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 on April 5, 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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Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.
Philippians 2:8-9
PARISH SUPPORT
Due to the early transmission deadline imposed by our publisher for this weekend’s bulletin, last weekend’s collection will be reported in next weekend’s bulletin.

EASTER COLLECTIONS
We will be taking up two collections at all our Masses on Easter weekend – our regular weekend collection and then a collection for those who wish to make an Easter Gift to the parish. Thank you!

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. You may also call the Appeal Office at 800-781-2550 or visit the Archdiocesan website at archdioceseofhartford.org.

LIVING GOD’S WORD
Loving God, lift up our hearts to give you thanks and praise for all you have done for us through the saving death of your Son. We sing out in our day, “Blessed is he who continues to come in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.”

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 a Blessed Holy Week for All People
The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week
For a Speedy Recovery and Good Health for Kathleen Michaud LaPointe
(Sandi Wardwell & Jeanette Lazlo)

If you would like to schedule a sanctuary lamp dedication, please contact the parish office. Suggested donation is $15.

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

*More Volunteers Needed!*

Our Living Stations dramatic presentation will be held on Good Friday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the church at the Saint Christopher campus. We currently have the narrator and quite a few readers but many more volunteers are needed. There are numerous roles that you can assist with to assure that this longstanding tradition continues. We need folks for the following non-speaking parts; you can portray Jesus, Mary, Simon, Veronica, a Roman soldier, Pontius Pilate, a weeping woman or one of various citizens (including children) of Jerusalem. **An organizational meeting for volunteers will be held Monday, March 26 in the church hall and a dress rehearsal will be held on Wednesday March 28 in the church. Both will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Saint Christopher campus.** 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, Alice’s address is alicegoz@comcast.net and Deacon Phil’s is imgoose@comcast.net. Thank you!

**MARIAN GARDEN**

With spring having arrived this past week and with warmer weather on the horizon, now is the perfect time to order your slab or brick to be incorporated into our Marian Garden this summer. Messages can memorialize a loved one, honor someone special, commemorate an event (i.e., baptism, First Communion, graduation, anniversary) or can simply be your name as a supporter of the garden. Donation levels begin at $50. For more information, please call the parish office at 860-568-5240 or visit our Marian Garden page at stchris-eh.org/mariangarden.php

**CRS RICE BOWLS**

We thank those of you who participated in the Rice Bowl program this Lenten season. You may deposit your Rice Bowl into the specially marked box in the front of our church which will be available during these next few weeks.

**SUFFERING**

*“Jesus did not come to do away with suffering or remove it. He came to fill it with his presence.”*  
– Paul Claudel
Please Join Us At
Saint Christopher School on
Saturday ~ April 21, 2018 ~ 5:00 pm
for our Annual Auction!

All proceeds benefit educational programs and opportunities for students of Saint Christopher School

Join us for a night full of:

• Beer tastings from Hanging Hills, Alverium and Burnside Breweries
• Wine tasting courtesy of Crystal Ridge Winery
• Soda Tastings with Hosmer Mountain Soda
• Food from Pagani’s Catering, Tom the Chef, Pig Roast, Pizza Truck
• Desserts from The Cupcake Break Truck
• Silent Auction

AND....

• Live Auction Featuring Fox 61’s Esther Katro as our celebrity auctioneer!

Individual Ticket ~ $35    Couple’s Ticket* ~ $60

Ticket price includes all tastings, food and music!

*Bring your sweetheart or a friend

Make your reservation online at: charityauction.bid/STCHRIS2018
or use the reservation form below and return it with your payment to Saint Christopher School, 570 Brewer Street, East Hartford, CT 06118
or put it in an envelope marked “Auction” and place in the collection basket.

Auction Reservation Form

☐ Individual Ticket ($35)  ☐ Couple’s Ticket ($60)  Amount Enclosed $ __________

Guest’s Name(s): ____________________________

Phone Number: ____________________________  E-Mail Address: ____________________________
‘EMPTY YOURSELF’
In his letter to the Philippians, our Second Reading on this Palm Sunday, St. Paul writes, “…he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” Everything we hear today and during Holy Week relates to this statement. For some 2,000 years scholars and theologians have debated what the phrase “emptied himself” means. As is sometimes the case, in the midst of these debates and discussions they lose focus of what is really Paul’s point and teaching perhaps. One of the things Paul might be trying to get us to think about is emptying ourselves to a certain extent. If you have ever been on a retreat or been part of a spiritual exercise, you may be encouraged to “empty yourself” so you are prepared to in reality add something. Jesus gave much up to be the Son of Man. At this point in our Lenten journey, we need to grasp that He gave up His life so that we might have life. That is what should be on our minds as we hear the Passion today and as we continue and complete our own preparation for Christ’s resurrection on Easter. Have you ever heard someone say about someone else “He/she is so full of himself/herself?” Jesus was not “full of Himself.” He emptied Himself, and that is something we, too, must strive to do to be His disciple.

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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 openended 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, April 1 – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
The Gospel passage concludes that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus’ Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.