When Jesus saw the vast crowd, 
his heart was moved with pity for them, 
for they were like sheep 
without a shepherd.

Mark 6:34

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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PARISH SUPPORT
What We Collected (July 15): $7,311*
*Includes $643 received through our Online Giving program and $475 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish!

TODAY’S SECOND COLLECTION
The second collection at all Masses this weekend will support the efforts of the Diocese of Sunyani. Please see the article on page 2 of this bulletin for more information.

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.

MUCH-NEEDED PRAYER
“Each Christian needs half an hour of prayer each day, except when we are busy; then we need an hour.” – St. Francis de Sales

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 Parents
(In recognition of National Parents’ Day ~ July 22)

❖ The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week
In Loving Memory of
Susan Stark Vincek ~ 10th Anniversary
(Family)

If you would like to schedule a sanctuary lamp dedication, please call the parish office. Suggested donation is $15.
WELCOME REV. JOSEPH DOMFEH!
This weekend our parish welcomes Rev. Joseph Domfeh who will speak 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. We welcome Father Joseph Domfeh to our parish and promise him our prayers and financial support.

SAINT EDMUND CAMPION
ADULT SOCIAL CLUB
The next time we meet will be at our annual Members Only summer picnic on Monday, Aug. 20 at 12:00 noon. If you have decided that you are going to pay $7 rather than bring a food item and you have not yet made your payment, please place your $7 in an envelope marked “St. Edmund Campion Social Club Picnic,” include your name and then mail it to the Perrones, drop it off at the rectory, or place it in the collection basket so it’s received no later than July 29. This will allow us ample time to determine what foods the club will be purchasing. Thank you. If you have any questions regarding the social club, please feel free to contact Joan or Frank Perrone at 860-568-6229.

St. Christopher Church Hall
Friday ~ August 10
1:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Call 1-800-Red Cross to make an appointment.

BIRTHRIGHT THANK YOU!
I recently received a letter from the president of Birthright of Greater Hartford thanking you for your support of the baby bottle fundraiser. Saint Edmund Campion Parish raised $1,977 which will help support the Birthright mission! God bless you for helping moms and their babies! Peace, Deacon Phil

PARISH LISTENING SESSION
Monday ~ July 23 ~ 7:00 p.m.
Saint Christopher Church Hall
At the time this bulletin went to publication, 31 parishioners have responded favorably to our invitation to participate in our parish’s listening session. We are close to the minimum of 50 parishioners that the Archbishop has requested attend this listening session. If you have been considering attending, but have not notified the parish office of your interest, please just come to the Saint Christopher Church Hall this Monday, July 23 at 7:00 p.m. and help us meet our goal of at least 50 participants.

Each participant will be given a few minutes to respond to each of the following 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 responses will be given anonymously to the Archbishop. Your participation will be much appreciated!

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS ED
Now is the time for families to register children entering grades K-8 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.

SAINT CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL
An Investment in Your Child’s Future
Registrations for the 2018/2019 school year are now being accepted for students entering grades PreK-8. PreK children (ages 3 and 4) can be enrolled either part time or full time. Please call the school office at 860-568-4100 or visit saintchristopherschool.org for more information.
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

WOMEN’S ACTS RETREAT

The South Windsor Catholic Community of Saint Junipero Serra Parish is sponsoring a Women’s ACTS retreat September 20 -23, 2018 at My Father’s House in Moodus, CT. The ACTS retreat is a three-day, three-night Catholic lay retreat presented by women. This is a simple, reverent, Catholic retreat that begins on Thursday evening and ends on Sunday with a morning Mass and reception. For more information, please visit actsct.org or contact MaryAnn Harris at 860-280-7798.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MUSEUM

The Knights of Columbus Museum on State Street in New Haven is air conditioned and open daily from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. with free admission and parking. The exhibition they are currently featuring, World War I: Beyond the Front Lines, has earned the Knights of Columbus an Award of Merit by the American Association for State and Local History. This is among the most prestigious recognition for achievement in the preservation and interpretation of history. A public lecture will be held at the Museum on Monday, July 30 at 6:00 p.m. about Joyce Kilmer, the famous American poet and Catholic convert, killed July 30, 1919 while a soldier during World War I. For more information, call 203-865-0400 or visit kofcmuseum.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Sing a New Song Unto the Lord

Our music ministers at the 7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass 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 25. If interested, come join us. All are welcome. Call 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:

Cora Nicole Carchia
**SUMMER WORSHIP**

“Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while” must have been chosen for this summer season by a committee eager for a vacation. For the apostles, the promise of rest was foiled by the needs of the people who discovered their hideaway and pressed them into ministry. Some people do indeed use their vacation for ministry and mission, giving an intensity of service otherwise not possible. For most of us, vacation is a time when we can grow more aware of God’s plan, and can renew the bonds of love with family and friends in times of play and leisure.

The disciples learn today that there is no place so out of the way that the life of worship and ministry is disengaged. Giving yourself to summer worship will enrich you, delight you, and give you a sense of the word of God’s progress in your heart. In today’s world, summer is the time when we are most acutely aware of the beauty of the world. Gratitude and wonder are fertile soils for God’s word to take root and prosper. Welcome the visitor today, and resolve that when you travel, you will be faithful to Sunday worship.  

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Visit Masstimes.org to find a place to worship while you are traveling. We suggest you contact the parish directly to confirm their Mass times as the information found on Masstimes.org is kept updated by each parish.

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### 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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**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.

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**Reflection for Next Sunday, July 29 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Each of the miracles in these scriptures begins with someone contributing what little they have to others. It’s easy to belittle our paltry gifts and let them go to waste. These scriptures encourage us to offer what we have and watch in gratitude as the Lord turns it into something miraculous.