

Jesus said,
*"You shall love the Lord,
 your God,
 with all your heart . . .*

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
 The whole law and the prophets depend
 on these two commandments."

Matthew 22:37, 39

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October 29, 2017 • Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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Mass Intentions for the Week

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*)

Monday, October 30 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)

Laurier Goulet (*Nicole & Jacques Ouellette*)

Tuesday, October 31 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)

John C. McKeone (*Family*)

Wednesday, November 1 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)

Shirley Call (*Marion Sullivan*)

Wednesday, November 1 – 9:00 a.m. (SC)

Benefactors of Saint Christopher School

Wednesday, November 1 – 12:15 p.m. (OLOP)

Rev. George F. Ziezulewicz

Wednesday, November 1 – 5:30 p.m. (SC)

Rev. Thomas B. Campion

Thursday, November 2 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)

All the Faithful Departed

Friday, November 3 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)

Bob Tyrseck (*Wife & Family*)

Saturday, November 4 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)

Rev. James C. Rush

Saturday, November 4 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)

Timothy Byrnes (*Mother & Family*)

Jaimie Shanahan & All Souls

Sunday, November 5 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)

Rev. Thomas J. Baylis

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PARISH SUPPORT

What We Collected (October 22): \$ 7,431*

World Mission Sunday Collection: \$ 1,956

*Includes \$573 received through our Online Giving program and \$810 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish family and for the missionary works of Pope Francis!

BANK ACCOUNT UPDATE

Our Saint Edmund Campion Bank Account is Now Open!

We are so pleased to announce that we have finally opened our Saint Edmund Campion Parish bank account. The checks that we've been holding have been deposited into this new account. Now that we have this new account in place, we ask that you begin making your checks payable to Saint Edmund Campion parish. Thank you!

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 Brotherly Love Towards Others

✠ The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week

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

To schedule a sanctuary lamp dedication, please call the parish office at 860-568-5240. The suggested offering is \$15.

Mass Intentions (continued)

Sunday, November 5 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)

Sergeant William Brimble

(*His Sisters, Joan Ross & Karen Leland*)

Sunday, November 5 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)

All the Faithful Departed of Our Parish

(November 1, 2016 – October 31, 2017)

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

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Wednesday ~ November 1

All Saints' Day is a feast day that honors all Saints, both known and unknown, and is a holy day of obligation. The schedule of Masses on Wednesday, November 1 is as follows:

Our Lady of Peace Campus

12:15 p.m.

Saint Christopher Campus

8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

There is no Vigil Mass being celebrated on Tuesday.

M. LOUISE SWEETLAND SCHOLARSHIP

October 31 Deadline Drawing Near!

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.

TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT

Please join us for our 1st Halloween Trunk or Treat Event being held this 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. All are welcome! Bring your family, friends and neighbors!

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

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. **We are now accepting donations of chickens and turkeys. Please call Diane to make arrangements.**

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 next 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). *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.*

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.

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 at the Saint Christopher campus prior to the start of any Mass next weekend. 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

PRAYER/SHARING GROUP

The 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.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Children learn about love from real, concrete examples witnessed in family life. We can help children to love God and love their neighbors by showing everyday acts of love, generosity and kindness – our own expressions of our love for God.

From Father John...

On behalf of our parish family and myself, I'd like to offer my congratulations to Marie Gallo-Garabedian, a tireless supporter of our parish school, and a graduate herself, along with her two children. On October 16, she was given the Saint Elizabeth Seton Award by Archbishop Blair at a special ceremony during the HOPES Dinner at the Aqua Turf in Southington. This award is given each year to only one volunteer from all the Catholic schools in the Archdiocese. No one was more deserving than Marie. She truly represents the spirit that has characterized our school for the past 54 years.



VETERANS' DAY PASTA DINNER

St. Christopher School is hosting a special Veteran's Day Pasta Dinner on Saturday, November 11 in the school gym. The doors will open at 5:00 p.m., right after the 4:00 Mass. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend and next weekend. The cost is \$12.00 for Adults, \$10.00 for Seniors, \$6.00 for Veterans and Children under 12 with a \$30 Family max for 2 Adults and their children. The Menu includes Ziti, Homemade Meatballs, Salad, Bread & Butter, Dessert, Coffee and Soft drinks. There will also be Vegetarian and Gluten-Free options available. Please join us for an enjoyable evening of Good Food, Fun and Friendship while we all help support the children of St. Christopher School. Please call the school at 860-568-4100 or e-mail Marie at garabedian@comcast.net if you have any questions or if you'd like to reserve a table.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

Brownie/Junior Girls Scout Troop 10862, of which some of our young parishioners are members, will be selling Girl Scout cookies for a limited time in November! They will have all your favorites after the 4:00 Mass on Nov. 4 and after the 7:30 and 9:00 Masses on Nov. 5. You can also buy cookies from them at the Pasta Dinner on Nov. 11. This year there are eight varieties, the six core varieties are \$5 a box and the specialty cookies are \$6 a box. Your purchase helps the Troop earn money toward troop events and Girl Scout summer camp.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The local council will meet this Thursday, Nov. 2, in the St. 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, New-member shirts awarded to new members will be available.

5th Sunday Family Rosary: A family rosary is planned after the 7:30 a.m. Mass this weekend. A scrambled egg breakfast will follow in the hall for \$5.00/person. Seating is limited.

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 for more info.

FAMILY CHOIR REHEARSAL

The Family Choir will rehearse on Wednesday, November 1 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 being celebrated on Sunday, November 12 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.

HELP NEEDED - HOSPITALITY

We are looking for people who are willing to help at the monthly hospitality that follows our Children's Mass. We need people to make coffee, set out the food items and the paper goods and clean up. Individuals and families are invited to help. It is a great way to teach our children about community and how easy it can be when everyone pitches in. Help is needed in order for us to continue with hospitality. If you can help on Nov. 12, please put your name on the sign up sheet in the church hall. Thank you!

ST. EDMUND CAMPION ADULT SOCIAL CLUB

Members-Only Bingo

Because of elections, our meeting date is Monday ~ November 13 ~ 1:00 p.m.

A fun afternoon for our members...wonderful prizes, great snacks. Please remember to bring your \$15 payment for our Christmas Party being held on Monday, December 4 at 11:45 a.m. If you have any questions regarding the social club, please feel free to contact Joan or Frank Perrone at 860-568-6229.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today’s Gospel Reading from St. Matthew, we hear Jesus say, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” The Lord then adds another that he cites as almost equally important, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Much has been written and conjectured about both of these, and often the focus is on who our neighbor is. However, there is another element of the second Great Commandment that is worthy of note, and that is loving the neighbor “as yourself.” Too often people conclude that this means that you have to love yourself first. Most of us grasp what it means to love the Lord with all we are, although it is nearly unattainable to accomplish. However, that second Great Commandment does not mean that it is necessary for us to love ourselves before we can love anyone else. It means, quite simply, that most of us are concerned with our own interests and our own personal situations. Jesus is telling us that just as we often think of ourselves, we need to take care and have concern for the interests of others as well. In the familiar Prayer of St. Francis known to many Catholics, we sum up what this kind of love to which we are called really is, when we pray, “Lord, grant that I might not so much seek to be loved, as to love.” – www.catholicsteward.com/blog

LECTIO DIVINA & DAILY READINGS

Sunday 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday All Saints	Thursday All Souls	Friday	Saturday	Sunday 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Exodus 22: 20-26	Romans 8: 12-17	Romans 8: 18-25	Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14	Wisdom 3: 1-9	Romans 9: 1-5	Romans 11: 1-2a, 11-12, 25-29	Malachi 1:14b - 2:2b, 8-10
Psalm 18: 2-4, 47, 51	Psalm 68: 2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21	Psalm 126: 1b-6	Psalm 24: 1-6	Psalm 23: 1-6	Psalm 147: 12-15, 19-20	Psalm 94: 12-13a, 14-15, 17-18	Psalm 131:1-3
1 Thessalonians 1: 5c-10			1 John 3: 1-3	Romans 5:5-11 or Romans 6:3-9			1 Thessalonians 2: 7b-9, 13
Matthew 22: 34-40	Luke 13: 10-17	Luke 13: 18-21	Matthew 5: 1-12a	John 6: 37-40	Luke 14: 1-6	Luke 14: 1, 7-11	Matthew 23: 1-12

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, November 5, 2017 – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

The condition for entering the kingdom is that of becoming like a child in relation to God. This means “humbling ourselves,” being open to the truth as taught by the Magisterium of the Catholic Church so that Christ may be formed in us. Pride is a capital sin because it sets oneself in competition with God.