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 22): $5,868

Includes $608 received through our Online Giving program and $220 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish!

MISSION COLLECTION

Last weekend our parish welcomed Fr. Francis Mfodwo who spoke to us on behalf of the Diocese of Sunyani, a diocese in Ghana, West Africa. Your donations, which totaled $2,353, will be used to provide education, healthcare and fresh water to the people they serve as well as to support those in their diocese who are seeking a vocation to the priesthood and religious life. Your generosity to this appeal is most appreciated!

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 light at the Our Lady of Peace campus burns this week

In Loving Memory of
Catherine Mazzarella ~ 17th Anniversary
(Love from Daughter Rikki)

The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week

In Loving Memory of Sandra Leonard DeVivo ~
In Remembrance of Her Birthday
(Family)

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

Saturday, July 28 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)

Mary T. Colbert (Family)

Jennie Rawlinitis – 16th Anniversary
(Daughter)

JoAnn LaTorre & Helen Misterka
(Julianne, Patty & Sophie)

Jude Pomerleau – 13th Anniversary
(Family)

For God’s Healing Power for Nicholas
(Grandparents)

Douglas Thibodeau
(Elmer & Omerine Gendreau)

Jimmy Shepley –
In Remembrance of His Birthday (Family)

Frank Szalay ~ 3rd Anniversary (Family)

Evangelista Milheiro & His Father Antonio
(Maria Moreira)

Saturday, August 4 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)

For the People of the Parish (Missa pro populo)

Saturday, August 4 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)

Dinis Leonardo (Wife & Family)

Sunday, August 5 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)

Debbie Tardiff Fallacaro (Family)

Sunday, August 5 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)

Ana Noyes (Jim Dolan)

Sunday, August 5 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)

Edna Volowski (Howard & Barb Wilmes)

(OLOP) = Mass celebrated at Our Lady of Peace campus
(SC) = Mass celebrated at Saint Christopher campus
PARISH LISTENING SESSION
We’d like to express our appreciation to the 51 parishioners who attended our Parish Listening Session this past Monday evening. Each parish of the Archdiocese was instructed to have no fewer than 50 participants and we are glad we were able to meet our goal! This Parish Listening Session was scheduled at the request of the Archbishop in preparation for the 2019/2020 Diocesan Synod when an assembly of selected priests and other members of Christ’s faithful will advise the Archbishop on the direction the Archdiocese should take in the future. We offer a special thanks to Lori Brunette who facilitated this meeting and to Denise Rioux who took notes of all the responses. These responses will be forwarded to the Office of the Synod at the Chancery.

OUR CONDOLENCES
We extend our condolences to our Director of Music, Roberta De Fiore on the passing of her mother Helen. Those who have attended Mass at the Saint Christopher campus while Roberta played the organ will remember Helen who often accompanied her. The funeral was celebrated by Father John with Deacon Phil at Saint Thomas Church in Thomaston where Helen was married and where she worshipped. May she rest in the embrace of God’s eternal love.

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.

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 August 8. If interested, come join us. All are welcome. Call Toni Mintel at 860-569-7593, for further details.

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

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.

ADULT BIBLE ADVENTURE
We will meet again on Wed., August 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel at the Saint Christopher campus and we will start chapter 18 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 have provided a dramatically profound understanding of this very challenging book of the Bible. 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.

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

PRAYER SHARING GROUP
Our Prayer/Sharing Group meets every Thursday 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. Refreshments served. 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.

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.

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.

UNIQUE BOUTIQUE
A Quality Tag Sale
The Parish of St. Teresa of Calcutta (Saint Bridget and Saint Bartholomew Churches) will be holding their annual Unique Boutique Thursday, August 23 through Saturday, August 25 at 80 Main Street in Manchester. The hours are as follows:
Thursday, August 23 ~ 5pm to 8pm $10.00 Admission (Wine/Cheese/Shopping)
Friday, August 24 ~ 4pm to 8pm ~ $1.00 Admission
Saturday, August 25 ~ 9am to 6pm ~ Free Admission
For more information, please call Mariette Sibley at 860-926-4366.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE
with Fr. Bob Kwiatkowski,
Deacon Bob Palotti, Gigi Frailey, Laurie Janecko
Oct. 1 – Oct. 11, 2018
You are invited to join in on this awesome opportunity to follow in the footsteps of Jesus on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Among many other exciting things, you’ll get to see the newly discovered ancient city of Magadala with its first century synagogue where Jesus taught. The approximate cost of the trip is $4,100 per person and includes land and air transportation, hotels, meals, and entrance fees to all sites. The Select International Tours website had detailed information about the trip. Visit https://selectinternationaltours.com/holy-land-tours-pilgrimages. Scroll down and click on the pilgrimage with Fr. Bob Kwiatkowski. Questions? Please call Gigi Frailey at 860-561-4235.

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.

USE BOUTIQUE
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BREAD OF HEAVEN

Jesus’ feeding of a huge crowd in today’s Gospel is prefigured in the story of the prophet Elisha in the first reading. The land has been stricken with famine. Elisha believes that God will provide, and when Elisha is given twenty barley loaves and some grain he refuses to take any for himself and offers it to a small crowd. Everyone eats and some is left over. Jesus, we are told, feeds thousands of hungry people with just five small loaves and two fish. The crowd is famished, not just for ordinary food, but also for God’s salvation. The Evangelist tells us that everyone ate their fill, and when the disciples gathered up the leftovers they filled twelve baskets. This is the only one of Jesus’ miracles described by all four Gospel writers. The actions of Jesus in taking the bread, giving thanks, blessing the bread, and distributing it remind us of what we share at every celebration of Mass. Jesus’ actions are reflected in the actions of the priest as we are fed the bread of life to strengthen us on our daily journey. Elisha trusted that God would provide, and God did. When Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes, God provided not just enough, but overflowing abundance. And in the Eucharist, Christ gives himself as food, totally and completely. If God feeds us beyond all our expectations, then we in turn must feed other people. Feeding people who are less fortunate helps them to stop worrying where their next meal will come from. Feeding those in the crisis of natural disaster keeps them alive. Feeding people is God’s work, and it is our work, too.

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.

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, August 5 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The crowd in the Gospel demanded a sign from Jesus. May our faithful stewardship be a sign to others that we, like the Ephesians in the second reading, have laid aside our former way of life and acquired a “fresh, spiritual way of thinking” in Christ.