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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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

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deaconbill@yahoo.com
Mr. Philip Gosselin, Deacon
imgoose@comcast.net
**Mass for the Intentions Week**

Saturday, September 8 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
† John & Moira Traynor *(The Traynor Family)*

Sunday, September 9 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
† Anna & Dominick Cervini *(Barbara & Valentine Povinelli)*

Sunday, September 9 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
† Walter & Gladys Juraszewicz *(Family)*

Sunday, September 9 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
† Edna Volowski *(Sally & Al Labieniec)*

Monday, September 10 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
† Mark Tardiff & Debbie Fallacaro *(Family)*

Tuesday, September 11 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
† Nancy & Dominic Viglione *(Jean Walker)*

Wednesday, September 12 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
† John Leonard ~ 2nd Anniversary
† Sandra Leonard DeVivo ~ 12th Anniversary *(Family)*

Thursday, September 13 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
† Antonio Leonardo *(Wife & Family)*

Friday, September 14 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
† Deacon John J. Conte, Jr.

Saturday, September 15 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
**For the People of the Parish** *(Missa pro populo)*

Saturday, September 15 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
† Henry & Pearl Harden *(Daughter-in-Law Mary Harden & Family)*

Sunday, September 16 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
† Joseph Leonardo *(Mom & Daughters)*

Sunday, September 16 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
† Michela Chilina Scalora ~ 1st Anniversary *(Children & Family)*

Sunday, September 16 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
† Michela Miano ~ 1st Anniversary *(Daughters)*

(OLOP) = Mass celebrated at Our Lady of Peace campus  
(SC) = Mass celebrated at Saint Christopher campus

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**PARISH SUPPORT**

What We Collected (September 2): $7,491*  
*Includes $1,188 received through our Online Giving program and $341 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.

**UNITED**

“Each one according to their means should take care to be at one with everyone else, for the more one is united to their neighbor, the more they are united with God.”

– Dorotheos of Gaza (505-565 A.D.), hermit

**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 Victims of Suicide and For Their Loved Ones They Leave Behind** *(In Recognition of National Suicide Awareness Month ~ Month of September)*

† The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week  
**For All Grandparents** *(In Recognition of National Grandparents Day ~ September 9)*

Please contact the parish office to schedule a dedication. Suggested offering is $15.
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 next 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. in the Saint Christopher church hall. 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 at 9:00 a.m. in the Saint Christopher church hall.

Second-Year Students Only – Registration and the first day of class, accompanied by a parent or sponsor will be Sunday, September 23 at 9:00 a.m. in the Saint Christopher church hall.

ALL students will meet for class on Sunday, September 30, from 9:00 - 10:15 a.m. in the Saint Christopher church hall.

SECOND ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC
Sunday ~ September 23
12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Peace Campus
370 May Road ~ East Hartford
The parish of Saint Edmund Campion will be hosting its Second Annual Parish Picnic. We look forward to all of us coming together to celebrate a festive afternoon.

Free Activities for the Kids! Free Pony Rides! Music and more fun activities for all!

$1.00 at the door gets you your choice of a hamburger, hotdog or sausage/peppers or chips and a drink or even an ice cream from Daisy’s Ice cream truck!! Free watermelon will be served for desert

Come and enjoy a great afternoon!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
for the Week of September 10
Bonnie, our Office Manager, will be enjoying some time away from the office this coming week. Denise Rioux will be covering for her on a reduced schedule, which is as follows:

Monday, September 10 – Friday, September 14
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

If you have a pastoral emergency during the time the office is closed, you may call the parish office at 860-568-5240 to hear information on how to reach Father John. If you’d like to reach Father Joseph, you can reach him by calling 860-918-4022.

The office will resume its regular schedule on Monday, September 17 which is Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The office is closed each day from 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. for lunch.

CALLING ALL GREETERS (Psalm 84:10)!!
Is God calling you to be His ambassador in greeting both new and familiar faces? If so, 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.

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.
ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES
The Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis is offering an Adult Confirmation Class this fall as noted below. 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.

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. Family members and friends are encouraged to attend.

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY CELEBRATION
On Sunday, October 14, at 2:00 p.m., the annual Archdiocesan Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph for married couples observing their 25th, 50th, 60th and other special wedding anniversaries in 2018. Archbishop Blair will be the main celebrant. Mass will include the renewal of marriage vows, followed by a simple reception and an opportunity for a photo with Archbishop Blair. Family members and friends are encouraged to attend. In order for you to receive a special invitation in the mail and for your names to be printed in the program provided that day, you must respond to this invitation by Sept. 21 by contacting the parish office at 860-568-5240. If you are celebrating a special anniversary this year, but you are unable to make it to the ceremony on October 14, please call the parish office in order to receive a special congratulatory certificate from Archbishop Blair.

MARIAN GARDEN UPDATE
We’ve been informed that the bricks and slab we were expecting to be installed in late August are being delayed. This is due to the engraving equipment being located in the greenhouse at Peter’s Landscaping. The hot weather we’ve been experiencing this summer has made it impossible to work in the greenhouse. We’ve been assured that this project will be given high priority as soon as the temperatures decrease. We apologize for this unfortunate delay.
STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Today’s readings offer beautiful illustrations of two of the “Four Pillars of Parish Stewardship” — hospitality and service — and the joy that a life lived for others can bring. Our second reading, from the letter of St. James, teaches that all are equally worthy of our hospitality. We must welcome and serve everyone who walks through our church’s doors, extending warmth and a dignified greeting to all. The person who wanders in late to Mass, who is not dressed to our personal standards, may be just the person who is most in need of Christ’s love. Sometimes we can offer that love simply with a smile and offer to come and sit next to us in “our” pew. The Gospel reading from Mark demonstrates the connection between hospitality and service. In this passage we find Jesus on the go, and “people brought to Him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged Him to lay His hand on him.” These people had already heard the Good News that Jesus was preaching. In response, they reached out to a man who literally could not hear and brought him close to Jesus so that he could receive the Good News, too. This is true service and hospitality at its finest. Jesus responds immediately with a miraculous healing. He blessed those whose service and hospitality had made this encounter possible, confirming their faith to such an extent that they could not stop themselves from proclaiming the wonder they had witnessed. This week, let’s challenge ourselves to step out of our comfort zone to reach out to someone who needs to hear the Good News of Jesus. We may just find ourselves astonished at what miracles He accomplishes!

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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 16 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We pray that we come to know who Jesus is and how he is calling us to enter into his ministry to bring life to our world. We pray that we might better understand what we need to die to, so that God’s reign might become more present in our world.

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