

OCTOBER 22 2017



Jesus said to the Pharisees,

*“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar
and to God what belongs to God.”*

Matthew 22:21



**TWENTY-NINTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Saint Edmund Champion 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

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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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Mass Intentions 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.



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

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

✠ 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.

JUST TO LET YOU KNOW...

This coming week Father John will be going on his annual retreat from Monday, October 23 to Friday, October 27. Father will be in the same place where he has been going on retreat for the past 24 years: The Abbey of Our Lady of the Genesee, a Trappist monastery south of Rochester, NY. Please keep him in your prayers as he will be praying for you.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

Sunday ~ November 5 ~ 10:30 a.m.

The All Souls Memorial Mass in memory of our beloved departed will take place at our 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, November 5. A candlelight service within the Mass will commemorate those from all three parishes who have gone to eternal life this year (November 1, 2016 - October 31, 2017). We invite parishioners who have lost a family member or close friend this year, even though they were not buried from any of the three parishes, to join us for this liturgy and to bring with you that morning a photo of your loved one with a name card to be placed on our Memory Board. Please arrive early so your picture can be placed on the board before Mass begins. If you lost a loved one this past year who was not buried from any of the three parishes and you'd like his/her name to be included in the program, please call the parish office by October 31. Please note that this Mass is likely to be a bit longer than a regular Sunday Mass to allow for all those who wish to come forward to light a candle.

A reception will be held in our church hall following this Mass on November 5. **We kindly request donations of baked goods and finger foods that can be served at this reception.** All food donations may be left in the church hall prior to the start of Mass. If you would like to volunteer to help with the reception (setup, serving, cleanup) or would like more information, please contact Jean Nowik at 860-568-8873. We thank you for your support!

– Saint Edmund Campion Parish Consolation Ministry

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.

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.

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 860-568-7383.

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.

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.

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 treaters!

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: www.mixedbagdesigns.com/st-christopher-school.

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 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

Sunday 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6	Romans 4: 20-25	Romans 5: 12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21	Romans 6: 12-18	Romans 6: 19-23	Romans 7: 18-25a	Ephesians 2: 19-22	Exodus 22: 20-26
Psalm 96: 1, 3-5, 7-10	Luke 1: 69-75	Psalm 40: 7-10, 17	Psalm 124: 1b-8	Psalm 1: 1-4, 6	Psalm 119: 66, 68, 76-77, 93-94	Psalm 19: 2-5	Psalm 18: 2-4, 47, 51
1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5b							1 Thessalonians 1: 5c-10
Matthew 22: 15-21	Luke 12: 13-21	Luke 12: 35-38	Luke 12: 39-48	Luke 12: 49-53	Luke 12: 54-59	Luke 6: 12-16	Matthew 22: 34-40

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 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.