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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John 15:13
No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.
**Mass Intentions for the Week**

Saturday, May 5 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)

♀ Scott Hatje
(Your Loving Mom, Brother & Family)
♀ Alice Scotello
(Your Loving Daughters & Family)

Sunday, May 6 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
♀ Alice Begin – 32nd Anniversary (Family)

Sunday, May 6 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
♀ Concetta Magnano (Family)

Sunday, May 6 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
♀ Fernand Gosselin (Tony & Maria Sousa)

Monday, May 7 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
♀ Jerry Healey (Joan Gronda)

Tuesday, May 8 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
♀ Adrienne Brumbaum
(Elmer & Omerine Gendreau)

Wednesday, May 9 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
♀ James V. Carroll

Thursday, May 10 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
♀ Dinis Leonardo (Wife & Family)

Thursday, May 10 – 9:00 a.m. (SC)
♀ Wisdom Asempa
(Staff & Students of St. Christopher School)

Thursday, May 10 – 12:15 p.m. (OLOP)
♀ Emily Trela

Thursday, May 10 – 5:30 p.m. (SC)
♀ Susan Viglione & Jeremy Minney (Jean Walker)

Friday, May 11 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
♀ Julian & Sophie Trela

Saturday, May 12 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
♀ Moses & Genevieve Jordan (Family)

Saturday, May 12 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
Mary Harden

In Celebration of Her 98th Birthday (Family)

(Mass intentions continued in the next column)

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**PARISH SUPPORT**

What We Collected (April 29): $ 7,674*

*Includes $1,128 received through our Online Giving program and $150 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish!

**HOMEFRONT COLLECTION**

This weekend we are taking up a second collection at all Masses. This collection helps our parish with the required team sponsorship contribution that made this year’s HomeFront project possible.

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**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 Teachers, Especially for Those Who Teach in Our Parish School
(In Recognition of National Teacher Appreciation Day - May 8)

♀ The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week

In Loving Memory of Scott Hatje (Son)
In Loving Memory of Alice Scotello (Mother)
(Anita Hatje & Family)

Please call the parish office to schedule a sanctuary lamp dedication. Suggested offering is $15.

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**MASS INTENTIONS (continued)**

Sunday, May 13 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
♀ Frank Wroniak

In Remembrance of His Birthday (Grandparents)

Sunday, May 13 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
♀ Frank Wroniak

In Remembrance of His Birthday (Mom)

Sunday, May 13 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
♀ Moises Roque, Jr. – 3rd Anniversary
(Mom, David & Jennifer)
♀ Luz Perez
(Sister, David & Jennifer)

(OLOP) = Mass celebrated at Our Lady of Peace campus
(SC) = Mass celebrated at Saint Christopher campus
ASCENSION OF THE LORD
The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, a holy day of obligation, is this Thursday, May 10. The schedule of Masses this Thursday, May 10 is as follows:

Our Lady of Peace Campus: 12:15 p.m.
Saint Christopher Campus: 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

PRECIOUS BLOOD
The flu season is now officially behind us, so this weekend we resume offering the Precious Blood during our liturgies celebrated at the Saint Christopher campus.

DINNER & TALENT SHOW
Saint Christopher School is holding a Dinner & Talent Show in the school gym on Saturday, May 19. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and a roast pork loin dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. Immediately following the dinner at 6:30 p.m., students of our parish school will showcase their talent. Tickets can be purchased this weekend and next weekend after all Masses. Ticket prices are $12 adults; $10 seniors; $6 children 5-12; free for children 4 and under. Max family price is $30. Flyers with more information are available at all church entrances.

ADULT BIBLE ADVENTURE
We meet again this Wednesday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel at the Saint Christopher campus and we will start chapter 13 of the Book of Revelation. This group meets every other Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. 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.

PRAYER/SHARING GROUP
Our Prayer/Sharing Group will not meet this Thursday, May 10 due to the holy day. We will resume our weekly meeting on Thursday, May 17 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.

GOING TO SEE JESUS
Our Saint Edmund Campion Social Club is sponsoring a wonderful bus trip to Lancaster, PA on October 16-18 (Tuesday-Thursday) to see the new play “Jesus” and to enjoy many other great activities. If you are interested in going or you’d like more information about this trip, please contact Joan Perrone at 860-568-6229. Don’t miss the bus!!!

BABY BOTTLES FOR BIRTHRIGHT
Baby bottles will be available after all Masses on Mother’s Day weekend, May 12/13. Please plan to take a bottle home, fill it with your spare change (cash or a check) and return it on the weekend of June 2/3. This is an opportunity for the Saint Edmund Campion Parish community to have hands-on involvement in a project that helps save the lives of unborn children and makes a difference in their mothers’ lives, too. Thanks for your support.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
Our Prayer Shawl Ministry meets again on Tuesday, May 14 at 12:00 noon (please note earlier time). This is their last meeting of this school year. They will resume meeting in September. New members are welcome to join at any time. Bring a friend. They have plenty of yarn and needles for those who wish to learn. If you would like to know more about our Prayer Shawl Ministry or if you or someone you know would like to receive a prayer shawl, please contact Santa Vallone at 860-569-1772.

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. Call the parish office at 860-568-5240 for more information.

SAVERS FUNDrive ~ St. Christopher School
Sunday ~ May 20 ~ 10am - 2pm
We invite you to help our parish school raise funds by donating gently used clothes and household items. For more info, please take a flyer that can be found at all church entrances.
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Thanks to all who attended the Family Rosary and the breakfast last Sunday.

Member Family Dinner
The Saint Christopher Council #4 will host our member’s family Pot-Luck Supper on Tuesday, May 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall at 540 Brewer St. Our featured entrées will be hotdogs, hamburgers and brats. We plan to present council jerseys to our remaining widows. RSVP to the Grand Knight, Bob Falkevitz at 860-568-5452 or rfalkevitz@att.net.

Honoring Deceased Members
In preparation for Memorial Day, members will be placing flags on deceased veterans’ graves at the Hockanum and Old South Cemeteries on Saturday, May 19 beginning at 8:00 a.m. Members are requested to meet at the Hockanum Cemetery (across from Wendy’s) at that time.

Busy?
Want to join the Knights but have too busy a schedule to attend a meeting? Men age 18 and over need only visit www.kofc.org/joinus from a computer or mobile device to enroll in our digital program that allows you a chance to become engaged in the K of C spiritual and council life. For more information, please contact the Grand Knight, Bob Falkevitz at 860-568-5452 or rfalkevitz@att.net.

‡ IN MEMORIUM ‡
Please pray for these parishioners who have gone to eternal life during the month of April.

Shirley Bilski • Dorothy Fleig • Anne Morin
Beverly Morin • Cecylia Parys • Lawrence Ramsdell

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

ACT OF ENTRUSTMENT PRAYER CARDS
Available at all church entrances is a prayer card that you are invited to take and use during private devotion. This “Act of Entrustment” prayer was written by Archbishop Blair asking Our Lady to watch over and guide the Archdiocese of Hartford.

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

SAVE THE DATE!
Saint Edmund Campion Parish will hold their week-long Vacation Bible Camp during the morning hours the week of July 9th. More information to follow.

IMAGO DEI CLASSICAL ACADEMY
cordially invites you to their
1st Annual Spring Gala 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 works to bring together the beauty and flexibility of Catholic homeschooling with the benefits of a structured, group, classroom environment.

THE LIVING ROSARY
The Living Rosary, Novena of the Miraculous Medal and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be held this Monday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul Church, 2577 Main Street, Glastonbury. As each bead of the rosary is prayed, a candle is lit forming the shape of a rosary around the church. Children are welcome with their parents. Please consider attending this inspirational and prayerful evening. Refreshments will follow.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE
with Fr. Bob Kwiatkowski,
Deacon Bob Palotti, Gigi Frailey, Laurie Janecko
Oct. 1 – Oct. 11, 2018
You are invited to join in on this awesome opportunity to follow in the footsteps of Jesus on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Among many other exciting things, you’ll get to see the newly discovered ancient city of Magadala with its first century synagogue where Jesus taught. The approximate cost of the trip is $4,100 per person and includes land and air transportation, hotels, meals, and entrance fees to all sites. The Select International Tours website had detailed information about the trip. Visit https://selectinternationaltours.com/holy-land-tours-pilgrimages. Scroll down and click on the pilgrimage with Fr. Bob Kwiatkowski. Questions? Please call Gigi Frailey at 860-561-4235.
As a nation, we are a mobile people. Not only do we travel around during vacations, for special events, and for visiting family and friends, but we readily move from one place to another for college, work, health reasons, and finally retirement. While previous generations usually stayed with one job and in one house for practically all of their lives, today it is common to move from one place to another, to a different state or even to a different country. This mobility carries over into our relationships. We can find that our lives take us from one set of friends to another, from one close relationship to another.

So Jesus’ admonition to remain in his love can sound quite challenging to people whose lives are characterized by change and impermanence. The word “remain” is sometimes translated as “abide.” The meaning of this invitation is to “take up permanent residence.” Last week Jesus called us to “remain” in his word; this week, to “remain in my love” (John 15:9). Jesus tells us how to do this (by keeping his commandments), why we should do this (so that his joy might be in us and our joy complete), what specifically we should do (love one another as I have loved you, that is, by laying down my life for you), and what is to be gained by doing this (an ongoing friendship with him that bears fruit and gains whatever we ask the Father in his name). Not a bad exchange for settling down . . . in his love. – James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R. Copyright © 2014, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

**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, May 13 – Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Jesus prays that we be protected from the “evil one.” Pope Francis points out that the Spirit “does not remove evil with a magic wand”; instead “he pours into us the vitality of life, which is not the absence of problems, but the certainty of being loved and always forgiven by Christ, who for us has conquered sin, death and fear.”