Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits.

Mark 6:7

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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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 14 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
❖ Thomas Cantone III
❖ Mary & Fred LaFontaine (Family)

Sunday, July 15 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
❖ Joseph Leonardo (Mom & Daughters)
❖ Juliette Mallet ~ 3rd Anniversary
   (Friend Joan Ross)

Sunday, July 15 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
❖ Roland Thibodeau ~ 5th Anniversary
   (Wife Anita & Daughter Lois)
❖ Alan Thibodeau ~ 5th Anniversary
   (Mother Anita & Sister Lois)

Monday, July 16 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
❖ Mark Tardiff & Debbie Fallacaro (Family)
❖ Diane Olinatz (Family)

Wednesday, July 18 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
❖ Antonio Leonardo (Wife & Family)
❖ Frank Wroniak (Grandparents)

Friday, July 20 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
❖ Lillian Martin (Julianne Kelly)

Saturday, July 21 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
For the People of the Parish (Missa pro populo)

Saturday, July 21 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
❖ Jose Figueiredo (Wife Maria)
❖ Maria & Manuel Machado (Daughter Maria)

Sunday, July 22 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
❖ Christopher Dolloph (Family)

Sunday, July 22 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
❖ Stanley Maslona, Sr. & Stanley Maslona, Jr.
   (Family)

Sunday, July 22 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
❖ Albert Yorio (Wife Betty)

PARISH SUPPORT
What We Collected (July 8): $ 8,322*
What We Collected (July 1): $ 7,194**
Monthly Parish School Collection $ 1,821***

*Includes $798 received through our Online Giving program and $860 from mail-in offerings.
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***Includes $95 received through our Online Giving program and $127 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish and school community!

Online Giving
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.

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 Hospitalized or Homebound
(In recognition of St. Camillus de Lellis’ Feast Day
~ July 18 ~ Patron Saint of the Sick)

❖ The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week

For All Who Are Traveling;
May They Travel Safely, Have Good Visits,
and Find Rest and Renewal in Their Time Away

If you would like to schedule a sanctuary lamp dedication, please call the parish office.
MISSION APPEAL
Next Weekend ~ July 21 and 22
Next weekend 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 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 special 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
We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Brandon Ryan and Nicole Prasser who on Saturday, June 30, entered into Holy Matrimony in a ceremony celebrated at the Our Lady of Peace campus. May the Lord bless them and their marriage. “Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” – Mark 10:9

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.

ADULT BIBLE ADVENTURE
Our Adult Bible Adventure meets again this Wednesday, July 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel at the Saint Christopher campus. We will start this 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.

REFLECTING ON GOD’S WORD
Traveling by plane these days calls for careful preparation. There are weight limits on checked baggage and restrictions on what you can put in your carry-on baggage. It encourages us to travel light. In today’s Gospel Jesus is issuing his own travel instructions to those he chose to work with him. First, he gives them “authority over unclean spirits” (Mark 6:7), a sharing in the authority the Father has given him for the work of spreading the gospel that the reign of evil is over and the reign of God is beginning.

Then, Jesus gets practical: Take nothing but a walking stick — to be used in climbing hills, driving off wild animals, or pushing away snakes found on the paths. No food, no sack to hold extra clothing — not even a second tunic — or to carry off anything from the towns you visit, and no money! Permission granted to wear sandals.

Finally, when you get to a place, do not look for the most comfortable lodging, take what comes first and be content there. The focus is clear: Stay on message — God’s kingdom is at hand. Repent and believe. And show it in action: Deliver the sick and possessed from what burdens them. If people don’t like the message? Move on.

Over two thousand years later, Jesus, risen Lord, continues to call ordinary folk. Back then it was some fishermen, a tax collector, a political activist; now it’s workers from every way of life, every profession and job. People raising families, singles, the elderly, anyone willing to confess that God is at work in our world, that evil will not have the last word, and that all creation finds its deepest meaning in Christ.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.
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PARISH LISTENING SESSION
Monday ~ July 23 ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ St. Chris Hall
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 19 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.

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL SCHOOL
The Catholic Biblical School (CBS) is currently accepting applications for new students. This program 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 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.

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

“He instructed them to take nothing for the journey.” When Jesus sent his Apostles out, He sent them “two by two,” and He basically commanded them to take nothing on the journey: “no food, no sack, no money in their belts.” The point of the Lord is that all they needed was to trust in God. Jesus more or less says the same thing to us. As long as we trust in God, our needs will be met. That is easily said, but it is a bit daunting to actually do it. Yet, people have been doing that since Jesus’ time. It is one of the reasons that the Church has thrived for such a long time.

There is a secondary reason for Jesus’ instructions though, one with which we may not be familiar. At that time there was a rule that you could not enter a temple area with shoes or a moneybag, because you were there to serve the Lord, nothing else and no one else. The Apostles understood that preaching the Gospel and healing in God’s name was holy work. Jesus did not want them to exemplify any other motive either. One of the foundational elements of stewardship is trusting God. What enables us to be good stewards and to think of giving to God first, of ourselves and what we have, is that we truly believe that God will take care of us. God has a plan for each of us, and it is better than our own plan may be.

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**LECTIO DIVINA & DAILY READINGS**

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**Call to Prayer:** “Let us take a moment in the midst of all our activity to prepare ourselves for prayer.”

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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 22 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile.” (Mark 6:31) Perhaps this is what the Lord is telling his disciples in the year 2018 as well. We need to pause on our journey of discipleship and simply rest in the Lord. Why not pause today and allow the saving word of the Lord to penetrate your heart? Ask the Lord to renew you in body, mind and spirit for the arduous work of discipleship.