Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 3, 2016

“May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

– Galatians 6:14

**Mass for the Week**

Saturday, July 2 – 4:00 p.m.
Dominick Natalie
In Remembrance of His Birthday
(Family)

Sunday, July 3 – 8:00 a.m.
Michael Halle (Norman & Edith Daigle)

Sunday, July 3 – 10:30 a.m.
Bruce Robinson (Chickie Amberg)

Monday, July 4 – 7:30 a.m.
Jenny & Frank Vernile
(Jean Walker)

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

Wednesday, July 6 – 7:30 a.m.
Dinis Leonardo (Wife & Family)

Thursday, July 7 – 7:30 a.m.
Lucien Lavertu
In Remembrance of His Birthday
(Wife Joan and Children Paul & Carol)

Saturday, July 9 – 4:00 p.m.
Eddy Lapid (Family)

Sunday, July 10 – 8:00 a.m.
Ken Harrison, Sr. (Family)

Sunday, July 10 – 10:30 a.m.
Roland Thibodeau – 3rd Anniversary
(Wife Anita & Daughter Lois)
Alan Thibodeau – 3rd Anniversary
(Mother & Sister Lois)

**PARISH SUPPORT**

What We Collected (June 26): $5,100*

*Includes $603 received through our Online Giving program and $186 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish family.

**WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY?**

As Christians we rejoice with faith in the resurrection. Yet we also know the passage from life to death can be stressful on those who survive us.

You can ease some of that stress by acting now to put your estate plan in order. By creating a legal will or living trust, you can provide your next of kin with a peace of mind, knowing that you have already determined how your estate will be distributed and who will care for minor children. They will still grieve, but they won’t face the daunting task of making decisions that you could have made.

A will also provides an excellent opportunity to remember St. Christopher Parish. A gift to the church through your will serves as a testament to your heirs of your faith in God and the resurrection. It provides you with one last opportunity to exemplify what it means to be a good steward, providing for others as God has provided for you during your lifetime. What a blessing you can be to future generations!

Drawing up a will is a simple process, but make sure it is done right. By using expert advisors, such as attorneys and financial planners, your wishes can be honored after you are gone.

“What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?” – Psalm 116:12

**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
Lucien Lavertu
In Remembrance of His Birthday
(Wife Joan and Children Paul & Carol)
VACATION BIBLE CAMP RECAP
During the week of June 20, our parish held its annual Summer Vacation Bible Camp. At Barnyard Roundup nearly 75 students and adult volunteers enjoyed the week-long program that included crafts, music, snacks, games, skits and Bible storytelling. One of the highlights of the week was the visit from Star who came to give pony rides to our youngest campers. The week ended with the campers performing for their families and friends the songs they had learned during the week and celebrating at a reception that immediately followed the performance.

Each year our campers are invited to participate in an outreach program. This year they were encouraged to bring in loose change to be used to support food and farming through Catholic Relief Services, and they generously donated a total of $143.78. CRS’s farming projects help hundreds of thousands of people feed their families, work toward self-sufficiency and steward the earth’s resources for future generations.

We are most grateful to our Youth Minister, Kristi Gillespie, who directed this year’s program along with her mother Roberta who flew in from Illinois to help her. We also offer our thanks and appreciation to those adult volunteers who helped oversee the various camp stations and to those middle school and high school students who did a wonderful job as camp counselors and station helpers.

Everyone who participated in this year’s program left camp knowing their need for Jesus as their friend and Savior!

PARISH SCHOOL REGISTRATION OPEN
Please invite your family and friends to check out the amazing things our school is doing to see if it is the right choice for them! Registrations are now open for Pre-K to Grade 8 for the 2016-2017 school year. We offer full-time and part-time Pre-K programs as well as after-school care. This week we welcome our new principal, Mrs. Kathleen Welch. Mrs. Welch looks forward to meeting the families of the St. Christopher parish and school community. For more information, please call the school office at 860-568-4100 or visit saintchristophersschool.org. (Office hours during the summer are Tues. - Thurs., 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon each day.)

CONGRESSIONAL PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY
“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.”
(Psalms 33:12)

Eternal God, stir our minds and stimulate our hearts with a high sense of patriotism as we approach the Fourth of July. May all that this day symbolizes renew our faith in freedom, our devotion to democracy, and redouble our efforts to keep a government of the people, by the people, and for the people truly alive in our world.

Grant that we may highly resolve on this great day to dedicate ourselves anew to the task of ushering in an era when good will shall live in the hearts of a free people, justice shall be the light to guide their feet, and peace shall be the goal of humankind: to the glory of His holy name and the good of our Nation and of all mankind. Amen.

ADULT SOCIAL CLUB
The Adult Social Club does not meet in July. The next time we gather will be at our Summer Picnic on Monday, August 15 at 5:00 p.m. in the church hall. All members will be contacted in the coming weeks regarding picnic food donations. For more information about the Adult Social Club, please contact Joan or Frank Perrone at 860-568-6229 or Nedra Gallo at 860-432-1793.

MARIAN GARDEN
We are still accepting orders for our Marian Garden. We have many orders for granite slabs and bricks that will be incorporated into the Garden this summer. Now is a great time to submit your order. For more information about the options available, please visit stchris-eh.org/mariangarden.php to download the order form or you may call the parish office at 860-568-5240 for assistance.

FOOD BANK NEWS
As you food shop for yourselves during these summer months, please consider purchasing an item or two to donate to our Food Bank. Donations of non-perishable items such as peanut butter, jelly, pasta, sauce, corn muffin mix, tuna fish, macaroni and cheese, canned soup and vegetables helps us to keep our less fortunate brothers and sisters well fed and our shelves stocked this summer. Donations can be left in the area near our candle station. Thank you!
**YOUTH MINISTRY**  
Keeping Busy This Summer!

**FLAME**  
“Be who you are meant to be, and you will set the world on fire!” – St. Catherine of Siena  
High School youth are invited to join us every Wednesday evening from 8-10 pm for a campfire, games, conversation, food, and prayer! Meet behind the school, and bring a chair if you can! No need to RSVP, just show up! Questions? Get them answered by emailing stchrisym@gmail.com

**F.A.I.T.H. Team**  
Fun Activities Inspired by Truth and Holiness for 7th and 8th graders! Come for Game Night on Friday, July 8, 8-9:30 pm in the parish center (attached to the side of St. Christopher School, upstairs)...wear running around shoes! RSVP: stchrisym@gmail.com

**The Six**  
Come and be part of this new group for sixth graders! Saturday, July 9...at 6 pm! Meet in the parish center (attached to the side of St. Christopher School, upstairs) RSVP to stchrisym@gmail.com. Pizza will be served!!

**Mercy Movies**  
High School students are invited to join us for our summer outdoor movie series, beginning on July 10 at 8 pm, behind the church hall. We’ll be screening great movies under the stars, and watching them through the eyes of faith. RSVP to stchrisym@gmail.com

**HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OF SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD**
If you have knowledge or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult (an adult with an intellectual disability) has been sexually abused, in any manner, by personnel of the Archdiocese of Hartford, you are urged to report this information to:

Kathleen D. Nowosadko  
Victim Assistance Coordinator  
860-541-6475  
kathleen.nowosadko@aohct.org

In addition, you will be asked to follow up in writing with a detailed description of the facts involved in the incident. Specifics of this written report can be found in the Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Hartford Relating to Allegations of Sexual Misconduct Involving Minors and Vulnerable Adults. This document is available online at www.archdioceseofhartford.org. The Archdiocese of Hartford will report any and all incidents to the proper civil authorities.

Mandated reporters in the State of Connecticut are required by law to report any incident of sexual abuse involving a minor or vulnerable adult. We encourage any Non-Mandated persons to report such incidents to the proper authorities as well. We support your right to do so.

Incidents involving sexual abuse of minors (persons under the age of 18) should be reported to:  
State Department of Children and Families Care-line  
1-800-842-2288

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 18 – 59 should be reported to the:  
Abuse Investigations Division  
of the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities  
1-800-842-7303

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 60 and over should be reported to:  
Department of Social Services for the Elderly  
1-888-385-4225

Once a written report of an incident of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult has been received, an investigation will be undertaken by, or on behalf of, the Archdiocese of Hartford.

**VOCATION REFLECTION**
“THE harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.” (Matthew 9:37-38) **Pray for Vocations!** If you or someone you know is considering priesthood or religious life, please call the Office of Vocations at 860-242-5573 or visit www.hartfordvocations.com which also has available a prayer for vocations.
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LECTIO DIVINA & DAILY READINGS

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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."

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, July 10, 2016 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In our own personal lives of faith, it is important for us to recognize that Christ the Good Samaritan stops for us. Each of us has had our own personal moments when we have been “lying by the roadside”: moments of anxiety and confusion; times when we were in need of Christ’s forgiveness; experiences of facing illness and dealing with the loss of loved ones. Usually through other people, Christ has stopped for us to be a source of healing. It is through our awareness of his being Good Samaritan for us that you and I are empowered to stop for others “lying by the roadside”.

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