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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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
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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
PARISH SUPPORT
What We Collected (May 6): $ 7,397*
HomeFront Collection: $ 2,346

*Includes $888 received through our Online Giving program and $1,110 from mail-in offerings.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN
This weekend we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, here and around the world, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the funds we collect remain in our Archdiocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message, and support the collection today! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.

OUR PRAYER FOR UNITY
Last Sunday, we heard the final words Jesus spoke before his ascension into heaven, words recorded by Saint Mark. Today we listen to a portion of what has become known as Jesus’ “final discourse” from John’s Gospel. Once again, the Lord’s words contain a commissioning of his disciples for ministry to the world. One important part of this discourse is Jesus’ prayer for unity: “Keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one.” As the Easter season comes to an end, a season that has seen us deepening our awareness of the Paschal Mystery, it is fitting that today we hear this prayer for unity among the Lord’s followers. Let us celebrate the unity we have with other Christians and work together to heed the Lord’s great commission to bring the Good News to our weary world.

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 Mothers - Living & Deceased

† The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week
In Memory of Edna Volowski
(Jean Nowik & Joe Martocci)
PRAYER FOR MOTHER’S DAY
Thank you God for all mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, and those who are like mothers to us. We ask for your blessing on those mothers living and not living and for mothers to be. We pray they always turn to you in times of joy and sorrow and that they continue to be a source of strength in leading us to you. May all mothers know your loving and gentle presence. Amen. *Happy Mother’s Day!*

NOTE FROM FATHER JOHN
As most of you know, the Blessed Sacrament Church building was sold to the Town of East Hartford to be repurposed as a new Senior Center. The closing took place on May 1. Our Finance Council is now studying ways to invest most of the proceeds of this sale so that the parish can rest on a firm foundation financially. I want to thank Roger Dube and Jim Wilson for clearing the inside so that it was made “broom clean” in time for the sale. I also want to thank Richard Maska. He was a wealth of information and was of great help to the town and to me. As I often said “You could show Richard a pile of keys and he could tell you what each one was for.” Although the past year has been a sad time for the parishioners of Blessed Sacrament Church, I am pleased to see that so many are working with parishioners from Our Lady of Peace and Saint Christopher to make the new parish of Saint Edmund Campion a vibrant family of faith. May our patron pray for us.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE
by Bud Ozar
Jesus was worried about His disciples and He turned to prayer. No matter how much time we spend trying to “guard and protect” our children, each day they become less dependent on us and we must let go and let God. Prayer and parenting go together.

BABY BOTTLES FOR BIRTHRIGHT
Baby bottles will be available after all Masses this weekend. Please plan to take a bottle home, fill it with your spare change (cash or a check) and return it 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.

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 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.

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!!!

MARIAN GARDEN
**Order Deadline: June 3, 2018**
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 or you may contact the school office at 860-568-4100.

CONGRATULATIONS
We extend our congratulations and best wishes to John Giard and Victoria Klemonsky who on Sat., April 28, entered into Holy Matrimony in a ceremony celebrated at the Saint Christopher campus. May the Lord bless them and their marriage. “Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” – Mark 10:9
OPEN HOUSE
Saint Christopher School will hold an Open House on Wed., May 16, 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.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP
Registrations are now being accepted for this year’s Vacation Bible Camp which will be held at the Saint Christopher campus from July 9 to July 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon each day. This year’s theme, Surprise! Stories of Discovering Jesus, allows children to also be surprised as they discover Jesus! Each of the five Bible stories the children will hear tells them about someone surprised by Jesus. We invite children who are entering grades K-12 to come along on the journey, to open their eyes, and to see what Jesus has in store! Registration forms are available at all church entrances or can be downloaded from the church’s website at stchris-eh.org/vbc.php.

ARCHBISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL
This month, after years of study, one man will be ordained to the transitional diaconate and in June, two men are scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood. During the years of preparation for their vocation, they were supported by family and friends and by everyone who made a gift to the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal. When you make a gift to the Appeal, you help meet the cost of priestly formation and education. Please support our seminarians by making a gift to the Appeal today. You can use your pledge card to make a gift or you may call the Appeal office at 800-781-2550 or visit archdioceseofhartford.org.

CRS RICE BOWL
Thank you to all who participated in the CRS Rice Bowl program this past Lent. Your sacrifices totaled $672.66. Did you know that 25% of these funds remain in our Archdiocese and are distributed by the Office of Catholic Social Justice Ministry in the form of grants to Catholic parishes, schools and Archdiocesan entities for hunger and poverty alleviation programs? Your support is appreciated!

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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
Our Prayer Shawl Ministry meets again this 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.

MARRIAGE BANNS - I
Makenna Carella & Jonathan Bohnenberger

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
New Members
Welcome to our following new members:
Fernand Michaud • Kevin Michaud • Charlie Roy

Member Family Dinner
At our member’s family Pot-Luck Supper this Tuesday, May 15 at 6:00 p.m., we plan to present council jerseys to our remaining widows and Father Joseph will give us a presentation on modern family life in India. RSVP to the Grand Knight, Bob Falkevitz at 860-568-5452 or rfalkevitz@att.net.

Thanks to You
Through our service activities, our state council was able to make the following contributions:
• Presented a $26,000 check for the Christian Relief Efforts
• Presented Michael Mason of Connecticut Special Olympics with an annual donation
• Sponsor Olympic Town at the Connecticut Special Olympics Summer Games being held at SCSU on June 9 and 10

A Word to the Wives
Now that the children are grown, do you find your husband spending more time sitting on the couch and watching more television? Why not suggest he join the Knights and get great satisfaction from helping his church community? There is no charge if a man joins before the end of June. Please contact the Grand Knight, listed above, for more information.
**FIRST COMMUNION**

We congratulate the following children who received the Body of Christ for the first time on Saturday, May 5, during a special Mass celebrated at the Saint Christopher campus.

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We are grateful to those who helped to prepare these children for this sacrament and to their parents for raising them in the Catholic faith. We are also grateful to our parishioner Joan Perrone who crafted a beautiful First Communion banner that was on display during the liturgy.

**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 20 – Pentecost Sunday**

The gifts of the Spirit are not given for our personal enjoyment or prestige, but for the common good of the church, to build up the Body of Christ. What ever gifts we may have been given, no matter how spectacular or commonplace they may be, they are given to be used for others.