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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He took the child by the hand and said to her, “Talitha koum,” which means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise!” The girl rose immediately and walked around.
Mark 5:41-42

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 1, 2018
Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, June 30 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
† Jose Figueiredo (Wife Maria)
† Maria & Manuel Machado (Daughter Maria)

Sunday, July 1 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
† Flora Manocchio (Maria Sessa)

Sunday, July 1 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
† John Albani ~ 20th Anniversary
(Wife Marie & Family)

Sunday, July 1 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
† Edna Volowski (Carla & Bill Merrill)

Monday, July 2 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
† John & Louise Olinatz (Children)

Tuesday, July 3 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
† Philip Cormier (Chanel & Cecile Bouchard)

Wednesday, July 4 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
† Evangelista Milheiro (Maria Moreira)

Thursday, July 5 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
† Jennie & Frank Vernile (Jean Walker)

Friday, July 6 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
† William Ferry

Saturday, July 7 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
† Richard Carley

Saturday, July 7 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
† Lucien Lavertu ~
In Remembrance of His Birthday
(Wife Joan and Children Carol & Paul)

Sunday, July 8 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
† John J. Gwozdz (His Son Father John)

Sunday, July 8 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
† Walter & Eva Bragdon
(Henry & Elaine Genga)

Sunday, July 8 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
† Roland LaPorte (Howard & Barb Wilmes)

PARISH SUPPORT
What We Collected (June 24): $7,341*
*Includes $698 received through our Online Giving program and $367 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish!

ONLINE GIVING PROGRAM
Online Giving is available here at Saint Edmund Campion parish! It’s all about convenience for you and consistency for the parish. For more information and to register for Online Giving, please visit our website at stchris-eh.org. Click on the Online Giving button on the left side and you will be immediately connected to our secure Online Giving server. You may also contact the parish office for assistance.

FATHER JOHN’S VACATION
Father John will be on vacation from July 5 - 13. He is hosting his sister and his niece and their families at his family homestead in Enfield. During this time, the parish will be in the care of Father Joseph.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED
We are seeking young parishioners entering grades 4 - 12 who are interested in serving their parish as Altar Servers. If your child(ren) is interested in this opportunity, please contact the parish office at 860-568-5240. We are currently compiling a list of the young people who are interested. A training session will be held in the near future.

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
Stanley Maslona, Sr. & Stanley Maslona, Jr.
(Family)

† The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week

In Loving Memory of John St. Onge
In Remembrance of His Birthday
(Wife Simone & Family)
INDEPENDENCE DAY PRAYER

Dear Lord,

There is no greater feeling of liberty than to experience freedom from sin and death that you provided for me through Jesus Christ. Today my heart and my soul are free to praise you. For this, I am very thankful.

On this Independence Day, I am reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Let me not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May I always remember that a very high price was paid for my freedom. My freedom cost others their very lives.

Lord, today, bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for my freedom. With favor and bounty, meet their needs and watch over their families.

Dear Father, I am so thankful for this nation. For all the sacrifices others have made to build and defend this country, I am grateful. Thank you for the opportunities and freedoms we have in the United States of America. Help me never to take these blessings for granted.

Help me to live my life in a way that glorifies you, Lord. Give me the strength to be a blessing in someone’s life today, and grant me the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Jesus Christ.

In your name I pray. Amen

PARISH LISTENING SESSION

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. The Archbishop has asked pastors to assemble no less than 50 parishioners for a Town Hall Style meeting and he’s also made it clear that priests are not to attend these sessions so the people can speak freely. Participating 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.

DID YOU KNOW?

As Independence Day draws near, we think of the men and women of the military who serve with courage and competence, some far from home. How does the Church accompany them? In 1939, Pope Pius XII created an independent jurisdiction of the Catholic Church called the “Military Vicariate.” In 1985 Pope John Paul II created the “Archdiocese for Military Services, USA.” Spanning the globe and serving nearly one and a half million Roman Catholics, more than one thousand priests minister in hospitals, on military bases of all the armed forces, on ships at sea, and on the battlefield. The AMS does not ordain priests, but accepts priests on loan from religious orders and dioceses.
ADULT BIBLE STUDY
No Meeting on July 4
We will NOT meet on our next regularly scheduled date since it is the 4th of July holiday. We will resume Adult Bible Study on Wednesday, July 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel at the Saint Christopher campus. We will start our next session with chapter 17 in the Book of Revelation. This group meets every other Wednesday. 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.

PRAYER SHARING GROUP
No Meeting on July 5
Our Prayer/Sharing Group will meet again on Thursday, July 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the hall at the Our Lady of Peace campus. All members of the Saint Edmund Campion Parish and their friends are welcome to attend. Please join us for an evening of Prayer, Song, Scripture Sharing and Friendship. We will be finishing up our look at “Rediscover Jesus” by Matthew Kelly an inspirational Catholic author. We hope to see you there. For more info, please call Phyl Tyrseck at 860-568-3855, Barbara Veci at 860-568-2701, Pat Roberge at 860-568-5777, Barbara Hanson at 860-965-9162 or Leo Forte at 860-568-7383.

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.

WATCH FOUND
A few weeks ago a watch with a black band was found in the church at the Saint Christopher campus. If you believe this watch is yours, please contact the parish office at 860-568-5240.

CONGRATULATIONS
We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Gregory Buggisch and Jillian Pitura who on Saturday, June 23, 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

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 July 11. 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.

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

Paige Rose Avery

REST
“Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer’s day, listening to the murmure of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time.”

– John Lubbock

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL SCHOOL
St. Jerome famously said that “ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.” The Catholic Biblical School (CBS) is currently accepting applications for new students. The program is intended for adults who are willing to make a commitment for 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 May 1 through August 15 by calling Jill Costa at 860-242-5573 or you can e-mail her 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 at imgoose@comcast.net.

Saint Christopher Church Hall
Friday ~ July 6, 2018
1:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Call 1-800-Red Cross to make an appointment.
**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, July 8 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

God who created everything can do everything; only faith can discern that this power is loving and is made perfect in weakness. If we humbly acknowledge our weakness and dependence on God, we will be drawn in faith to recognize that nothing is impossible with God, and that he will do the most lovable thing for us in answer to our prayers.