Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe ~ November 20, 2016

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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.

Office Manager
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“I rejoiced because they said to me, ‘We will go up to
the house of the LORD.’”

– Psalm 122:1

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 19 – 4:00 p.m.
Jose Figueiredo
(Wife Maria)

Sunday, November 20 – 8:00 a.m.
Joseph Leonardo
(Mom & Daughters)

Sunday, November 20 – 10:30 a.m.
Julia Vazquez – 1st Anniversary
(Lydia Lora & Family)

Monday, November 21 – 7:30 a.m.
Lucille Laing
(Chickie Amberg)

Tuesday, November 22 – 7:30 a.m.
Dinis Leonardo
(Wife & Family)

Wednesday, November 23 – 7:30 a.m.
Reginald Violette – 2nd Anniversary
(Wife & Family)

Thursday, November 24 – 9:00 a.m.
Parish Mass of Thanksgiving

Saturday, November 26 – 4:00 p.m.
Paul Crowley – 11th Anniversary
(Wife Irene)

Sunday, November 27 – 8:00 a.m.
Adrien, Rena, Jim and Louise Cyr
(Paul & Angie Parent)

Sunday, November 27 – 10:30 a.m.
Lucille Serruto – 8th Anniversary
(Husband & Family)

PARISH SUPPORT

What We Collected (November 6): $ 4,508*
Parish School Collection $ 1,402

*The report for online giving was not available at the
time this bulletin went to production. This is the amount
received via the collections taken up during Mass only.

Thank you for your support of our parish family.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN
FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

This weekend’s collection for the Catholic Campaign
for Human Development (CCHD) needs your help.
CCHD was founded to break the cycle of poverty in
the United States by funding organizations that help
individuals help themselves. With a tradition of
improving education, housing situations, and
community economic development, CCHD
continues to make a positive impact in communities
nationwide. Your contribution through today’s
second collection will defend human dignity and
reach out to those living on the margins.

ANNUAL PARISH APPEAL

Our Annual Parish Appeal is underway! We thank
all of you who have already responded to this
year’s appeal. Reminder letters will be going out in
the next couple of weeks to everyone who has not
yet responded. If you did not receive the original
mailing, please call the parish office at 860-
568-5240 or you may pick up an Appeal packet,
which includes Father John’s letter, at the main
entrance of the church. As you know, the money
raised by this appeal is very important to the
financial health of our parish family and will help
us make some necessary improvements to our
church. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

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 Our Wedding Anniversary
(Wife Joan)
CONGRATULATIONS
CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2016
On Tuesday, November 8 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, 10 of our young parishioners were confirmed by Archbishop Leonard P. Blair. They are:

Audrey Adams-Mejia  Hannah Mitchell
Isabella Figueroa    Alexander Ojide
Molly Hyman         Clare Poirier
Kasey Jurado        Antoinette Spada
Brittany Leonard    Olivia Spada

Please keep these young people in your prayers as they continue their faith journey with Christ.

COAT, GLOVE AND SOCK DRIVE
The students in our religious education program are sponsoring a coat, glove and sock drive to benefit those in our community who are less fortunate. A collection box has been placed in the church hall to accept donations of new or gently used coats, gloves and socks. Your donations will help us to be able to provide items of warmth to our brothers and sisters this coming winter. Your support of our students’ efforts is much appreciated.

PARISH COLLECTORS
Our parish is in need of men and women who are willing to help take up the weekly collection during our 10:30 a.m. Mass. If you are interested in serving your parish in this way, please contact the parish office at 860-568-5240. Thank you!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
Sunday ~ December 4
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
St. Christopher School Gymnasium

Please see the flyer available at all our church entrances for more information about this event and to make reservations.

ST. CHRISTOPHER’S PRE-K PROGRAM
Has your child achieved potty training? Congratulations! Now is the time to consider a small preschool program for 3 year olds. Both full-day and half-day options are available. This safe, nurturing environment is so inviting. The 3 year olds can make friends and experience so many new things! Come visit and see what we’re all about! Call 860-568-4100 or email welchk@saintchristopherschool.org.

THANKSGIVING DAY
Parish Mass – 9:00 a.m.
The parish Mass on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24, will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. Come and join us as we give thanks for all of the Lord’s blessings to us.

THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYER
O God, ever good and merciful, look graciously upon us as we celebrate Thanksgiving Day. Our nation has been richly blessed, and we thank You for the necessities of life that so many of us enjoy in abundance. May we never take these gifts for granted or forget that they come from You, the Creator and Author of Life.

We pray for those among us who suffer as a result of material, spiritual or moral poverty. Enkindle in us a greater charity toward our neighbor in need, and help us as a people to build a more just and peaceful society and world.

We pray in a special way for those who are persecuted for their faith throughout the globe.
Thank you, Father, for all Your blessings, In the Name of Christ Our Lord. Amen.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE
Faith Lutheran Church, 1120 Silver Lane in East Hartford will be hosting this year’s Interfaith Thanksgiving Service being held on Sunday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m. Join others in our community at this sacred and engaging worship service. Please see the flyers posted at the side entrances of our church for the items that are being collected to support the ministries of EHIM. Join the choir by arriving early at 6:00 p.m. for rehearsal.

St. Christopher Church Hall
Friday ~ December 2, 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.
YOUTH MINISTRY
Podcast and Pizza every Wednesday in the parish center from 7-9 pm. Join us for pizza and great discussion! Please come to the side door by the playground and ring the doorbell! If possible, RSVP to stchrisym@gmail.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
The local council and assembly will contribute $1,500 towards installation of a Playscape at St. Christopher School. We will also be contributing to the restoration of the lighted tower at the St. Joseph Cathedral in Hartford.

There is still time to receive information and consider joining the largest Catholic lay organization in the world.

Please contact Grand Knight Bob Falkevitz at 860-568-5452 for more information.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING
The season of Advent begins next weekend. We are looking for individuals and families who would be interested in coming forth at the beginning of Mass to light the candles of our Advent Wreath. If you’re interested in participating, please contact the parish office at 860-568-5240.

CHRISTMAS TREE FUNDRAISER
Augie & Ray’s at 314 Main Street in East Hartford is hosting a Christmas Tree Fundraiser to benefit St. Christopher School. Beginning this coming week, trees are being sold for $30, $40 and $50. Our parish school will receive $2 for every tree sold. As you make your purchase of a tree, mention that you are a member of the St. Christopher community and receive a $5 gift certificate to Augie & Ray’s. Free delivery to your home is available upon request. Please consider supporting their efforts.

HOLIDAY SUPPORT PROGRAM
The D’Esopo Funeral Chapels of East Hartford and Wethersfield are hosting their 27th Annual Holiday Support Program and Service of Remembrance on Sunday, December 4 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Wethersfield Community Center, 30 Greenfield Street in Wethersfield. Please RSVP to Janet at 860-257-7635 or Janet@desopo.com.

COUNTERS’ MINISTRY
Now is the time to begin preparing next year’s weekly schedule. If you are a current member of this ministry and are not able to continue next year, please let us know. If you are interested in joining this ministry and would like to be included on next year’s schedule, please let us know that as well. You may contact Bonnie in the parish office or Tom Hurley, Scheduling Chairman, at 860-568-6263 before December 10. The current schedule takes us through the end of January 2017. The new schedule will start February 5, only three months away.

Our Lead Counters are scheduled every seven weeks. The Team Counters are scheduled an average of once every couple of months. Counters meet every Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to approximately 12:30 p.m. If you are unable to attend on your scheduled day, other members are always willing to cover or to swap with you.

This ministry is a great way to serve your parish while giving you the opportunity to meet and mingle with your fellow parishioners. It is a friendly and outgoing group. All are welcome to join us.

We are thankful to our current members for their service to this ministry and look forward to welcoming new members!

PAINT NITE “FUN”DRAISER
Our Parish Council will be hosting a Paint Nite “Fun”draiser on Friday, January 13 from 6 - 9 p.m. in our parish hall. (Snow date is January 20.) An instructor from the Camp Simon Art Center will guide both beginners and advanced painters to create your own unique artwork. Plan to come to relax, find your inspiration and channel your inner artist. Adults only (21+). BYOB. Cost is $40 per person and includes all materials. To reserve your seat, contact Lori Brunette at 860-655-9367. All money is due by 1/5/17.


Our Church is growing! We welcome into our Christian community through the holy waters of baptism:

Gabriela Lora Renouf
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."

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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, November 27, 2016 – First Sunday of Advent
There is no way we will know precisely when that “final hour” will come about, and Jesus tells us that information will not be revealed to us. The present times are the “time of the Spirit and of witness” about the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ. In the meantime we walk the walk of faith and in the hope that inspires us to serve all of God’s people.

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Breakfast with Santa!
Tickets on Sale & Volunteers Needed

12/4

Come join us for great food, great friends and pictures with Santa.

Hours are 9:00 AM to 12:00

Many things to enjoy and entertain you this day.
Arts & Crafts | Drawings | 50/50 Drawing | Letters to Santa | Christmas Express

Thank you for your participation and hope to see many families there.
We need volunteers for set up the day before and the day of. We ask that you contact Danielle Vargas to volunteer.

- Adults $7.00
- Seniors $5.00
- Children 5-12 $4.00
- Under 5—Free
- Family $20.00

Volunteers and Questions please contact:
Event Chair - Danielle Vargas
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