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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 26, 2018

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**Mass Intentions for the Week**

Saturday, August 25 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)

† Jose Figueiredo (*Wife Maria*)
† Maria & Manuel Machado (*Daughter Maria*)

Sunday, August 26 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)

† Roland Begin ~ 27th Anniversary (*Family*)

Sunday, August 26 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)

† Michael Sanzaro (*Julianne & Garry Kelly*)

Sunday, August 26 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)

† Evangelina Sousa ~ 1st Anniversary (*Family & Friends*)

Monday, August 27 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)

Donald Higgins (*Jean Walker*)

Tuesday, August 28 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)

† Giselle Riendeau (*Gaetane & Blanche*)

Wednesday, August 29 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)

† Peter Kaminski (*Julianne Kelly*)

Thursday, August 30 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)

† Bill Merrill (*Liz, Gene & Family*)

Friday, August 31 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)

† Rev. Msgr. John David Regan

Saturday, September 1 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)

For the People of the Parish (*Missa pro populo*)

Saturday, September 1 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)

† Jose Figueiredo (*Wife Maria*)
† Maria & Manuel Machado (*Daughter Maria*)

Sunday, September 2 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)

† Joseph & Esther Hartl (*Family*)

Sunday, September 2 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)

† Deceased Members of the Fournier Family (*Family*)

Sunday, September 2 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)

† Catherine Claffey ~ 15th Anniversary (*Husband & Family*)

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**PARISH SUPPORT**

What We Collected (August 19): $6,966*

Holy Day ~ Assumption of Mary: $1,480

*Includes $708 received through our Online Giving program and $285 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish!

**Correction:** The collection reported for the weekend of August 12 was incorrect. We reported $6,755; it should have been $7,755.

**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.

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**2019 MASS INTENTIONS**

The 2019 Mass Book is quickly filling up, especially the 4:00 p.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses. If you’d like to book a Mass in 2019, 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.

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**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 Those Who Are Dealing With Loss

(*In Recognition of National Grief Awareness Day ~ 8/30*)

† The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week

In Loving Memory of

Jose Figueiredo ~ 11th Anniversary

(*Wife Maria*)

If you would like to schedule a sanctuary lamp dedication, please call the parish office.
PARISH COUNCIL CHRONICLE
The St. Edmund Campion Parish Council welcomes the following members:

Lori Brunette – President
Jim Wilson – Vice President
Joan Perrone – Secretary
Sheila DeLaura   Laraine Olinatz
Alma Dulude      Elizabeth Shaker
Leo Forte        Anne Marie Volowski
Barbara Hanson   Mary Whaples
Jean Nowik

The Council’s first meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Our Lady of Peace Rectory. It is open to the public; however, the meeting space is small so we will need to know who would like to attend. Also, if anyone has an agenda item they would like to bring up to the Council, please contact Lori Brunette at 860-904-2116 or at lab-1963@sbcglobal.net no later than September 5.

Thank you, Lori Brunette

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 soon. We are now accepting orders for our fall production. Orders for the fall production must be submitted by September 2. 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.

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

SUNDAY EVENING MASS
Saint Rose Church ~ East Hartford
Effective Sunday, September 2, the North American Matriarchs Parish will celebrate Mass every Sunday at 5:30 p.m. at Saint Rose Church, 33 Church Street, East Hartford. Tell your friends and family. If you would like to book an intention for one of these Sunday evening Masses, please call 860-289-7916.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
Since 2003 our Prayer Shawl Ministry has been creating shawls to console those who are grieving, comfort those who are ill, bring hope to those in despair, and welcome those who are baptized. We welcome anyone who would like to join our parish ministry of prayer, service and love. We gather in the church hall at the Saint Christopher campus on the 2nd Monday of the month from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Our starting date is September 10, but feel free to join us at any time. Bring a friend. We have plenty of yarn and needles for those who wish to learn. If you would like to know more or if you or someone you know would like to receive a shawl, please contact Santa Vallone at 860-569-1772.

ADULT BIBLE ADVENTURE
We will meet again on Wednesday, August 29 at 6:30 pm in the chapel at the Saint Christopher campus and we will start chapter 19 of the Book of Revelation. During our last session we watched a video of Catholic theologian, Dr. Taylor Marshall outlining and providing key insights into the Book of Revelation. This served as an excellent review, as well as a springboard, as we move into the homestretch of this fascinating book of the Bible. Our 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.

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!
REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS ED

Grades K-8
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 9:00 – 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.

Grades 9-10
Confirmation classes will be Sunday mornings from 9:00 - 10:15 a.m. at a location to be determined. The fee for the year is $50, and students are required to take part in two years of preparation.

First Year Students Only – Registration and the first day of class, accompanied by a parent or sponsor, will be Sunday, September 16. Location to be determined.

Second Year Students Only – Registration and the first day of class, accompanied by a parent or sponsor will be Sunday, September 23. Location to be determined.

ALL students will meet for class on Sunday, September 30 at a location to be determined.

SAINT EDMUND CAMPION ADULT SOCIAL CLUB
Thank you to each and every one of you who made our annual picnic a fun and successful afternoon. There are too many names to mention; but everyone from the planners, shoppers, bakers, kitchen help, set-up people, telephone callers, clean-up crew, and attendees contributed in so many ways. We couldn’t have done it without you!

– The Saint Edmund Campion Adult Social Club Board

DO YOU NEED PRAYER?
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 ~ September 14, 2018
1:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Call 1-800-Red Cross to make an appointment.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES
The Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis has posted a schedule of Adult Confirmation Classes being offered this Fall in our Archdiocese. If you are 18+ years of age, baptized Catholic, received the sacrament of First Communion and attend Mass regularly, you are eligible to participate in this class. There are two locations being offered nearby. They are:

Saint Junipero Serra Parish in South Windsor
September 8 - October 20
Contact: Joseph Coray at 860-841-5226

Pastoral Center at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield
September 20 - November 1
Contact: Nicole M. Perone at 860-242-5573 x2677

Participants who successfully complete the class will receive the sacrament of Confirmation at a ceremony being held on November 7 at 7:00 p.m., at the chapel of the Pastoral Center (467 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT). The celebrant will be Archbishop Blair.

For a full list of Adult Confirmation classes being held throughout the year, please visit: https://catholicedaohct.org/programs/adult-confirmation
STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

In today’s Gospel reading, Jesus continues His instruction on the Eucharist. Many of his own disciples cannot accept His teachings and instead return to their former way of life, abandoning Christ altogether. Jesus turns to the Apostles and asks them to choose with the question, “Do you also want to leave?” Peter speaks up for the Twelve responding, “Master, to Whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

The demands of a stewardship way of life can be difficult. And the teachings of Christ can be hard to accept. How can we keep going when it gets tough? Peter’s honest answer to the choice Jesus poses shows us a way to stay true to a stewardship way of life.

Looking at himself and the world around him, Peter comes to a realization. To paraphrase, he says, “I don’t really see any better options, Lord. I’ve tried life with you and it’s hard. But I’ve tried life without You and it’s harder — it doesn’t satisfy. Where else am I going to go? I choose You, Lord.” Peter knows he doesn’t have all the answers. And, so, he humbly chooses to rely on God. When the going gets tough, we can keep going by relying on God and trusting more deeply in Him.

Remembering blessings and relying on Him — these are two keys to a beautiful way of life.

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, September 2 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus’ words in the gospel challenge us. In our desire to show that we are holy, we might also give too much credence to externals, following rules without thinking about the intention behind them. Jesus reminds us that we do not make ourselves holy by our actions. Rather, we become holy when we allow God’s Spirit to transform us. Our actions should be an expression of the conversion of our heart to God and to God’s ways.