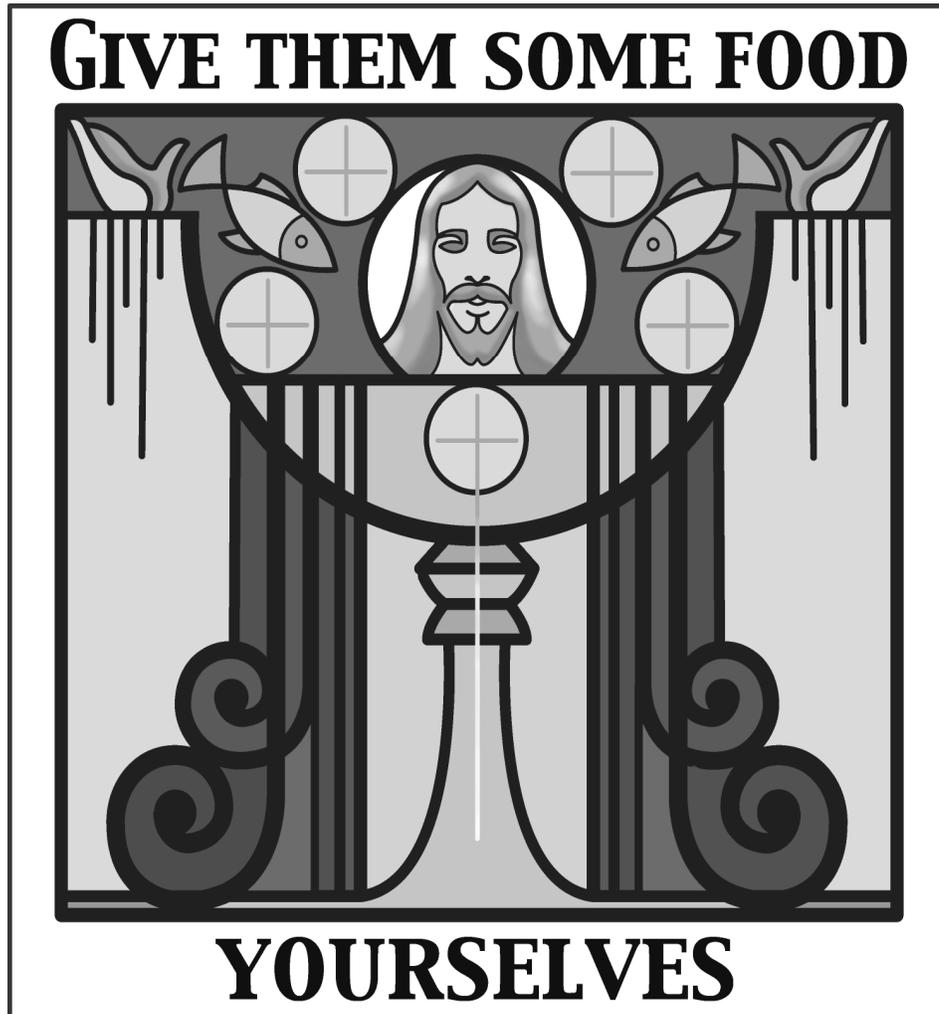


The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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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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“[A]s often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.”

– 1 Corinthians 11:26

*Mass for the
Intentions Week*

Saturday, May 28 – 4:00 p.m.

Deceased Members of the Carrubba Family
(The Miano Family)

Sunday, May 29 – 8:00 a.m.

Antonio Leonardo – 3rd Anniversary
(Wife & Family)

Sunday, May 29 – 10:30 a.m.

Michelle Wall
(Al & Sally Labieniec)

Monday, May 30 – 7:30 a.m.

Elsie & Ed Walker
(Jean Walker)

Tuesday, May 31 – 7:30 a.m.

Linda Lagueux
(Brian & Teresa Thibodeau)

Wednesday, June 1 – 7:30 a.m.

Levi LeBlanc – 1st Anniversary
(Wife & Family)

Thursday, June 2 – 7:30 a.m.

Velma Peila
(John & Vivian Twarkins)

Saturday, June 4 – 4:00 p.m.

Marcel Dulude – 8th Anniversary
(Wife & Family)

Sunday, June 5 – 8:00 a.m.

Leona Guerin
(The Guerin Family)

Sunday, June 5 – 10:30 a.m.

**Frank Vallone – In Remembrance of His
Birthday (Wife & Family)**

PARISH SUPPORT

What We Collected (May 22): \$ 5,687*

Parish School Collection: \$ 1,466**

*Includes \$578 received through our Online Giving program and \$1,120 from mail-in offerings.

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Thank you for your support of our parish family.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

We are asked on this day of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ to concentrate on two expressions of the Body of Christ — the Holy Eucharist and the Church itself. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (#1327) states the importance of the Eucharist quite succinctly and directly: “In brief, the Eucharist is the sum and summary of our faith.” At the center of every Mass is our celebration of the Eucharist. The word “Eucharist” comes from the Greek word *eucharistia* which means “thanksgiving.” It is through the Eucharist which we receive the Lord’s greatest gift to us, and it should be in thanksgiving and delight which we receive it.

This holy day should also remind us of all those things for which we should be thankful. Gratitude is at the basis of a life of stewardship. It is through thanksgiving for all we have received, especially the Holy Body and Blood of Christ through the Eucharist, that we find the motivation and the commitment to be good stewards.

– www.thecatholicsteward.com

FAITH IS

Faith is not merely praying
Upon our knees at night;
Faith is not merely straying
Through darkness into light . . .
Faith is the brave endeavor,
The splendid enterprise,
The strength to serve, whatever
Conditions may arise.

– Anonymous

DEACON ORDINATION

We are honored to announce that our parishioner Phil Gosselin will be ordained a deacon for the Archdiocese of Hartford during a special Mass being celebrated next Saturday, June 4 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. All are invited. Phil will be ordained alongside nine of his classmates, all of whom have participated in a five-year long program of spiritual, pastoral and academic courses. We offer our prayers and blessings to Phil and his wife Alice as they embark on this journey of service to the church. Congratulations Phil!



Phil will be serving as a Deacon and delivering the homily at our 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses next Sunday, June 5. We will be hosting a reception in Phil's honor in our church hall after the 10:30 Mass next Sunday, June 5. All are invited.

FOOD BANK VOLUNTEER MEETING

We are pleased to announce that our parishioner Diane Warner has offered to help coordinate the volunteer efforts for our Food Bank. She has organized a meeting for **Monday, June 13 at 7:00 p.m. in our church hall.** Current volunteers and those who wish to learn more about the volunteer opportunities at our Food Bank are encouraged to attend. St. Christopher shares the responsibilities of the Food Bank with South Congregational Church. We oversee the Food Bank during odd months, while South Congregational oversees it during even months.

CHARITIES OF HOPE CLOTHING BIN

As you do some spring cleaning, please remember that we have a Charities of Hope clothing bin located right off the parking lot behind our church. By donating your gently used clothing and shoes into this bin, you not only help our parish community, you also help local Connecticut schools purchase desperately need supplies, provide funding for Project Graduation, provide support for local food donation programs and many more Connecticut based charity organizations.



SUMMER VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Mon., June 20 – Fri., June 24
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

This year's theme is *Barnyard Roundup* where kids will learn that Jesus loves them, always and forever, no matter what. Registrations are now being accepted for students entering grades K-12 this fall. Forms can be found at the entrances to the church and on our website at www.stchris-eh.org/vbc.php. Students entering grades K-6 register as campers; students entering grades 7-8 register as assistant crew leaders; and students entering grades 9-12 register as crew leaders. Adults who wish to volunteer at the camp are asked to contact Kristi Gillespie at stchrisym@gmail.com. Kristi will be available in the church hall after all Masses next weekend, June 4 and 5, to help you register your child and to answer any questions you may have.

SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE

"Rooted in Faith, Caring for Our Common Home"
Registration is now open for the Archdiocesan Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry's 7th Annual Bishop Peter Rosazza Social Justice Conference being held on Saturday, June 11 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield. Keynote speaker, Sr. Damien Marie Savino, F.S.E., Ph.D., will explore Pope Francis' message in *Laudato Si'* on how we are to heed the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Join us for prayer, music, exhibits and workshops. For more information, please call 860-242-5573 or visit CatholicSocialJustice.org/social-justice-conference.

A PRAYER FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Heavenly Father, we remember and pay tribute to the men and women of the Armed Services who have died in the defense of our nation. They paid the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we hold so dear. We also remember the family members of these great heroes. Bless these families and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace. In union with people of goodwill of every nation, embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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CRS COLLECTION

Next weekend our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people. Please give generously to the Catholic Relief Services Collection and **help Jesus in disguise.**

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

We are approaching the Sundays of Ordinary Time. As you may know, each year at this time we select one new Mass to learn from among those newly composed for the 2011 English re-translation of the Roman Missal, and we already use familiar settings for the other liturgical seasons of the year. The Chancel Choir is always part of our music selection process. They listen to selections and make choices as a group. This year they have chosen the *Mass of St. Frances Cabrini* as the new setting for Ordinary Time. The cantors have already begun reviewing some of the parts before Mass each week. We know you will enjoy learning and singing this beautiful setting written in honor of the first American saint, Mother Frances Cabrini.

– Roberta De Fiore

PIN MINISTRY NEWS

Our Parishioner in Need ministry is currently assisting a parish family who is going through a difficult time. Through your generous donations and support of our yearly bake sale, we're able to provide this family with grocery gift cards to help ease their financial struggles. The family is also in need of the following:

- Girl's clothing in size 2T-4T (gently used is okay)
- Outdoor yard toys (gently used is okay)
- Store coupons (i.e. diapers)

If you are able to donate any of these items, please contact PIN committee member Toni Mintel at 860-569-7593 (evenings). We wish to remind you that at every church entrance there are PIN ministry donation envelopes you may use to make a monetary donation at any time. Your donation will enable us to continue to help ease the suffering of parish families as they face difficult times. In this year of mercy and compassion, can we say, "Here I am Lord, I come to do your will?" And as always, please continue to keep our parishioners in need in your prayers.

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

This time of the year is an exciting time for the 8th grade students of our parish school as they prepare to graduate. A Baccalaureate Mass, which honors the students of this year's graduating class, will be celebrated here this Tuesday, May 31 at 7:00 p.m. Later in the week, these same students will receive their diplomas during a Graduation ceremony being held in our church on Friday, June 3, at 7:00 p.m. Please keep these students in your prayers.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Christopher Council #4

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly business meeting this Thursday, June 2 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.

ST CHRISTOPHER SOCIAL CLUB

Monday ~ June 6 ~ 1:00 p.m. ~ Church Hall

Our speaker will be Ray Hardy, who will be talking to us about "Living with Coyotes." The population of coyotes in Glastonbury and surrounding areas continues to increase. We will learn many things about these fascinating creatures. As usual, following the program, light refreshments will be served.



Dues of \$10 for the 2016 calendar year were due at the first of the year. If you have not yet paid your dues for this year, 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.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

A Memorial Day Mass will be held this Monday, May 30 at 9:00 a.m. in the mausoleum chapel at St. Mary Cemetery. The Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Archdiocese of Hartford invites you to this special Celebration of the Eucharist to remember and honor our deceased veterans and other loved ones who have gone before us.

LECTIO DIVINA & DAILY READINGS

Sunday <small>Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</small>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday <small>10th Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>
Genesis 14: 18-20	2 Peter 1: 2-7	Zephaniah 3: 14-18a or Romans 12:9-16	2 Timothy 1: 1-3, 6-12	2 Timothy 2: 8-15	Ezekiel 34: 11-16	2 Timothy 4: 1-8	1 Kings 17: 17-24
Psalm 110: 1-4	Psalm 91: 1-2, 14-16	Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4bcd, 5-6	Psalm 123: 1b-2	Psalm 25: 4-5ab, 8-10, 14	Psalm 23: 1-6	Psalm 71: 8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22	Psalm 30: 2, 4-6, 11-13
1 Corinthians 11: 23-26					Romans 5: 5b-11		Galatians 1: 11-19
Luke 9: 11b-17	Mark 12: 1-2	Luke 1: 39-56	Mark 12: 18-17	Mark 12: 28b-34	Luke 15: 3-7	Luke 2: 41-51	Luke 7: 11-17

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, June 5, 2016 – 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's first reading, Elijah knows how precious the life of the widow's son is to her, and, in faith, calls on God to bring him back to life. God answers his prayer. As faithful people, we, too, know all life is a gift from our heavenly Father, and must strive to protect the sanctity of life from conception to natural death.

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"...but not too busy to take your prayer requests!"

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