-432-1793.

Dues of $10 for the 2016 calendar year were due at the first of the year. If you have not yet paid your dues, please see Regina and Ray Schultz at the Membership Table...and if you know someone who might be interested in joining the club, bring them along to see if we are a good fit for them.

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.

26th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
On Saturday, June 4 at 10:00 a.m., our parish school will host their 26th Annual Golf Tournament at the East Hartford Golf Club here in town. We invite you to participate in this year’s Tournament as either a golfer or as a sponsor. A lunch only option is also available. More information can be found on the flyers at all church entrances. Please respond by May 20.

ARCHBISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL
This month, after years of study, 3 men are being ordained to the priesthood. During their years of preparation for this vocation, they were supported by family and friends – and by everyone who made a gift to the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal. Please support our seminarians by making a gift to the Appeal today. For more information, please visit the Appeal website at archdioceseofhartford.org or take one of the Appeal packets found at the main entrance of our church.

SUMMER VACATION BIBLE CAMP
Mon., June 20 – Fri., June 24
This year’s theme is Barnyard Roundup where kids will learn that Jesus loves them, always and forever, no matter what. More details to come.
Our Church is growing! We welcome into our Christian community through the holy waters of baptism:

Christopher Albert Braga

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**RETIREMENT PARTY**

In Honor of Mrs. Kathleen Madej
Friday ~ May 13 ~ 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. ~ School Gym
Please join us as we celebrate Mrs. Madej and her many years of dedicated service to our parish school.

**THE LIVING ROSARY**

The Liturgy Committee of St. Paul Church in Glastonbury invites you to their Living Rosary, Novena of the Miraculous Medal and Benediction being held this Monday, May 2 at 7:00 p.m. A candle will be lit as each bead of the rosary is prayed, forming the shape of a rosary around the church. Children are welcome and are encouraged to attend this beautiful devotion with their parents. A light reception will follow in the South Wing. Please plan to join them for this inspirational and prayerful evening.

St. Christopher Church Hall
Friday ~ May 6, 2016
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.

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN**

Next week, our parish will take up the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through podcasts, television, radio, and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our Archdiocese and support local needs, so please be generous in this collection.

**FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS**

In last weekend’s bulletin we provided a detailed breakdown of the responsibilities of the St. Christopher/South Congregational Church Food Bank. We are still seeking volunteers for the various responsibilities, so if you’re interested in learning more, you will find yellow copies at all entrances.

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**HOMEFRONT DAY IS COMING FAST!**

HomeFront Day – Saturday, May 7 – is coming soon and we need help! HomeFront is a community outreach, one day repair blitz for a neighbor in need. Our HomeFront recipient this year is a 67 year old man here in East Hartford who is an Army veteran.

The following are some of the projects that we could be tackling if we have sufficient volunteer participation:

- Replace garage door and track
- Unclog bathtub drain
- Remove wallpaper in bathroom, sand the walls and paint
- Paint some ceilings
- Replace two storm doors
- Replace several light fixtures
- Yard cleanup and cleaning of walls in the home
- Remove clutter in basement, garage and other areas of house

We need both skilled professionals as well as folks who can rake, paint, clean and help remove clutter.

*Sometimes there are needs that are outside the scope of the HomeFront project that we might be able to assist with as a parish. Our HomeFront recipient needs to have some of his existing curtains replaced if we can get some donations. Also, he has a washer and a dryer in his basement and he said they work but they are in really rough shape. Just sharing in case we can assist Jon with these.*

We can make a difference but it won’t happen without you. Please say YES! For more information or to volunteer, please call Phil Gosselin, 860-568-5001 or by e-mail at imgoose@comcast.net.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

St. Christopher Council #4

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly business meeting this Thursday, May 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 860-906-2618 or at scottgay95@gmail.com.
### Lectio Divina & Daily Readings

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**Reflection for Next Sunday, May 8, 2016 – Seventh Sunday of Easter**

“Unity” in the life of the Holy Trinity is the ultimate goal of all human life. There are no time limits on the prayer and work of Jesus, who has completed the work of the Father. Now it us up to us, his faithful followers, to continue his work by imitating his love and unconditional forgiveness to all. Unity follows a life truly lived in the fullness of the truth of Christ.

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**Parish Contacts**

**Parish Trustees**
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“...but not too busy to take your prayer requests!”

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**Parish/School Accountant**
Dianne Rumsey

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Roger Dionne

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**Pro-Life Ministry**
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**Food Bank Ministry**
New Coordinator Needed

**Knights of Columbus**
St. Christopher Council #4
Scott Gay, Grand Knight ~ 860-906-2618

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**
Santa Vallone ~ 860-568-1772

**Greeters’ Ministry**
Anne Marie Volowski ~ 860-568-1303

**Building & Grounds**
Stephen Roczynski ~ 860-250-0640
ST. CHRISTOPHER

Parish and School Community

The St. Christopher Community would like to invite you to join in the celebration of our Parish’s 50th Anniversary on Pentecost Sunday May 15th. The most Reverend Leonard P. Blair, Archbishop of Hartford will officiate at Holy Mass at 10:30 AM.

Following the Mass there will be a Dedication of the Marian Garden to Commemorate this Milestone and to Honor our Blessed Mother.

Following the Dedication will be a luncheon in the Rev. Henry J. Murphy Hall at the School. We hope to see you there!

RESERVATIONS

Help us to plan our food and beverage needs by completing and returning this form or by sending the requested information to stchrisdvargas@gmail.com. The form can be returned to the parish or school office or placed into the collection basket in an envelope marked “Anniversary Luncheon”.

Please consider including a good will donation of $5.00 per person, children under 12 free and $20 maximum for families to help defray the cost of the food and supplies for this luncheon. Feel free to submit your good will donation with your reservation form or you may make your donation at the door.

Name: ____________________________________________

# of Adults: _______ # of Children: _______ Good Will Donation Enclosed: $ _________
April 2016

Dear Friends of St. Christopher School,

On Saturday, June 4, 2016 at 10:00 am, Saint Christopher School will host our 26th Annual Golf Tournament at the East Hartford Golf Club in East Hartford. Last year’s tournament was a success and we would like for this year to be a greater success.

In the past 25 years, the money raised at this annual outing has benefited the young people of our school. We have completely revised our technology program, updated textbooks, and perhaps most importantly, have been able to offer additional tuition assistance to deserving families. This year we are hoping to make environmental changes throughout the school as well as continuing to assist deserving families with tuition.

All of this work is made possible by the generosity of many people including you. We invite you to participate as a sponsor in our Golf Tournament this year and we offer the following means to become a benefactor of this popular event:

- **Tee Signs - $200**
  - Includes 1 Tee Sponsorship and recognition in event publications
- **Bronze Sponsor - $350**
  - Includes 2 Tee Sponsorship and recognition in event publications
- **Beverage Sponsor - $500**
  - Includes Sponsorship banner at beverage cart and recognition in event publication
- **Silver Sponsor - $650**
  - Includes 2 Tee Sponsorship and recognition in event publications
  - 2 golfers in the tournament and all tournament activities – Buffet lunch
- **Golf Cart Sponsor - $850**
  - Includes company advertising sign in all golf cars and recognition in event publications
  - 2 golfers in the tournament and all tournament activities - Buffet lunch
- **Gold Sponsor - $1200**
  - Recognition as Foursome Sponsor in event publications.
  - A foursome in the tournament and all tournament activities. – Buffet lunch
  - All GOLD Sponsors will be recognized during Reception lunch.

*Sponsorships will be reflected on attractive Signs that are prominently displayed on the course. Each sign will recognize the level of participation and sponsors will receive special recognition in the tournament handbook and Lunch.*
Schedule of Events:
10:00 a.m. Shotgun Start
3:00 p.m. Lunch, 50/50 Raffle Drawing
Other Raffle Prizes in the Clubhouse

Golfers: Foursome and Individual
☐ Golf Foursome Sponsorship: $525
  • Recognition as Foursome Sponsor in event handbook
  • A Foursome in the tournament and all tournament activities
☐ Individual Golfer: $150
  Please match me with a golfer.
☐ Lunch only option: $40

OUTING SPONSORS
☐ Gold Sponsor $1,200
☐ Golf Cart Sponsor $850
☐ Silver Sponsor $650
☐ Beverage Cart Sponsor $500
☐ Bronze Sponsor $350
☐ Tee Signs $200
☐ Prize Donor/ description of items
☐ Cash Donor/ Amount

PERSONAL INFORMATION
Company ________________________
Contact Name ________________________
Address ____________________________
City _____________ State _______ Zip ______
Phone ______________________________
Email Address ________________________
Player 1 Name ________________________
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Payment Information
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Charge: ☐ Visa ☐ MC
Account Number: ____________

Card Holder Name ________________________________
Address ________________________________

Phone Number ________________________________
Expiration Date ________________________________

Security code (3 digit code back of the card) _____________

Please return a copy of this letter with a check made payable to St. Christopher School and mail by May 20, 2016 to: Golf Committee at St. Christopher School, 570 Brewer Street, East Hartford, CT, 06118 or scan and email to: stchrissgolf16@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the committee through the school at (860) 568-4100 (weekdays between 8:00 –1:30).

Sincerely,

Kathleen E. Madaj
Principal at St. Christopher School