St. Christopher Parish

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Lord, send out your spirit

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

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Pentecost Sunday ~ June 4, 2017
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“There appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.”
– Acts 2:3

**Mass for the Week**

Saturday, June 3 – 4:00 p.m.
John M. Sydor
(Wife & Family)

Sunday, June 4 – 8:00 a.m.
Frank Vallone
In Remembrance of His Birthday
(Wife & Family)

Sunday, June 4 – 10:30 a.m.
Marcel Dulude – 9th Anniversary
(Wife & Family)

Monday, June 5 – 7:30 a.m.
Levi LeBlanc
(Wife & Family)

Tuesday, June 6 – 7:30 a.m.
Peter Mondo
(The Mondo Family)

Wednesday, June 7 – 7:30 a.m.
Normand Daigle
(Donald & Maria Riccardi)

Thursday, June 8 – 7:30 a.m.
Dinis Leonardo
(Wife & Family)

Saturday, June 10 – 4:00 p.m.
Joe & Ann Amrich (The Tebecio Family)

Sunday, June 11 – 8:00 a.m.
Joseph Leonardo (Mom & Daughters)

Sunday, June 11 – 10:30 a.m.
Joe H. Kronen (Adeline Trovato Fry)

**PARISH SUPPORT**
What We Collected (May 28): $4,763*
Ascension of the Lord: $804
Catholic Communication Campaign: $1,004
*Includes $673 received through our Online Giving program and $430 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish family and of the Catholic Communication Campaign.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**
This weekend, through our second collection, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ’s love and respect to all people here at home and abroad.

**FEAST OF FAITH**
The Spirit of God who hovered over the waters at the dawn of creation – the Holy Spirit who descended upon the disciples at Pentecost in ever-changing forms in the sound of a mighty wind or tongues of flame – hovers also over our celebration of the liturgy, giving it life, making it real. It is the Spirit of God who draws us, gathering us together, Sunday after Sunday. It is the Spirit of God who called loudly to the inspired writers of the scriptures and who continues to whisper to us, revealing ever-new facets of God’s word, granting insight just when we need it. It is by the Spirit’s power that, when Christ’s words are uttered by the priest, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. And it is surely the Spirit who inspires us – that is, breathes in us – so when sent forth from the assembly, we seek ways to serve our brothers and sisters, to allow the gospel to come to life in the world. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. —Corinna Laughlin, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

**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 – 9th Anniversary
(Wife & Family)
ST. CHRISTOPHER SOCIAL CLUB
Monday ~ June 5 ~ 1:00 p.m. ~ Church Hall
Make your own sundaes at this fun meeting. We are providing a variety of ice cream and toppings. Throw caution to the wind…we can diet tomorrow.
Dues of $20 were payable at the first of the year. If you are not yet a paid member for 2017, 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.

OFFERTORY GIFTS
We invite you to participate in our weekend liturgies by bringing up the gifts of bread and wine to be offered. If you’re interested, please take the wooden fish from the gift table before the start of Mass.

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.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP
July 10 - 14 ~ 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Registrations are now being accepted for this year’s Summer Vacation Bible Camp – Message Received: Hearing God’s Call – where children will learn that God continues to call all kinds of people – including them! Please help us to plan accordingly by submitting your registration by June 12. The registration form, with all the information, can be found at church entrances or be downloaded from our website at stchris-eh.org. Adult and high-school aged volunteers are needed. This is a great way for high school students to earn service hours.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS
We are most grateful when family members request that donations may be made to St. Christopher Church or School in memory of their loved one. Most recently the family of Maureen Gilbert made this very request and $190 has already been donated in Maureen’s memory. May she rest in God’s eternal embrace.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY
Our Adult Bible Study group will meet again this Wednesday, June 7 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in our chapel. The group meets every other Wednesday…come when you can. We are beginning chapter 8 of the Gospel of Mark. If you have any questions please contact Deacon Phil at 860-568-5001 or by e-mail at imgoose@comcast.net or Steve Cadwallader at 860-568-5477.

SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE
The Archdiocesan Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry will host its 8th Bishop Peter Rosazza Social Justice Conference, “Rooted in Faith: One Family Under God” on Saturday, June 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield. Visit www.catholicsocialjustice.org or call 860-242-5573, ext. 2688 for more information.

IN MEMORIUM
Please pray for these parishioners who have gone to eternal life during the month of May.

Francis Carberry, Sr. • Joseph Curley
Maureen Gilbert
Gloria Montano • Jeremy Minney
“If Christ is my life, then death is my gain.”
– Philippians 1:21
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.
### 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, June 11, 2017 – The Most Holy Trinity

God is the Most Holy Trinity of three persons united in a communion of love, pouring forth that creative, saving, sanctifying love into the world. Today’s scriptures celebrate the mystery of the Trinity and give us clues for living that mystery in our lives.
Dear Friends in Christ,

When I last wrote to you in your individual parishes about the implementation of our pastoral plan, I said that it was not meant to be an end, but a new beginning for our Archdiocese. This echoes the mysteries of faith we celebrate at this time of year. Christ’s resurrection at Easter is not an end, but an unimagined new beginning unleashed with the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, which we celebrate today.

At the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Our Lady’s apparitions at Fatima, in his homily Pope Francis said something that applies to us at this moment of our history: “...with [Mary’s] protection may we be for our world sentinels of the dawn, contemplating the true face of Jesus the savior, resplendent at Easter. Thus may we discover the young and beautiful face of the church, which shines forth when she is missionary, welcoming, free, faithful, poor in means and rich in love.”

As we move beyond the restructuring of parishes and consider ways to further our mission at every level, Church law provides for the convocation of what is known as a diocesan Synod. This is a gathering of representatives of the clergy, religious and lay faithful convoked by the Bishop for the purpose of a focused discussion and recommendation to the Bishop of priorities and practical steps to order and promote the life and mission of the local Church.

The last Synod for the Archdiocese of Hartford was held in 1996, and it is now my intention to convocate another one, to be concluded at Pentecost in June of 2019. I am consulting with our Presbyteral Council, among others, about this possibility.

The success of a Synod depends in large part on intensive preparation, consultation and study, as well as the selection and training of delegates; hence the need for two years before the actual event. In the meantime I ask that everyone pray for God’s blessing on our efforts, especially through the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, and our Archdiocesan patron, Saint Joseph.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair
Archbishop of Hartford

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