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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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 2, 2018
Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 1 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
有的玩家:
- Jose Figueiredo (Wife Maria)
- Maria & Manuel Machado (Daughter Maria)

Sunday, September 2 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
有的玩家:
- Joseph & Esther Hartl (Family)

Sunday, September 2 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
有的玩家:
- Deceased Members of the Fournier Family (Family)

Sunday, September 2 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
有的玩家:
- Catherine Claffey ~ 15th Anniversary (Husband & Family)

Monday, September 3 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
有的玩家:
- Evangelista Milheiro (Maria Moreira)

Tuesday, September 4 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
有的玩家:
- John & Louise Olinatz (Children)

Tuesday, September 4 – 9:00 a.m. (SC)
有的玩家:
- Marshall Aitken (Staff & Students of Saint Christopher School)

Wednesday, September 5 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
有的玩家:
- Madeline Martin ~ 1st Anniversary (Children & Grandchildren)

Thursday, September 6 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
有的玩家:
- Dinis Leonardo (Wife & Family)

Friday, September 7 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
有的玩家:
- Jeremiah B. Sullivan, Jr. (Sister, Marion Sullivan)

Saturday, September 8 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
有的玩家:
- John & Moira Traynor (The Traynor Family)

For the People of the Parish (Missa pro populo)

Saturday, September 8 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
有的玩家:
- Anna & Dominick Cervini (Barbara & Valentine Povinelli)

Sunday, September 9 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
有的玩家:
- Walter & Gladys Juraszewicz (Family)

Sunday, September 9 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
有的玩家:
- Edna Volowski (Sally & Al Labieniec)

PARISH SUPPORT
What We Collected (August 26): $8,546*

*Includes $753 received through our Online Giving program and $1,084 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish!

PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY

On this weekend, when we rest from our usual labors, loving Father, we pray for all who shoulder the tasks of human labor — in the marketplace, in factories and offices, in the professions, and in family living.

We thank you, Lord, for the gift and opportunity of work; may our efforts always be pure of heart, for the good of others and the glory of your name.

We lift up to you all who long for just employment and those who work to defend the rights and needs of workers everywhere.

May those of us who are now retired always remember that we still make a valuable contribution to our Church and our world by our prayers and deeds of charity.

May our working and our resting all give praise to you until the day we share together in eternal rest with all our departed in your Kingdom as you live and reign Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

SANCTUARY LAMP

The lamps beside our church’s tabernacles remind us of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

有的玩家:
- The light at the Our Lady of Peace campus burns this week

For All Children Who Are Fighting Cancer (In Recognition of National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month ~ Month of September)

有的玩家:
- The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week

In Loving Memory of
Rev. James H. Smith (Sisters)

Please contact the parish office to schedule a dedication.
A NOTE FROM FATHER JOHN

Dear Friends,

Now that a new academic year has begun at our parish school, I’d like to share with you an excerpt from a letter I received from one of our school’s parents:

“We have had such success with our two children at Saint Christopher School that we do not want to send them anywhere else. It’s amazing how much the children learn at this age and we love the teachers. They are more like an extension of the family and I think that is very unique for a school system.”

From time to time I get letters similar to this and they just confirm for me what a wonderful school we have and how first rate our school staff is under the capable leadership of our principal Mrs. Kathleen Welch.

A special thank you to our parishioners who have consistently supported our school since its founding in 1963. May God bless you all.

– Father John Gwozdz

SAVE THE DATE!

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

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.

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS ED

Grades K-8

Now is the time for families to register children in grades K-8 for the 2018/2019 religious education program. This year’s program begins on Sunday, September 16 and runs through to March 31. Classes are held at Saint Christopher School from 9:00 – 10:15 a.m. First Communion and Reconciliation preparation is a two-year program beginning in Grade 1. Please contact Maria Sousa, Coordinator of Religious Education, at 860-895-8692 as soon as possible to register your child.

Grades 9-10

Confirmation classes will be held 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.

PRAYER SHARING GROUP

Our Prayer Sharing Group meets again this Thursday, September 6 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. We will be discussing the Eight Beatitudes Jesus Christ gave us in the Sermon on the Mount. 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.
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
The local assembly and council will meet this Thursday, September 6 in the Saint Christopher Church Hall for their annual business meetings at the following times:

6:30 PM – 4th Deg. Assembly #1571 Meeting
7:30 PM – Council #4 Meeting

The Faithful Navigator is Scott Gay and the Grand Knight is Ernest Mintel. To be an officer one must be a Third Degree Member within a year. A berry dessert reception will follow the meetings.

The next 2nd and 3rd Degree Ceremonies will be held on Sunday, September 23, Noon, at St Joseph Church, 99 Jackson St., Willimantic. First Degree members wishing to take the higher degrees are requested to contact Grand Knight Ernest Mintel at 860-569-7593 for arrangements.

The Knights are looking for Catholic men who want to make a difference in their community. If interested, please contact the Grand Knight, listed above.

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

FAMILY CHOIR
Our Family Choir will lead the music during our 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 16 and during all our monthly Children’s Masses during this school year. We invite all children and adults who would like to participate in the Family Choir to attend a rehearsal being held on Wednesday, September 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel at the Saint Christopher campus. For more information, please contact Toni Mintel at 860-569-7593 (evenings).

CALLING ALL GREETERS (Psalm 84:10)!!
Is God calling you to be His ambassador in greeting both new and familiar faces? Then the Parish Greeters’ Ministry is for you! There will be a meeting for new and returning greeters on Monday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall at the Saint Christopher campus. It will be a training, information, and new term calendar planning meeting. For more information, please contact Anne Marie Volowski, Parish Greeters’ Ministry Coordinator at 860-680-4219 or at 860-936-8989 or by E-mail at annemarievolowski@yahoo.com.

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

Antoinette Comer  Carmela DiMauro
Marjorie Emerick  Watson Morrison  Helen Roy
Robert Walsh

“If Christ is my life, then death is my gain.”

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. Please contact Brian Wissinger at dadwiss1130@gmail.com or at 860-578-6764 for more information or to register. Proceeds benefit the students of Saint Christopher School.
**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

In today’s Gospel from Mark, Jesus instructs us in the best way we can honor Him, teaching us the meaning of true worship. Jesus reveals that the way we truly worship Him is by giving Him our hearts. We also learn in this Gospel passage what our Lord does not want — the pious lip service that the scribes and Pharisees offer.

But how can we determine if we really are giving our hearts over to the Lord and not just paying Him lip service? We must examine our lives to see if they reflect a life lived out for Him. Stewardship gives us a concrete means to examine our lives in three fundamental areas — the use of our time, our talents, and our material gifts.

A stewardship way of life invites and challenges us to make specific commitments in each of these areas on a regular basis, giving us a practical means to commit to the Lord. How well we are keeping these commitments can give us a kind of measuring stick to see if we are growing closer to Him, or perhaps need to put a little more effort into a particular area of our lives.

When we all strive to give God true worship — putting Him first with all our hearts — what beauty we will find in our homes, our parish, and our world.

– www.catholicsteward.com/blog

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**LECTIO DIVINA & DAILY READINGS**

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 9 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In Mark’s gospel Jesus is constantly urging his audience to listen at a deeper level, so the man in Mark’s gospel being healed of a hearing problem would symbolize all of us, and challenge us to really listen to Jesus and his message. In his message and in his actions, he is revealing his own true divine identity as the Son of God.