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

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**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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PARISH SUPPORT
Due to the Fourth of July holiday, the transmission deadline for this weekend’s bulletin was June 29. The collection report for last weekend will be published in next weekend’s bulletin.

PARISH SCHOOL SUPPORT
The second collection being taken up at all Masses this weekend supports our parish school. Thank you!

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.

IN MEMORIUM
Please pray for the following parishioners who passed on to eternal life during the month of June.

John Fournier  •  Bernard Kehoe
Dorothy Merrill  •  Jean Riley  •  Elaine Ritz

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

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

For All Who Are Lonely or Going Through A Difficult Time
(In Recognition of National Cheer Up the Lonely Day - 7/11)

The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week

In Loving Memory of Lucien Lavertu
In Remembrance of His Birthday
(Wife Joan and Carol, Paul & Khloe)

If you would like to schedule a sanctuary lamp dedication, please call the parish office.
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.

PRAYER SHARING GROUP
Our Prayer/Sharing Group meets again this Thursday, July 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the hall at the Our Lady of Peace campus. (This group meets every Thursday except holidays and holy days.) 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.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION
Our parish school is most grateful for the number of Box Tops for Education coupons we receive regularly from our parishioners! Although school is out for the summer, we are still collecting these Box Tops. Clipped coupons can be placed in the offertory basket on any weekend. Ask your friends to save them too! Thank you for your support of Saint Christopher School!

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 August 31.
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.

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.

MISSION APPEAL

July 21 and 22
In a couple of weeks our parish will welcome Rev. Joseph Domfeh who will be speaking at all our Masses on behalf of the Catholic Diocese of Sunyani, Ghana, West Africa and as part of our parish’s 2018 Mission Appeal Sunday. The Diocese of Sunyani serves a large area where most of it is situated in poor rural areas and where most of the people they serve are peasant farmers. These areas have lagged behind the rest of the country in education, basic infrastructure and health. Many of these people are hearing about Christ for the first time and their response is tremendously encouraging. You will be invited to be in partnership with the Diocese of Sunyani, through a second collection, so that together we can fulfill the mission mandated by Our Lord, “Go teach them” (Mt 28:20). We look forward to welcoming Father Joseph Domfeh to our parish and promise him our prayers and financial support.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW PRIESTS!

On Saturday, June 23, Archbishop Blair ordained Rev. David Madejski from New Britain and Rev. Josh Wilbur of Goshen to the Priesthood. May God grant them many blessings as they begin this most holy and devoted ministry of the priesthood serving the people of the Archdiocese of Hartford.

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BIRTHRIGHT BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Thank you for your support of the baby bottle fundraiser that supports the mission of Birthright of Greater Hartford which is located right here in East Hartford. I recently delivered the bottles to Birthright and I counted over 120 bottles! We won’t know the actual amount of funds raised by Saint Edmund Campion parish for another few weeks, but I will share that with you when it becomes available.

God bless you for helping moms and their babies!
Peace, Deacon Phil

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SAINT CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL GOLF CLASSIC

Monday, September 17, 2018
12:00 noon- Shotgun Start
Glastonbury Hills Country Club – Glastonbury
$125.00 per person includes cookout luncheon, practice range, 18 holes of golf with carts, cocktail hour and dinner after golf (Dinner only - $40.00 per person)

Registrations are now being accepted. You can download the registration form by visiting saintchristopherschool.org or you may contact Brian Wissinger at dadwiss1130@gmail.com or at 860-578-6764. Proceeds benefit Saint Christopher School.

DO YOU NEED PRAYER?

We stand firmly on God’s promises that when we call Him, He will answer (Isaiah 65:24). Our prayer team is available to intercede on your behalf and take your request before God.

Contact Sally Ann Tanasi with your prayer requests. 860-569-4072 6854angeleyes@gmail.com
DISCIPLESHIP
The First Reading from the prophet Ezekiel tells of how Ezekiel was called by God. The Lord speaks to him and says, “Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you.” God knew He was not giving Ezekiel an easy task, but that is part of what being called by the Lord sometimes involves. Being called is something to which we often make reference, as each of us is called in Baptism. St. Paul once wrote that we are “called to belong to Jesus Christ.” The United States Bishops issued a document a few years ago titled Disciples Called to Witness. That is what we are all to do as baptized Catholics. In that treatise the Bishops say, “To create a culture of witness, we must live explicit lives of discipleship. Being a disciple is a challenge. Fortunately, one does not become a disciple of Christ on his or her own initiative. The work of the Holy Spirit within the Christian community forms the person as a disciple of Christ.” (To read the full treatise, visit: http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/disciples-called-to-witness/index.cfm) God does not forsake us when we are called, just as He did not abandon Ezekiel. He is with us through the Holy Spirit to strengthen us and assist us. We must allow the Lord to help us. At the same time, we must strive to be disciples of the Lord. We are called to spread the light of the Gospel in everything we do.

CALL TO PRAYER: “Let us take a moment in the midst of all our activity to prepare ourselves for prayer.”

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.

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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, July 15 – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jesus continues to send us into the world as his disciples, and like the first disciples, we are not sent alone. Jesus has given us the community of the Church, which strengthens our life of discipleship. The Christian message can only authentically be proclaimed in and through the community of faith that is the Church. In our work with others, we build this community of faith and can invite others to share in it.