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 06118

Mass Schedule:
- Sunday: 9:00 am
- Friday & Saturday: 9:00 am

Saint Christopher Campus
538 Brewer Street
East Hartford, CT 06118

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
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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PARISH SUPPORT

What We Collected (August 6): $9,109*

*Includes $938 received through our Online Giving program, $301 from mail-in offerings and the offerings made to the monthly collection taken up at the Our Lady of Peace campus.

Thank you for your support of our parish!

PARISH SCHOOL COLLECTION

The second collection being taken up at all the Masses this weekend at the Saint Christopher campus is the regular monthly collection to support our parish school. The envelope set that parishioners from Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of Peace parishes is using does not contain this school envelope, so this collection will not be taken up at the Our Lady of Peace campus.

Beginning the weekend of September 2 and 3, all Saint Edmund Campion parishioners will be using the same envelope set which will arrive at homes in the next week or two. This new envelope set will contain a monthly envelope to support Saint Christopher School. We will no longer take up a monthly collection to support the parish.

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 Afraid
May They Put Their Trust in God

❖ The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week

In Memory of Nicola “Nick” D’Aloisio
(Jean & Joe Martocci)

(Mass Intentions - continued)

Saturday, August 20 – 9:00 a.m. (OLP)
Deacon Ray Parenteau (Julianne Kelly)

Sunday, August 20 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
Helen Little (Dave & Chickie Amberg)

(OLP) = Mass celebrated at Our Lady of Peace campus
(SC) = Mass celebrated at Saint Christopher campus
PARISH GREETERS’ MINISTRY
As Director of the Parish Greeters’ Ministry of Saint Edmund Campion parish, I want to welcome all members from the merged parishes of Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of Peace and Saint Christopher. This summer, as we begin a new chapter as the Saint Edmund Campion parish family, I offer you an invitation to join the Parish Greeters’ Ministry. Do you have a warm smile, a strong handshake and a hospitality spirit? If so, this ministry is for you! It is also a great service opportunity for Confirmation students. A training and information session is being held on Monday, August 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Saint Christopher campus church hall. Please plan to join me. For more information, I can be reached at annemarievolowski@yahoo.com or at 860-680-4219. God bless!

– Anne Marie Volowski

RELIGIOUS 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.

PRAYER/SHARING GROUP
The Prayer/Sharing Group meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Our Lady of Peace campus church hall. Please join us for an evening of Prayer, Song, Scripture Sharing and Friendship. Refreshments follow each meeting. For more info. call Phyl Tyrseck at 860-568-3855.

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. This group meets again this Wednesday, August 16. We will begin chapter 12 of the Gospel of Mark. Please join us when you can. For more information, please contact Deacon Phil at 860-568-5001 or at imgoose@comcast.net or Steve Cadwallader at 860-568-5477. 
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 email Mrs. Welch at welchk@saintchristopherschool.org or call the school office at 860-568-4100, or visit www.saintchristopherschool.org.

OUR NEW WEEKLY ENVELOPE

As mentioned in the article on page 1 of this bulletin, an offertory envelope has been designed for use by all Saint Edmund Campion parishioners beginning the weekend of September 2/3. This new design, as pictured above, is being printed for us in full color at no additional cost. The picture on the envelope is our Saint Edmund Campion Parish coat of arms. The meaning behind the symbols on our coat of arms is as follows:

The Crown and Palms
These symbols represent Martyrdom. Christian art adopted these two symbols to represent the martyr’s victory in passing through torments to the blessed life in Heaven. Saint Edmund Campion was canonized in 1970 by Pope Paul VI as one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales.

The Cross of Saint George
Saint George was recognized as the patron Saint of England in 1348. It is his cross that can still be found on the flag of Britain along with the cross of Saint Andrew which is in the form of an X.

The Seal of the Society of Jesus
The symbol placed on the cross is the seal of the Society of Jesus, a religious congregation of the Catholic Church which originated in Spain. Its members are called Jesuits. Saint Edmund Campion became a Jesuit in April of 1573.

The Campion Flower
The Campion flower represents Saint Edmund Campion’s surname.

The Red Lion
The lion is the national symbol of England. It was under the reign of Queen Elizabeth I that Saint Edmund Campion was persecuted for renouncing the Church of England.

LETTER FROM FIRE MARSHAL
We take this opportunity to share with you this letter we received this past week from our town’s Fire Marshal.

Dear Rev. Gwozdz,
I had the opportunity to visit the Our Lady of Peace campus on Monday, August 7, 2017. This visit was to check into an issue regarding folding seats in aisles. In the interest of safety, please discontinue any use of folding seats in aisles. These aisles are part of the means of egress and should not be obstructed in any way. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

Justin Wagner, Fire Marshall
East Hartford Fire Department
GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today’s Gospel from the Book of Matthew, we hear the remarkable story of Jesus walking on the Sea of Galilee. St. Peter reflects his faith in the Lord when he says, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” Jesus says simply, “Come.” We do not know if Peter stepped into the water or jumped and it does not matter. His faith and trust in the Lord allows Peter, too, to begin to walk on the water. Clearly when Peter’s focus is on Christ, he is able to accomplish this. However, when Peter loses his focus and begins to observe and think about the storm raging around him, he begins to sink. To Peter’s credit he knows exactly to Whom to turn in that situation. “Lord, save me.” We may often find ourselves in similar circumstances. Peter knew exactly Who to call out to at the moment of crisis. We may do the same. God truly loves us; we are His children. Listen to the Word of the Lord in Psalm 91: “Because he loves me,” says the Lord, “I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”

St. Francis de Sales wrote, “Either God will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then; put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.” — www.catholicsteward.com/blog

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.”

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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 20, 2017 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The faith that God wants from us is not passive. It’s active. God does not want the sort of faith that says, “God is going to take care of everything, so I can sit back and coast.” Faith involves something active on our part. It demands constant prayer. It demands the sort of dialogue, the sort of banter, that we hear between Jesus and the Gentile woman. We might even say that God wants us to challenge Him in our prayer, so that He might challenge us to greater faith, and thereby greater love.