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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

Rev. John P. Gwozdz, Pastor

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## 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.



## PARISH OFFICE

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Bonnie Szalay, Office Manager



## ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL

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Audrey Cesana, Secretary

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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*Mass Intentions for the Week*

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*)

Monday, October 2 – 7:30 am (SC)

**Nancy & Dominic Viglione** (*Jean Walker*)

Tuesday, October 3 – 7:30 am (SC)

**Joseph Gumkowski** (*Family*)

Wednesday, October 4 – 7:30 am (SC)

**Angelo Capuano** (*Sally Ann Tanasi*)

Thursday, October 5 – 7:30 am (SC)

**Dinis Leonardo** (*Wife & Family*)

Friday, October 6 – 9:00 am (OLOP)

**Bob Tyrseck** (*Wife & Family*)

Saturday, October 7 – 9:00 am (OLOP)

**Rev. Richard R. Russell**

Saturday, October 7 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)

**Leo James Madore** (*The Berube Family*)

**James and Maryanna Wilson** (*Family*)

Sunday, October 8 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)

**Fernand Turmel – 12th Anniversary**  
(*Wife & Family*)

Sunday, October 8 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)

**Robert Roman & Tim Roman**  
(*The Luneau Family*)

Sunday, October 8 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)

**Gloria Montano** (*John Mahon*)

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

**PARISH SUPPORT**

What We Collected (September 24): \$ 7,336\*

HOPES Collection (*see article below*)

\*Includes \$568 received through our Online Giving program and \$60 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish and for supporting the annual HOPES collection!

**HOPES COLLECTION**

Thank you! On behalf of the students in the Catholic elementary schools of the Archdiocese of Hartford, we extend deep gratitude to all who contributed to the 2017 HOPES Collection. Your support, which totaled \$1,920, will help to create a culture of educational excellence and plays an important role in the evangelization of young students as active participants in their parish communities. 25% of this collection, which totals \$480, remains here to support our own parish school. Thank you again!

**IMPORTANT**

**Bank Account Update**

We were informed this past week by our legal counsel that we should expect to receive within the next couple of weeks the documents necessary to open a bank account under the name of Saint Edmund Campion parish. In the meantime, please continue to make your offering checks payable to Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of Peace or Saint Christopher Church. Thank you for your patience!

**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 Dignity of Each Human Person from Conception to Natural Death**

✠ The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week

**In Loving Memory of Mark Tardiff**  
(*Family*)

Please contact the parish office at 860-568-5240 to schedule a dedication. Suggested offering is \$15.

My dear friends,

I want to extend my personal thanks to all who made our first picnic as the new parish of Saint Edmund Campion such a great success. The weather was great (except for the heat) and everyone had a good time. It was nice to see Father Nock there as well. I kept my promise and had my face painted with a portrait of my cat Bridget. I was particularly pleased to see that the twenty-five volunteers represented all three of the merged churches. I'm grateful for those who set up, did the cooking and serving, those who managed the bounce house, pony ride and golf game, those who cleaned up at the end, and those who made arrangements for the attractions. If the picnic was an indication of how we can work together, then we're in great shape for events in the future. Some may say "We are the champions" but only we can say "We are the **CAMPIONS!**" May God bless you all, Father John



### CONFIRMATION CLASSES

#### For Students in Grades 9 and 10

One last information session for students going into the first or second year of Confirmation preparation is being held this Sunday, October 1 from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. in the church hall at the Saint Christopher campus. Come learn about the expectations and format of this year's program. Students will register in person at this session and the session must be attended by the student and a parent.

#### Evening of Reflection

#### Sunday ~ October 1 ~ 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

This Evening of Reflection, being held in the church hall at the Saint Christopher campus is for **ALL FIRST AND SECOND YEAR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS.**

### SAVE THE DATES

#### Knights of Columbus Harvest Dinner

Saturday ~ October 14 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Saint Christopher Campus Church Hall

\$12.50/person

Tickets will be available for purchase after all Masses next weekend, October 7 and 8. This dinner supports the council and the hurricane victims.

#### Pasta Dinner

Saturday ~ November 11 ~ 5:00 p.m.

Saint Christopher School Gym

Pasta • Meatballs • Salad • Bread • Dessert

Gluten-free and Vegetarian options available.

This dinner will benefit Saint Christopher School.

### 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 during this coming week. 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](http://stchris-eh.org) and click on the Marian Garden button on the left side to get more info.

### 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](http://www.poainc.org).

### A PEACEFUL HEART

*"While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart."*

– St. Francis of Assisi

### **A PARISH PICNIC THANK YOU!**

The newly formed parish family of Saint Edmund Campion shared a lovely afternoon this past Sunday at our first annual Parish Picnic. Beginning with the committee that planned it, to the people who worked it, to those who attended it – it was truly a community event! So many came out to enjoy the music, food and good company. The children (and some adults!) were treated to artful face painting, a fun bounce house, a mini-golf game, and pony rides with Star, the pony who has been the “Star” attraction at numerous Our Lady of Peace picnics. A very nice time was had by all.

Many thanks to all who participated, especially all of the tireless and dedicated volunteers who worked in the scorching heat and humidity to make this event a great success! Thank you for helping to make the day possible which is now a happy memory for us all!!

Sincerely, Danielle & Marie  
Co-chairs of the Planning Committee

### **SAINT CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL NEWS**

#### **School Mass**

A Mass will be celebrated with the students and staff of our parish school this Tuesday, October 3, at 9:00 a.m. All are invited.

#### **Pinwheels**

Have you noticed the pinwheels whirling along the front of the school? Again this year, planting pinwheels was part of our prayer service to celebrate the International Day of Peace. The students prayed for peace in the world and in their community. They made pledges to be a peaceful person in their families and among their friends. This message simply cannot be spread enough. Join us and pray for “whirled” peace!

#### **Savers Collection Day**

Start Saving! Saint Christopher School will hold a *Savers Collection Day* on Sunday, October 22, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the school. Bring your used clothing and household goods such as towels and bedding. Let us help you with your Fall cleaning and you can help the school earn some money. 180 garbage bags of donations will earn \$1,000 for our school!

### **DAILY MASS AT ST. CHRISTOPHER CAMPUS**

Starting on Monday, October 16, the daily Mass time at the Saint Christopher campus will move to 8:00 a.m. (Monday to Thursday) to allow classes from our parish school to attend the Mass. The After-Mass Thursday Breakfast Club was consulted and they responded to the idea enthusiastically. Please help us spread the word.

### **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 Saint Edmund Campion Adult Social Club, please feel free to contact Joan or Frank Perrone at 860-568-6229.

### **FOOD BANK NEWS**

I will be holding a meeting on Monday, October 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall at the Our Lady of Peace campus. All current volunteers as well as anyone who's interested in becoming a volunteer are invited to attend. All who are interested in helping prepare and deliver the Thanksgiving baskets are also encouraged to join us. We will be preparing the Thanksgiving baskets at South Congregational Church on Thursday, November 16 beginning at 9:00 a.m. and will be delivering these baskets on Sunday, November 19 beginning at 9:00 a.m. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Oct. 16 meeting. – Diane Warner, Food Bank Co-coordinator

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The local council will meet this Thursday, October 5, in the Saint Christopher campus church hall for their business meeting at the following times:

6:30 PM – 4th Degree Assembly Meeting  
7:30 PM – Council #4 meeting

We welcome the following new members to our council: Charles O'Hara and Scott Lavoie.

Our council is holding a Harvest Dinner on Oct. 14. Please see the *Save the Date* article on page 2.

We are looking for men and their families who want to help us build up the family which is the domestic church. Please contact Grand Knight Bob Falkevitz at 860-568-5452 for more information.

**LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR**

St. Paul offers a formula for living the way we are supposed to live as Christians in today’s Second Reading. Paul writes, “Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves.” Doing this is a challenge for most of us. Yet, it is one of the secrets to being a good steward and living as Christ wants us to live. To truly live this way requires a dramatic conversion. All of us know people who are so self-centered that they often are not even aware that they are totally unwilling to compromise or to even recognize the value of those around them. Achieving this kind of self awareness, of what kind of a person we are, is a significant step on our faith and life journeys. Screenwriter and playwright William Nicholson once wrote, “God does not necessarily want us to be happy. He wants us to be lovable, worthy of love, able to be loved by Him. What makes people hard to love? It is called selfishness. Selfish people are hard to love, because so little love comes out of them.” That is our challenge, to love others in such a way that we become lovable as well. Christ told us over and over that the secret to being His disciple and the secret to being a good steward is to “Love your neighbor.” That is how to be the kind of person Paul calls us to be as well. – www.catholicsteward.com/blog

**LECTIO DIVINA & DAILY READINGS**

| Sunday<br>26th Sunday<br>in Ordinary Time | Monday                          | Tuesday               | Wednesday          | Thursday                           | Friday                  | Saturday                 | Sunday<br>27th Sunday<br>in Ordinary Time |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Ezekiel 18:<br>25-28                      | Zechariah 8:<br>1-8             | Zechariah 8:<br>20-23 | Nehemiah 2:<br>1-8 | Nehemiah 8:<br>1-4a, 5-6,<br>7b-12 | Baruch 1:<br>15-22      | Baruch 4:<br>5-12, 27-29 | Isaiah 5:<br>1-7                          |
| Psalms 25:<br>4-9                         | Psalms 102:<br>16-21, 29, 22-23 | Psalms 87:<br>1b-7    | Psalms 137:<br>1-6 | Psalms 19:<br>8-11                 | Psalms 79:<br>1b-5, 8-9 | Psalms 69:<br>33-37      | Psalms 80:<br>9, 12-16, 19-20             |
| Philippians 2:<br>1-11                    |                                 |                       |                    |                                    |                         |                          | Philippians 4:<br>6-9                     |
| Matthew 21:<br>28-32                      | Matthew 18:<br>1-5, 10          | Luke 9:<br>51-56      | Luke 9:<br>57-62   | Luke 10:<br>1-12                   | Luke 10:<br>13-16       | Luke 10:<br>17-24        | Matthew 21:<br>33-43                      |

**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.

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| <p><b>Call to Prayer:</b> “Let us take a moment in the midst of all our activity to prepare ourselves for prayer.”</p> <p><small>Excerpts from SNOW FALLING ON SNOW<br/>Copyright 2001 by Robert J. Wicks<br/>Used with permission of Paullist Press</small></p> | <p><b>The Word of God:</b> 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.</p> | <p><b>Faith Sharing:</b> 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 &amp; sharing.</p> | <p><b>Closing Prayer:</b> 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.</p> |
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**Reflection for Next Sunday, October 8, 2017 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The cornerstone of the Christian way of life is love, and the love is a person in Jesus. He is the one who will invigorate the vine. Some will kill him, some will follow. All of us are probably a bit in-between. God sent his own son into the trap of human life not because life is perfect, but because love is.