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 (Tuesdays During Lent)
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)
Prayer, Song, Scripture, Friendship
Will resume in the Spring of 2018

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 for the Intentions of the Week**

Saturday, March 3 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
† Francis A. Ostrowski – 17th Anniversary
and † Olga A. Ostrowski – 41st Anniversary
(Family)

Sunday, March 4 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
† Timothy Gilbert – 6th Anniversary
(Parents Elaine & Tom Gilbert)
† Lucas Regan
(Grandparents Elaine & Tom Gilbert)

Sunday, March 4 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
† Helen & James Peruccio, James Peruccio
and Paul Peruccio
(Family)

Sunday, March 4 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
† Guy Boivin
(Friends)

Monday, March 5 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
† Jean-Louis Gilbert – 7th Anniversary
(Wife Evelyn & Son Louis)

Tuesday, March 6 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
† Manuel Machado Leonardo (Maria Leonardo)

Wednesday, March 7 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
† Philip Cormier
(Members of the Saint Edmund Campion Parish Adult Social Club)

Thursday, March 8 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
† John & Louise Olinatz
(Children)

Friday, March 9 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
† Rev. Daniel J. Karpiey

Saturday, March 10 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
† Irene Jordan
(Family)

Saturday, March 10 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
† Lucienne Arsenault – 6-Month Anniversary
(Mary Harden)

Sunday, March 11 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
† Joseph Leonardo
(Mom & Daughters)

Sunday, March 11 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
† Deceased Priests of the Archdiocese of Hartford

Sunday, March 11 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
† Noreen Granato
(Dave & Chickie Amberg)

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

**PARISH SUPPORT**

What We Collected (February 25): $7,462*

*Includes $668 received through our Online Giving program and $560 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish!

**2018 ARCHBISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL**

The 2018 Archbishop’s Annual Appeal is now underway in all parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Hartford. Your support of this year’s Appeal ensures that essential charitable, educational and pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese are carried forward. If you would like to make a gift to this year’s Archbishop’s Appeal, kindly mail in your pledge card. (If you did not receive an appeal packet at your home, you will find appeal packets at the main entrance of both our churches.) You may also call the Appeal Office at 800-781-2550 or visit the Archdiocesan website at archdioceseofhartford.org.

**“HOUSE CLEANING”**

As we think about Jesus cleansing the temple, we are reminded that the season of Lent is a good time for us to look inside ourselves to see if there is anything in us that needs to be cleansed. Are there areas of your life where you need to do some house cleaning?

**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 All Mothers and Children**

Who Are Separated From Each Other Because of War or Persecution
(In Recognition of the Feast of SS. Perpetua and Felicity ~ March 7)

† The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week

**For a Speedy Recovery and Good Health for**

Kathleen Michaud LaPointe
(Sandi Wardwell & Jeanette Lazilo)

Please call the parish office at 860-568-5240 to schedule a sanctuary lamp dedication. The suggested offering is $15.
SOUP & STATIONS

Join us for a sharing of simple soup and bread (with conversation and sharing with fellow parishioners) at 5:30 p.m. in the Saint Christopher campus church hall on the following Wednesday evenings: Mar. 7, 14, 21. Stations of the Cross begins at 6:30 p.m. in the church. The young people from our parish school and religious education program will lead us once again in the Stations. Volunteers are needed to prepare soup and/or bread for each Wednesday. You may simply bring with you the item you wish to share on the Wednesday evening that works best for you. Soup and bread are all we will need. No desserts please.

PRECIOUS BLOOD

It has been decided that for the remainder of this flu season, we will not offer the Precious Blood at Communion time.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Traditional Stations of the Cross will be led by Deacon Bill and held at 7:00 p.m. at the Our Lady of Peace campus on the following Friday evenings: Mar 9, 16, 23. (Our Living Stations dramatization will be held on Good Friday, March 30, at the Saint Christopher campus. Please see article on page 2 for more information.) This Friday’s Stations will immediately follow the Knights of Columbus Fish Dinner (please see article on page 3 for further details).

ANNUAL GALA & AUCTION

Saint Christopher School
Saturday ~ April 21, 2018 ~ 5:00 p.m.

Reservations are now being accepted for this year’s Annual Gala & Auction being held at St. Christopher School to benefit the educational programs and opportunities for our students. This year’s Gala will offer a pizza truck, pig roast, cupcake truck, wine, beer and soda tasting, live music and fantastic items to bid on during silent and live auctions. All this for $35 (single reservation) and $60 (couple reservation). Visit http://www.saintchristopherschool.org/st-chris-annual-gala-auction/ to download form.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALES

Girl Scout cookie season is back! Brownie/Junior Girl Scout Troop 10862, of which some of our young parishioners are members, will be selling cookies after all Masses this weekend. All your favorites are back this year including the six core varieties at $5 a box, and two specialty cookies at $6 a box. You can also purchase cookies to be donated to our military troops overseas. Your purchase helps the troop earn money for troop events, Girl Scout summer camp and will help them make donations to a local community animal shelter!

LIVING STATIONS

The Living Stations, a dramatic presentation of our Lord’s passion, death and resurrection, will be held on Good Friday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the church at the Saint Christopher campus. There are numerous roles that you can assist with to assure that this longstanding tradition continues. The narrator role and one reading role has now been filled, but many more readers are needed to deliver the prayerful reflections that are spoken during each station. We also need folks to portray Jesus, Mary, Simon, Veronica, a Roman soldier, Pontius Pilate, a weeping woman or one of various citizens (including children) of Jerusalem; these are nonspeaking parts. If you have any questions or wish to assist with this wonderful presentation, please contact Alice Gosselin or Deacon Phil at 860-568-5001. For e-mail communication, please use alicegoz@comcast.net (Alice’s address) or imgoose@comcast.net (Deacon Phil’s address). Thank you!

If singing is more your gift, then you are invited to join our Living Stations choir. This choir enhances our Living Stations presentation by singing beautiful hymns and songs of praise between each station. Please contact Toni Mintel at 860-569-7593 (evenings) for further details.

UNWANTED MAIL

In an effort to keep our church entrances looking neat, we kindly ask that you please not leave your unwanted mail at the entrances of either of our churches for us to dispose. Thank you!

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Today’s gospel says Jesus chased the merchants out of the temple, it doesn’t say He was angry. Jesus teaches us to act from conviction and not from anger. He didn’t condemn the merchants, only their business practice. Attack the behavior and not the person. – Bud Ozar
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
The Friday Fish Dinner continues to be successful, so we will hold the dinner again this Friday, Mar. 9. in the OLOP Hall at 5:45 p.m. (Please note the earlier time.)

Tickets for the following dinners will be on sale this Sunday after the 9:00 AM Mass at the back of OLOP Church and after the 10:30 AM Mass at SC in the church hall or you may contact Bob Falkevitz at the number below.

Fri., 3/9, at OLOP, 5:45 PM Fish Dinner
prior to Stations of the Cross
to benefit our World Youth Day pilgrims.
New England Clam Chowder
Baked Breaded Fish or Mac ‘n Cheese
French Fries, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad,
Coffee and Soda - Ice Cream
Take-out Orders Available
Adults $8.00, Kids (age 6-12) $4.00

Sat., 3/17, at SC, 6 PM Corned Beef Dinner
to benefit our World Youth Day pilgrims.
Corned Beef or Mac ‘n Cheese
Boiled Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots
Irish Soda Bread, Tossed Salad
Coffee and Soda - Dessert
Price: $12.50/Person or $15.00/Person at the Door
Children under age 6 Free (limit 2/Paid ticket)
Tickets available after Sunday Masses described above.

Congratulations to the Following New Members
• Gordon Dart • Charles Golas

Practicing Catholic men, age 18 and over, who join before June 30th will have their initiation and annual dues waived for the coming year. What have you got to lose? Come try us out. Please contact Grand Knight Bob Falkevitz at 860-568-5452 or at rfalkevitz@att.net for more information.

FOOD BANK MINISTRY
Our Food Bank Ministry will be holding a meeting this Tuesday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Saint Christopher campus church hall for all current volunteers and for anyone who wishes to learn more about this ministry. For further details, please contact Diane Warner, our Food Bank coordinator, at 860-202-8462.

CONFESSIONS DURING LENT
The Archdiocese of Hartford is once again sponsoring its Lenten Confession Campaign, although with some modification of past practice. Monday will be “confession day” in every parish throughout the Archdiocese. Our priests will hear confessions every Monday during Lent from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Saint Christopher campus. For the times that other parishes in our area are hearing confessions, please visit ConfessionMondays.com or contact the parish office at 860-568-5240 for assistance. Please note that confessions are regularly heard at the Saint Christopher campus every Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

FRANK RUNYEON COMING TO EAST HARTFORD
Last Minute Reminder!
TV star Frank Runyeon is coming to Saint Mary’s Church, 1588 Main Street in East Hartford this Saturday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. He will perform Sermon on the Mount followed by Hollywood vs. Faith. Frank has won national acclaim for his work as a translator and performer of Biblical texts over the past 20 years. He has performed the gospel for hundreds of thousands of people in almost every state in America, earning rave reviews from critics, scholars and church leaders of every denomination. He is regularly reviewed as “the best speaker we have ever heard.” He is best known for his many roles on television including seven years as Steve Andropoulos As the World Turns opposite Meg Ryan. This performance on March 3 is suitable for all ages. Entrance fee is $10 per person or $25 per family (3 or more). Tickets are only available at the door. Questions? Call 860-289-7916.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE
The Catholic Graduates Club of Greater Hartford, Inc. will award three scholarships of $2,000 each to Catholic students who are high school seniors and who plan to attend a four year college in Fall of 2018. The club has awarded over $109,000 to 161 scholarship recipients during the past 66 years. Students are chosen on the basis of financial need, scholarship, character, leadership and achievement. The applicant must reside in Hartford County. The deadline to submit scholarship applications is March 15, 2018. Please visit catholicgraduatesct.org to see more information and to download the application.
THE TEN COMMANDMENTS
Our First Reading from the Old Testament Book of Exodus presents the Ten Commandments, as God gave them to Moses. The Ten Commandments are also called the “Decalogue,” which means literally “ten words.” According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (#2056) “God revealed these ‘ten words’ to His people on the holy mountain. They were written ‘with the finger of God.’ They are pre-eminently the words of God.” At another point the Catechism fortifies the Commandments by saying, “…from generation to generation…the ‘deposit’ of moral teaching has been handed on. Along with the Creed and the Our Father, the basis for catechesis has traditionally been the Decalogue, which sets out the principles of moral life valid for all people.” (#2033)
The Commandments are considered essential for spiritual good health and growth. They serve as the basis for Catholic social justice. A review of the Ten Commandments is a common type of examination of conscience before receiving the sacrament of Penance. As Lent draws to a close, it is important for each of us to go to confession and receive the sacrament of Penance. (Please see the article on page 3 entitled “Confessions During Lent” to see how easy it is for you to receive the Sacrament of Penance this Lenten season.)

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, March 11 – Fourth Sunday of Lent
We live on amazing grace, and the graced light is Christ. Easter is around the corner. If you take a corner too quickly you crash...life is often a call in patience to find oneself and to be found by God. How big is our God – how loving is our God? Look at the crucifix and say – this much!