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 29): $7,251*

*Includes $753 received through our Online Giving program and $270 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish!

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.

2019 MASS INTENTIONS

The 2019 Mass Book is quickly filling up, especially for the 4:00 p.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses. If you are interested in booking a Mass being celebrated in 2019, especially on a particular date, you are encouraged to call Bonnie at the parish office at 860-568-5240 at your earliest convenience. Masses are booked on a first come, first served basis.

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

For World Peace
(In Recognition of the Month of August being International Peace Month)

✝ The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week

In Loving Memory of Leona Pelletier With Sincere Gratitude
(Mary Harden)

If you would like to schedule a sanctuary lamp dedication, please call the parish office.
A NOTE FROM FATHER JOHN

Dear Friends,

If you’ve been in the church at the Saint Christopher campus lately, you may have noticed the work that was done where the old confessional were once located. (Confessions are now heard in the Reconciliation Room near the main entrance.) The two niches that resulted from their removal are now being used to create shrines of saints.

The centerpiece of each shrine is a statue whose pedestal was affixed to the wall. One is of Saint Anthony of Padua and the other is of our Blessed Mother as the woman depicted in the Book of Revelation, Chapter 12.

Both of these statues came from the elementary school I attended: Saint Adalbert’s in Enfield. It was closed in 2006 and its furnishings were available for sale, including these statues which I purchased. The statues are of high quality and were made in Spain.

We soon will be installing portraits of Saint John Paul II, Saint Teresa of Kolkata (formerly known as Mother Teresa of Calcutta), Saint Elizabeth Seton, patron of Catholic elementary schools, and The Forty Martyrs of England and Wales, one of whom was our parish patron Edmund Campion. A spotlight will also be installed in each niche.

May we all be inspired by the lives of these saints as we try to live our own faith in Christ each day.

I pray that God is blessing you with a peaceful summer.

– Father John Gwozdz

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

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. Contact us for more information or stop by and see all that we have to offer! 860-568-4100 ~ saintchristopherschool.org ~ Welch@stchristophersschool.org.

DO YOU NEED PRAYER?

Our prayer team is available to intercede on your behalf and take your request before God. Please contact Sally Ann Tanasi with your prayer requests:
860-569-4072  ❖  6854angeleyes@gmail.com

SAINT CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL GOLF CLASSIC

Monday, September 17, 2018
12:00 noon ~ Shotgun Start
Glastonbury Hills Country Club

$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 the students of Saint Christopher School.

St. Christopher Church Hall
Friday ~ August 10
1:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Call 1-800-Red Cross to make an appointment.

Emergency Need for Donors

The decline in summer donations is causing a significant draw-down of their overall blood supply, and the Red Cross urgently needs people to give now to restock hospital shelves and help save lives. According to the signs posted in the front of the Saint Christopher church, all successful donors will be given a $5 Amazon E-gift card. Take advantage of this offer and make your appointment today!
IN MEMORIAM

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

Marshall Aitken • William Merrill
Maureen Spillman • Frederick Stearns

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

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.

SAINT EDMUND CAMPION
ADULT SOCIAL CLUB

Monday, August 20 ~ 12:00 noon

Our Members Only picnic will be held in the Saint Christopher church hall on Monday, August 20, at 12:00 noon. Unless you’ve already paid $7 in lieu of making a picnic food donation, you will be expected to bring a food item with you. Someone from our Telephone Committee will be contacting you to discuss your food donation. If you do not hear from anyone by August 15, please contact Joan or Frank at 860-568-6229. We’re looking forward to a great time!

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.

GOD’S WORK

We are so busy! Most of us have more than one job to do, and we never seem to have enough time. We are workers, volunteers, parents, friends, and most of us are more than one of these at a time. But which of these is the work of God?

We seldom view our ordinary work as being the work of God. We may think that we have to be ministers or priests, missionaries or charity workers, engaged full-time in works formally identified as being “God’s work.” But everything we do with a faithful heart and with love for others is God’s work. We each have our own role to fill in the world, and many gifts are necessary. We cannot always see the direct connection of our daily work to the plan of God. But we trust and we believe that God leads us to do what is needed, where it is needed. What is “God’s work?” “This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent” (John 6:29).

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.

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.
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This week will see the summertime celebration of the Transfiguration of the Lord. The story of the Transfiguration is proclaimed twice each year; once on the Second Sunday of Lent, and then again on August 6. In Lent, the revelation of Jesus’ glory foreshadows the triumph of Easter. During the summer, this feast comes – significantly – forty days before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. In the Gospel proclaimed on this day, Peter wants to know if he should build “three tents.” In Hebrew, the tents are sukkiot, rickety harvest shacks also called in English “tabernacles” (from the Latin word for “little shelters”) that harvesters set up in fields so they can stay there to work day and night. Harvest booths are built and ornamented for the Jewish festival of Sukkot. One aspect of this festival is eager anticipation for the ingathering of all peoples (including ancestors Moses and Elijah) under God’s own sukkt shalom, the tent of peace. In some patristic traditions, the late summer and early autumn of the church year are imagined as an extended ingathering festival that begins today and reaches fulfillment at Epiphany. — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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 12 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Holy Spirit marked us with the seal of the Lord at our Baptism, and we are called to “keep the seal” until the end of our earthly life. This seal is indelible and cannot be erased, but sin can prevent Baptism from bearing the fruits of salvation. Confession cleanses us of this corruption, and the Eucharist nourishes us so that we can be transformed daily into the image of Christ: are we making regular use of both?