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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Mass for the Week

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)

Monday, September 25 – 7:30 am (SC)
Vincent Mondo (Wife Shirley & Family)

Tuesday, September 26 – 7:30 am (SC)
Cecil Railton (The Mondo Family)

Wednesday, September 27 – 7:30 am (SC)
Richard McCarthy (Peter & Ann Marie Dumais)

Thursday, September 28 – 7:30 am (SC)
Georgette Miller (Marion Sullivan)

Friday, September 29 – 9:00 am (OLOP)
Cory Capuano (Sally Ann Tanasi)

Saturday, September 30 – 9:00 am (OLOP)
Rev. George P. Burnett

Saturday, September 30 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
Jose Figueiredo (Wife Maria)

Arthur and Marion, Robert and Julian
(Mr. & Mrs. Robert Martin)

Sunday, October 1 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
Madeline Martin (Rose Chitwood)

Sunday, October 1 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
Chip Ross – 7th Anniversary (Family)

Sunday, October 1 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
Gloria Montano (Marty & Maureen Prokipchak)

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

PARISH SUPPORT
What We Collected (September 17): $ 6,865*

Hurricane Relief $ 3,525

*Includes $673 received through our Online Giving program and $37 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish and for supporting the Hurricane Relief Fund so generously!

IMPORTANT REMINDER
about making your offering
using a personal check

We remind those of you who make your parish offering using a personal check to please make your check payable to Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of Peace or Saint Christopher Church while we continue to wait patiently for word from the State of Connecticut that Saint Edmund Campion Parish is legally recognized. As soon as we receive word from the state, we will be able to open a bank account under the new parish name. In the meantime, we have no other option than to hold all checks made payable to Saint Edmund Campion. If you have already submitted a check made payable to Saint Edmund Campion and you would rather we not hold it, please contact Bonnie at the parish office at 860-568-5240.

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 Hurricane Maria

❖ The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week

In Loving Memory of
Michela Miano
(Jean Nowik & Joe Martocci)

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.
**HOPES COLLECTION**  
**This 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 through today’s second collection remains here to support our own parish school.

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**FIRST ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC**  
**Sunday ~ September 24**  
12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m.  
**Our Lady of Peace Campus**  
370 May Road ~ East Hartford  
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.  

- Activities for the Kids!  
- Face Painting!  
- Pony Rides!  
- Music!  

$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.  

Come and enjoy a great afternoon!

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**MARIAN GARDEN UPDATE**  
**Fall Production Deadline: October 8**  
The fall production deadline is coming near! We will soon be turning over to the production team all orders we have received during these past few months. Orders received after October 8 will be put into the spring production pile. If you are interested in seeing your brick or slab installed this year, please place your order within the next two weeks. Bricks and slabs 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.). Please contact the parish office at 860-568-5240 for help with your order or you may visit our website at stchris-eh.org and click on the Marian Garden button on the left side to get more information.

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**CONFIRMATION CLASSES**  
**For Students in 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 two sessions: September 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.

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**  
**For Students in Grades K - 8**  
Religious Education classes for students in Grades K-8 began on Sunday, September 17, but there’s still time to register your child for this year’s program. Classes meet on Sundays from 9:05 - 10:15 a.m. in Saint Christopher School. 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.

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**SAINT EDMUND CAMPION**  
**ADULT SOCIAL CLUB**  
**Monday ~ October 2 ~ 1:00 p.m.**  
**Saint Christopher Campus**  
**Church Hall**  
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.
ADULT BIBLE STUDY
Our Adult Bible Study group meets again this Wednesday, September 27, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the chapel on the Saint Christopher campus. This group meets every other Wednesday. We will be finishing up chapter 14 and experiencing as much of chapter 15 of the Gospel of Mark as time allows. After we complete the Gospel of Mark the group decided it wants to tackle the Book of Revelation next! If you have any questions please call Deacon Phil at 860-568-5001 or by e-mail at imgoose@comcast.net or Steve Cadwallader at 860-568-5477.

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. We meet each Thursday with the exception of holy days 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 at 860-568-7383.

OFFERTORY GIFTS
We invite those of you who are fairly 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.

ONE MORE REQUEST
“O Thou who has given us so much, mercifully grant us one thing more – a grateful heart.”
– George Herbert

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
On Saturday, October 7 at 9:00 a.m. in the parking lot near Saint Christopher School, Father John will offer the traditional St. Francis blessing of the animals – rain or shine. Bring your beloved pet for a blessing and meet Father John’s cat Bridget. In the spirit of St. Francis and to help our less fortunate furry friends, we will be accepting donations for Protectors of Animals, a no-kill animal rescue and shelter located here in East Hartford. Their full wish list can be found on their website: www.poainc.org (How to Help tab).

ARCHDIOCESAN CONFERENCES
1st Annual Archdiocesan Women’s Conference
Saturday ~ November 4, 2017
Hartford Marriott Downtown ~ 9AM - 5PM
A day of inspiration, spiritual nourishment and sisterhood.
www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org

10th Annual CT Catholic Men’s Conference
Saturday ~ October 21, 2017
St. Paul Catholic High School, Bristol
8:30AM - 5:00PM
A day to bring together Catholic men to renew their faith in Christ in an inspiring, motivational, prayerful atmosphere.
www.CTCatholicmen.org

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.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION
Our parish school is most grateful for the number of Box Tops for Education coupons we receive each week from our parishioners! Clipped coupons can be placed in our offertory basket on any weekend. Ask your friends to save them too! Thank you for your support of Saint Christopher School!
GOSPEL REFLECTION

In our First Reading from the Book of Isaiah, God reminds us that He does not think in the same way that we do. “For my thoughts are not your thoughts.” That is quite clear in our Gospel today from Matthew, which relates the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard. In the Gospel parable, God (who is represented by the landowner) does something which from our human perspective may seem unfair and unjust. What we must keep in mind is that the landowner did not treat anyone unfairly. He may have seemed more generous to some than to others, but again that is from our perspective. We can be absolutely certain that God will never be unfair to us. The Lord may bestow greater blessings on others, some of whom again from our perspective may seem less deserving. God is a righteous God. Through stewardship we acknowledge that everything comes to us from God. All our blessings may seem to be more or less than we deserve, but if we are grateful for what we have and what we are, we will then recognize God’s generosity and His grace. The important thing to us should not be and cannot be whether we are first or last. What is central is that we are part of the Kingdom of God. That should be sufficient for us. We get into trouble when we conclude that God should think the way we do. – www.catholicsteward.com/blog

LECTIO DIVINA & DAILY READINGS

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| Psalm 145: 2-3, 8-9, 17-18 | Psalm 126: 1b-6 | Psalm 122: 1-5 | Tobit 13: 2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 | Psalm 149: 1b-6a, 9b | Psalm 138: 1-5 | Jeremiah 31: 10-12ab, 13 | Psalm 25: 4-9 |

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, October 1, 2017 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Once again, thanks to God’s generosity, we are today given another chance to respond to God’s invitation to enter his kingdom. It requires a radical choice, and also may require radical action in our way of living. But we must not test God’s patience, nor presume on his mercy – hoping to obtain forgiveness without conversion. Not everyone who cries “Lord, Lord” will enter the kingdom.
SAINT CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL
FUNDRAISERS

Saturday ~ September 30 ~ 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
570 Brewer Street ~ East Hartford

Car Wash - $5.00

We are accepting refundable bottles and cans as well as your old scrap metal!