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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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**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**  
**June 18, 2017**

“Not by bread alone does one live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the LORD.” – Deuteronomy 8:3b

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**Mass 🎫 for the Week**

**Saturday, June 17 – 4:00 p.m.**
Lucien Lavertu  
(*Wife Joan and Children Paul & Carol*)

**Sunday, June 18 – 8:00 a.m.**
Edwin Guerette  
(*Wife & Family*)

**Sunday, June 18 – 10:30 a.m.**
Moises Roque, Jr. – 2nd Anniversary  
(Mom, David, Evelyn and Jennifer)  
Luz Perez  
(Sister, David, Evelyn and Jennifer)

**Monday, June 19 – 7:30 a.m.**
Justina Almada  
(Maria Leonardo)

**Tuesday, June 20 – 7:30 a.m.**
Manuel & Maria Machado  
(Family)

**Wednesday, June 21 – 7:30 a.m.**
Mark Tardiff & Debbie Fallacaro  
(Family)

**Thursday, June 22 – 7:30 a.m.**
Antonio Leonardo  
(*Wife & Family*)

**Saturday, June 24 – 4:00 p.m.**
Msgr. Daniel M. Colbert  
*In Remembrance of His Birthday*  
(Family)

**Sunday, June 25 – 8:00 a.m.**
Albert & Antonietta Pettinato  
(*Maria Sessa*)

**Sunday, June 25 – 10:30 a.m.**
Frances Morin  
(*John & Mary Lawson*)

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**PARISH SUPPORT**

What We Collected (June 11): $5,614*  
*Includes $698 received through our Online Giving program and $633 from mail-in offerings.  
Thank you for your support of our parish family.

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**PARISH SCHOOL SUPPORT**

The second collection being taken up at all Masses this weekend supports our parish school. Thank you!

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**TRUST IN JESUS**

Today’s feast celebrates another central mystery of our faith – the mystery of the Eucharist. Like the mystery of the Trinity, the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist can never be fully understood, but can only be believed. Just as the Israelites in the desert were invited to put their trust in God’s word to them, we are invited to trust wholly in the word of Jesus. In today’s Gospel Jesus promises to give us a share in his very own flesh and blood, and a share in eternal life besides. We are called to take him at his word and open our hearts to receive true nourishment and life from our participation in the Eucharist. – Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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**CHILDREN’S WORSHIP BULLETIN**

Each weekend we offer copies of a Children’s Worship Bulletin for the young people of our parish. There are two versions – one for ages 3-6 and another for ages 7-12. These bulletins contain age-appropriate activities that reinforce the weekend’s Gospel message. These bulletins also contain a secret code that unlocks games that can be played online. You will find copies of these bulletins at the main entrance.

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**TRANSFORMATION**

“The effect of our sharing in the Body and Blood of Christ is to change us into what we receive.”  
– Pope St. Leo the Great

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**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**  
(*Wife Joan and Children Paul & Carol*)
LETTER FROM FATHER JOHN

Inserted in last weekend’s bulletin was an important letter from Father John to the future members of the parish family of Saint Edmund Campion. If you were unable to worship with us last weekend, a copy of this letter is available at all church entrances and on the main page of our website at stchris-eh.org.

COUNTER MINISTRY

Our Counter Ministry is in need of a Supervising Couple or Individual to fill a vacancy. Joe and Gail Audibert who have been a long-time Supervising Couple will be leaving Connecticut to establish a new home in South Carolina. We are grateful to Joe and Gail for the service they’ve given to this ministry and wish them much happiness in their new home. If you are interested in learning more about the role of the Supervising Couple or Individual, please contact Tom Hurley at 860-568-6263. Training will be provided.

Fathers

Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice.

Let us praise those fathers who, despite divorce, have remained in their children’s lives. Let us praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely chose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their stepchildren's love and respect.

Let us praise those men who have “fathered” us in their role as mentors and guides.

Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

Father John, Deacon Phil and the entire parish staff wish the fathers of our parish a Happy Father’s Day!

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FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM

Each year dioceses around the country observe the importance of defending religious freedom. The Fortnight for Freedom is from June 21 – the vigil of the Feasts of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More – to July 4, Independence Day. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has available information about this important initiative – fact sheets, prayer resources, reflections and ways that you can take action. You are encouraged to visit their website during these next couple of weeks: www.usccb.org, and select the link to Fortnight for Freedom.

“[May] you defend these rights, especially your religious freedom, for it has been given to you by God himself.” – Pope Francis, Independence Hall, Philadelphia | Saturday, September 26, 2015

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to lead holy lives and invite others to join us. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, serves a twofold purpose. One, it helps build God’s kingdom here on earth. Two, it is a road map to Heaven. Let’s help each other get there!
ATTENTION: COLLEGE AGE CATHOLICS
(Ages 18-28)
Looking for a way to keep connected to Christ this summer? Join Father Jeff Gubbiotti for Mass, a grill and chill cookout, prayer, study and fellowship. Bishop Robert Barron’s *The Pivotal Players* guide will be used. **When:** 6/21, 6/28, 7/5, 7/12, 7/26, 8/2, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., come to any or all sessions. **Where:** St. Thomas Becket Church, 435 N. Brooksvale Road in Cheshire. Materials are free for the first 15 registrants – *don’t delay, sign up today!* RSVP to Father Jeff at fr.gubbiotti@aohct.org.

VOCATION DISCERNMENT NIGHTS
For Young Men, Ages 18-35
Have you figured out what you want to be when you “grow up?” Wondering where God is leading you and why? Join us for informational gatherings where there will be a short talk with practical suggestions for discerning the call that God has in store for you, time for prayer, a chance to hear from our current seminarians, and some free pizza. Two evenings are being offered for your convenience:
Monday, July 10, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Becket Church, 435 N. Brooksvale Road, Cheshire
Monday, August 14, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at St. Dominic Church, 1050 Flanders Road, Southington.
RSVP to the Vocation Office at 860-761-7456 or at vocations@aohct.org. Visit: hartfordpriest.com.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS
The Vocation Office of the Archdiocese of Hartford invites everyone to come and pray for an increase to vocations to the priesthood in our Archdiocese at a Holy Hour being celebrated on Tuesday, July 11 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church, 42 Spring Street in Windsor Locks. A light “coffee-and” reception will follow.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
“And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” Find ways to let the Lord deeper into your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends in our area are July 7-9, 2017 in Manchester, CT and November 3-5, 2017 in Manchester, CT. For more information, call Dennis and Jane Lamondy at 860-481-3720 or visit wwwmectw.org.
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 25, 2017 – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Once again Jesus asks for childlike abandonment to the providence of God, undoubtedly more difficult in the face of persecution. There will never be a period in history when the Church doesn’t undergo some form of persecution somewhere in the world; we must be prepared to witness to and about Christ in every circumstance.

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**MINISTRY OF GREETERS**
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Now is the time to register your child 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! The registration form, with all the information, can be found at the Saint Christopher Church entrances or can be downloaded from our website at [http://stchris-eh.org/vbc.php](http://stchris-eh.org/vbc.php). Adult and high-school aged volunteers are needed. This is a great way for high school students to earn service hours.

➢ Registration Deadline Extended to June 30 with no late fees!!

*(Registrations received after June 30 will be charged an additional $10.00 per child and the parent must volunteer a minimum of one-hour during Bible Camp week.)*

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As a spiritual gift, these fathers – both living and deceased – will be remembered in the Masses celebrated in our parish this Father’s Day weekend.

**Living**

Michael Aboumrad, Sr.  
Mario Agnes  
Jamiro Barbosa  
Jose Barbosa  
Antonio Bastos  
Christopher P. Bradley  
Tom Cantone  
Michael Cassarino  
Santo Cassarino  
Scott Cassarino  
John Chase  
Robert V. Claffey, Sr.  
Ryan Cyr  
Jared Galica  
Keith Garabedian  
Walter Gerstenlauer  
Agustin Gonzalez  
Fred Gosselin  
Mark Harden  
Adrien Hebert  
Shawn Kinsey  
Joseph Verotsky Kronen  
Rafael Lora  
Nico Martinez  
Robert Muszynski  
Emmanuel Nadeau  
Paul J. Nagle  
Gilbert Oliveira  
Joe Pezzente  
Frank Pezzente  
John Stanizzi  
Porfido Torres  
Paul Trueman  
James Michael Zocco

**Deceased**

Saverio F. Abenavoli  
James Aboumrad  
Paul Amatore  
Albin Anderson, Sr.  
Fredrick Arena  
Antonio Bairos  
Ed Bartold  
John J. Barry  
The Battaglio Family  
Amedee Belanger  
Leo J. Belanger  
Leo Belanger  
Charles B. Bernard, Sr.  
Russell Bilodeau  
Joseph Blondin  
Aldei Boivin  
James Bradley  
Austin Brimley  
John Budaj  
Ted Burhans  
John Burnat  
Herman Cadorette  
Joseph Carron  
Salvatore Cassarino  
Dominick Cervini  
Alphonse Chamberland  
Patrick Chamberland  
Rene Charron  
Maxime Chasse  
Joseph Chesery  
Billie Joe Chitwood  
Frederic Clark, Jr.  
Daniel Deaves  
The Battaglio Family  
Howard Collins  
Joseph Connolly  
The Cordilico Family  
Dr. Joseph Coroso  
Robert Coroso  
Arther Cote  
Edward Cowing  
Leo P. Cummiskey  
Adrien Cyr  
Bruce Daugherty  
Henry Dawson  
Thomas Del Rocco  
Virgilio Dell'Avana  
Thomas D'Ondofrio  
Dominick Claffey, Sr.  
Gordon Dow  
Joseph Dulude  
Marcel Dulude  
Frank Fronek  
Thomas L. Flaherty  
Frank LaBonte  
Carmelo Gallo  
Salvatore A. Gallo  
Salvatore A. Gallo, Jr.  
Joseph Gaudette  
Paul Giansanti  
Allan Goorahoo  
Edwin F. Guerrete  
Edmond Guerin  
Thomas Hurley, Sr.  
Ralph Hutt  
Hector Jandrea  
Edwin G. Jones  
Mitchell Kerkinski  
Henry Knup  
Neil Knotts  
Fred Gosselin  
Henry Harden  
John Kegan  
Mitchell Kerkinski  
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Paul Trueman  
James Michael Zocco

“Blessed be all fathers who have come into our lives, whose kindness, care and loving remain with us to guide.”