St. Christopher Parish

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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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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 25, 2017

“Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD, for he has rescued the life of the poor.” – Jeremiah 20:13

Mass for the Week

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)

Monday, June 26 – 7:30 a.m.
Dinis Leonardo (Wife & Family)

Tuesday, June 27 – 7:30 a.m.
Rosa Duong

Wednesday, June 28 – 7:30 a.m.
Gloria Montano (Marge Leonard)

Thursday, June 29 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
For the People of Saint Edmund Campion Parish

Friday, June 30 – 9:00 a.m. (OLP)
Rev. Joseph A. Dillon

Saturday, July 1 – 9:00 a.m. (OLP)
Rev. Theodore T. Raczynski

Saturday, July 1 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
Ray & Millie Stanizzi (Family)

Sunday, July 2 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
Charles Stebbins (Family)

Sunday, July 2 – 9:00 a.m. (OLP)
John Albani (Family)

Sunday, July 2 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
Angee Willis (The Coates Family)

PARISH SUPPORT

What We Collected (June 18): $4,136*
Parish School Support: $1,617**

*Includes $528 received through our Online Giving program and $40 from mail-in offerings.

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Thank you for your support of our parish family.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

We read today’s Gospel in the context of last week’s Gospel in which Jesus sent the twelve disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. In between last week’s reading and today’s reading, Jesus has predicted that the disciples will face difficulties in their mission. Many people will not receive them well, even within the land of Israel. Even family members will turn away from the disciples because of the disciples’ commitment to Jesus and the kingdom. Today’s Gospel offers the disciples consolation against this difficult truth.

The disciples of Jesus are called upon to keep their focus on God. Those who can harm the body do not have ultimate power; God does. Still persecution and suffering cannot be avoided or prevented. But Jesus reassures his disciples that God knows and cares about what happens to his children.

We might not face the same type of persecution, but we do experience difficulties as we endeavor to live a Christian life. Sometimes we let the opinions of others prevent us from doing what we know to be right. We need the reminder that what God thinks about us is more important. We are reassured by the promise that God cares for us and protects us.

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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
John St. Onge
In Remembrance of Our Wedding Anniversary
(Wife Simone)
SAINT EDMUND CAMPION PARISH

As many of you know, beginning this Thursday, June 29, the parishes of Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of Peace and Saint Christopher will become the new parish of Saint Edmund Campion – a time of transition for all of us. We recognize that change is easier for some than for others. Rest assured that it is our priority to do all we can to help make this as smooth a transition as possible, but it is fair to expect some bumps in the road. Your patience during this process will be most appreciated. Below is information we hope will address some questions that have been asked.

Mass Schedule

We will be operating under a new Mass schedule beginning this Thursday, June 29 with the first Mass of the Saint Edmund Campion parish being celebrated on June 29 at 7:30 a.m. at the Saint Christopher Campus. The first Mass being celebrated at the Our Lady of Peace Campus will be on Friday, June 30 at 9:00 a.m. The complete Mass schedule is as follows:

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Offertory Envelopes

During these next several weeks, we will be consolidating the data of all three parishes to create a new Saint Edmund Campion database. While this is being done, **you are asked to continue to use the envelopes you have been using**. Saint Christopher families will be sent an envelope set that can be used during the month of August. A newly-designed set of envelopes will be sent to all Saint Edmund Campion parishioners in late August for use beginning the weekend of September 2/3.

Offering Checks

Those of you who make your church offering using a personal check are asked to make your check payable to Our Lady of Peace or Saint Christopher Church until further notice. We cannot open a bank account under the name of Saint Edmund Campion until our new parish is legally recognized, a process that our legal counsel is currently overseeing.

Mass Intentions

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Many of the Masses being celebrated during the remainder of this year will be offered for more than one person. This is necessary in order to satisfy the intentions that have already been booked at the three parishes. Future intentions will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis with only one intention being taken for each Mass. The chart to the side is how the intentions that have already been booked will be handled. If you have any questions, concerns or would like to book an intention, you are asked to call the parish office at 860-568-5240.
HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS
Location Has Been Changed!
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 that is now being celebrated on Tuesday, July 11 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Robert Bellarmine, 52 South Elm Street in Windsor Locks. A light “coffee-and” reception will follow.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
The Knights are distributing raffle tickets for a 2017 Corvette Stingray to support the Hartford Bishop’s Foundation in support of Catholic education. Please consider purchasing to help this worthy cause.

The St. Christopher Council #4 will not host Pot-Luck Suppers for July and August.

We welcome the following new members to our council:

Anthony Gesnaldo • Brian Nwafor • John Ryan

We are looking for men and their families who want to help us build up the family which is the domestic church. Young men who are full-time students can join at age 17½ and forego any costs while they are full-time students. They will also be eligible to receive one of our blue soccer shirts in a drawing. This offer expires at the end of this month. No time? It only takes 24 hours per year to save lives and change lives. Please contact Grand Knight Bob Falkevitz at 860-568-5452 for more information.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE
Every family is imperfect. We often fail ourselves and those we love. In today’s gospel Jesus tells us, “I did not come for the righteous, but for sinners.” By showing “mercy” we avoid the shame and blame game and discover love and acceptance in our family.

SUMMER VACATION BIBLE CAMP
Registration Deadline Extended to June 30!!
July 10 - 14 • 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Saint Christopher Campus
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 deadline has been 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.) 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

Adult and high-school aged volunteers are needed. This is a great way for high school students to earn service hours.

ARCHBISHOP REQUESTS PRAYERS
Guided by the missionary vision of the Holy Father’s Apostolic Exhortation, Evangelii Guadium or Joy of the Gospel, the Archdiocese of Hartford is sending delegates to participate in the Convocation of Catholic Leaders. The purpose of the national meeting is to discuss the issues facing Catholics in the 21st Century, and to ultimately equip delegates with tools and resources they can use to evangelize in their respective dioceses.

The convocation will take place in Orlando, FL from July 1-4. Archbishop Blair, who as the chairman of the USCCB’s Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis played an important role in planning the historic gathering, will lead a delegation of 25 people from throughout the Archdiocese.

“My hope is that these delegates will bring back to the Archdiocese innovative and creative ideas to share with parishioners. For a parish to grow and thrive, the challenge is for every parishioner to realize that being Catholic also means being evangelical, a missionary, and a witness for the faith. This is what Pope Francis is asking of all of us,” says Archbishop Blair.

The Archbishop asks everyone to pray for the success of the convocation and for the Archdiocesan delegation who will be participating. For more information about the Convocation of Catholic Leaders visit: usccb.org/convocation.
LECTIO DIVINA & DAILY READINGS

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What is Lectio Divina?

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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 2, 2017 – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The “first vocation” is always to follow Jesus. Belonging to God’s family is the necessary goal of every individual and family. Our personal crosses (e.g., illness, or even a ridiculed counter-cultural Christian life) can become redemptive with the proper focus. The “way of the cross” is the “way of penance and renewal” to extend Christ’s kingdom. Living an “unselfish” life is a sign of a true disciple.

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