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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Saint Edmund Campion Parish
The merged parishes of Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of Peace and Saint Christopher

Our Lady of Peace Campus
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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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PARISH SUPPORT
What We Collected (September 30): $8,133*
*Includes $1,315 received through our Online Giving program and $435 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish!

M. LOUISE SWEETLAND SCHOLARSHIP
The M. Louise Sweetland Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for this year’s scholarship candidates. If you are a registered member of the parish and have a child(ren) attending either a Catholic grammar school or high school, you are encouraged to see Father after Mass today to pick up an application. Alternatively, you may call Kevin Burns at 860-209-2378 to arrange to have an application sent by regular mail or by e-mail. The deadline to submit applications is October 31, 2018. Completed applications may be given to Father, be dropped off at the parish office or returned to Kevin Burns.

SCHOOL MASS
A Mass will be celebrated with the students and staff of our parish school this Tuesday, October 9, at 9:00 a.m. All are invited.

“Every day is a gift from God. Learn to focus on the Giver and enjoy the gift!” – Joyce Meyer

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

In Loving Memory of
Thomas Camarco ~ 16th Anniversary
(Wife Emilie)

† The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week

In Loving Memory of
John Leonard ~ In Remembrance of His Birthday
(Family)

To schedule a sanctuary lamp dedication, please contact the parish office. Suggested donation is $15.
**WYD FALL COMFORT FOOD DINNER**  
Saturday ~ October 13 ~ 5:00 p.m.  
Saint Christopher School Gym  
The pilgrims traveling from Saint Edmund Campion parish to Panama this January for World Youth Day will be hosting a Fall Comfort Food Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, October 13 at 5:00 p.m. in the Saint Christopher School gymnasium. Come enjoy all of your favorite fall dishes that Mom used to make! Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, corn, macaroni and cheese, chicken noodle soup, apple pie and vanilla ice cream! There will also be a 50/50 drawing and prize drawings. **Tickets are on sale after every Mass this weekend.** $10/adults, $8/children 4-12, Free for children 3 and under.

**SAINT EDMUND CAMPION ADULT SOCIAL CLUB**  
Monday ~ October 15 ~ 1:00 p.m.  
The theme for our next member meeting is “Oktoberfest.” We will have a fun afternoon (sorry, no beer) with lively entertainment by Dan Banker. Please don’t forget to bring your dessert item, if you are scheduled to do so.

Please help us to spread the word that seats are still available for our fantastic day trip “Branson Country Christmas & Veterans Show” being held on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at the Log Cabin, Holyoke, MA. The bus leaves the Saint Christopher church lot at 10:15 a.m., and returns at 4:00 p.m. The $86 per person fee includes a luncheon of Chicken Piccata and Yankee Pot Roast, roundtrip motor coach transportation, an afternoon of music and laughter with the Ozark Jubilee, and driver gratuities. Deadline for sign-up and payment is November 12. For further information about the trip, feel free to contact Joan Perrone at 860-568-6229 or Eugenia Nowik at 860-568-8873.

**ADULT BIBLE ADVENTURE**  
We will meet again this Wednesday, October 10 6:30 p.m. in the chapel at the Saint Christopher campus and we will complete chapter 22, the final chapter in the Book of Revelation. We hope to have Father John join us at the following meeting for a Revelation rap session! 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. 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**  
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.

**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.

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

Leon Brazalovich • Michael Cichon, Jr.  
Arthur Craft, Sr. • John Kent • Bruce Kinel  
Olga Pagano • John Pettinato • Marie Richard  
Paul Douglas Sheldon

“If Christ is my life, then death is my gain.”
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 this Monday, October 8, 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 you know someone you know would like to receive a prayer shawl, please contact Santa Vallone at 860-569-1772.

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

FAMILY CHOIR REHEARSAL
Our Family Choir will rehearse again on Tuesday, October 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel at the Saint Christopher campus. This rehearsal is open to any adult or child who is interested in singing in the family choir at the Children’s Liturgy being celebrated on Sunday, October 28 at 10:30 a.m. For more information, please contact Maria Sousa, our Coordinator of Religious Education, at 860-895-8692.

SAINT CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL NEWS
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!

ShopRite for Education: Please register your shopper’s card to benefit Saint Christopher School. The school code is 18297 and it can be entered by visiting shopriteforeducation.com. Cards need to be re-enrolled each year. You can also give your rewards card number to the church or school office and we will do the enrolling for you!

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 860-568-4100 or at welchk@saintchristophersschool.org to make arrangements. On-going registration is available for all grades – PreK 3 through grade 8.

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.
THE VOCATION OF MARRIAGE

Today’s readings give us a wonderful refresher on the Biblical origins of the Sacrament of Marriage, going all the way back to the second chapter of Genesis in our First Reading, and then reinforced by Jesus in our Gospel Reading from St. Mark. Perhaps more than any other time in Christianity, marriage and family life are under attack right now. It is vital that we have a proper understanding of the Church’s beautiful and solid teachings in these areas. We call this type of knowledge, “Formation” and it is one of the pillars of a stewardship way of life. Solid formation in the faith not only strengthens us in our own walk with the Lord, but it allows us to pass on this knowledge to others who are thirsting to know the truth about the human person, and it also arms us to defend our beliefs, when necessary. These readings also invite us to reflect on the reality that we are to be good stewards of the vocation the Lord has entrusted to us. If I am married, do I recognize that my spouse and my marriage are a gift from God that must be nourished, developed and tended? This brings to mind the stewardship aspect of “Time.” After time spent with God, my next priority of time should be for my spouse. Do I realize that at the end of my life I will have to give an account to God for how I cared for the gift of my spouse and marriage? – Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Note: Wonderful resources for those who are dating, engaged, married, and parenting can be found by visiting www.foryourmarriage.org.

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.”

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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 14 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
God does not call all of us to the heroic poverty that St. Francis and St. Clare practiced. But even if we do become poor, whether through vow or through financial loss, there is one possession we can never be deprived of: the gift of being – and of being ourselves and nobody else. For that gift we can always sing for joy and gladness!