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 (August 5): $9,472*
*Includes $1,288 received through our Online Giving program and $2,243 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish!

PARISH SCHOOL SUPPORT
The second collection being taken up at all Masses this weekend is the regular monthly collection to support our parish school. Thank you!

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 the Youth Around the World (In Recognition of International Youth Day ~ 8/12)
★ The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week
For a Special Intention

If you would like to schedule a sanctuary lamp dedication, please call the parish office.
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation, is being celebrated this Wednesday. The schedule of Masses on Wednesday, August 15 is as follows:

Our Lady of Peace Campus
12:15 p.m.

Saint Christopher Campus
8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

There is no Vigil Mass being celebrated on Tuesday.

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 STUDY

We will meet again this Wednesday, August 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel at the Saint Christopher campus and we will start chapter 19 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 made it crystal clear that to understand Revelation, one needs to understand the Old Testament, in particular the prophets and the Book of Exodus. This group meets every other Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Join us 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.

PICNIC PLANNING MEETING

Please help us plan a fun parish event! We’ll be holding our 2nd Annual Saint Edmund Campion Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 23, from 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m. at the Our Lady of Peace campus. It will be a fun-filled afternoon of great food, fellowship and activities for all! Many hands are needed to plan this fun-packed event. Please join us for a planning meeting being held on Wednesday, August 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall at the Our Lady of Peace campus. If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact Danielle at stchrisdvargas@gmail.com or Marie at garabedian@comcast.net or at 860-836-5514. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE!

2nd Annual Saint Edmund Campion Parish Picnic
Sunday, September 23, 2018 ~ 12:00 noon
Our Lady of Peace Campus

Please help us to plan this fun event. See article above for information about a planning meeting.

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@saintchristopherschool.org.

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! If you have any questions regarding the social club, please feel free to contact Joan or Frank Perrone at 860-568-6229.
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.

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.

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

MARIAN GARDEN UPDATE
We wish to thank all those who placed an order for our summer production. Twenty-three bricks and one slab are currently being engraved and are expected to be installed in the garden later this month. We are now accepting orders for our fall production. Messages can memorialize a loved one, honor someone special, commemorate an event (i.e., baptism, First Communion, graduation, anniversary) or can simply be your name as a supporter of the garden. Donation levels begin at $50. Please call the parish office at 860-568-5240 for more information.

A CLEAR CONSCIENCE
“There is no pillow so soft as a clear conscience.”
– French proverb

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 this Thursday, Aug. 23 through Saturday, Aug. 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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
The roots of this week’s feast of the Assumption can be traced back at least to the fifth century, when it is noted in the Armenian lectionary. Celebrated in Jerusalem, the feast in honor of the Theotokos, the Mother of God, became the principal feast of Mary throughout the Christian world. The place of celebration was at the tomb of Mary in Gethsemane and was therefore known as the “Dormition of Mary.” In some cultures this feast is celebrated today with a resting statue of Mary, much like a wake service of modern times. The liturgy of this feast provides images of “the place of your rest” in Psalm 132, and reverence for the Ark of the Covenant that held the signs of the Promise. Like that Ark, Mary is for us the ark of the Savior, the one who bore the Son of God. When the doctrine of the Assumption was defined in 1950 the Gospel reading for the feast was changed to include the verses of Mary’s song, the Magnificat. The scripture readings for both the vigil Mass and the Mass of the day speak to us of life after death as well as the path to be followed in order to reach it. The key to this promised immortality is found as we take to heart the words of the vigil’s Gospel, “Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.” – James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar
“Stop murmuring” Jesus told the disciples in today’s gospel. Complaining is a dead-end and constant complaining is nagging. We might feel better, but others feel bitter. Silence or grumbling will not resolve the problem. Address differences honestly and respectfully.
**A STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

“This is enough, O Lord! Take my life.” Talk about a bad day! Haven’t we all been through this at some point in our stewardship journey, whether in the parish ministry work we are trying to do, at home with our family or in our profession — we get worn out and worn down.

Elijah’s plea — melodramatic to be sure — is a form of the stewardship pillar of prayer, for prayer is simply lifting mind and heart to God. And God responds, sending restorative food and drink. Rejuvenated, Elijah is able to walk for 40 days until he arrives at the destination God had in mind for him all along! Contrast this with the Gospel reading. The people, hearing Jesus’ message, do not understand. But rather than take their complaint to Him as Elijah did, they begin to complain amongst themselves about him — that’s murmuring, and it is counterproductive.

Feeling worn down at times is actually part of the stewardship journey. It means we are giving our all to the life God is calling us to live. But it is also a sign to us that we need to find new strength. How? Ask the Lord! He will meet your physical needs. Even more, He will send you His own Son, the Bread from Heaven, to strengthen you with the Eucharist and the living Word of the Scriptures. A stewardship way of life takes all the strength we have to give. The beauty of this way of life is that we have a God who delights in giving us every bit of strength we need to live it!  — www.catholicsteward.com/blog

**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 19 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Even though we are told that if we seek the Lord, we shall not want, in the second reading St. Paul reminds us that, thus blessed by the Lord, the good steward should “give thanks to God the Father always and for everything in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.” (See Ephesians 5:20)
Saint Christopher
Golf Classic

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

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Dinner only-$40.00

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*Please make checks payable to Saint Christopher School, 570 Brewer St, East Hartford, CT 06118

Questions: Brian Wissinger 860-578-6764 or email: dadwiss1130@gmail.com

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