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
Once arrangements are made with a funeral home, we will help you plan the Mass of Christian Burial.

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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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

In Loving Memory of
Trevor Forrest Miller
(The Kelly Family)

❖ The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week

In Memory of
Josephine V. Pac
(Jean & Joe Martocci)
In an effort to make sure that the needs of our disabled and elderly parishioners are adequately addressed at the Our Lady of Peace campus, chairs have been reserved for them at the front of the church on the east and west sides. These chairs have arms which they can grasp to sit down or stand up. Those who accompany them as family or friends may sit in the pew immediately behind them. The space may also be used for those in wheel chairs. Communion will be distributed to them first.

In order for us to be in compliance with the terms of our property’s liability insurance policy, the passageway in the back of the church must be kept unobstructed to provide safe egress to the exits in the event an emergency occurs.

OFFERINGS MADE USING PERSONAL CHECKS

We remind those of you who make your parish offering using a personal check to make your check payable to Blessed Sacrament, 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. If you have already submitted a check made payable to Saint Edmund Campion, it is being held until we can open a bank account. If for your bookkeeping purposes you would rather we not hold the check, please contact Bonnie at the parish office at 860-568-5240.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT COSTUMES

Our Office of Religious Education was recently gifted with a donation of costumes that will be used for our annual Children’s Christmas Pageant. These beautiful handmade costumes were made by the late Our Lady of Peace parishioner Priscilla Ward and were donated to our Religious Education program by Donna Sahlberg, the long-time Coordinator of Religious Education for the Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of Peace parishes. We are so grateful to Donna for donating these costumes for our use. As a way to remember Priscilla for her generosity of her time, talent and treasure, the Mass being celebrated at the Our Lady of Peace campus next Sunday, August 13 at 9:00 a.m. will be offered in Priscilla’s memory.

MARIAN GARDEN UPDATE

During this past week, 35 bricks and a granite slab in honor of the members of the Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of Peace parishes were installed. The three granite benches are also being engraved and will soon be installed. Now is the time to place your order for the fall production. We already have one slab and seven bricks ordered for this next phase. Bricks can be ordered in honor of or in memory of someone, in recognition of a special date or event, in celebration of a sacrament (i.e., baptism, First Communion, etc.). If you are interested in ordering a brick or granite slab, please contact the parish office at 860-568-5240 or visit our website at stchris-eh.org and click on the Marian Garden button on the left side.

SAINT EDMUND CAMPION ADULT SOCIAL CLUB PICNIC
Monday ~ August 14 ~ 4:30 p.m.
Church Hall at Saint Christopher Campus

Welcome to all members of our newly formed social club. We are starting off with our first annual picnic. We will have a short meeting prior to serving the food, to discuss the new by-laws and other items of general interest. If dues are payable, or if you are making a monetary donation instead of bringing food, please make an effort to come by 4:30 so that all of our business can be conducted prior to our 5:00 meal.

Members of the Telephone Committee will be calling each member in the coming days to determine what food you will be bringing. If you are planning to attend, but you do not hear from them by August 10, please call the number below, as it is important that we have a head-count for food purchasing purposes. If you have any questions regarding the club or the picnic, please feel free to contact Joan or Frank Perrone at 860-568-6229.

IN MEMORIUM

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

Nicola D’Aloisio  Andre LaBrosse  Josephine Pac
Laurier Goulet  Richard Mazzarella  Jacqueline Whalen
Sophie Hobart  David Knerr  Harlan Williams
Paul Kleef

“If Christ is my life, then death is my gain.”
– Philippians 1:21
**REQUIESCENT EDUCATION: GRADES K-8**

Religious Education classes for students entering Grades K-8 will begin on Sunday, September 17. Classes are held in Saint Christopher School from 9:05 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Please help us to prepare by registering your child as soon as possible. Returning families are asked to complete a new registration each year. Our First Communion program is a two-year program beginning in 1st Grade. To register your child, please contact our Religious Education Coordinator Maria Sousa at 860-895-8692 or at stchrisre@gmail.com.

**SAINT CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL**

Looking for another option for educating your child? East Hartford has a Catholic school! Catholic education is available at Saint Christopher School. Our parish school has developed a strong academic program for students in Pre K 3 and 4 through 8th grade. Teachers at Saint Christopher School challenge all students and see measurable growth in both classroom work and standardized test scores. Students develop confidence and maturity as they prepare to face life’s next challenge, whether it is moving up to Kindergarten or moving on to high school.

Saint Christopher School is grateful to not only be able to pray and worship the Lord, but also to be able to perform acts of service that impact both the local and global community. The students’ pride in their accomplishments provide the impetus to continue to serve others in various ways throughout their lives. The Saint Christopher School community displays a prayerful life through both words and actions. Kindness generates kindness. Respect generates respect. These are words we live by. Please visit us to see faith and learning in action!

To obtain more information about our parish school, please call the school office at 860-568-4100, email Mrs. Welch at welchk@saintchristopherschool.org, or visit www.saintchristopherschool.org.

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT**

In the Gospel today, Peter yearns to do something to make concrete the Transfiguration he had witnessed. But to be a good steward of this spiritual gift, he was instructed to be still, to listen to Jesus, and to wait for His direction. Good advice for us, too!

**PIN MINISTRY**

Dear Parishioners of Saint Edmond Campion Parish,

The Parishioner in Need (PIN) committee has been assisting a family from the Saint Christopher campus these past few months as they have been challenged with multiple medical hardships. Dan, husband and father, is undergoing cancer treatments and Nicole, wife and mother, suffered a fall over a month ago in which she broke one ankle and sprained the other. Nicole is unable to stand for long periods of time and meal preparation has been a challenge for her and their family of five, as their oldest child is only 8 years old. They are being helped by family and friends, but more assistance is needed.

Might you be able to help by preparing a meal for this family? If so, please contact Bonnie at the parish office at 860-568-5240 to obtain the contact information for this family.

Might you be able to help by making a monetary contribution to the PIN Ministry using the envelope available at the church entrances at both campuses so we can continue to provide the family with grocery store gift cards?

The Parishioner in Need committee will not be able to cure every need that comes our way.....but we can care for every parishioner in need. All it takes is a caring community, and we already have that here at Saint Edmund Campion Parish.

Thank you, Toni Mintel and Maria Sousa
(PIN Co-Chairs)

**HARTFORD POLISH SATURDAY SCHOOL**

Hartford Polish Saturday School is accepting applications for school year 2017/2018. Our goal is to teach the Polish language, promote history, culture and traditions of our ancestors to the new generation of children of the Polish emigrants. Classes (Pre-K 4 through 7th grade) are held every Saturday from September 16 through May from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm at 35 Groton Street in Hartford. For more information, visit www.polskaszkolahartford.com, send an e-mail to info@polskaszkolahartford.com or call 860-817-0368.
**THE TRANSFIGURATION**

In today’s account of the Transfiguration, we have a miniature of the entire Gospel, and a miniature of the manner in which God has always made His Divine Revelation known. God, like any loving parent, wants us to share in His love, but at the same time He wants us to enter into that love as freely as possible. In other words, God wants us to come to Him of our own accord, because the more freely we come to Him, the more we grow in His love. But as a loving parent, God knows we are often weak and need His help. God gave us an intellect by which we could of our own power reason that God exists, that He loves us, and that He wants us to imitate that love. God also gave us a free will by which to imitate Him. Our human intellect and will are often very weak, however, and so God constantly gives us signs of His presence, in order to remind us of Who God is and how much He loves us. As we share in the Eucharist—the offering of Christ’s self-sacrifice on the Cross—God our loving Father nourishes us with the life of His Son. Here is how Jesus’ Transfiguration on Mount Tabor bears further meaning: through its foreshadowing of Jesus’ transformation of His death on the Cross into the power and glory of His Resurrection, and in the transformation of the giving of our lives into a means of opening our lives to God’s divine life. (http://catholicdioceseofwichita.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.”

**Excerpts from SNOW FALLING ON SNOW**

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**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, August 13, 2017 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jesus want us all to walk toward Him – in faith – on the “water” of our life. He wants us to cast aside our fears and commit to Him with a radical faith. We are all like St. Peter; we want to walk on the water toward Jesus but the winds of doubt mingle with the inner turmoil of our own hearts, and the circumstances of our own life, to affect our faith. Peter’s faith was tested – as ours is – everyday. His example of calling out to the Lord – in faith – should be our prayer, too.