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.

PARISH OFFICE
860-568-5240
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Bonnie Szalay, Office Manager

ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL
Mrs. Kathleen Welch, Principal
Audrey Cesana, Secretary
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Maria Sousa 860-895-8692
stchrisre@gmail.com
Mass for the Week

Saturday, November 11 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
† Jose Figueiredo (Wife Maria)

Sunday, November 12 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
† Douglas Churchill (Friend)

Sunday, November 12 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
† Robert Luneau (The Luneau Family)

Sunday, November 12 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
† Louis Sciarra, Jr – 11th Anniversary (Wife & Family)

Monday, November 13 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
† Frank Wroniak (Grandparents)

Tuesday, November 14 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
† Evangelina Sousa (Dave & Chickie Amberg)

Wednesday, November 15 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
† Gene & Phyllis Forest (Lize Routhier)
† Manuel & Maria Machado (Family)

Thursday, November 16 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
† Mark Tardiff & Debbie Fallacaro (Family)

Friday, November 17 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
† Richard Betz (Friend Helen Riccardi)

Saturday, November 18 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
† Bill Horan, Jr. (Eugene Raibeck)

Saturday, November 18 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
† Lucy Atkinson (Art & Rose Parker)
† Edward “Ted” Cowing (Wife Mary Ann)

Sunday, November 19 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
† Joseph Leonardo (Mom & Daughters)

Sunday, November 19 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
† Real Baron (Sebastian & Joan Magnano)

Sunday, November 19 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
† Joe H. Kronen – 1st Anniversary (Wife Carolyn V. Kronen)

PARISH SUPPORT
What We Collected (November 5): $9,067*
- All Saints: $1,074
- All Souls: $1,398
*Includes $913 received through our Online Giving program and $445 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!

OUR SAINT EDMUND CAMPION BANK ACCOUNT IS NOW OPEN!
We are happy to announce that our Saint Edmund Campion Parish bank account is now open. We ask that anytime you present the parish with a personal check that you please make your check 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

In Loving Memory of
Donnie Zarcone
(Garry & Julianne Kelly)

† The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week

For Men and Women to be Open to God’s Call to Spread the Good News of Jesus Christ as Priests, Deacons, or Consecrated Persons

Please call the parish office at 860-568-5240 to schedule a sanctuary lamp dedication. Suggested donation is $15.
THANK YOU!
The All Souls’ Mass of Remembrance we celebrated last Sunday was a beautiful testament to our belief in the Resurrection and the hope we place in God’s love and mercy on the souls of our beloved dead. We thank Jean Nowik and her committee for the wonderful job they did coordinating the liturgy, decorating the church and the hall, and hosting the reception. Our thanks also to those who prepared food items for the reception, to Roberta and the Chancel choir for their musical contributions, and to all those who celebrated with us.

ST. EDMUND CAMPION ADULT SOCIAL CLUB
Members-Only Bingo
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.

PRAYER SHawl MINISTRY
Meets Again on Monday, November 20
Our Prayer Shawl Ministry typically meets in the Saint Christopher campus church hall on the 2nd Monday of each month from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m., but this month we will meet on the 3rd Monday, which is November 20. New members are welcome to join at anytime. For more info, please contact Santa Vallone at 860-569-1772.

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. Our next Children’s Mass hospitality is scheduled for Dec. 17. If you can help on Dec. 17, please put your name on the sign up sheet in the church hall. Thanks!

EVANGELIZATION
“I will go anywhere and do anything in order to communicate the love of Jesus to those who do not know him or have forgotten him.”
– St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

CONGRATULATIONS
CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2017
On Sunday, November 5, during a Mass celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, eight of our young parishioners received the Sacrament of Confirmation. They are:

Allison Cote Erin Janty
MacKenzie Dodge Joseph Maciolek
Madelyn Driscoll Madison Nolting
Malia Hunt Johnathan Sartori

Please keep these young people in your prayers as they continue their faith journey with Christ. We look forward the many ways they will use their gifts and talents to share their faith.

PROTECTOR’S OF ANIMALS FAIR
On Saturday, November 18 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the Saint Christopher campus church hall, the Protector’s of Animals, a non-profit, no-kill animal shelter located here in East Hartford, will be holding their Annual Holiday Fair. For more information, call 860-569-0722.

COUNTERS’ MINISTRY
Now is the time to begin preparing next year’s weekly schedule for our Counters’ Ministry. If you are a current member of this ministry and are not able to continue next year, please let us know. If you are interested in joining this ministry and would like to be included on next year’s schedule, please let us know that as well by calling the parish office at 860-568-5240.

Our Lead Counters are scheduled once every several weeks. The Team Counters are scheduled an average of once every couple of months. This ministry is a great way to serve your parish while giving you the opportunity to meet and mingle with your fellow parishioners. It is a friendly and outgoing group. All are welcome to join us. We are thankful to our current members for their service to this ministry and look forward to welcoming new members!

St. Christopher Church Hall
Friday ~ December 1, 2017
1:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Please call 1-800-Red Cross (1-800-733-2767) to make an app’t. or log onto redcrossblood.org.
CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

As we prepare to take up the Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection at all Masses next weekend, we bring to you this letter from Archbishop Blair.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

More than 46 million people in our country are living in poverty. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is an anti-poverty effort on the part of our Church to help people find hope and a better life. Our support for this collection reaches those whom Pope Francis describes as living on the economic and social “peripheries,” or margins, offering them a hand up, not a hand out.

An example: Around Charleston, South Carolina, many children live in poverty, with an uncertain future. Deteriorating school systems struggle to provide quality education and appropriate discipline, and there is a high rate of school-based arrests. By engaging congregations and communities all over the city, the Charleston Area Justice Ministry is working to improve the education system and keep kids in school and out of the juvenile justice system. With the support of the national CCHD Collection, the Charleston Area Justice Ministry is able to provide community engagement to reduce youth arrests and violence.

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Your contribution to the Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection makes a difference. Please prayerfully consider how you can help the CCHD this year. If you would like more information about the collection and those it supports, visit www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Thank you for joining this effort in the spirit of the Gospel.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair Archbishop of Hartford

M. LOUISE SWEETLAND SCHOLARSHIP

During our 10:30 a.m. Mass at the Saint Christopher campus on Sunday, November 26, we will have the M. Louise Sweetland Scholarship Presentation. This scholarship benefits students of our parish who are currently enrolled in a Catholic grammar school or high school. A reception will immediately follow this Mass in our parish hall. All are invited. We kindly request donations of baked goods and finger foods that can be served at this reception. Food donations may be dropped off that weekend of Nov. 25/26 BEFORE the 10:30 Mass or before or after the 4:00 and 7:30 Masses. Also, on that same weekend of Nov. 25/26, we will take up a special collection at all Masses to support this Scholarship Fund. An envelope and an information sheet about this Scholarship is inserted into this weekend’s bulletin. Thank you for your support! – The M. Louise Sweetland Scholarship Committee

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

A big thank you to chef Ray Simeone for cooking the breakfast following our first 5th Sunday Family Rosary event. Look for our next family rosary and breakfast on December 31st.

A thank you to Rene Letourneau, Scott Gay and Joe Martocci for placing flags on deceased veterans’ graves at the southern cemeteries in our community.

There will be no 3rd Tuesday Family Pot-Luck Supper this month to allow families to prepare for Thanksgiving.

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 information.

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SAINT CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL NEWS

Our students would like to thank the parishioners for being so welcoming when they attend the 8:00 a.m. Mass during the week. It’s a lovely, peaceful way to begin the day!

The Savers Collection event was a big success. We earned $881.96! Thank you to those who dropped off gently used clothing and household goods to support this fundraising effort.

Saint Christopher School sells gift cards and the stores provide us with a percentage as profit. Please contact the school office at 860-568-4100. We also hope to have parents available with order forms after Masses during the holiday season. Thank you!

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

If you or someone you know could benefit from receiving a Thanksgiving Basket from our Food Bank, please contact Diane Warner by Wednesday, November 15 at 860-202-8462. If you are able to donate a turkey in the 10-16 pound range or a whole chicken, please call Diane no later than Wednesday, November 15. The Thanksgiving Baskets will be packed on Thursday, November 16 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at South Congregational Church, 1301 Forbes St. Please come to help us if you can. The baskets will then be delivered on Sunday, November 19. If you are able to help with delivery, please be at South Congregational Church by 9:30 a.m. Thank you for your support!

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, November 19, 2017 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

If we only realized what wonderful gifts, real treasures that the Lord has given to us at our Baptism and Confirmation, and in the Holy Eucharist! We are not called simply to “believe” that Jesus is Lord. We are also called to carry on his mission of love and forgiveness, using the physical and spiritual gifts we have received to make that happen.

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M. Louise Sweetland

M. Louise Sweetland was born in East Hartford and was a communicant of Blessed Sacrament Church since its inception. She taught religious instruction at Blessed Sacrament for approximately 40 years and was the coordinator for 11 years. She was also the chairwoman of the M. Louise Sweetland Scholarship Fund.

Miss Sweetland began teaching public education in Glastonbury in 1921. In 1944, she became head teacher at the original Hockanum School (formerly known as “the little red schoolhouse” which is now the Hockanum Library). She spent 42 years teaching in East Hartford schools. She retired in 1969 after having been principal of John J. McCarten School for 12 years.

Miss Sweetland’s life demonstrated her dedication to the well-being of children. Thus, she served God and her community in the best way possible. As you accept this scholarship, commit yourself to doing your very best for God and our community.

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