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 (October 1): $ 8,317*
*Includes $1,403 received through our Online Giving program and $175 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish family!

PARISH SCHOOL SUPPORT
The second collection being taken up at all Masses this weekend is the regular monthly collection to support our parish school. Thank you!

BANK ACCOUNT UPDATE
Documents Received!
During this past week we finally received the documents allowing us to move forward with opening a bank account under the name of Saint Edmund Campion Parish. These documents are now being reviewed by our bank’s Operations Division, so while we wait to hear from them, please continue to make your offering checks payable to Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of Peace or Saint Christopher Church. Thank you for your continued patience!

LIVING GOD’S WORD
St. Paul calls us to set aside anxiety and to make known to God any requests we have for more fruitful lives. In prayer we will find that “the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

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 Arnold & Macchi Families (Family)

❖ The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week

In Loving Memory of Edwin G. & Lillian B. Jones
In Remembrance of Their 103rd Birthday (Daughter Janette Forte)

Please contact the parish office at 860-568-5240 to schedule a dedication. Suggested offering is $15.
**PRAYER/SHARING GROUP**
Our Prayer/Sharing Group meets every Thursday 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.

**DAILY MASS**
**AT SAINT 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. *This change does not affect the Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. Mass celebrated at the Our Lady of Peace campus.*

**FAMILY CHOIR REHEARSAL**
The Family Choir will rehearse on Wednesday, October 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel at the Saint Christopher campus. Any adult or child who wishes to sing with the Family Choir at the next Children’s Liturgy begins celebrated on Sunday, October 22 at 10:30 a.m. is invited to join us. For more information, please contact Maria Sousa, our Coordinator of Religious Education, at 860-895-8692.

**H ave you ever directed a children’s play?**
Our Religious Education Program is looking for someone to direct a children’s Christmas play that is presented each year during the month of December. For this year, the new director will work alongside our current director to learn all there is to know. We hold 5-6 practices between November and the day of the play in December. These practices are held after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday morning and last for about two hours. The play is presented on a Sunday morning during the time our religious education classes meet. We also need some people who can help direct the students to the stage. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Maria Sousa at 860-895-8692 or at stchrisre@gmail.com.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**
**New Member:** We welcome new member Paul Fitzgerald to our council.

**Harvest Dinner – October 14:** A dinner will be held on Saturday, October 14 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the church hall at the Saint Christopher campus to support the council and the hurricane victims. This will be a beef tenderloin/filet mignon dinner. Tickets are $12.50 per person and will be on sale after all Masses this weekend, October 7/8. Each ticket purchased receives a Dunkin Donut.

**5th Sunday Family Rosary – October 29:** A family rosary is planned after the 7:30 a.m. Mass at the Saint Christopher campus and all are invited to attend. A scrambled egg breakfast will follow in the hall for $5.00/person. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

We are looking for men and their families who want to help us build up the family which is the domestic church time. It takes only 24 hours per year to save lives and change lives.

Please contact Grand Knight Bob Falkevitz at 860-568-5452 for more information.

**THE GUILD OF ST. AGNES**
The Guild of St. Agnes is now sponsoring its drive for 2017. It is an independent non-profit corporation that emphasizes respect for life. If you are interested in becoming a sponsoring member, please contact our parishioner Marion Sullivan at 860-568-4533.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**
Our Adult Bible Study group meets again this Wednesday, October 11, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the chapel at the Saint Christopher campus. This group meets every other Wednesday. We hope to complete the Gospel of Mark at this next session! After we complete the Gospel of Mark, the group has decided it wants to tackle the Book of Revelation! If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Phil at 860-568-5001 or by e-mail at imgoose@comcast.net or Steve Cadwallader at 860-568-5477.

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**Our Church is growing! We welcome into our Christian community through the holy waters of baptism:**

**Logan Justin Magoulas**
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

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!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
Our Prayer Shawl Ministry welcomes anyone who would like to join our parish ministry of prayer, service and love. We gather in the church hall at the St. Chris campus on the 2nd Monday of the month from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Our next gathering is this Mon., Oct. 9, but feel free to jump in at any time. Bring a friend. You don’t need to know how to knit because we can teach you! If you would like to know more or if you or someone you know would like to receive a prayer shawl, please contact Santa Vallone at 860-569-1772.

UPCOMING DINNER EVENTS
Knights of Columbus Harvest Dinner
Saturday ~ October 14 ~ 5:30 p.m.
Saint Christopher Campus Church Hall
Main Entrée: Beef Tenderloin/Filet Mignon
$12.50/person
Tickets will be available for purchase after all Masses this 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.

M. LOUISE SWEETLAND SCHOLARSHIP
The M. Louise Sweetland Scholarship Committee is now reviewing applications for this year’s candidates. If you are a registered member of the parish and have a child attending either a Catholic grammar school or high school, you are encouraged to see Father after Mass today to pick up an application. Alternatively, you may call Kevin Burns at 860-209-2378 to arrange to have an application sent by regular mail or by e-mail. The deadline to submit applications is October 31, 2017. Completed applications may be given to Father, be dropped off at the parish office or returned to Kevin Burns.

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

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

Lucienne Arsenault    Michela Miano
Real Baron            Laurelle Parent
Gary Lindsay          Howard Thiery

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

One of St. Paul’s favorite topics was prayer, and today’s reading from his letter to the Philippians is no exception to that. He says, “Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.” For Paul all topics are appropriate for prayer because we need to share and consult with the Lord about everything. God knows what is on our minds already, of course, but He also desires that we make a conscious effort to communicate with Him on these subjects. In addition, Paul points out that our prayers need to be infused with thanksgiving. We should not just petition the Lord and make requests. It is equally important that we think about, identify, and acknowledge our blessings. When we live a life of gratitude, it encourages us to focus on gifts, not on problems and challenges all the time. If we strive to have grateful hearts, our prayers come much more easily, and we tend to be much happier and more upbeat in our lives. The noted author, philosopher, journalist, and theologian G. K. Chesterton is well known in Catholic circles because he converted to Catholicism during his life, and was an excellent conveyer of the faith. In terms of living grateful lives he said, “I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought; and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder.” That includes thanks to God. – 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, October 15, 2017 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today’s Gospel reminds us that God invites all of us to his kingdom. In theological terms, God has granted us free will to accept or reject salvation. The parable of the wedding feast reminds us that God desires our wholehearted acceptance of his invitation to salvation. How do we respond to this invitation?