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, Adoration and Benediction • Perpetual Novena in Honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal • Scriptural Rosary

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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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 All Veterans
  - Both Living and Deceased

ANNUAL PARISH APPEAL

Our Annual Parish Appeal is underway! All parish families on record should have received a letter from Father John. If you did not receive one, please call the parish office at 860-568-5240. As you know, the money raised by this appeal is very important to the financial health of our parish family and will help us to keep our campuses in good order. Please pray for the success of this important effort.

PARISH SUPPORT

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THANK YOU!
The All Souls’ Mass of Remembrance we celebrated last Sunday was a beautiful testament to our belief in the Resurrection and the hope we place in God’s love and mercy on the souls of our beloved dead. We thank Jean Nowik and her committee for the wonderful job they did coordinating the liturgy, decorating the church and the hall, and hosting the reception. Our thanks also to those who prepared food items for the reception, to Roberta and the Chancel choir for their musical contributions, to all those who joined us to remember their loved ones in this special way and to all those from our parish who attended this liturgy to support them.

PRAYER SHARING GROUP
Our Prayer/Sharing Group meets again this Thursday, November 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the hall at the Our Lady of Peace campus. This is the last time they will meet this year. They will resume their meetings in the spring. 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. The evening ends with refreshments.

ALUMNI MEMORIAL MASS
Please join us this Tuesday, November 13 at 6:30 pm as we celebrate a Memorial Mass for the deceased alumni of Saint Christopher School. All are invited to come to the church at the Saint Christopher campus to pray for the souls of those who have gone before us to their eternal home with the Lord.

Saint Edmund Campion Adult Social Club
Members only Bingo
Monday ~ November 19 ~ 1:00 p.m.
A fun afternoon for our members... wonderful prizes, great snacks. Please note: If you are planning to attend the Christmas Party on Monday, Dec. 17 at 11:45 a.m. at the Manchester Country Club, please remember to bring with you to this month’s meeting your $15 payment.

M. LOUISE SWEETLAND SCHOLARSHIP
During our 10:30 a.m. Mass at the Saint Christopher campus on Sunday, November 25, we will have the M. Louise Sweetland Scholarship Presentation. This scholarship benefits students of our parish who are currently enrolled in a Catholic grammar school or high school. A reception will immediately follow this Mass in our parish hall. All are invited. We kindly request donations of baked goods and finger foods that can be served at this reception. Food donations may be dropped off that weekend of Nov. 24/25 BEFORE the 10:30 Mass or before or after the 4:00 and 7:30 Masses. Also, on that same weekend of Nov. 24/25, we will take up a special collection at all Masses to support this Scholarship Fund. An envelope and an information sheet about this Scholarship is inserted into this weekend’s bulletin. Thank you for your support! – The M. Louise Sweetland Scholarship Committee

CHILDREN’S LITURGY
This month’s Children’s Liturgy will be celebrated next Sunday, November 18 at 10:30 a.m. at the Saint Christopher campus. Students in Grade 7 will participate in special ways during the Mass and our Family Choir will lead the music. (See article below on participating in the Family Choir.) Hospitality will follow in the church hall. Everyone is invited!

FAMILY CHOIR & FOLK ENSEMBLE NEWS
The next rehearsal for our family choir and for our 7:30 a.m. Sunday folk ensemble will take place this Wednesday, November 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel of Saint Christopher School. Our next outreach program to Salmon Brook Convalescent Home will take place on Tuesday, November 20 at 6:30 p.m. A ‘Thanksgiving’ themed program of music is planned. All are welcome to join us! Please contact Toni Mintel at 860-569-7593 for further details.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
Please, if at all possible, do not wait until a person is near death before requesting the Sacrament of the Sick, as this Sacrament cannot be administered to someone who has already died. All Sacraments are for the living. While the Sacrament of the Sick may include prayers for the Last Rites when such prayers are called for, the Sacrament may be given to a person at any stage of illness including those who are not terminal.
PARISH COUNCIL CHRONICLE

We Want to Hear From You!

The Parish Council is always interested in hearing from parishioners directly. If you are interested in attending a future meeting to discuss a specific matter, please contact me via email or phone so I can put you on the agenda. The next meeting will be held on Monday evening, November 26, in the Our Lady of Peace church hall.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the Parish Council meetings can be viewed on our website at stchris-eh.org. Look for the “PC Meeting Minutes” link.

Thank you, Lori Brunette
Saint Edmund Campion Parish Council President
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lab-1963@sbcglobal.net

ALTERNATIVE MINISTRY

We are seeking young people in Grades 4 - 12 who are interested in serving our parish as Altar Servers. If your child(ren) is interested in this opportunity, please contact the parish office at 860-568-5240. We are currently compiling a list of the young people who are interested. A training session will be held in the near future.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

First Congregational Church, 837 Main Street, East Hartford, will host this year’s Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited and all attendees are being asked to put their faith into action by bringing with them one of the following: food for our food banks and soup kitchen, a financial offering for the Human Needs Fund providing rental and energy assistance, and/or prayers of thanksgiving for all.

DO YOU NEED PRAYER?

Our prayer team is available to intercede on your behalf and take your request before God.

Contact Sally Ann Tanasi with your prayer requests.
860-569-4072 • 6854angeleyes@gmail.com

Prayer for the Sick: Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for your sick servants for whom we implore the aid of your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, they may give thanks to You. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HOMEFRONT 2019

Application Deadline is November 16, 2018

Our parish will once again participate in the HomeFront project the first weekend in May of 2019. The HomeFront program is now seeking applicants. Free home repair assistance is available to low-income homeowners in our community. If you know any homeowners who could benefit from free repair assistance this spring, please let them know that help is available. For an application, please visit homefrontprogram.org or call 1-800-887-HOPE.

PROTECTORS OF ANIMALS FAIR

On Saturday, November 17 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the Saint Christopher campus church hall, the Protectors of Animals, a non-profit, no-kill animal shelter located here in East Hartford, will be holding their Annual Holiday Fair. For more information, call 860-569-0722.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry meets in the Saint Christopher campus church hall on the 2nd Monday of each month from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. We meet again this Monday, November 12. New members are welcome to join us at anytime. Bring a friend. We have plenty of yarn and needles for those who wish to learn. If you would like more information about this ministry or if you or someone you know would like to receive a shawl, please contact Santa Vallone at 860-569-1772.

On November 3 members of our Prayer Shawl Ministry attended an interfaith gathering of Shawl Ministry circles from Connecticut and beyond at an event hosted by St. Patrick-St. Anthony in Hartford.
PRAYER FOR VETERANS DAY

God of peace, we pray for those who have served our nation and have laid down their lives to protect and defend our freedom. We pray for those who have fought, whose spirits and bodies are scarred by war, whose nights are haunted by memories too painful for the light of day. We pray for those who serve us now, especially for those in harm’s way. Shield them from danger and bring them home. Turn the hearts and minds of our leaders and our enemies to the work of justice and a harvest of peace.

May the peace you left us, the peace you gave us, be the peace that sustains, the peace that saves us. Christ Jesus, hear us! Lord Jesus, hear our prayer! Amen.

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, November 18 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus’ words we hear in the Gospel are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus’ words and God’s never-ending love for us.

Excerpts from SNOW FALLING ON SNOW

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