Saint Edmund Campion Parish

The merged parishes of Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of Peace and Saint Christopher

Our Lady of Peace Campus
370 May Road
East Hartford, CT
Mass Schedule:
Sunday: 9:00 am
Friday & Saturday: 9:00 am

Saint Christopher Campus
538 Brewer Street
East Hartford, CT
Mass Schedule:
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am & 10:30 am
Monday - Thursday: 7:30 am

CONFESSIONS
(Saint Christopher Campus)
Saturdays: 3:00 pm

WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONS
(Saint Christopher Campus)
6:30 pm
Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration • Scriptural Rosary • Perpetual Novena in Honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal • Benediction

THURSDAY PRAYER GROUP
(Our Lady of Peace Campus)
6:30 pm
Prayer, Song, Scripture, Friendship

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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PARISH SUPPORT
Our bulletin publisher issued an early transmission deadline for this bulletin due to the Fourth of July holiday. A report of last weekend’s collection will be published in next weekend’s bulletin.

SIDE BY SIDE
“Come to me, all you who labor” (Matthew 11:28). When we are overburdened, weary, confused, or sick Jesus’ invitation is music to our ears, except for a small hitch. Jesus says, “Take my yoke upon you” (Matthew 11:29). How does this give rest to our souls? For generations, farmers have yoked young plough animals alongside experienced ones. The experienced animal trains the other by example. An older and weaker animal may likewise be yoked to one in its prime, so the stronger partner takes on the strain. Jesus invites us to take on his yoke so he can walk with us, helping us to do things his way. He promised never to leave us to “pull” alone. When it all gets too much or we lose our way, he will be there beside us—gentle, humble, but infinitely powerful and wise. At times when we are strong, we in turn can yoke ourselves to someone who needs that extra pull to get to firmer ground.

SANCTUARY LAMP
The lamps beside our church’s tabernacles remind us of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

❖ The candle at the Our Lady of Peace campus burns this week

For Those Who Are Overburdened, Weary, Confused or Sick
❖ The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week

In Loving Memory of Lucien Lavertu
In Remembrance of His Birthday (Wife Joan and Children Paul & Carol)

If you wish to schedule a sanctuary lamp dedication for either the Our Lady of Peace or Saint Christopher campus, please contact the parish office at 860-568-5240.

(OLP) = Mass celebrated at Our Lady of Peace campus
(SC) = Mass celebrated at Saint Christopher campus
ATTENTION: EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
A training session for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be held in the church at the Saint Christopher campus this Thursday, July 13 at 6:30 p.m. This session is open to all Extraordinary Ministers who are now serving Saint Edmund Campion parish, but it will be especially helpful to those ministers who will begin serving at the Saint Christopher campus in the coming weeks. For more information, please contact Sheila DeLaura at 860-568-7465 or at ejd50us@sbcglobal.net.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Our local Knights of Columbus council meets the first Thursday of each month in the Saint Christopher campus church hall. They are looking for men and their families who want to help us build up the family which is the domestic church. No time? It takes only 24 hours per year to save lives and change lives. Young men who are full-time students can join at age 17½ and forego any costs while they are full-time students. Full-time military men are also exempt from any costs. Please contact Grand Knight Bob Falkevitz at 860-568-5452 for more information.

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP BULLETIN
Each weekend we offer copies of the 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 of both our church campuses.

BIRTHRIGHT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS
Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service offering the alternative to abortion - LIFE! Their guiding principle: It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born. Birthright has served the greater Hartford area since 1972. They help any pregnant girl or woman who calls them. They offer free pregnancy tests, friendship counseling, and practical support. If you would like to help by serving as a volunteer, please call 860-290-8800. Training is provided and their office is located in East Hartford.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY
Our Adult Bible Study group meets every other Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the chapel at the Saint Christopher campus. The chapel is located in the Parish Center at 580 Brewer Street. It meets again on Wednesday, July 19. 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.

LSTM & FOUND
On the weekend of June 24/25 inside the church at the Saint Christopher campus, a small wrist purse was left behind. If you believe this purse is yours, please contact the parish office at 860-568-5240.

PRAYER/SHARING GROUP
The Prayer/Sharing Group meets on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Our Lady of Peace campus church hall. All members of our newly-formed parish of Saint Edmund Campion and their friends are invited to attend. The Holy Spirit works with us when we pray together. Please join us in an evening of Prayer, Song, Scripture Sharing and Friendship. Refreshments follow each meeting and all are welcome to stay. We meet each Thursday with the exception of holydays and holidays. For more information, please call Phyl Tyrseck at 860-568-3855, Barbara Veci at 860-568-2701, Pat Roberge at 860-568-5777, Barbara Hanson at 860-965-9162 or Leo Forte 860-568-7383.

OFFERTORY GIFTS
We invite those of you who are new to celebrating Mass at the Saint Christopher campus to participate in our weekend liturgies by bringing up the gifts of bread and wine to be offered. If you are interested, look for the wooden fish on the gift table when you arrive for Mass. If it’s there, take the wooden fish to your seat with you and when Father or the Deacon comes down from the sanctuary to receive the gifts, place the wooden fish back on the gift table and take the gifts up to Father or the Deacon. If the wooden fish is not on the table when you arrive for Mass, then another person or family has already assumed the responsibility for that Mass. If you would like to reserve the fish at anytime, please call the parish office.
FLAME PROGRAM

Our Youth Ministry invites all high school aged students to this summer’s FLAME program being held from 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. on the Wednesdays in July (5, 12, 19, 26). Join us for a bonfire, s'mores and conversation as we discuss the topic: *Proofs of God*. Come and learn so you can amaze your friends. Meet in the yard behind Saint Christopher School. For more information, send message to stchrisym@gmail.com.

FREE SUMMER MEALS
FOR KIDS AND TEENS

Meals are being served Monday - Friday, rain or shine, at a number of sites throughout East Hartford. All children ages 18 and under are welcome at every site. This program is federally funded through the USDA. No registration required and no ID required. Information on where the meal sites are and the times that breakfast and lunch are served at each site can be found by visiting www.CTSummerMeals.org or by calling 211. Please share this information with families you know whose children could benefit from this program.

MISSION APPEAL

In a couple of weeks, the weekend of July 22/23, we will welcome Rev. Richard O’Nyamwaro, AJ who will be speaking at all our Masses on behalf of the Apostles of Jesus and as part of our parish’s 2017 Mission Appeal Sunday. Apostles of Jesus Missionaries minister in Africa, Europe, Cuba, Oceanic countries and the USA. They particularly minister in most difficult and challenging places. You will be invited to be in partnership with the Apostles of Jesus so that together we can fulfill the mission mandated by Our Lord, “Go teach them” (Mt 28:20). We look forward to welcoming Father O’Nyamwaro to our parish and promise him our prayers and financial support.

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: 7/12, 7/26, 8/2, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., come to any or all sessions at St. Thomas Becket Church, 435 N. Brooksvale Road in Cheshire. RSVP to Father Jeff at fr.gubbiotti@aohct.org.

MASSTIMES.ORG

If you find yourself traveling away from home this summer, use www.masstimes.org to find a church in the area where you are visiting. We suggest you contact the church directly to verify Mass times.

PARISH OFFICE

We are working towards developing a new e-mail address for Saint Edmund Campion parish. Until further notice, you can reach the parish office at the following e-mail address:

stchris-eh@sbcglobal.net

And, of course, we are always available to you by phone at 860-568-5240. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you. The parish office is open Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. It closes each day from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. for lunch.

SOCIAL MEDIA

During these next several weeks, we will be working towards securing a new domain name for a Saint Edmund Campion website. We have updated the information on our current website which can be viewed at stchris-eh.org. We will also be introducing the FLAME program Facebook page. We will keep you posted on the progress of these two projects.

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 receive an envelope set later this month 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.
Call to Prayer: “Let us take a moment in the midst of all our activity to prepare ourselves for prayer.”

Excerpts from SNOW FALLING ON SNOW
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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 shows 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.

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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, July 16, 2017 – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lord, your parable of the sower concerns each one of us. We are all, from time to time, sometimes path, rocks and thorns; but also good, fertile soil. Strengthen our hearts so that in times of tribulation we may not feel defenseless and thus exposed to discouragement. Make us good soil, welcoming persons, capable of rendering our service to your Word. Amen!