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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PARISH SUPPORT

What We Collected (April 8): $8,228*
Parish School Support Collection: $2,110**

*Includes $603 received through our Online Giving program and $460 from mail-in offerings.

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Thank you for your support of our parish!

PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION

Next weekend, April 21/22, we will take the Peter’s Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information about this collection, please visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

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, call the Appeal Office at 800-781-2550 or visit archdioceseofhartford.org.

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 Peace in the World

The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week

In Loving Memory of
Joseph Chesery – 23rd Anniversary
(Daughter Madeline & Sam Cassarino)

Please call the parish office at 860-568-5240 to schedule a sanctuary lamp dedication. Suggested offering is $15.
SCHOOL BOARD OPENINGS
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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.

PARKING LIMITATIONS
Saint Christopher School is hosting its annual Auction next Saturday, April 21. (See article above for more information about this event.) This is our school’s biggest fundraiser of the year and will include food trucks and live entertainment which will be taking space in the parking lot closest to the school. Please note that this may create parking limitations for our 4:00 Mass next Saturday.

Saint Edmund Campion Adult Social Club
Monday ~ April 16 ~ 1:00 p.m.
Take me out to the ballgame… well, we won’t be going to a ballgame, but we will be having Shawn Perry speak to us about our local baseball team, the Yard Goats. He will have plenty of information about the building of the stadium, how they got their name, and anything else about the Yard Goats that would be of interest to you. Wear your favorite team baseball cap or shirt to the meeting. Even if you are not a baseball fan, you will be interested in the information that he will be giving to us.

For those who have signed up and paid for the Lunch and Play, we will have a handout with directions and other details regarding the day’s activities available at the meeting. Please make sure that you have arranged your car pools. If you still need a ride, please let us know so that we can help you find one.

2018 dues of $15 were due in January, and unless they are paid by the April meeting, you will not be eligible for any further club activities this year, including the summer picnic and the Christmas Party. For more info about the Social Club, please contact Joan or Frank Perrone at 860-568-6229.

FAMILY CHOIR REHEARSAL
Our Family Choir will rehearse again this Wednesday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel at the Saint Christopher campus. This rehearsal will prepare our Family Choir for the last Children’s Liturgy of this school year being celebrated on Sunday, April 29. Any adult or child who is interested in singing in the family choir at this next Children’s Liturgy is invited to attend this rehearsal. For more information, please contact Maria Sousa, our Coordinator of Religious Education, at 860-895-8692.

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HARTFORD YARD GOATS
Faith & Family Day ~ Saturday ~ May 5 ~ 6:05 pm
Faith & Family Day is a special event at the ballpark where religious communities are celebrated with special activities and promotions at the ballpark. This event includes an on-field ceremony celebrating community leadership as well as special performances by faith groups. Fireworks will wrap up the evening. Info: yardgoatsbaseball.com.

IN MEMORIUM
Please pray for these parishioners who have gone to eternal life during the month of March.
Paul Beaulieu • Nicholas Capano
George Paralta • Carol Tuchay

“If Christ is my life, then death is my gain.”
– Philippians 1:21
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

St. Christopher Council #4 members/member widows and their families will hold their Family Potluck Dinner this Tuesday, April 17 at 6:00 PM in the Saint Christopher church hall. The entree will be pork roast with members bringing side dishes and desserts. RSVP Bob Falkevitz so sufficient food is available.

**5th Sunday Family Rosary:** A family rosary is planned after the 7:30 AM Mass next Sunday, April 29 and all are invited to attend. A scrambled egg breakfast will follow in the hall for $5.00/person. Please let Grand Knight Bob know (contact info. below) if you plan to attend the breakfast to plan sufficient food. The next 5th Sunday is July 29th.

The 2nd & 3rd degree ceremonies scheduled for this Sunday, April 15 at St. Bridget Church in Manchester have been canceled.

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 rfalkevitz@att.net or at 860-568-5452 or for more info.

**MARIAN GARDEN**

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 or for assistance in placing your order, please call the parish office at 860-568-5240.

**SPRING IS IN THE AIR… HOMEFRONT IS COMING!**

HomeFront Day, Saturday, May 5, 2018 will be upon us before we know it. For those of who are not familiar with the HomeFront project, it is a community outreach, a one-day repair blitz for a neighbor in need, where Saint Edmund Campion Parish forms a volunteer crew to perform necessary home repairs and the HomeFront organization provides the materials. The typical HomeFront recipient is elderly, disabled or a single parent and their total household income must qualify as low-income within their community.

We have been matched with this year’s HomeFront recipient and now we need to assemble our crew. Some of the tasks we can tend to for our neighbor in need are as follows:

- Replace the shower valve, repair loose tiles and re-grout
- Replace four light fixtures and about twenty switches or outlets
- Remove existing pull down attic stairs and install new stairs
- Repair or replace front door and replace storm door
- Remove inoperable dishwasher and install a new one
- Remove old wallpaper on one living room wall and paint
- Paint other walls and ceilings
- Remove damaged tree limb, remove bushes in front yard, rake and other general yard cleanup
- Replace kitchen and bathroom faucets
- Snake the bathroom sink and toilets

If you would be willing to assist, there are many ways to get involved. We always need skilled persons such as carpenters, electricians, plumbers, painters, etc., but we also need folks who can do common homeowner tasks such as raking, painting, pulling weeds, mowing the lawn, cleaning, etc. Please consider getting involved.

Another big part of the success of our project is to provide our crew with some coffee and donut holes or something similar in the morning while we are getting ready for our day. If there is a group in our parish or a parishioner who is a member of an outside organization that would assist us with these needs, we would be so grateful!

And lastly, at all Masses the weekend of May 5/6, we will be taking up a second collection to assist with the required team sponsorship contribution that helps make HomeFront possible. Your donations assist our parish in making this ministry a reality. Thank you for your past and future support of this project of neighbor helping neighbor.

We can make a difference, but it won’t happen without you. Please say **YES!** For more information or to volunteer, please contact Deacon Phil at 860-568-5001 or at imgoose@comcast.net.
**PRAYER LINE 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 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.

**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 22 – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Jesus is the Good Shepherd we desperately need. He laid his life down for us. True shepherding is a life of total self-giving. Applied to our practical lives, the message is clear. Whatever our state in life may be, we are all called to shepherd the sheep that have been entrusted to our care with unconditional love.