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: 8:00 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 Intentions for the Week**

Saturday, October 14 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
**Robert Boardman – 5th Anniv.**
(Wife Helen & Family)

**Pat & Dick Welch** (Family)

Sunday, October 15 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
**Rev. Stanislaw Ryszard Staron**

Sunday, October 15 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
**Mary Zebedeo**

Sunday, October 15 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
**Mary Moren and Alice & Fred Rockwood**
(Mr. & Mrs. Peter Samiotis)
(Mr. & Mrs. Peter Anselmo)

Monday, October 16 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
**Antonio Leonardo** (Wife & Family)

Tuesday, October 17 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
**Manuel Machado** (Wife Maria)

Wednesday, October 18 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
**John Olinatz - 19th Anniv.** (Children)

Thursday, October 19 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
**Joe Gieras – 18th Anniv.**
**Dinis Leonardo** (Wife & Family)

Friday, October 20 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
**John & Louise Olinatz** (Children)

Saturday, October 21 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
**Clement Dulude – 1st Anniv.** (Wife & Family)

Saturday, October 21 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
**Rachel DeLeo – 25th Anniv.** (Family)

Alice “Meme” Goslin – 3rd Anniv. (Family)

Tina Marinella (Her Mother, Pauline Mulligan)

Sunday, October 22 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
**Joseph Leonardo** (Mom & Daughters)

Sunday, October 22 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
**Sean Stebbins** (The Luneau Family)

Sunday, October 22 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
**Delfino Baron - 2nd Anniv.**
(Daughter Lisa Jacobs & Family)

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

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**PARISH SUPPORT**

What We Collected (October 8): $6,873*
Parish School Collection: $2,265**

*Includes $543 received through our Online Giving program and $304 from mail-in offerings.
**Includes $140 received through our Online Giving program and $57 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish and school family!

**BANK ACCOUNT UPDATE**

An Additional Document is Necessary
The Operations Division of our bank has informed us that one additional document is necessary before we are able to open our Saint Edmund Campion Parish bank account. While we await this additional document, 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!

**A GENEROUS GIFT**

We extend our sincere appreciation to a long-time parishioner, who wishes to remain anonymous, for their recent donation of $20,000 ($10,000 to support the needs of the parish and $10,000 to support the needs of our parish school.) May God bless them for their generosity.

**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

**In Loving Memory of**
**Anthony Lombari**
(Father & Family)

† The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week

**In Loving Memory of**
**Thomas Camarco - 15th Anniversary**
(Wife Emilie)

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

**AT SAINT CHRISTOPHER CAMPUS**

Starting this 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. 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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

5th Sunday Family Rosary ~ October 29

A family rosary is planned after the 7:30 a.m. Mass at the Saint Christopher campus on Sunday, October 29 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.

**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.

**FAMILY CHOIR REHEARSAL**

The Family Choir will rehearse this 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 Children’s Liturgy being celebrated next Sunday, October 22 at 10:30 a.m. is invited to join us. For more information, please contact Maria Sousa, Coordinator of Religious Ed., at 860-895-8692.

**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.

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If you or someone you know could benefit by receiving a Thanksgiving basket, please let me know. In addition, if you or someone you know is currently experiencing a temporary hardship, please let me know that as well. I can be reached at 860-202-8462.

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At this time our Food Bank is getting low on many items that we were once able to get from Foodshare. In addition, we have been providing food to a greater number of families than we have in the past. I am hoping that you will help us to restock our Food Bank as we prepare for the upcoming holiday season. Here are items we especially need:

- Canned Tuna Fish or Chunk Chicken
- Chef Boyardee Canned Macaroni Products
- Hamburger Helper
- Soups
- Baked Beans
- Spaghetti/Macaroni
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Laundry Detergent
- Dishwashing Liquid
- Bar Soap
- Toilet Paper

If you would like to donate a chicken or a turkey, please contact me at 860-202-8462. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

– Diane Warner, Food Bank Co-coordinator

**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.
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!

KEEPING OUR YOUTH SAFE ONLINE:
What Every Adult Should Know
Featured speaker Scott Driscoll is a law enforcement officer with 21+ years of experience. Scott started Internet Safety Concepts through which he educates people about safety using technology and the internet. The presentation is designed for adults to guide youth in making responsible choices in the digital world and will cover social networking, video chats, texting and sexting. This event will take place on Tuesday, November 7 from 7:00–9:00 p.m. at St. Mark the Evangelist Church, 467 Quaker Lane S., West Hartford. To register, please contact Ginamarie at Ginamarie.garabedian@aohct.org or by phone at 860-242-5573. This event is being sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office for Catholic Social Justice, Office of Safe Environment, and Office of Education, Evangelizations and Catechesis.

HAVE 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.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY
Our monthly Children’s Liturgy will be celebrated next Sunday, October 22 at 10:30 a.m. Mass. Our Family Choir will lead the music. Hospitality will follow in the church hall and is being hosted this month by families with children in Grades K, 1 and 8. Everyone is invited!

UPCOMING DINNER EVENT
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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION
Next weekend, October 21/22, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Each year, the entire Church is invited to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the poorest of the poor. While only some are called to go to the Missions to serve, all of us are called, by our Baptism, to support the Church’s missionary work by our prayers and financial help. **This year, we are invited to “Chat With The Pope” to learn more about his missions.** For more information on how to do this, please visit ChatWithThePope.org.

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
GOSPEL REFLECTION… In today’s Gospel we hear what is commonly known as The Parable of the Wedding Feast. In this story shared by Jesus for our benefit, a king is hosting a wedding feast for his son. He sends out invitations and people ignore them or choose not to respond. It may seem somewhat remarkable to us that people turn down an invitation to a royal wedding feast.

Yet, the Lord invites us to join Him on a regular basis through Holy Scripture and the Sacraments. Many ignore the invitation, and in most cases are not even aware of the fact they have received it. Those who read this are aware of the invitation. The question is “How do we respond?”

What do we do after we attend a Holy Mass? What is our reaction to the reception of Christ’s incredible gift in the Eucharist? We may not make light of it like some of the people in the parable, but if we merely go our separate ways, and do not strive to be active disciples, we are basically doing the same thing as those Jesus describes in this parable. In one of his first appearances Pope Francis declared, “Go make disciples of all nations.” We cannot make disciples unless we are ourselves disciples.

– www.catholicsteward.com/blog

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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 22, 2017 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Give the LORD glory and honor.” Here the Psalmist gives an example of what belongs to God: not money, but glory and honor. Reflecting on this, we see a difference in what “belongs” to Caesar or any other man, and what “belongs” to God. What belongs to the LORD is His by His very divine nature. It cannot possibly be taken from Him, yet He shares it with us so that we might return it to Him, and rejoice in doing so.