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)
6:00 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 (September 16): $ 9,956*
What We Collected (September 9): $ 7,135**
Monthly Parish School Collection: $ 2,126***

*Includes $678 received through our Online Giving program and $3,631 from mail-in offerings, which includes one family’s donation of $2,991.

**Includes $803 received through our Online Giving program and $650 from mail-in offerings.

***Includes $190 received through our Online Giving program and $167 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish community!

HOPES COLLECTION

This Weekend

The HOPES Collection benefits the Catholic elementary schools of the Archdiocese by providing schools with individual HOPES Grants. The Collection also supports the broad-based marketing and promotion of Catholic schools through branding and social media. 25% of the monies collected will remain here to benefit Saint Christopher School. Please help us provide a culture of faith and academic excellence to elementary school students by giving to the 2018 Catholic elementary school HOPES Collection this weekend.

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 Creating Safer Neighborhoods and Stronger Communities Across the U.S.
(In Recognition of National Good Neighbor Day ~ September 29)

The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week

In Loving Memory of Helena Duarte
(Family)

To schedule a sanctuary lamp dedication, please contact the parish office. Suggested donation is $15.
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 Pony Rides!  
Free Bounce House!  
Free Balloon Artist!  
Free Watermelon!  
Musical Entertainment!  
$1.00 at the door gets you your choice of a hamburger, hotdog or sausage/peppers. $.50 will get you your choice of a cold drink (water or soda), chips or an ear of fresh corn on the cob. You can purchase an ice cream from Daisy’s Ice cream truck for only $1.00!!  
Come and enjoy a great afternoon!

CONGRATULATIONS  
CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2018  
On Saturday, September 15 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, twenty-one of our young parishioners were confirmed by Archbishop Leonard P. Blair. They are:  

- Austin Abrahamson  
- Jakob Mumford  
- Owen Adams-Mejia  
- John Murphy  
- Julia Brownell  
- Florence Ojide  
- Noella Burlette  
- Megan Orobello  
- Sarah-Grace Burns  
- Grace Poirier  
- Joseph Cumento  
- Nikolas Rodriguez  
- Jonathan Cumento  
- Mara Schofield  
- Angelina DeDominicis  
- Brianna Seguro  
- Noah Lindsay  
- Elizabeth Sousa  
- Caroline Mahon  
- Natalie Vargas  
- Kayla Michaud  

Please keep these young people in your prayers as they continue their faith journey with Christ.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE (by Bud Ozar)  
Disagreements are common in families. But what would you say if Jesus posed the same question “What are you arguing about?” Is it silly and petty? Is it an attempt to impose your will and control on another. Today Jesus tells us and his disciples to give it up. We are meant to serve each other, not control.
REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS ED

Grades K-8
This year’s program began on Sunday, Sept. 16, but it’s not too late to register your child. Classes run through to March 31 and 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 are 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. ALL students will meet for the first day of class on Sunday, September 30, from 9:00 - 10:15 a.m. in the Saint Christopher church hall. Registration for first-year students was held on September 16 and registration for second-year students is being held this Sunday, September 23 at 9:00 a.m. in the Saint Christopher church hall. If you have any questions, please contact Kristi Gillespie, Director of Confirmation and Youth Ministry at stchrisym@gmail.com.

ADULT BIBLE ADVENTURE
We will meet again in the chapel this Wednesday, September 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel at the Saint Christopher campus and we will start chapter 21 of the Book of Revelation. There are 22 chapters in this book so we are nearing its conclusion. The group will collectively select the next book we delve into and we will announce it as soon as we make the final decision; so far the group has suggested The Acts of the Apostles or one by the Prophets. 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 on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the hall at the Our Lady of Peace campus. All members of Saint Edmund Campion Parish and their friends are invited to attend. Please join us in an evening of Prayer, Song, Scripture Sharing and Friendship. Refreshments follow each meeting and all are welcome to stay.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Member Benefits Educational Event
Saturday ~ October 20, 2018
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Saint Christopher Church Hall
All are welcome!
➢ Food and Refreshments
➢ Children Activities
➢ Door Prizes
➢ Guest Speaker on Financial Planning
Learn about the Knights and how we protect families within our community. For more information and to RSVP, please call Oscar Mejia, Field Agent, at 860-906-2238

SAVE THE DATE!
World Youth Day Pasta Dinner Fundraiser
Saturday ~ October 13 ~ 5:00 p.m.
Saint Christopher School Gym
This dinner is being hosted by the Garabedian and Gay Families to raise funds for the pilgrims of our parish, Ginamarie Garabedian and Maddie Gay, who will be attending the upcoming World Youth Day event this January in Panama.

A GREETERS’ MINISTRY THANK YOU
A word of thanks to the four new greeters and all the returning greeters of our parish. I will continue to accept new applications from anyone who wishes to join this ministry throughout this new term, which began on September 17 and will go through to Pentecost Sunday, June 9. For more information, please contact me at 860-680-4219 or 860-936-8989 or by e-mail at annemarievolowski@yahoo.com.

“I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.”
(Psalm 84:10)

– Anne Marie Volowski
Coordinator of the Saint Edmund Greeters’ Ministry
STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

This week’s readings teach us that living as Christian stewards requires us to swim against the tide of our “me-first” culture and stake out a path for our lives that may be different from that of our neighbors, friends or co-workers. Jesus illustrates this in today’s Gospel. “Taking a child, He placed it in their midst, and putting His arms around it, He said to them, ‘Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.’” In this context, Christ is speaking not only of youngsters, but all “little ones,” those who are vulnerable or needy in any way — through poverty, physical or mental illness, advanced age, difficult family situations — the brothers and sisters St. Teresa of Kolkata would call “Jesus in distressing disguise.” They are all around us if we open our eyes. Like Jesus, we can put our arms around the little ones in our world and channel some of our energy, ambition and talent towards them. Giving the best of ourselves to these brothers and sisters may be a little messy at times. It may put us in situations that are far outside our comfort zones. Maybe our colleagues and neighbors will not understand our actions. But in reaching out to little ones in Jesus’ name, it is Jesus Himself we are touching. And that is a most privileged way of life. This week, ask the Lord for the wisdom to see the little ones in your neighborhood, community, or this parish and to show you concretely how you can reach out to them. Take at least one step. You will be stepping closer to Jesus Christ Himself. – 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, September 30 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. James warns in the second reading that those who hoard their wealth and live only for themselves will be condemned. But in the Gospel, Jesus assures us that all who give of themselves for His sake will be rewarded. Now is a great time to make whatever corrections we need in our lives to assure our chances of getting into heaven.