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
Bonnie Szalay 860-568-5240

St. Christopher School
Mrs. Kathleen Welch, Principal
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Religious Education
Maria Sousa 860-895-8692 stchrisre@gmail.com
Second Sunday of Easter
April 23, 2017

“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”
— John 20:29b

Mass for the Week

Saturday, April 22 – 4:00 p.m.
Bernard Casey – 10th Anniversary
(Family)

Sunday, April 23 – 8:00 a.m.
Normand Daigle
(Charles Bastarache)

Sunday, April 23 – 10:30 a.m.
Vivienne Hope Renouf – 2nd Anniversary
(Family)

Monday, April 24 – 7:30 a.m.
Mary Rogosky Verotsky – 20th Anniversary
and Charles George Verotsky
(Daughter Carolyn V. Kronen)

Tuesday, April 25 – 7:30 a.m.
Dinis Leonardo
(Wife & Family)

Wednesday, April 26 – 7:30 a.m.
Diane Olinatz
(Family)

Thursday, April 27 – 7:30 a.m.
Mr. Claude Riedeau
(Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Champagne)

PARISH SUPPORT
What We Collected (Apr. 16 - Easter): $9,651*
What We Collected (Apr. 9 - Palm Sunday): $4,994**
*Includes $696 received through our Online Giving program and $432 from mail-in offerings.
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Thank you for your support of our parish family.

PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION
Our second collection today is for Peter’s Pence, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION
Our First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles presents us with a glimpse of the early Church, the early Christian community. Our parish is also a Christian community, one in which we are all called to share and to participate. To be community and to be in communion with one another and with God requires active participation, not passivity.

When we speak of stewardship, we understand that it means much more than placing something in the collection basket. It means that we share all of our gifts, our time and talent also, with the community and others in need. It will be difficult for us to ever match the sense of association and the joy of that early Church, but it is a model for us to which we as a faith community should aspire.

– www.catholicsteward.com/blog

ADULT BIBLE STUDY
Our Adult Bible Study group meets every other Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in our chapel. It meets again this Wednesday, April 26. Come when you can—we’re not taking attendance, no tests, no grades...we just want to expose you to reading, studying and praying with Scripture. For more information, please contact Deacon Phil at 860-568-5001 or at imgoose@comcast.net or Steve Cadwallader at 860-568-5477.
ARCHBISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL
After our business meeting, we will be enjoying some toe-tapping music by the Bristol Old Tyme Fiddlers. Don’t miss it! Dues of $20 for the 2017 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.

MARIAN GARDEN UPDATE
Now is the perfect time to order a slab or brick to be incorporated into the garden. Messages can memorialize a loved one, honor someone special, commemorate an event (i.e., baptism, First Communion, graduation, anniversary) or can simply be your name as a supporter of the garden. Donation levels begin at $50. For more information, please call the parish office at 860-568-5240 or visit our Marian Garden page at stchris-eh.org/mariangarden.php

ST CHRISTOPHER SOCIAL CLUB
Monday ~ May 1 ~ 1:00 p.m. ~ Church Hall
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CHILDREN’S LITURGY
The last Children’s Liturgy of this school year will be celebrated next Sunday, April 30 at 10:30 a.m. Hospitality will follow in the church hall and is being hosted this month by families with children in Grade 5. Everyone is invited!

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FIRST COMMUNION
Thirty-three children from our parish school and religious education program will be making their First Communion during our 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 7. We’re looking forward to sharing this special moment with these children and with their family and friends.

HOMEFRONT
Please Help Us Help A Neighbor
HomeFront Day on Saturday, May 6, is coming upon us and we need help! HomeFront is a community outreach where we conduct a one-day repair blitz. Our HomeFront recipient this year is an East Hartford neighbor.

The following are some of the projects that we could be tackling if we have sufficient volunteer participation:
- Rehab backyard deck…the boards are very weather beaten and unstable
- Replace kitchen faucet
- Repair/replace shower faucet
- Lots of yard cleanup
- Possibly replace bedroom doors and closet doors
- Miscellaneous small tasks

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

Please consider assisting us with this very worthy project of neighbor helping neighbor.

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

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS ED
Now is the time for new and returning families to register children entering grades K-8 this fall for our 2017/2018 religious education program. First Communion and Reconciliation preparation is a two-year program beginning in Grade 1. Registration forms are available at all entrances. To avoid a late fee, please register by April 30, 2017.

BLOOD DRIVE
St. Christopher Church Hall
Friday ~ May 5, 2017 ~ 1:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Call 1-800-Red Cross to make an appointment.

LIVING STATIONS THANK YOU!
I am so grateful to those who volunteered to participate in this year’s Living Stations presentation! Our readers were Keith Garabedian, Danielle Gallery, Danielle’s niece Kara Visconti, Melinda Gallery, Dawn Melo, Janet Anderson, Lou Priest, and Mary Priest. Our cast included Joshua Cadwallader (who did a remarkable job portraying our Lord and Savior, Jesus!), Nancy Cadwallader (Mary), Alyssa Sargent (Veronica), Harry LaCossie (Pilate and Simon), Scott Gay (Roman Soldier), Ann Marie Volowski, April and Orion Mejia (people of Jerusalem). Thank you to my wife Alice Gosselin for helping to organize the event. Special thanks to Maria and Tony Sousa for so much behind the scenes effort, Ernie Mintel for operating the spotlight, Lori Brunette on lead thunder and Toni Mintel and our wonderful choir! Thank you to Fr. John for blessing this endeavor. And lastly, thank you to all those who attended the Living Stations presentation!

Peace, Deacon Phil

Pictures of the Living Stations presentation can be viewed on our Facebook page. “Like us” today!

www.facebook.com/StChristopherChurchEH

SUMMER ACADEMY
at Saint Christopher School
Information is available on our parish school’s website www.saintchristopherschool.org under the Admissions tab for our new and improved Summer Academy options! There is an 8-week camp for PreK and a 6-week camp for incoming Kindergarten - Grade 2 students. The focus is on STEM learning with connected activities and a weekly in-school field trip. The half-day option is from 8:00 am -1:00 pm and the full-day option is from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm for both groups. Registrations are being accepted and are requested at least one week in advance. Please contact Mrs. Welch with any questions at 860-568-4100 or at welchk@saintchristopherschool.org.
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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."

**Reflection for Next Sunday, April 30, 2017 – Third Sunday of Easter**

The two disciples in today’s Gospel, when fed with the Holy Word and then having been fed with the bread blessed by Jesus, their faith matured and they recognized Jesus. This is what we are called to do: to invite Jesus into our lives; be fed with his holy word in Scripture; and to recognize and receive his Real Presence in Holy Eucharist. Like the two disciples, we are then stirred to action, to tell our faith story, which gives glory to God and leads others to believe in Him.