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.

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

ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL
Mrs. Kathleen Welch, Principal
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stchrisre@gmail.com
Mass for the Week

Note: Intentions are not taken for Holy Saturday.

Sunday, April 1 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
For the People of the Parish

Sunday, April 1 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
For the People of the Parish

Sunday, April 1 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
For the People of the Parish

Monday, April 2 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
◆ Frank Wroniak
(Grandparents)

Tuesday, April 3 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
◆ Wayne Szalay - 7th Anniversary
(Family)

Wednesday, April 4 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
◆ Christopher Dolloph (Family)

Thursday, April 5 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
◆ Richard Sullivan – 3rd Anniversary
(Wife)

Friday, April 6 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
◆ Deacon Laurent L. Cote

Saturday, April 7 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
◆ Robert A. Pallotti

Saturday, April 7 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
◆ Jose Figueiredo (Wife Maria)
◆ Manuel & Maria Machado (Daughter Maria)

Sunday, April 8 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
◆ Louise Agnes (Mike & Maria Gallo)

Sunday, April 8 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
◆ Helen Michaud
In Remembrance of Her Birthday
(Roland Michaud & Family)

Sunday, April 8 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
◆ Gilles LaRochelle
(The Hebert & Champagne Families)

PARISH SUPPORT
What We Collected (March 18): $8,291*
*Includes $738 received through our Online Giving program and $462 from mail-in offerings.

Due to the early transmission deadline for this bulletin, the Palm Sunday collection will be reported in next weekend’s bulletin.

Thank you for your support of our parish community!

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

EASTER PRAYER
Lord God, you loved this world so much that you gave your one and only Son, that we might be called your children too. Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, everyday. Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice. Let us have eyes that look upon Your grace and rejoice in our salvation. Help us to walk in that mighty grace and to tell your good news to the world. All for your glory do we pray, Lord, Amen. – Rachel Marie Stone

Father John, Father Joseph, Deacon Bill, Deacon Phil and the entire parish staff wish you a blessed Easter season!

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 Easter Season for All People
◆ The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week

In Loving Memory of Bernard Casey
(Wife & Family)
OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS
A representative from the Holy Land will be visiting our parish next weekend, April 7/8 to sell olive wood carvings. For centuries, the Christians of Bethlehem have earned a living by carving olive wood religious articles. Your purchase will help the Christians in the Holy Land to maintain both their livelihood and their ancestral homes in the land of Christ. Please stop by to support their efforts.

OPEN HOUSE
Saint Christopher School will hold an Open House on Tuesday, April 3, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. All interested families are welcome! Please contact our school’s principal, Kathleen Welch, for more information at welchk@saintchristopherschool.org or 860-568-4100.

SAINT CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL
2018/2019 School Year
Registrations are being accepted for the 2018-2019 school year. There are options for financing a Catholic school education that make a Catholic education an option for your family. Contact Mrs. Welch for more information at 860-568-4100 or at welchk@saintchristopherschool.org.

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 - bring your sweetheart or a friend). Reservation flyers can be found at the church entrances or you may visit http://www.saintchristopherschool.org/st-chris-annual-gala-auction/ to download the form.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER JOHN
The Sacrament of the Sick
Please, if at all possible, do not wait until a person is near death before requesting the Sacrament of the Sick, as this Sacrament cannot be administered to someone who has already died. All Sacraments are for the living. While the Sacrament of the Sick may include prayers for the Last Rites when such prayers are called for, the Sacrament may be given to a person at any stage of illness including those who are not terminal. It may also be given to someone who is elderly or about to enter surgery.

WOMEN’S COMMUNION BREAKFAST
The North American Martyrs Women’s Guild will hold their Annual Women’s Communion Breakfast in the Saint Mary’s Church Hall, 30 Maplewood Avenue in East Hartford on Sunday, April 15 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. The breakfast speaker will be Mary Pauline Nagle Olsen, MD, founder of Woodland Women’s Health Association in Hartford, Board Member of the Malta House of Care and previous medical adviser and helper at the Saint Gerard Center for Life. Tickets are $10 per person and can be purchased by calling the North American Martyrs parish office at 860-289-7916. No tickets will be sold at the door. This event is open to all women of the community. Come and be spiritually refreshed!

PRAYER/SHARING GROUP
Our Prayer/Sharing Group will start meeting again on Thursday, April 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the hall at the Our Lady of Peace campus. All members of Saint Edmund Campion Parish and their friends are invited to attend. Please join us in an evening of Prayer, Song, Scripture Sharing and Friendship. Refreshments follow each meeting and all are welcome to stay. We meet Thursday with the exception of holidays and holidays. For more info, please call Phyl Tyrseck at 860-568-3855, Barbara Veci at 860-568-2701, Pat Roberge at 860-568-5777, Barbara Hanson at 860-965-9162 or Leo Forte at 860-568-7383.

MARIAN GARDEN
With spring now here 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.
**PRAYER LINE MINISTRY**

We are pleased to announce that we have resurrected our Prayer Line as our parishioner Sally Ann Tanasi has agreed to serve as the coordinator of this ministry. We invite you to become a member of our Prayer Line Ministry and intercede for those who need prayers. If you accept our invitation to become a member and you would like to receive prayer requests via e-mail, please send an e-mail message to Sally Ann at 6854angeleyes@gmail.com and ask that you be added to the distribution list. If you would rather receive prayer requests through our telephone chain, please call Sally Ann at 860-569-4072 and ask that she add you to our telephone chain list. (Please leave a message.) And lastly, our Prayer Line members are eager to pray for you and your needs, so please feel free to reach out to Sally Ann by either phone or e-mail with your prayer requests.

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

Hunter Michael Englehardt

**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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

A big thank you to those members who worked the kitchen for the Friday Fish Dinners especially Keith Garabedian, Ray Simeone, Ernie Mintel and Phil Gosselin. A big thank you to those 117 people who enjoyed our Corned Beef Dinner on St. Patrick’s Day and special thanks to all the members who made the event successful for our pilgrims going to World Youth Day in 2019.

The local council will meet this Thursday, April 5 in the Saint Christopher church hall for their business meeting at the following times:

- 6:30 PM – 4th Degree Assembly Meeting
- 7:30 PM – Council #4 meeting

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 rfalkevitz@att.net for more information.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019**

The next World Youth Day celebration is being held in Panama in 2019! Any teens or young adults age 16 and older who are interested in experiencing this life-changing pilgrimage should contact Ginamarie Garabedian at ginamarie_helene@hotmail.com or at 860-810-9826 to discuss the itinerary, payment plans, and plans for fundraising. For a glimpse of what WYD is like, please visit our blog from our trip 2016 to Krakow: www.stchrischurch.wix.com/wyd2016

During the Corned Beef Dinner, Grand Knight Bob Falkevitz of the Saint Christopher K of C Council #4 presented embroidered shirts to our World Youth Day pilgrims. Ginamarie Garabedian (right) accepted hers while Lindsy Gay (middle) accepted the shirt on behalf of her daughter Maddie who was unable to attend the dinner.
LET US REJOICE!
One of the recommended Responsorial Psalms on this glorious Easter Sunday is Psalm 118, including this from verse 24: “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.” In truth Easter is all about rejoicing. It is the day of Resurrection which provides hope to us all. Throughout our Archdiocese thousands of people are at Mass today who may not normally attend. Recent studies have shown that as many as 40 percent of those who do not regularly attend may not have been at Mass since Christmas. That is another reason for us to rejoice and say “Welcome home.” We miss you and we’re glad you’re here. Christ’s love for us is at the foundation of our celebration today. St. Augustine once wrote, “God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.” We ask God’s blessings on all those who have passed our amazing religion to you. Clearly you do remember your devotion and are here to honor it. Our Catholic Church considers today to be the holiest day of the year. For us as Catholics this celebrates one of the greatest days in history — when Jesus, the Son of God, defeated death and rose from the grave giving us all hope for eternal life. St. Pope John Paul II may have put it best several years ago when he proclaimed, “Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.” Let us rejoice!

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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, April 8 – Second Sunday of Easter

We never learn whether Thomas did touch Jesus or not, but every Second Sunday of Easter we are told this story about Thomas and the risen Lord. It encourages us to fathom the mystery that is our faith, to learn to penetrate it by confessing Jesus as Lord and God, then allow this belief to flow out into our daily activities, reaching out to embrace others.

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