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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PARISH SUPPORT
What We Collected (April 15): $ 7,180*
*Includes $728 received through our Online Giving program and $60 from mail-in offerings.
Thank you for your support of our parish!

PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION
This Weekend ~ April 21/22
This weekend we are taking up 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 or you may call the Appeal Office at 800-781-2550 or visit archdioceseofhartford.org.

DO YOU NEED PRAYER?
Contact Sally Ann Tanasi with your prayer requests.
860-569-4072 6854angeleyes@gmail.com

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 an Increase of Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
❖ The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week

In Loving Memory of André Charron (Wife Lise)

Please call the parish office at 860-568-5240 to schedule a sanctuary lamp dedication. Suggested offering is $15.
CHILDREN’S LITURGY
The last Children’s Liturgy of this school year will be celebrated next Sunday, April 29 at 10:30 a.m. at the Saint Christopher campus. Students in Grade 5 will participate in special ways during the Mass and our Family Choir will lead the music. Hospitality will follow in the church hall. Everyone is invited!

ADULT BIBLE ADVENTURE
We will meet again in the chapel at the Saint Christopher campus this Wednesday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m. and we will continue our journey with the Book of Revelation. This group meets every other Wednesday from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Join us when you can and bring your Bible! If you have any questions please contact Deacon Phil at 860-568-5001 or by e-mail at imgoose@comcast.net or Steve Cadwallader at 860-568-5477.

MARRIAGE BANNS
John Giard
and
Victoria Klemonskey

SCHOOL BOARD OPENINGS
Could you consider helping Saint Christopher School in our vision to maintain a healthy and vibrant Catholic school in East Hartford? Our School Board is looking to fill a few Board positions. As the sole Catholic School in East Hartford, our goal is to have representation from all the East Hartford Catholic churches. The Saint Christopher School Board is a consultative board which is comprised of adults who have a strong commitment to Catholic Education, as well as an enthusiastic sense of community. The Board’s main purpose is to lend thoughts, ideas and solutions to the school administration. The Board meets once a month in the evening at the school. If you feel you can help us support this vital part of our Catholic mission, please e-mail Marie Gallo-Garabedian (’71), at garabedian@comcast.net or Steve Cadwallader at 860-568-5477.

SALVATION… In today’s world, people seek “salvation” through various sources including worldliness, material wealth, influence, and power. As good Christian stewards, we know that our salvation comes only through Jesus.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Pope Francis himself announced that he will travel to Ireland to take part in the 9th World Meeting of Families in August 2018. His visit will bring great joy to Irish Catholics and others, as we prepare to welcome the Holy Father as well as thousands of families from all over the world to Ireland for this great event. This will be the first Papal visit to Ireland since Pope John Paul II’s visit there in 1979. Pope Francis will attend the Festival of Families on August 25th and he will also celebrate the Final Mass of WMOF2018 on August 26th. Other elements of his itinerary have yet to be confirmed.

The World Meeting of Families, held every three years in a different country worldwide, is one of the biggest events of the Catholic Church. It brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church. Council members, including new members, who sponsor a new member before June 30th will be eligible for a drawing giving ten couples an all-expense paid trip to WMOF2018.

A big thank you to all the Fourth Degree Honor Guard who participated in Father John Kyere’s farewell Mass at St. Isaac Jogues Church last Sunday. Father John will be taking a gold Chalice back to Ghana with the names of deceased Sir Knights engraved upon it.

5th Sunday Family Rosary: A family rosary and breakfast is planned after the 7:30 AM Mass this Sunday, April 22. All are invited to attend.

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.
PLEASE HELP!

HOMEFRONT IS COMING SOON!
HomeFront Day, Saturday, May 5, 2018 is coming fast. For those who are not familiar with the HomeFront project, it is a community outreach, a one-day repair blitz (7:00 am to about 4:00 pm) 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.

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.

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.

PRAYER/SHARING GROUP
Our Prayer/Sharing Group meets every Thursday evening (with the exception of holydays and holidays) 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.

IMAGO DEI CLASSICAL ACADEMY
cordially invites you to their
1st Annual Fundraiser
Friday ~ May 18 ~ 6:30 p.m.
Food • Drink • “Jeopardy” • Silent Auction
$35 per person or $50 per couple
95 Wightman Road, New Britain, CT 06052
RSVP by May 8 to Mary Patryn at 413-262-5091

Imago Dei Classical Academy, located in New Britain, is a two-day academic program designed to enrich and support the schooling of home-educated children and their families. At Imago Dei, we work to bring together the beauty and flexibility of Catholic homeschooling with the benefits of a structured, group, classroom environment. We work collaboratively with parents, supporting their efforts as the primary educators of their children. We consult with Mother of Divine Grace School to ensure high academic standards for our students and assistance with college preparation. Imago Dei tutors and students meet on Mondays and Thursdays in the classroom for instruction, discussion, oral presentation and study. Thank you for helping us form Catholic youth!
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

This Fourth Sunday of Easter is generally termed as the Good Shepherd Sunday in our Catholic liturgical calendar. In recent times this day has also become known as Vocations Sunday, a day on which prayers should be said for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. As we celebrate this Good Shepherd Sunday, let us pray to the Lord that we may be His good sheep, listening attentively to His voice, and follow His example of self-giving love. Let us also pray for all our shepherds, especially our religious and political leaders. May they follow the example of Jesus who was willing to serve and lay down His life for His sheep. Jesus our Shepherd is the Way, Truth and Life. He is the one who goes after the lost sheep leaving the ninety-nine to bring it back to the fold. The church today insists that vocations are a responsibility of the Christian family. To foster vocations, the family must foster the Christian life. The family must live its faith in Christ on a daily basis in unity and prayer. The Church of Jesus fosters a living faith in the Christian family. Through such families, the grace of God is manifested and vocations flourish to ensure that the needs of the Church are all met. Today let us pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, that many will be inspired to show true love, to the point of sacrificing many other attractive options to become priests of Jesus, to follow him in religious life.

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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 29 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

In the Gospel from John, Jesus uses the image of a vine and its branches. The world He lived in was filled with grapevines. The Fourth Sunday of Easter was Good Shepherd Sunday, but the branch depends on the vine even more than the sheep depend on the shepherd. We must be rooted in and connected to Jesus to function effectively. Our goal should be to bear fruit for God’s Kingdom.