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

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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.

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Mr. William Bartlett, Deacon
deaconbill@yahoo.com

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imgoose@comcast.net
Mass for the Week

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 Barone - 2nd Anniv.
(Daughter Lisa Jacobs & Family)

Monday, October 23 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
Susan Viglione & Jeremy Minney (Jean Walker)

Tuesday, October 24 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
Agnes Arey (Catherine Bernard)

Wednesday, October 25 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
Evangelina Sousa (Marge Leonard)

Thursday, October 26 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
Diane Olinatz (Family)

Friday, October 27 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
Sabrina Wasserman (Terry & Marcie Dwyer)

Saturday, October 28 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
Rev. Louis A. Evangelisto

Saturday, October 28 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
Members of the Clark Family

Maria Machado (Tony & Maria Sousa)

Sunday, October 29 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
Rev. Ronald R. Yelle

Sunday, October 29 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
Richard Lessard (Barbara & Ronald Lessard)

Sunday, October 29 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
Dorothy Slota (Husband & Family)

Deborah A. Wallace (Tony & Maria Sousa)

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

PARISH SUPPORT
What We Collected (October 15): $7,626*

*Includes $743 received through our Online Giving program and $535 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish family!

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION
This Weekend ~ October 21/22
This weekend we 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.

BANK ACCOUNT UPDATE
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!

SANCTUARY LAMP
The lamps beside our church’s tabernacles remind us of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

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The candle at the Our Lady of Peace campus burns this week

In Praise and Thanksgiving and
For Continued Prayers for John DiSarro
(Family)

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The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week

In Memory of Madeline Martin
(Theo & Joe)

To schedule a sanctuary lamp dedication, please call the parish office at 860-568-5240.
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.

SAVERS COLLECTION DAY

This Sunday ~ October 22 ~ 10:00am - 1:00 p.m.
Saint Christopher School is holding a Savers Collection Day this 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!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Our Adult Bible Study group meets again this Wednesday, October 25, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in our chapel at the Saint Christopher campus. This group meets every other Wednesday and you are invited to join in when you can. For more information, please contact Deacon Phil at 860-568-5001 or at imgoose@comcast.net or Steve Cadwallader at 860-568-5477.

FOOD BANK NEWS

If you or someone you know could benefit by receiving a Thanksgiving basket or you or someone you know is currently experiencing a temporary hardship, please call Diane Warner at 860-202-8462.
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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
5th Sunday Family Rosary & Breakfast
Sunday ~ October 29 ~ After Our 7:30am Mass
A family rosary is planned for after our 7:30 a.m.
Mass on Sunday, October 29, and all are invited to
attend. A scrambled egg breakfast will follow in the
hall for $5.00/person. Please let Bob know if you
plan to attend the breakfast so there’ll be sufficient
food. You can reach Bob at 860-568-5452.

2nd or 3rd Degree Ceremony
For those members who need to attend a 2nd or 3rd
Degree Ceremony, they will be held at the
Washington Irving Council 50, 371 Washington Rd.,
Enfield, CT on Sunday, November 19 from 12:00
noon to 4:00 p.m. with a dinner following. Please let
the GK Bob know if you wish to attend.

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

KEEPING OUR YOUTH SAFE ONLINE:
What Every Adult Should Know
Featured speaker Scott Driscoll, a law enforcement
officer with 21+ years of experience, 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.

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS
ShopRite for Education
Please register your ShopRite shopper’s card to
benefit Saint Christopher School. Cards need to be
re-enrolled each year. We will earn 1,000 points if
25 people are registered by 10/31. We have only 8
so far! Please help us earn these bonus points as well
as points all year! Visit shopriteformyschool.com/
register to enroll your card. After you enter your card
number, enter the zip code of 06118 and select Saint
Christopher School. Thank you!

Saint Elizabeth Anne Seton Award
Congratulations to Marie Gallo-Garabedian who was
named the recipient of the 2017 Saint Elizabeth
Anne Seton award by the Archdiocese of Hartford!
She earned this honor due to her many years of
volunteerism on behalf of Saint Christopher School.
We are so grateful for her continuing efforts to
support Catholic education. Be sure to tell Marie
congratulations and thank you!!

Trunk or Treat Event
St. Chris Halloween activities are getting a breath of
fresh air! Please join us for our 1st Halloween Trunk
or Treat Event being held on Sunday, October 29 from
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at St. Christopher School. Admission
is one bag of candy per family for trick or treats!

1:00-1:30 pm: Arrival/ Set-up of Trunks
1:30-2:30 pm: Magician/Entertainment in the
School Gym
2:30-3:00 pm: Trunk or Treat in the School
Parking Lot
All are welcome! Bring your family, friends and
neighbors! We have 14 trunks confirmed. If you
would like to join in the festivities and decorate a
trunk for this event, please contact Mrs. Welch at 860-
568-4100 or at WelchK@saintchristopherschool.org.

Mixed Bag Fundraiser
Please consider supporting the school’s Mixed Bag
Fundraiser. Mixed Bag Designs offers a wide
selection of totes, accessories, kitchenware and tons
more! For your convenience, you can order online
and help raise money for our School! We earn 40%
back from each order PLUS orders are shipped direct
to the buyer. Free Shipping if you spend $75 or
more! Our fundraising ID# is 94326 or access:
GOSPEL REFLECTION... Jesus appeals to us to look beyond the simplistic politics and black-and-white legalisms represented by the coin and realize that we are called to embrace the values centered in a faith that sees the hand of God in all things and every human being as part of a single family under the providence of God. The Pharisees who confront Jesus with Caesar’s coin are trying to trap him into making a choice between one’s country and God. But Jesus’ response indicates that one’s citizenship does not have to be at odds with one’s faith; in fact, when government seeks to provide for the just welfare of its citizens, it becomes a vehicle for establishing the reign of God. God and Caesar do not have to have be at odds, Jesus tells the Pharisees. In God, we realize the dignity of every man, woman and child as sons and daughters of God and our brothers and sisters; in setting up systems of government, we provide for the common good of one another and protect the welfare of all, providing for public safety, educational opportunities and clean water and air. Jesus’ answers are not the clear, unambiguous solutions we hope for to these and many other questions. But his response is the heart of living our faith: the struggle to return to God what is God’s. Through prayer and discernment, each one of us has to do for ourselves the hard work of deciding exactly what is God’s will in our complex world of politics, money and human relationships.  – http://connectionsmediaworks.com/sundaygospel.html#oct22

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, October 29, 2017 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
As disciples of Christ, we are called to love God with our entire being and our neighbor as ourselves. We fulfill the commandment to love our neighbor when we exercise good stewardship — joyfully sharing our gifts of life, abilities, and resources to meet our neighbor’s need.