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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Mrs. Kathleen Welch, Principal
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**PARISH SUPPORT**

What We Collected (November 12): $9,646*

Parish School Support: $2,827**

*Includes $623 received through our Online Giving program and $759 from mail-in offerings.

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Thank you for your support of our parish family!

**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!

**THANKSGIVING DAY**

Parish Mass – 9:00 a.m.

The parish Mass on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23, will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. at the Saint Christopher campus. Come and join us as we give thanks for all of the Lord’s blessings to us.

**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**

**Santo Benacquista**

In Remembrance of His Birthday

(Family)

† The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week

**In Loving Memory of**

Richard “Dick” Domler, Sr.

In Remembrance of His Birthday

(Sue McLean)

Please call the parish office at 860-568-5240 to schedule a sanctuary lamp dedication. Suggested donation is $15.
CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
Please be generous in this week’s second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remains in our archdiocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

M. LOUISE SWEETLAND SCHOLARSHIP
During our 10:30 a.m. Mass at the Saint Christopher campus next 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 next weekend BEFORE the 10:30 Mass or before or after the 4:00 and 7:30 Masses. Also, next weekend we will take up a special collection at all Masses to support this Scholarship Fund. An envelope was provided in last weekend’s bulletin. If you did not get one, please look for the information sheet with attached envelope at the church entrances at both campuses. Thank you for your support!

– The M. Louise Sweetland Scholarship Committee

A NOTE FROM FATHER JOHN
Soon we will begin the last phase of painting the interior of the Saint Christopher Church building. It will involve painting the ceiling and the arches over the sanctuary and the choir loft.

Some of you may know that, architecturally speaking, Saint Christopher’s is the older sister of the church building of Saint Paul’s in Glastonbury. They were both designed by the same architect, Walter Furey, and they contain similar architectural elements.

In the past I’ve mentioned how I would like the ceiling at Saint Christopher’s to be painted a pale light blue. However, when visiting Saint Paul’s recently, I noticed that they repainted their ceiling a darker shade of blue which provides an attractive contrast. I took two pictures for you to consider. They are on display near the baptismal font. I also encourage you to visit Saint Paul’s to see for yourself. The church is open in the daytime. An alternative color could be a medium beige matching the floor tile. I would appreciate your opinion on the color before purchasing paint for the ceiling. The arches, of course, will be painted the same shade of light beige as the walls.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MONTH
All eleven dioceses in New England are celebrating Religious Education Month during this month of November. It provides us with a wonderful opportunity for celebrating the catechetical ministry. Saint Edmund Campion’s staff and parish would like to thank all of the those who volunteer as Catechists in our Religious Education program and those who teach in our parish school. We appreciate their dedication and passion as they work with parents in passing on the teachings of our Catholic faith to the children of our parish community.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Congratulations to the membership for achieving the 4-Star International Award and the state council’s Contest of Champions Award!

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

The council has made available to our Parish Library, located in the parish hall at the Saint Christopher campus, the Building the Domestic Church Series of booklets. One of these booklets is titled A Scriptural Rosary for the Family. This booklet compliments our 5th Sunday Family Rosary program and is free for the taking – as are all the booklets in this display.

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 info.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
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. Santa Vallone at 860-569-1772.
SAINT CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL NEWS

Paint Night ~ Friday, December 8
The Saint Christopher Home School Association is hosting a Paint Night on Friday, December 8 in the parish hall at the Saint Christopher campus. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. (immediately following our 5:30 p.m. Holy Day Mass) and painting begins at 7:00 p.m. (Your painting will take approximately two hours to complete.) This is a fun night out for adults! A paint master will provide step-by-step instructions for you to create your own masterpiece of a winter scene while you socialize and enjoy BYO light snacks and drinks with friends! 50% of the proceeds will go to support Saint Christopher School. $30 per person, includes all paint supplies. Payment needs to be submitted no later than Wednesday, December 6. Checks can be made payable to Saint Christopher School HSA. Payments can be dropped off at the parish office, the school office or placed in the collection basket in an envelope marked “Paint Night.” For more information, please call the school office at 860-568-4100.

Gift Cards
Representatives from Saint Christopher School will be available with gift cards for purchase after all Masses this weekend: parish hall at the Saint Christopher campus and the foyer at the Our Lady of Peace campus. Consider purchasing grocery cards for your Thanksgiving shopping, store gift cards for Christmas shopping or cards to give as gifts. For each card you purchase at face value, the school receives a rebate. Thank you for your support!

Thanksgiving Day Cards
The students of Saint Christopher School have been busy preparing Thanksgiving Day cards especially for you. Due to the high volume of bulletins we publish, not every bulletin contains a card. If your bulletin does not, please know that our students thank you for your support of their school and that they wish you and your loved ones a truly blessed Thanksgiving.

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. The commitment is once every couple of months (so five to six times a year). 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!

Our Church is growing! We welcome into our Christian community through the holy waters of baptism:

Oliver Joseph Doran

COATS FOR KIDS
There is currently a great need for winter coats for some of the children in our town’s grammar schools. If you would be willing to donate gently worn or new coats in the following sizes, it would be greatly appreciated: Children’s 5/6, 7/8, 10/12, 14/16 (Some brands size differently but elementary-sized coats is the targeted size). The recipients of the coats will primarily be the children at Mayberry School, but if enough coats are collected, they will be shared with children from other grammar schools in this area. We ask that gently used coats be washed before they are donated. It truly makes a difference to every child who receives a coat. I wish people could see the joy on the faces of the children who receive the coats - it’s like Christmas morning for them. They are so appreciative. There are collection boxes in the parish hall at the Saint Christopher campus and in the foyer at the Our Lady of Peace campus. If you have any questions please contact Deacon Phil at 860-568-5001 or by e-mail at imgoose@comcast.net.

ADULT BIBLE ADVENTURE
The Adult Bible Adventure group will NOT meet this Wednesday, November 22. We will meet again on Wednesday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m. when we will continue our journey with the Book of Revelation.
PASTA DINNER THANK YOU
On Saturday evening, November 11, we shared a lovely evening of fun, food and friendship with another successful Pasta Dinner. More than 230 people were in attendance, and together we made this a great event that benefited Saint Christopher School. We are very grateful to the entire parish family who participated in one way or another. Many heartfelt thanks to the dedicated and tireless volunteers who helped set up, clean up, assisted in the kitchen, those who made the raffles a success, and especially all the attendees. In the words of Helen Keller, “Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.” Thank you all for taking the time out of your busy lives to create these happy community events that benefit the youth and future of our Church.

BOOKCASE NEEDED
Our Parish Library, which is located in the parish hall at the Saint Christopher campus, is in need of a bookcase. If you have one you wish to donate, please contact Joan Perrone at 860-568-6229. Also, until further notice, please do not drop off any more books or AV materials as we have run out of space and cannot accept donations at this time.

BREAD RUN MINISTRY
Our Bread Run Ministry is seeking volunteers who can devote about one hour each month to deliver surplus bread from the Silver Lane Stop & Shop to the CRT Hartford Community Shelter on Main Street in East Hartford. If interested, please contact Regina Schultz at 860-568-2275 for more information.

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.”

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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 26, 2017 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Jesus makes it very clear in today’s gospel: whether or not we will be admitted into the Kingdom of God depends upon whether or not we allowed God into our little kingdoms while we lived here on earth, loving Him with all our hearts, minds, souls, and strength, and serving Him both in Himself, and in the persons of our neighbors.
Breakfast with Santa!
Pre-Registration & Volunteers Needed

Sunday
12/3

Come join us for great food, great friends and pictures with Santa.

Many things to enjoy and entertain you on this day.
Arts & Crafts | Raffles | Letters to Santa | Christmas Express

Thank you for your participation and we hope to see many families there.

We need volunteers for set up the day before and the day of. We ask that you contact Danielle Vargas to volunteer and send in your Pre-Registration payments.

Volunteers and Questions please contact:
Event Chair - Danielle Vargas
Call or text [T] 860.461.0131 [E] stchrisdvargas@gmail.com
An email link will be sent to those who are interested in volunteering.

REGISTRATION

Name __________________________________________

# of Adults $6.00 __________ # of Children $4.00 __________

Family $24.00 ___ (Parents and kids in one family) Total Payment Enclosed: ____________________

Registration form with payment can be put into the collection basket next weekend, November 25/26, in an envelope marked “Santa Breakfast”, dropped off at the parish office or school office, or mailed to Saint Christopher School, 570 Brewer Street, East Hartford, CT 06118.

Interested in volunteering? Name __________________________

Email __________________________ Phone ____________________