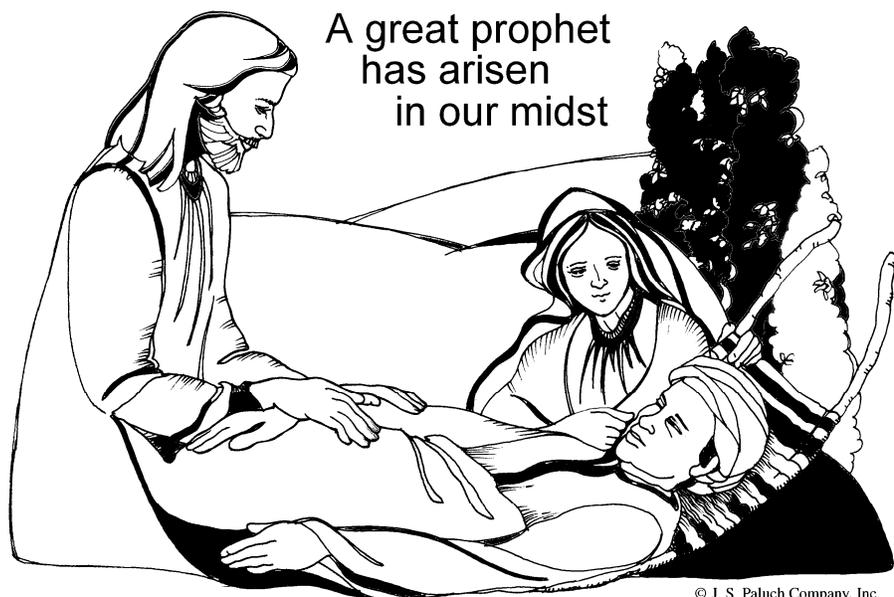


Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 5, 2016



A great prophet
has arisen
in our midst

“When the Lord saw her, he was moved with pity for her and said to her, ‘Do not weep.’ He stepped forward and touched the coffin; at this the bearers halted, and he said, ‘Young man, I tell you, arise!’ The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother.”

Luke 7:13-15

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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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*“You changed my mourning into dancing;
O LORD, my God, forever will I give you
thanks.”*

– 1 Corinthians 11:26

*Mass for the
Intentions*  *Week*

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)

Monday, June 6 – 7:30 a.m.

Peter Mondo
(The Mondo Family)

Tuesday, June 7 – 7:30 a.m.

Lucy & Gennaro Viglione
(Jean Walker)

Wednesday, June 8 – 7:30 a.m.

Patricia Romero
(The Burzawa Family)

Thursday, June 9 – 7:30 a.m.

Dinis Leonardo
(Wife & Family)

Saturday, June 11 – 4:00 p.m.

Joe & Ann Amrich
(The Tebecio Family)

Sunday, June 12 – 8:00 a.m.

Joseph Leonardo *(Mom & Daughters)*

Sunday, June 13 – 10:30 a.m.

Michael Fastiggi – 8th Anniversary
(Wife & Family)

PARISH SUPPORT

What We Collected (May 29): \$ 4,954*

*Includes \$653 received through our Online Giving program and \$200 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish family.

CRS COLLECTION

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me” (Mt 25:40). Today, we are reminded that Jesus identified himself with our poorest brothers and sisters. The Catholic Relief Services Collection serves Jesus in the victims of human trafficking, those who suffer from unjust laws, and those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. Through supporting today’s collection, you help Jesus in disguise.

LOOK

*“Sorrow looks back,
worry looks around, faith looks up.”*

– Anonymous

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

In today’s Second Reading from St. Paul’s letter to the Galatians, Paul speaks of his conversion, a change of heart that provided him with the inspiration and the strength to become the apostle and evangelist he was. We are called to conversion by stewardship, but it does not have to be as dramatic as Paul’s experience. Nevertheless, conversion influences us to be good stewards, and living stewardship translates into a lifestyle of service. We must understand that to be a disciple of Christ, to actually be one of His followers, requires not just conversion, but action, doing something to serve others. There are many opportunities for service right here in our parish and in our communities.

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
Marcel Dulude – 8th Anniversary**
(Wife & Family)

CONGRATULATIONS AND BLESSINGS!

Dear Friends,

This is a time of double blessings for our parish! First, on Saturday, our parishioner, Phil Gosselin, was ordained a permanent deacon of the Church by Archbishop Leonard P. Blair at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford. And secondly, Deacon Phil has been assigned to serve at our parish!

We rejoice with Phil, his family and friends as he celebrates the fulfillment of his calling to the diaconate. And we praise and thank God that he will continue his service to our parish, but this time as part of our staff as a deacon.

As a deacon, Phil has received the faculties to proclaim the Gospel, deliver the homily, officiate at baptisms, witness the exchange of marriage vows, and bestow official blessings.

During the ordination rite, the candidate for deacon is presented with the Book of the Gospels and told to "Believe what you read; teach what you believe, and practice what you teach." We are confident that Deacon Phil will do just that, and that we will benefit from the fruits of his ministry.

May God who has begun his good work in him now bring it to fulfillment!

– Father John

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.

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/station volunteers. Adults who wish to volunteer at the camp are asked to see Kristi Gillespie who will be available in the church hall after all Masses this weekend to accept registrations and to answer any questions you may have.

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.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL & TAG SALE

St. Mary's Church in East Hartford is holding a Tag Sale and Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 11 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at their Parish Center on 30 Maplewood Avenue. Free admission to the hall. Ticket for shortcake and coffee/punch is \$5.00 at the door. Other food also on sale. Door prizes, raffles, money tree, books, bake sale and religious articles.

ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL NIGHT AT AUGIE & RAY'S

Thursday ~ June 9 ~ 4:00-7:00 pm.

School is out! Come and join us for an evening of excellent Food and Fun! Augie & Ray's will be donating a portion of all sales on this evening to benefit St. Christopher School. Start your summer with a bang while supporting a good cause!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR GRADUATES

We, the St. Christopher Class of 2016, received our diplomas on Friday, June 3. The ceremony was the completion of a journey that, for many of us, began in preschool here at St. Christopher's. We had the good fortune to have caring teachers to guide us along the way. We welcomed wonderful new teachers into our community this year and we said goodbye to our principal, Kathleen Madej, and wished her a happy retirement as she moves onto new adventures. St. Christopher's has indeed helped us to grow stronger in both our knowledge and faith. We know that without the support of the parishioners, this journey would not have been possible. With that in mind, the Class of 2016 would like to express our sincerest thanks to all of you.

Each year, St. Christopher School has offered different challenges and experiences. We took our annual trips to the Big E in the fall and to High Meadow in May. Our trip to New York was wonderful with visiting St. Patrick's Cathedral, shopping in Times Square, and seeing a Broadway production of *Finding Neverland*. Our year also included a class retreat held at the Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford.

Although field trips are great fun, we were active in the classroom as well. We studied religion, history, science, algebra, English, literature, Spanish, and geography. We researched a country to present at International Night in March. We read many powerful novels in literature class, including *The Outsiders*,

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Fahrenheit 451, and Elie Wiesel's memoir, *Night*. We created our own PowerPoint slide shows on *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck. We learned how to graph equations in math, and wrote research reports in English. We became closer to God through service learning. We have truly grown in knowledge and in spirit.

Now the journey takes a different turn with our upcoming high school years. In September, we will all go our separate ways. Some of us will continue our Catholic school education at East Catholic. Others will be attending magnet high schools and local public high schools. Wherever we go, we will take with us the values and work ethic that we were taught at St. Christopher School.

We extend our gratitude to the parishioners of St. Christopher Parish. Our heartfelt thanks to each of you for your support. It is appreciated.

– St. Christopher School Class of 2016

Erina Aguilar	Caroline Mahon
Maisy Brownsword	Joseph Marcin
Joshua Cooke	Florence Ojide
Adam Dadinis	Megan Orobello
Kenneth D'Attilio, Jr.	Erica Paditsone
Noelle Flores	Celine Pham
Jalen Fontanez	Grace Poirier
Michael Hayle	Mara Schofield
Matthew Heath	Briana Seguro
Jonathan Hollis	Natalie Vargas
Kyle Janty	Hannah Wentworth
Noah Lindsay	Samantha Zuidema

St. Christopher School is pleased to announce that Mrs. Kathleen Welch will be our new principal for the 2016/2017 school year. Mrs. Welch is currently a middle school teacher at Southington Catholic School and was named Connecticut History Teacher of the Year in May of 2014. She is a graduate of Mercy High School, went on to study classical languages at McGill University and received her degree in general studies from UCONN. She has a master's degree in religious studies and has experience as a visiting committee member of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). She began her teaching career at John Paul II School in New Britain as the art teacher for Pre-K-8th grade and in 2010 became one of their middle school teachers. She is the mother of four children and understands the value of Catholic education, both as a teacher and as a parent.

St. Christopher School, the only Catholic school in East Hartford, is very excited about her experience and enthusiasm for Catholic education and her focus on community service. We believe her vision for the school will help us fulfill our mission to prepare students, with the support of their families, to live as Christ-bearers through the daily interaction of faith, service, and academic excellence, and through the development of their God-given talents. We are now accepting registrations for the 2016-2017 school year. For additional information, please contact the school office at 860-568-4100 or visit: www.saintchristopherschool.org.

LECTIO DIVINA & DAILY READINGS

Sunday 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kings 17: 17-24	1 Kings 17: 1-6	1 Kings 17: 7-16	1 Kings 18: 20-39	1 Kings 18: 41-46	1 Kings 19: 9a, 11-16	Acts 11:21b-26 13:1-3	2 Samuel 12: 7-10, 13
Psalm 30: 2, 4-6, 11-13	Psalm 121: 1bc-8	Psalm 4: 2-5, 7b-8	Psalm 16: 1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11	Psalm 65: 10-13	Psalm 27: 7-9abc, 13-14	Psalm 16: 1b-2a, 5, 7-10	Psalm 32: 1-2, 5, 7, 11
Galatians 1: 11-19							Galatians 2: 16, 19-21
Luke 7: 11-17	Matthew 5: 1-12	Matthew 5: 13-16	Matthew 5: 17-19	Matthew 5: 20-26	Matthew 5: 27-32	Matthew 5: 33-37	Luke 7:36 - 8:3

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 12, 2016 – 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

David had been given great gifts from God but he threw them all away through his self-indulgent desires. Any one of us can lose our perspective and let our desires rule us. And like David, when we acknowledge our sins, sincerely repent and confess these wrongdoings, we can trust in God's mercy and forgiveness.

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“Stewards for Tomorrow”

A Message from the Office of Pastoral Planning

Priests throughout the Archdiocese are meeting in deanery gatherings to review sacramental, liturgical, pastoral and demographic data in an effort to provide initial restructuring proposals for parishes and schools in their deaneries.

Once these first-draft proposals are documented, pastors will share them with six to seven lay and religious leaders in their parish to gain their perspectives/feedback on the proposals. This is expected to take place in July and August. This process of consultation is integral as we strive to be “*Stewards For Tomorrow*.” If you are asked to be part of this process, please share your time and talent with your local priests and deanery representatives, even if it may not be convenient! Please pray daily for the success of this effort. (One way would be to use the prayer printed below.)

After these rounds of consultation, the recommendations will be synthesized with other models and possibilities provided by *Partners Edge LLC*, a national consulting firm that provides this type of service to dioceses throughout the United States. In September, a further model for parishes and schools will again be brought before deaneries for evaluation.

At that time the Office of Pastoral Planning will summarize the results from all 17 deaneries and share the proposals with Archbishop Blair and others for further analysis and refinement. It is our hope that by early 2017 we will have achieved a model for our Archdiocese that will begin to realize our Archdiocesan vision of a “local church characterized by spiritual vitality, organizational efficacy and accountability and social and financial responsibility – all for the sake of fulfilling our mission.”

What is our mission? “In union with the whole Church, the faithful of the Archdiocese of Hartford have a mission by Baptism to be living signs of communion with God, and to be his instruments for the redemption of the world. Nourished by God’s Word and the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, we are called to live a holy life, and to bring others into our shared communion with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.”

More information can be found by visiting the Office of Pastoral Planning at:

<http://archdioceseofhartford.org/office-of-pastoral-planning>

Pastoral Planning Prayer

Almighty God and Father, we the members of the Archdiocese of Hartford thank you for the gift of our Catholic Faith. As we look to the future during this time of pastoral planning, we ask you to bless us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to discern wisely a way forward to meet today’s challenges and opportunities.

May the *virtue of prudence* guide our efforts to be good stewards of the legacy we have inherited from those whose vision in the past helped establish our beloved Archdiocese and its parishes, schools and institutions.

May the *virtue of justice* ensure that the voices of the faithful of every generation, ethnicity, state in life, and community in the Archdiocese be heard, welcomed and respected.

May the *virtue of fortitude* confirm us in our resolve to acknowledge and address the spiritual and practical realities of our day, and to position ourselves for a more vibrant future.

May the *virtue of temperance* help us to look beyond our individual interests and concerns for the sake of the common good of the whole Church in our archdiocese and its mission to draw all people to Christ.

At the intercession of Blessed Mary, our Mother, and Saint Joseph her spouse and our patron, may we discern and implement what is truly best for the whole Church and for all the faithful of the Archdiocese of Hartford. We make our prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen.