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.

PARISH OFFICE
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ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL
Mrs. Kathleen Welch, Principal
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**PARISH SUPPORT**

What We Collected (May 20): $ 6,735*

Parish School Collection: $ 2,027**

*Includes $533 received through our Online Giving program and $200 from mail-in offerings.

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Thank you for your support of our parish community!

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

Next weekend, June 2 and 3, our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ’s love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. Please give generously to the CRSC, and help Jesus in disguise. To learn more about this collection, please see the insert in this weekend’s bulletin and/or visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

**REFLECTING ON GOD’S WORD**

The readings today remind us that God wishes us to know that we can find our roots in the divine love of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and that we can also find our freedom there. Paul’s words to the Romans pick up first on the purpose of the gift of the Spirit that we celebrated last Sunday. The Spirit has been given us to lead us more deeply into the mystery of God, into the love of God, so that we recognize that we are God’s beloved children.

**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 Memory of Those Who Died While Serving in Our Country’s Armed Forces

- The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week

In Loving Memory of

Chuck Thompson ~ 3rd Anniversary

(Wife Rikke)

Please call the parish office to schedule a dedication.
VACATION BIBLE CAMP  
Registration Deadline: June 11th
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.

BABY BOTTLES FOR BIRTHRIGHT
We thank those of you who took a baby bottle home with you Mother’s Day weekend. You are reminded to fill the bottle with your spare change (cash or a check) and return it next weekend, 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.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING YOUR PARISH BY BECOMING A MEMBER OF OUR PARISH COUNCIL?
We are seeking parishioners who are interested in becoming a member of our Parish Council. If you are a registered member of Saint Edmund Campion Parish and are interested in serving your parish in this way, please submit your name and contact information, no later than June 8, to Lori Brunette at lab-1963@sbcglobal.net.

Attention current members: If you are interested in continuing to serve on the Parish Council, please let Lori know no later than June 8.

An orientation meeting will be held on Monday, June 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Saint Christopher church hall to go over what you can expect as a Parish Council member.

MARIAN GARDEN
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 our 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.

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL SCHOOL
The Catholic Biblical School (CBS) is intended for adults who are willing to make a commitment of at least two years to complete all course requirements. No particular educational background is required. It is recommended especially for those wishing to meet the Lord in a deeper way through Scripture. Applications for new students are available online at catholicedaohct.org. Interviews can be scheduled now through August 15 by contacting Jill Costa at 860-242-5573 or at Jill.Costa@aohct.org. Tuition for year one is $350. If you would like to speak to Deacon Phil about the experience of the CBS, he can be reached at 860-568-5001 or by e-mail at imgoose@comcast.net.

“God is God for us – Father.  
God is God with us – Son.  
God is God in us – Holy Spirit.”  
– Darrell W. Johnson
SOCIAL CLUB THANK YOU
We would like to send out HUGE thanks to everyone who helped make the Saint Edmund Campion Social Club Funtucky Derby a great success. So many people (too many to mention by name) pitched in to set up the room; helped with refreshments (either by bringing goodies or helping to make and serve the mint juleps); cleaned up afterwards; took care of many miscellaneous helpful chores; and our special thanks to all those who attended and got into the spirit of the day. We are most grateful!

– Joan and Frank Perrone

ARCHDIOCESAN AWARDS CEREMONY
The following parishioners from our parish will be honored during an Archdiocesan Awards Ceremony for their years of service to our religious education program. The ceremony is being held on Tuesday, June 19, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. All are invited. We thank these parishioners for their dedication to the young people of our parish. They are:

Lori Brunette ~ 20 years
Kimberly Murphy ~ 15 years
Ann Bradley ~ 10 years
Steven Cadwallader ~ 10 years
Deacon Philip Gosselin ~ 10 years

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS
Our Chancel Choir is now on their summer break. We appreciate their hard work and dedication to the music ministry. In September they will resume leading the music at our 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. Their Thursday night rehearsals will also resume in September at a date to be announced. New members are always welcome!

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND
Allow God to give you grace in abundance and transform your marriage relationship by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. There are two weekends being held this year in Manchester, CT. They are July 6-8 and November 2-4, 2018. For more information and to register, please call Pat and Mary-Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at wwmectw.org.

Heavenly Father, On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the examples of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with Your strength and peace. In union with people of goodwill of every nation, embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe. Amen.

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.

ARCHBISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL
As the active phase of the 2018 Archbishop’s Annual Appeal continues, Archbishop Blair expresses his gratitude to those who have already made a gift or a pledge to this year’s Appeal. If you have not yet made your contribution to the Appeal, please take a few moments in the days ahead to consider prayerfully your gift decision. Your help is very much needed at this time. Each and every contribution – large and small – ensures that ministries, programs and services of the Church remain strong throughout the Archdiocese of Hartford. You can use your pledge card to make a gift (if you’ve misplaced your pledge card there are Appeal packets available at the main entrance of the church) or you may call the Appeal office at 800-781-2550 or visit archdioceseofhartford.org.

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!!!

DO YOU NEED PRAYER?
Contact Sally Ann Tanasi with your prayer requests. 860-569-4072 ✆ 6854angeleyes@gmail.com
On this Sunday, the week after Pentecost, we celebrate The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity in the Church. We have celebrated this particular weekend in the Church for more than 700 years. Depending on your age, you may recall St. Pope John XXIII who organized and oversaw Vatican II. Interestingly, it was Pope John XXII (1316-1364) who made this celebration official in the Church. We consider the Holy Trinity to be one of the great mysteries in the Church. It is the mystery of the identity of God. Who is God? God is one God in three Divine Persons — the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Whether we are aware of this consciously or not, this is something each of us acknowledges in a number of ways, especially when we attend Mass. Every time we make the Sign of the Cross, we are making a statement about the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This statement is made often. At minimum it is made when the celebrating priest opens Mass with a sign of the cross. Just prior to the Gospel Reading we do an older version of the sign of the cross by making a small cross on our forehead, our lips, and our chest. The priest concludes the Mass with a blessing, and we all make the Sign of the Cross. There are so many other times before, during, and after Mass when we make the sign of the cross, and there may be other times in our daily lives when we do it. Pope Francis has said, “Every time we make the sign of the cross, we draw closer to God.” Perhaps we should do it even more often. – www.catholicsteward.com/blog

**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, June 3 – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

The Gospel reminds us that the Eucharist is a memorial of Christ’s sacrifice on the cross. We believe that Jesus is truly present to us in the elements of bread and wine. Each time we celebrate this sacrament, we prepare for the Kingdom of God. This celebration, as the Second Vatican Council taught us, is the source and summit of the Christian life.