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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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

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**Mass Intentsions for the Week**

Saturday, September 16 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
Louis & Olivette Allen and Dee Belitti (Family)
Jerry Millstein - In Remembrance of His Birthday
(Wife & Family)

Sunday, September 17 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
Reverend Monsignor Charles W. Daly

Sunday, September 17 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
Hilda Fernandes (Annamarie & Louisa Reyes)

Sunday, September 17 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
John Leonard – 1st Anniversary
Sandra Leonard DeVivo – 11th Anniversary
(Family)

Monday, September 18 – 7:30 am (SC)
Peter R. Gero – 1st Anniversary
(Carolyn V. Kronen)

Tuesday, September 19 – 7:30 am (SC)
Dinis Leonardo (Wife & Family)

Wednesday, September 20 – 7:30 am (SC)
Rita Tardiff (Lize Routhier)

Thursday, September 21 – 7:30 am (SC)
Richard “Mac” McCarthy
(Saint Edmund Campion Adult Social Club)

Friday, September 22 – 9:00 am (OLOP)
Jane Englehardt (Lorraine & Carl Deyette)

Saturday, September 23 – 9:00 am (OLOP)
Rev. Francis T. Kerwan

Saturday, September 23 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
Rudy Emerick – 4th Anniversary
(Wife & Family)

Sunday, September 24 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
Joseph Leonardo (Mom & Daughters)

Sunday, September 24 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
Richard Lessard (Barbara & Ronald Lessard)

Sunday, September 24 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
Louis Mangold
(Rafael Lora & Family)

(OLOP) = Mass celebrated at Our Lady of Peace campus
(SC) = Mass celebrated at Saint Christopher campus

**PARISH SUPPORT**

What We Collected (September 10): $ 8,341*

Parish School Support $ 1,850**

*Includes $1,571 received through our Online Giving program and $695 from mail-in offerings.

**Includes $90 received through our Online Giving program and $64 from mail-in offerings

Thank you for your support of our parish!

**EMERGENCY COLLECTION for Hurricane Relief ~ This Weekend**

Our parish will join other parishes throughout the country by taking up an emergency collection for hurricane relief at all Masses this weekend. The monies we collect will be used to support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses through the United States Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection that will help our brothers and sisters in Christ during this hurricane season, especially those who are victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Checks should be made payable to either Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of Peace or Saint Christopher. Checks made payable to Saint Edmund Campion parish will have to be held and will not provide immediate financial support.

**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 the Victims of Hurricanes Harvey & Irma

† The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week

In Loving Memory of
Jose Figueiredo
(Wife Maria)

If you would like to schedule a sanctuary lamp dedication for either campus, please contact the parish office at 860-568-5240. The suggested offering for a dedication is $15.
FIRST ANNUAL
ST. EDMUND CAMPION PARISH PICNIC
Sunday ~ September 24 ~ 12:00 noon
Our Lady of Peace Campus
See the enclosed flyer for all the exciting details!

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED
We are seeking young people in Grades 4 - 12 who are interested in serving our parish as Altar Servers. If your child(ren) is interested in this opportunity, please contact the parish office at 860-568-5240. We are currently compiling a list of the young people who are interested. A training session will be held in the near future.

CONGRATULATIONS
We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Evan Thorpe and Gabrielle Lawrence who on Saturday, September 9, entered into Holy Matrimony in a ceremony celebrated at the Saint Christopher campus. May the Lord bless them and their marriage. “Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” – Mark 10:9

CELEBRATE FAMILY DAY - SEPT. 25
Archbishop Blair encourages families to observe “Family Day” on Monday, September 25, by eating dinner together as a family. Studies by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, indicate that the simple act of eating family dinners can help prevent smoking, drinking and drug abuse. Visit casafamilyday.org for ways to make your Family Day special.

† IN MEMORIUM †
Please pray for these parishioners who have gone to eternal life during the month of August.

Agnes Arey Richard "Mac" McCarthy
Mary Blondin Firmo Noiva
Peter Brynes Sylvie Roberts
Brian Donovan Alex Sawka
Jane Englehardt Evangelina Sousa
John Haley III Joan Wilson

“If Christ is my life, then death is my gain.”
– Philippians 1:21

MARIAN GARDEN UPDATE
Benches Have Been Installed!
You may have noticed that the three benches have been installed in our Marian Garden. We are so pleased that this section of the Garden is complete. We are now busy preparing the orders of bricks and slabs that were placed over the summer for the fall production. If you are interested in placing an order for the fall production, now is the time! 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 you may visit our website at stchris-eh.org and click on the Marian Garden button on the left side.

SAINT EDMUND CAMPION
ADULT SOCIAL CLUB
Monday ~ October 2 ~ 1:00 p.m.
Church Hall at Saint Christopher Campus
In keeping with the Halloween theme for our October meeting, we are pleased to have the Gravestone Sisters, who will speak to us about the meanings of the engravings on tombstones and other related information. We are looking forward to having our members, old and new, join us. If you have any questions regarding the social club, please feel free to contact Joan or Frank Perrone at 860-748-7715.

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 parishioners 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.

HOPES COLLECTION
Next Weekend ~ September 23/24
The annual HOPES Collection benefits all Catholic elementary schools in our Archdiocese by providing schools with individual HOPES Grants supporting the funding of safe Catholic school environments, the expansion of innovative educational technology, and the marketing of their Catholic schools as “centers of excellence.” 25% of what we collect remains here to support our own parish school.
CATECHETICAL SUNDAY ~ SEPT. 17
A Day to Recognize Parents & Catechists
Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children. They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On this Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in our parish and parish school, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation. This is why the rite of blessing of catechists being used during the 10:30 a.m. on this Catechetical Sunday includes an optional blessing of parents and guardians. We are most grateful to the parents and guardians who are raising their children in the Catholic faith and to the Catechists in both our parish’s religious education program and our parish school for Living as Missionary Disciples!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
Students Entering Grades K-8
Religious Education classes for students entering Grades K-8 begin this Sunday, September 17. Classes meet on Sundays from 9:05 - 10:15 a.m. in our parish school. It is not too late to register. Our First Communion program is a two-year program beginning in the 1st Grade. To register your child, please contact our Religious Education Coordinator Maria Sousa at 860-895-8692 or at stchrisre@gmail.com.

Students Entering Grades 9 and 10
Students going into the first or second year of Confirmation preparation are invited to information sessions where they will learn about the expectations and format of this year’s program. Students will register in person at these sessions, and the session must be attended by the student and a parent. Choose one of the remaining three sessions: Sept. 17, Sept. 24, or Oct. 1. These sessions are being held from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. in the church hall at the Saint Christopher campus.

EVENING OF REFLECTION...
...for ALL FIRST AND SECOND YEAR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS – being held on Sunday, October 1, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the church hall at the Saint Christopher campus.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
The following new members and sponsors have won the drawing for council personalized soccer shirts:

| Tom Hurley   | Tony Gesnaldo |
| Pablo Torres | Brian Nwafor  |
| Sean Priest  | Mike Bisson   |
| Al Serruto   | Rene Letourneau|
| Ken Johnson  |               |

The following officers will be installed at the council Pot-Luck Supper on Tuesday the 19th:

Grand Knight: Bob Falkevitz
Chaplain: Fr. Joseph Moonnanappallil
Deputy Grand Knight: Ernie Mintel
Financial Secretary: Ray Simeone
Treasurer: Mike Gay
Advocate: Pablo Torres
Outside Guard: Rene Letourneau
Trustee: John Twarkinns
Trustee: Scott Gay
Trustee: Tony Gesnaldo

The council will be presenting Deacon Bill Bartlett with a Dalmatic and Stole along with his Honorary Membership Card. We will also present the soccer shirts to members who won the drawing.

Members should notify the GK for what side-dish or dessert you are bringing to the Pot-luck Supper. The council is providing roast beef as the main dish.

We 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.

LIVING GOD'S WORD
We pray that we might have the gift of forgiveness, both of receiving and giving it to others in turn. We ask the Holy Spirit to empower us to be able to forgive what the world judges to be “unforgiveable.” While for us it can seem impossible, with God all things are possible.
FORGIVENESS... The theme throughout today’s readings from Holy Scripture has to do with forgiveness. We must always appreciate that forgiveness is a two way street. We need to seek forgiveness as all of us are likely to do. However, forgiveness is also something we need to grant to others. Some scholars consider Matthew’s Chapter 18 from where our Gospel Reading comes today as perhaps among His most personal teachings to His disciples and others as spiritual leaders. There is no question that the Lord is in the process of preparing His followers for the time when they (we) must continue His Kingdom without His physical presence. He is trying to build up the sense of fellowship and cohesion among His flock. Thus, He focuses on how to build up cooperation and unity in those who work to build His Kingdom. He makes it clear that for us to accomplish that it requires forgiveness and reconciliation. The lesson for us is quite basic: we need to know and appreciate and understand the grace of Jesus and respond by learning how to forgive our sisters and brothers (all sisters and brothers in our Christian and Catholic fellowship). Christ always forgives us if we come to Him with a humble and repentant heart, and He expects the same from us. We need to forgive others just as we are forgiven. As Jesus warns us in today’s Gospel: “So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother (and sister) from your heart.” – 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.”

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, September 24, 2017 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
God calls us, as Christians, to do something profound. He calls us not only to be happy for others when they receive blessings, but to actually be the one who bestows these blessings, even when we feel they don’t deserve them. Our Lord asks us to imitate the landowner in the parable: to extend blessings to others, not because of how deserving they may or may not be, but to share in the Lord’s work of bestowing mercy on a fallen people.
The parish of Saint Edmund Campion will be hosting its First Annual Parish Picnic. We look forward to celebrating our newly-formed parish family with us all coming together for a festive afternoon.

Come and Enjoy Great Food and Fun for All!!!

Activities for the Kids ☺ Face Painting

Sunday, September 24
12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Peace Campus
370 May Road ~ East Hartford

$1.00 at the door gets you chips and a drink and your choice of a hamburger, hotdog or sausage/peppers.

Donations of dessert items are welcome.

If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to contact:

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