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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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 19 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
✠ Charles Bernard – 13th Anniversary (Wife Cathy)

Sunday, May 20 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
Ray & Regina Schultz
In Celebration of Their 60th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, May 20 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
✠ Mary Ryan (The Magnano Family)

Sunday, May 20 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
✠ Paul Kleef (Mother)

Monday, May 21 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
✠ Lauretta Skold (The Merrill Family)

Tuesday, May 22 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
✠ Dinis Leonardo (Wife & Family)

Wednesday, May 23 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
✠ Fran Morin ~
In Remembrance of Her Birthday (Diane Grego)

Thursday, May 24 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
✠ Ellen Lucille Rogers (James Morin)

Friday, May 25 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
✠ Joseph E. Zimmerman

Saturday, May 26 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
✠ Tommy & Vicky Bodley

Saturday, May 26 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
✠ Jose Figueiredo (Wife Maria)
✠ Maria & Manuel Machado (Daughter Maria)

Sunday, May 27 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
Joseph Leonardo (Mother & Daughters)

Sunday, May 27 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
✠ Edward Kelly ~ 28th Anniversary
(Wife & Family)

Sunday, May 27 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
✠ Deceased Members of the Abejar Family
Victorino, Rosario, Benjamen, Briccio,
Arturo, Vincente, Elena, Cecilia, Maria and Romeo
(Leonisa Cumento & Family)

(OLOP) = Mass celebrated at Our Lady of Peace campus
(SC) = Mass celebrated at Saint Christopher campus

PARISH SUPPORT

What We Collected (May 13): $13,410*
Catholic Communication Campaign: $1,434

*Includes $678 received through our Online Giving program and $7,279 from mail-in offerings (which includes one family’s donation covering several months of giving.)

Thank you for support of our parish and of the Catholic Communication Campaign!

PARISH SCHOOL SUPPORT

The second collection being taken up at all Masses this weekend is the regular monthly collection to support our parish school. Thank you!

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.

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
In Loving Memory of
John C. McKeone, Sr. ~ 4th Anniversary
(Wife Elaine & Family)

✠ The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week
In Loving Memory of
Felix Gloria
(Daughter & Grandsons)

Please call the parish office to schedule a dedication.
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. All orders received by June 3 will be turned over to our production team to be engraved and installed this summer. Orders received after June 3 will be held for the fall production. 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.

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS ED

Now is the time for families to register children entering grades K-8 this fall for the 2018/2019 religious education program. This program begins in September and runs through April. Classes are held at Saint Christopher School on Sundays from 9:05 – 10:15 a.m. First Communion and Reconciliation preparation is a two-year program beginning in Grade 1. The registration form can be downloaded from the website at stchris-eh.org (select Religious Education), found at the entrances of the church, or it can be obtained by contacting Maria Sousa, Coordinator of Religious Education, at 860-895-8692. Please help us to plan accordingly by submitting your registration by June 29. A $5.00 late fee is assessed for registrations received after June 29.

SAVERS FUNDrive ~ St. Christopher School

This Sunday ~ May 20 ~ 10am - 2pm

We invite you to help our parish school raise funds by donating gently used clothes and household items. Donations can be dropped off at the parish school.

BABY BOTTLES FOR BIRTHRIGHT

We thank those of you who took a baby bottle home with you last weekend. If you were not with us last weekend, we invite you to take a bottle home with you today. You are asked to fill the bottle with your spare change (cash or a check) and return it the weekend of June 2/3. This is an excellent opportunity for you 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.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

July 9 - 13

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 also to 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.

SAINT EDMUND CAMPION

ADULT SOCIAL CLUB

“Funtucky” Derby

Monday ~ May 21 ~ 12:30 p.m.

The Kentucky Derby may be over; but now it’s time for our very own “Funtucky” Derby. Members, join us for a jam-packed fun afternoon. Women, come in your most outrageously decorated hat. We will be auctioning our “horses” for play money. Afterwards, you may bet on your favorite “horse” with your play money, while sipping virgin mint juleps. After the race, the afternoon will conclude with a mini-auction. Don’t miss this great afternoon. Please note the meeting time is **12:30**. If you have any questions regarding the social club, please feel free to contact Joan or Frank Perrone at 860-568-6229.

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MEMORIAL DAY MASS

A Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated on Mon., May 28 at 9:00 a.m. in the mausoleum chapel at St. Mary Cemetery, 930 Burnside Ave, East Hartford. This special celebration of the Eucharist will remember and honor our deceased veterans and other loved ones who have gone before us.
A PRAYER FOR PENTECOST

Holy Spirit, Please...
Inspire us. Teach us. Comfort us...
with your grace and your love.
Thank you Holy Spirit.
– Deacon Bill Bartlett

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!
This weekend the following couples are celebrating special anniversaries. We join with their family and friends in offering our sincere congratulations, along with our prayers for God’s blessing on them and their loved ones.

Sebastian and Rosa Buccheri
70th Anniversary
Sebastian and Rosa were married on May 17, 1948 at the Church of Santa Madre in Floridia, Sicily.

Ray and Regina Schultz
60th Anniversary
Ray and Regina were married by Father Henry Murphy on May 24, 1958 at Saint Christopher Church.

MARRIAGE BANNS - II
Makenna Carella & Jonathan Bohnenberger

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Thanks to all the members who placed flags on the deceased veterans’ graves this weekend.

Members are invited to participate in a Living Rosary held at Enders Island, Mystic Sunday afternoon at 2:00 PM.

The next business meeting being held on June 7 will elect new officers for the coming year. The proposed next Grand Knight is Ernest Mintel. To be an officer one must be a Third Degree Member and the next ceremony for this degree will be at St. Joseph church (school), 29 Edson St., New Britain on Sunday, June 3 at Noon. First Degree Members wishing to take the higher degrees are requested to contact Grand Knight Bob Falkevitz at 860-568-5452 for arrangements.

There is no charge if a man joins the Knights before the end of June. Please contact the Grand Knight, listed above, for more information.

A HOMEFRONT THANK YOU!
My heartfelt gratitude and thankfulness for the people who assisted with our HomeFront effort this year! So much value and hope was given to the family we assisted and they were so appreciative.

Our House Captain Steve Roczyynski brings so much enthusiasm and empathy to our leadership team. Our Assistant House Captain this year was Deb Thompson who just has endless energy! The following people were members of our 2018 crew: Real and Nathalie Laprise, Joseph Amirault, Mary Ann Bergeron Roczyynski, Mary and John Lawson, Mike Munley, James Colla, Roger Dionne, Kathy and Robin Simeone, Claudette Flanigan, Barbara Ruocchio, Christopher and Alissa Mahoney, Ernie Mintel, Frank Gelsominio, Zachary Pine, Mike Grimaldi, David Woelpner, Matt Nauss, Steve Gianinato and Scott Gay. A big shout out to Peter Marra for all the plants, mulch, top soil and labor he contributed! Thank you to Joanne and Phil Hadyka for providing lunch for our crew again this year! We love your sandwiches! Thank you to Julie and Steve Terlizzi for their compassionate and generous hearts! Their gift to our HomeFront recipient is beyond words. Thank you to Fr. John and Fr. Joseph for supporting this effort year after year! Thank you to Bonnie Szalay for helping to promote HomeFront! Thank you to everyone who contributed financially! I want to thank our Knights of Columbus Council #4 for a generous donation to the HomeFront project this year! Last but not least, thank you to everyone who prayed for the success of our HomeFront endeavor.

Peace and blessings, Deacon Phil

ADULT BIBLE ADVENTURE
We will meet again this Wed., May 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel at the St. Christopher campus to start chapter 14 of the Book of Revelation. This group meets every other Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Come 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.

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

Pentecost marks the end of the Easter season. This is the one feast of the Church’s year when we focus on the third person of the Trinity, God the Holy Spirit. … The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus at his baptism. This same Spirit, who also came upon the disciples at Pentecost, the birthday of the church, is the Spirit who hovered over the waters of our baptism, as we were anointed with the holy oil of salvation. The Spirit came upon us with renewed strength in confirmation, as we were anointed as followers of Christ.

It is the Holy Spirit who calls us anew to the challenges of each day, inspiring and strengthening us to live as disciples and friends of Jesus. This does not mean the path is made easy, or that we will always be understood, accepted, and successful. It does mean that if we trust the Spirit and its promptings deep within us, we will always speak and act with faith and truth. It is not up to us to worry about whether people receive what we offer. Our words or deeds may be just one small seed sown in someone’s soul; our job is to sow it and to entrust to the Holy Spirit the nurturing and nourishing of that seed. The Spirit of the Lord God is upon us, so share the glad tidings!

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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.”

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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 27 – The Most Holy Trinity

The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity celebrates the doctrine that makes Christianity different from all other religions: the Trinity. St. Paul ties it together when he urges the Corinthians and us to mend our ways and experience God as Trinity, calling down on us “the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.” (2 Corinthians 13:14)