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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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ June 17, 2018

St. Joseph, guide all fathers
**Mass Intentions for the Week**

Saturday, June 16 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
📍 Daniel F. Colbert
*In Remembrance of His Birthday*
*(Family)*

Sunday, June 17 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
📍 Ken Harrison, Sr.
*(Family)*

Sunday, June 17 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
📍 Virginia & Giuseppe Genga
*(Henry & Elaine Genga)*

Sunday, June 17 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
📍 Edna Volowski
*(Maria & Tony Sousa)*

Monday, June 18 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
📍 Diane Olinatz *(Family)*

Tuesday, June 19 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
📍 Antonio Leonardo *(Wife & Family)*

Wednesday, June 20 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
📍 Cecylia Parys *(Carla & Bill Merrill)*

Thursday, June 21 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
📍 Mark Tardiff & Debbie Fallacaro
*(Family)*

Friday, June 22 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
📍 Jeannine Rousseau Zarrella

Saturday, June 23 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
📍 Rev. James J. Cronin

Saturday, June 23 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
📍 Dinis Leonardo *(Wife & Family)*

Sunday, June 24 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
📍 Joseph Leonardo *(Mom & Daughters)*

Sunday, June 24 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
📍 Lillian & Enrico Genga
*(Henry & Elaine Genga)*

Sunday, June 24 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
📍 Evangelina Sousa *(Family & Friends)*

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

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**PARISH SUPPORT**

What We Collected (June 10): $7,094

*Includes $603 received through our Online Giving program and $335 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish!

**PARISH SCHOOL SUPPORT**

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

**PRAYER FOR FATHER’S DAY**

God our Father, We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old. We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice. We pray for fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow. We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice. We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen  Happy Father’s Day!

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**MARRIAGE BANNS - III**

Jillian Pitura & Gregory Buggisch

**MARRIAGE BANNS - II**

Nicole Prasser & Brandon Ryan

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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

*In Loving Memory of Lou & Betty Grilli*
*(Family)*

📍 The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week

*In Loving Memory of the Deceased Members of the Sullivan Family*
*(Marion Sullivan)*
VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Registration Deadline Extended to June 22!

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Jonathan Bohnenberger and Makenna Carella who on Saturday, June 2, 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

Saint Edmund Campion Adult Social Club

Monday ~ June 18 ~ 1:00 p.m.
Music by Ashly Cruz

We are back to our regular 1:00 p.m. meeting time; and our theme for this month’s member meeting is “Flag Day.” Wear your red, white, and blue; and enjoy patriotic music by a talented performer.

The bus is almost full for the Lancaster trip, so if you are considering going, it is important to contact Joan at the telephone number listed below as soon as possible.

Our member picnic will be on Monday, August 20, at 12:00 noon. It is a pot-luck event, and you will be called by the Telephone Committee prior to that date with a request to bring a specific food. Please consider bringing food; but if you are not able to do so, you may make a donation of $7 towards the food. This amount needs to be paid at the June meeting, as it is the last meeting before the picnic. These monetary donations need to be received in time for the committee to purchase items needed for the picnic. If you have any questions regarding the social club, please feel free to contact Joan or Frank Perrone at 860-568-6229.

SAINT CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL

CLASS OF 2018

On Tuesday evening, June 12, Saint Christopher School held its 53rd graduation ceremony. Tam Nguyen and Emma Terlizzi received the Rev. Henry J. Murphy scholarship award for the highest academic average. On June 8 during the Class Night dinner and awards banquet, Bella Swan was awarded the Saint Christopher Award for outstanding character and Christian values. Several other academic awards were also given out. This class is well-prepared for high school with five out of the nine graduates as members of the National Junior Honor Society. They will continue their schooling at East Catholic High School, Cheney Technical High School, Great Path Academy and East Hartford High School. The school extends its sincere gratitude to the parishioners for their continuing support.

The Class of 2018

Benjamin Brownsword
Elijah Rodriguez
Colin Cooke
Tatiana Rosario
Elizabeth Haberern
Bella Swan
An Nguyen
Emma Terlizzi
Tam Nguyen

SAINT CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL
An Investment in Your Child’s Future

Registrations are now being accepted for the 2018/2019 school year. Call the school office at 860-568-4100 or visit www.saintchristopherschool.org for more information.

ADULT BIBLE ADVENTURE

We meet again this Wed., June 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel at the St. Christopher campus and we will start chapter 16 of the Book of Revelation. As part of our study of this book, we have been listening to the Catholic theologian, Dr. Taylor Marshall; his insights are impressive and edifying. This 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.

Saint Christopher Church Hall
Friday ~ July 6, 2018
1:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Call 1-800-Red Cross to make an appointment.
AN IMPORTANT NOTE FROM FATHER JOHN

Archbishop Blair Calls for a Diocesan Synod

Archbishop Blair has announced that he will call for a Diocesan Synod for the year 2020. Now, you’re probably wondering “What’s a Diocesan Synod?” Canon Law defines it as “An assembly of selected priests and other members of Christ’s faithful from throughout the diocese, which the Bishop calls together for the good of the whole community, in order to assist him in deliberating on the pastoral needs of the diocese and discerning the guidance of the Holy Spirit.” (Canon 460)

In other words, it is the responsibility of those who participate in a Diocesan Synod to advise the Archbishop on the direction they think the Archdiocese should take in the future. The last one held in our Archdiocese was in 1996 and the one before that was in 1959. Given the fact that the Archdiocese has gone through many changes in the past three years, especially the restructuring of parishes, it seems that this is a good time for us, as an archdiocese, to “organize our thoughts” so to speak, as we consider what our long-term goals should be.

On the local level this long process will begin with a Parish Listening Session. Pastors have been asked to assemble no less than 50 parishioners for a Town Hall Style meeting. These parishioners will be asked to respond to three questions:
- What are we (as an Archdiocese) doing well?
- What are we (as an Archdiocese) doing not so well?
- What are we (as an Archdiocese) not doing that we should be?

The response to each question should be no more than 2-3 minutes per person per question. The date of our Parish Listening Session will be Monday, July 23 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall of the Saint Christopher campus.

If you are seriously interested in participating in this Parish Listening Session, please call the parish office at 860-568-5240 by July 20. Of course, it goes without saying that each response should be given and received with Christian charity.

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Sing a New Song Unto the Lord

Greetings! Our music ministers at the 7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass continue to rehearse throughout the year, every other Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel at the Saint Christopher campus. We rehearse again on June 27. If interested, come join us. We also extend an early invitation to our young parishioners and family members who may want to sing with the family choir come fall. All are welcome. Call me, Toni Mintel at 860-569-7593, for further details.

Music Ministry Outreach

We are also planning our next outreach program – A Summer Singalong the evening of Thurs., June 21 at Salmon Brook Convalescent Home in Glastonbury. If interested, call Toni for details.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Welcome to our new members: Jean-Marie Couture and Marcel Drouin. Congratulations to Ken Johnson for completing his Fraternalism Degree and becoming the council’s Warden. Also best wishes to our two new leaders; Grand Knight Ernest Mintel and Faithful Navigator Scott Gay who will take their respective offices on July 1.

St. Christopher Council #4 members/member widows and their families will hold their Family Pot-luck Dinner on Tues., June 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Chris church hall. The entrée will be BBQ chicken breast with members bringing side dishes and desserts. RSVP to Bob Falkevitz so sufficient food is available.

Council and Assembly business meetings will be suspended until September and officers will meet at the call of their leaders. Enjoy the summer with your families!

An Initiation Ceremony is planned for Tuesday afternoon on the 19th of this month and there is still time to get a chance to enter the drawing for a couple to win the trip to Dublin, Ireland to attend the Family Conference with the Pope.

There is no charge if a man joins the Knights before the end of June. Please contact the Grand Knight, Bob Falkevitz at 860-568-5452 to join this month.
WE WALK BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT

It is often stated that St. Paul had a way with words. He was able to take a very complex concept and summarize it in a few words and phrases. In today’s Second Reading from Second Corinthians, Paul says simply, “...we walk by faith, not by sight.” (2 Corinthians 5:7) That statement by Paul has inspired hymns and treatises. Yet, it is in reality what we are all about as Catholics and Christians. There is no question that it is one of the most difficult notions for us as Catholics and Christians to grasp and accept. The word translated as “walk” can also be translated as “live.” Thus, we could say “We live by faith, and not by sight.”

This was a popular and consistent theme for St. Paul, his point being that we need to build our lives around the eternal prospects, not those of this world. In this society “things” seem so important to us. However, the truth is that they have no eternal significance. That is an ongoing message in the concept of stewardship — basically who we are and how we live is more important than what we own and what we may appear to be. That can be tough for us.

The late Billy Graham, who died earlier this year, was fond of saying, “My home is in Heaven. I am just traveling through this world.” St. Paul would agree with that attitude.

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 24 – The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

The gospel tells the story of St. John’s birth. It has been said that St. John the Baptist was born to preach the message of repentance: the need to accept ourselves as sinners, and the need to accept Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away our sins and those of the whole world.