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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Saturday, September 29 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
☞ Georgette Miller (Marion Sullivan)

Sunday, September 30 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
Helen Roy (Peter Barrett)

Sunday, September 30 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
☞ Deacon William B. Bergers

Sunday, September 30 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
☞ William J. DiBartolomeo
(Sheila Mulka DiBartolomeo)

Monday, October 1 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
☞ John J. Gwozdz - 10th Anniversary (Fr. John)

Tuesday, October 2 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
☞ Evangelista Milheiro (Maria Moreira)

Wednesday, October 3 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
☞ Giselle Riendeau
(Louiselle & Raymond Champagne)

Thursday, October 4 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
☞ Mark Tardiff (Family)

Friday, October 5 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
☞ Julius & Mary Ann Santacroce
(Garry & Julianne Kelly)

Saturday, October 6 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
For the People of the Parish (Missa pro populo)

Saturday, October 6 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
☞ Dinis Leonardo (Wife & Family)

Sunday, October 7 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
Yvonne & Robert Letourneau
(Rene & Colette Letourneau)

Sunday, October 7 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
☞ William P. Horan, Jr. (Family)

Sunday, October 7 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
☞ Lucille “Lucy” Laing
(Alma Dulude & Sandra Rubera)

PARISH SUPPORT
What We Collected (September 23): $6,864*
*Includes $558 received through our Online Giving program and $30 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish!

HOPES COLLECTION
On behalf of the students in the Catholic elementary schools of the Archdiocese of Hartford, we extend deep gratitude to all who contributed to the 2018 HOPES Collection. Your support, which totaled $1,737, will help to create a culture of educational excellence and plays an important role in the evangelization of young students as active participants in their parish communities. 25% of this collection, which totals $434, remains here to support our own parish school. Thank you!

JUST TO LET YOU KNOW…
This coming week Father John will be going on his annual retreat from Sunday, September 30 to Friday, October 5. Father will be in the same place where he has been going on retreat for the past 25 years: The Abbey of Our Lady of the Genesee, a Trappist monastery south of Rochester, NY. Please keep him in your prayers as he will be praying for you. The parish will be in Father Joseph’s care during this time.

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 Battling Breast Cancer
(In Recognition of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month ~ October)

☞ The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week
In Loving Memory of Mark Tardiff (Family)

To schedule a sanctuary lamp dedication, please contact the parish office. Suggested donation is $15.
MESSAGE FROM FATHER JOHN

My dear friends,

I want to extend my personal thanks to all who made our second parish picnic as successful as our first one. The weather was comfortable and everyone had a great time. It was nice to see Father Nock there as well. I’m grateful for those who set up, those who oversaw ticket sales, those who did the cooking and serving, those who cleaned up at the end, and those who made arrangements for the attractions. I was so pleased to see how well we continue to work together. Some may say “We are the champions” but only we can say “We are the CAMPIONS!”

May God bless you all, Father John

ANOTHER PARISH PICNIC THANK YOU!

The parish family of Saint Edmund Campion shared a lovely afternoon last Sunday at our second annual Parish Picnic. It was a beautiful afternoon – the weather was nice and the sense of community was uplifting as well.

The delicious food and ice cream from Daisy’s Ice cream Truck were enjoyed by all. The children (and some adults!) were treated to artful balloon figures, a fun bounce house, and pony rides with Star, the pony who has been the “Star” attraction at numerous Our Lady of Peace picnics. There was even a special guest appearance by Father Nock, who is always a pleasure to see. It truly was a lovely afternoon and a nice time was had by all.

Many thanks to all who participated, especially all of the wonderful and dedicated volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this event another great success! Thank you all for helping to make the day possible and such a happy memory for us all!

Sincerely, Danielle & Marie
Co-chairs of the Planning Committee

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On Saturday, October 6 at 10:30 a.m. outside Saint Christopher School, one of our parish’s clergy will offer the traditional St. Francis blessing of the animals – rain or shine.

BOTTLES & CANS ~ SCRAP METAL CAR WASH ~ October 6

Saint Christopher School will hold a bottle and can drive, along with a scrap metal collection and car wash on Saturday, October 6, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the school parking lot. Please plan to stop by with your returnables and scrap metal and get your car washed. Proceeds benefit the students of Saint Christopher School.

ATTENTION: LANCASTER TRAVELERS

We are having a “Getting to Know You” meeting on Saturday, October 13 at 1:30 p.m. in the Saint Christopher church hall for all who are going on the October 16-18 trip to Lancaster to see “Jesus.” There is no obligation to attend, but we would love to share information and meet some of you whom we have not yet met. If you have any questions about this meeting or the trip, please feel free to contact Joan or Frank Perrone at 860-568-6229.

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

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.

WYD FALL COMFORT FOOD DINNER
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. Tickets will be available beginning next weekend.
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
The local assembly and council will meet this Thursday, October 4, 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 next 4th Degree Ceremony will be held on Sunday, October 21, Noon, at Saint Joseph Church, 99 Jackson St., Willimantic. Third Degree Members wishing to take the higher degree are requested to contact Faithful Navigator Scott Gay at 860-569-0617 for arrangements.

The Knights are looking for Catholic men who want to make a difference in their community. Please contact the Grand Knight, Ernest Mintel, at 860-569-7593 for more information.

CT CATHOLIC MEN’S CONFERENCE
The 11th Annual Connecticut Catholic Men’s Conference is being held Saturday, October 20 at St. Paul Catholic High School in Bristol. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. and the event concludes with the celebration of the Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m. by Archbishop Blair. The day features dynamic speakers, exhibitors, confession, adoration, food, and fellowship. Tickets can be purchased online by visiting ctcatholicmen.org. Early bird cost is $45 and includes lunch. Questions? Call 860-484-7950.

WOMEN’S CONFERENCE
The 2nd Annual Archdiocesan Women’s Conference is being held on Saturday, November 3 at the Hartford Marriott in Farmington and runs from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. It’s a full day of inspiration, spiritual nourishment and sisterhood. For more information, please call Nicole at 860-242-5573, x2677 or visit https://catholicedaohct.org/programs/archdiocesan-women-s-conference.

SAINT CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL NEWS
Have you noticed the pinwheels whirling along the front of the school? Again this year, planting pinwheels was part of our prayer service to celebrate the International Day of Peace. The 4th grade students led the prayer service for peace in the world and in their community. This message simply cannot be spread enough. Join us and pray for “whirled” peace!

Start Saving! Saint Christopher School will hold a Savers Collection Day on Sunday, October 21 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon at the school. Bring your used clothing and household goods such as towels and bedding. Let us help you with your Fall cleaning and you can help the school earn some money. Thank you for your help!

Has your child achieved potty training? Congratulations! Now is the time to consider a small preschool program for your 3 or 4 year old. Both full-day and half-day options available. This safe, nurturing environment is so inviting. The students can make friends and have new experiences. Come visit us and see what we’re all about! Contact us at welchk@saintchristopherschool.org or call 860-568-4100 to make arrangements. On-going registration is available for all grades – PreK 3 through grade 8.

ROSARY CRUSADE
SATURDAY ~ October 13 ~ 12:00 Noon
Saint Edmund Campion Marian Garden
I want to invite you to join in a Public Square Rosary Rally being held at our Marian Garden at the Saint Christopher campus. This Public Square Rosary Rally, sponsored by the America Needs Fatima, will be one of over 23,000 rallies that will take place all across the United States on this day. This time is important as it is near the time that the miracle of the sun took place in Fatima in 1917 and we offer this Rosary Rally as a special public commemoration of the 101th year anniversary of Our Lady’s apparitions at Fatima. American desperately needs the rosary and Our Lady’s saving message of Fatima. Please join us in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of the United States. Will you be able to join us and other Catholics on this very important day?

– Edie Gieras, 2018 Rally Captain

PRAYER SHawl MINISTRY
Our Prayer Shawl Ministry gathers in the Saint Christopher church hall on the 2nd Monday of the month from 1:00–2:30 p.m. We meet again on Monday, October 8, but feel free to join us at any time. Bring a friend. If you would like to know more or you or someone you know would like to receive a prayer shawl, please contact Santa Vallone at 860-569-1772.

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Call to Prayer: “Let us take a moment in the midst of all our activity to prepare ourselves for prayer.”

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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, October 7 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The example of Jesus teaches us that we are called to act with compassion and love in our relationships with all, and especially when people are hurting because of difficulties in their relationships. Most importantly, we remember that when marriages thrive, it is a sign of God’s grace at work.