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

Jesus said, “This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”
Mark 14:24-25

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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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 Continued Good Health for Cancer Survivors**
(In Recognition of National Cancer Survivor Day - 6/3)

The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week

**In Loving Memory of**
Marcel Dulude ~ 10th Anniversary
(Wife & Family)

Please call the parish office to schedule a dedication.
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.

All those who are interested in serving on the Parish Council must attend an orientation meeting being held on Monday, June 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Saint Christopher church hall. This meeting will outline what you can expect as a Parish Council member.

Our Church is growing! We welcome into our Christian community through the holy waters of baptism:

Aubrey Claire Janeczko

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.

† IN MEMORIUM †
Please pray for the following parishioner who passed on to eternal life during the month of May.

Joseph Bilski

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

ARCHBISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL
Next weekend, June 9-10, is Gift Commitment Weekend throughout the Archdiocese for the 2018 Archbishop’s Annual Appeal – Our Faith, Our Future. This is an important moment in the Appeal to ensure its success, and at all Masses there will be a brief 8-minute video that highlights, in a very personal way, some stories of your contributions at work in the lives of others, furthering the work of the gospel. This outreach can only continue thanks to OUR collective support of the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal. So, if you’ve not already made a contribution, please plan to complete a Gift Envelope before Mass next weekend and place it in the collection basket. If you are making your 2018 gift for the first time, or perhaps increasing your 2018 gift, please accept our sincere appreciation. Last year more than 42,000 households participated. Please help us achieve or even surpass that number of supporting households this year. Your support is vital, no one can replace you. Thank you!

MARIAN GARDEN
We wish to thank all those who placed an order for our summer production. 16 bricks and one slab will be engraved and installed into our Marian Garden. We are now accepting orders for our 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.

MARRIAGE BANNS - I
Jillian Pitura
&
Gregory Buggisch

ADULT BIBLE ADVENTURE
We will meet again this Wed., June 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel at the Saint Christopher campus and we will start chapter 15 of the Book of Revelation. The group meets every other Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. 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.
A NOTE FROM FATHER JOHN

Just to keep you informed: the heating/air conditioning system at the church at Our Lady of Peace campus has had good days and not so good days. That can be expected from a unit that is as old as the building itself: 45 years! We’ve certainly gotten our money’s worth and more. But the time has come for the entire system to be replaced by a new and more efficient system.

Stephen Roczynski of our Building and Grounds Committee has been busy getting proposals from a number of contractors. One of them has made a presentation to our Finance Council to evaluate the situation and make a bid. Other bids are forthcoming. Before work can begin, however, the Town of East Hartford requires that mechanical drawings of a new system be prepared for their approval. Funding for this project will come primarily from money that was saved over the years by Our Lady of Peace parish.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The local assembly and council will meet this Thursday, June 7 in the Saint Christopher church hall for their annual business meetings at the following times:

6:30 PM – 4th Deg. Assembly #1571 Meeting
7:30 PM – Council #4 Meeting

The proposed next Faithful Navigator is Scott Gay and the next proposed Grand Knight is Ernest Mintel. To be an officer one must be a Third Degree Member within a year. A berry dessert reception will follow the meetings.

Ken Johnson will be taking this degree at St Joseph church (school), 29 Edson Street in New Britain this Sunday. 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.

SAINT CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL NEWS

Saint Christopher Golf Classic
Monday ~ September 17 ~ More Info to Come!

Report on Fundraising Efforts
Thank you to all of you who supported our school’s recent Savers FUNdraiser Drive. Your donations of gently-used clothing and household items earned our school $900!

Thank you also to all of you who supported our school’s Annual Gala & Auction back in April. This is our school’s largest fundraiser and this year it raised $16,000!

A Dinner and Show Thank You!
On Saturday, May 19, the Saint Christopher School Community hosted dinner and a show. It was a very nice evening, serving delicious food and showcasing the talents of several of our school’s students. Many thanks to all those who came out to support our parish school as well as the talented children. And a heartfelt THANK YOU to our tireless team of volunteers who, without them, events like this would not be possible. – Gratefully, Danielle & Marie.

Graduation Mass
The Saint Christopher School Class of 2018 will celebrate their graduation with a Mass at the Saint Christopher campus on Tuesday, June 12 at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend and celebrate this milestone with the graduates.

2018/2019 School Year
Registrations are now being accepted. Visit www.saintchristopherschool.org or call the school office at 860-568-4100 for more information.

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

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL & TAG SALE
North American Martyrs Parish will be holding their annual Strawberry Festival and Tag Sale on Saturday, June 9 in Saint Mary’s church hall, 30 Maplewood Avenue, East Hartford. Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Free parking and admission. Ticket for shortcake and coffee/punch is $5.00 at the door. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Pizza and Chili also on sale. Door prizes, raffles, money tree, books, bake sale and religious articles. ?’s: Call 860-289-7916.
THE EUCHARIST

We have had three consecutive weeks of significant Solemnities — Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, and now the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, better known by the name of Corpus Christi which translates from the Latin as the “Body of Christ.” Clearly this is a celebration which brings our focus on the Eucharist, which is at the absolute center of our liturgy, and at the core of our Catholic faith. We have mentioned many times that all revolves around the Eucharist when we receive the real Body and Blood of the Lord. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (#1324), “The Eucharist is ‘the source and summit of the Christian life.’ The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself.” The Eucharist should be the high point of our week, or even of our day. The author J.R.R. Tolkien (author of The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings trilogy), who was a devout Catholic, once stated, “The only cure for sagging or fainting faith is Communion. Though always Itsel, perfect and complete and inviolate, the Blessed Sacrament does not operate completely and once for all in any of us. Like the act of Faith it must be continuous and grow by exercise. Frequency is of the highest effect. Seven times a week is more nourishing than seven times at intervals.” – 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 10 – 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel we hear Jesus say that all sins can be forgiven except for blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. It’s not known exactly what He means by this. It could be that the only sin that can’t be forgiven is the one that cuts you off from the source of forgiveness, the Holy Spirit.