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
Will resume after Easter 2019.
(Our Lady of Peace Campus)
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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The Epiphany of the Lord ~ January 6, 2019

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Saturday, January 5 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
The Beaulieu Family

Sunday, January 6 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
❖ Adeleine & Ralph Salvatore

Sunday, January 6 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
❖ Mary Ann Garro ~ 8th Anniversary (Family)

Sunday, January 6 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
❖ Stan Traynor (Wife Ann & Family)

Monday, January 7 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
❖ Christopher J. Dolloph (Family)

Tuesday, January 8 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
❖ Diane Olinatz (Family)

Wednesday, January 9 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
For the People of the Parish (Missa pro populo)

Thursday, January 10 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
❖ Frank Wroniak ~ 5th Anniversary (Grandparents)

Friday, January 11 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
❖ David Smith (Sally Ann Tanasi & Julianne Kelly)

Saturday, January 12 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
❖ Bruce Robinson (Wife & Family)

Saturday, January 12 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
❖ Norman Daigle ~ 2nd Anniversary (Wife & Family)

Sunday, January 13 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
❖ Frank, Wayne & Elek Szalay (Family)

Sunday, January 13 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
❖ Rev. Robert T. Russo

Sunday, January 13 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
❖ Bill Merrill (Dave & Chickie Amberg)

PARISH SUPPORT

What We Collected (December 23): $ 9,033*
Christmas Collection: $ 6,447
Christmas Gifts: $ 3,879

*Includes $970 received through our Online Giving program and $1,365 from mail-in offerings.

Note: Due to the early transmission deadline imposed by our bulletin publisher for this weekend’s bulletin, the collection taken up last weekend, December 29/30, will be reported in next weekend’s bulletin.

Our Church is growing! We welcome into our Christian community through the holy waters of baptism:

Lucien Anthony Jabour

DID YOU KNOW… that this bulletin is produced at no cost to our parish? The cost of assembling, printing and delivery is carried by the advertisers which appear on the back page of our bulletin. When you patronize these businesses, it proves that advertising in our publication is a good investment which brings a return. Please mention that you saw the company’s ad on our church’s bulletin – solid evidence which encourages advertisers to continue their support – for which we are most grateful!

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 Victims of Slavery and Human Trafficking
(‘In Recognition of National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month”)
❖ The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week

In Loving Memory of Debbie Tardiff Fallacaro (Family)

Please call the parish office to schedule a sanctuary lamp dedication. Suggested offering is $15.
SAINT EDMUND CAMPION
ADULT SOCIAL CLUB
MEMBERS-ONLY MEMORIAL MASS
AND COMMUNION BREAKFAST
Monday ~ January 21 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Saint Christopher Campus

In place of our regular meeting, Father John will be celebrating Mass at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 21 in memory of the deceased members of our Social Club. A Communion Breakfast will immediately follow in the church hall. *(Please note that you must be a club member to attend the Communion Breakfast.)*

Our membership committee will be on hand that morning beginning at 9:30 a.m. to accept your $15.00 for the 2019 dues and to handout ID badges which are ready for pickup.

If you are planning on attending the Communion Breakfast, please RSVP to Edie Gieras at 860-216-3024 or Mary Rice at 860-568-5429 by Jan. 17. If you signed up for the Breakfast at our November meeting, then it is not necessary that you call as you are already on the list.

TAX STATEMENTS

We are happy to provide tax statements to our parishioners who request one. If you regularly use your envelopes to make your offerings to our parish and wish to receive a tax statement, please contact the parish office by phone: 860-568-5240 or by e-mail: stchris-eh@sbcglobal.net

**Brian Aselton Memorial Blood Drive**
St. Christopher Church Hall
**Friday ~ January 18, 2019**
1:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Please call 1-800-Red Cross to make an app’t.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**
9 Days for Life ~ January 14-22, 2019

9 Days for Life is a multi-faceted novena for the respect and protection of every human life. Each day, a different intention is accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions, and related information. Anyone can participate by going to [http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/nine-days-of-prayer-penance-and-pilgrimage.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/nine-days-of-prayer-penance-and-pilgrimage.cfm). At this location you will be able to register via e-mail, text and mobile app (coming soon). **This event is a required service program for the Knights of Columbus Councils but we encourage all to participate.**

**Upcoming Events**
1/15: Family Pot-luck Supper
1/20: 10:00 AM @ New Haven, St. Mary Church, annual K of C **Pro-Life Mass/Silver Rose Final Devotion and Baby Shower** for unwed mother shelters
1/20: 2:00 PM, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Hartford, **Solemn Mass for Virgin Mary of High Grace**
1/27: 12:00 NOON, **2nd and 3rd Degree Ceremonies**, Our Lady of Fatima Church, 382 Hope Hill Rd., Wallingford. First Degree Members wishing to take the higher degrees are requested to contact Grand Knight Ernest Mintel at 860-569-7593 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.

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND ACTION EVENT**

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day is observed annually on January 11. Beginning in 2010, by Presidential Proclamation, each January has been designated National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry in collaboration with The Underground CT is offering ‘Gather Together,’ a Human Trafficking Awareness Event on **Saturday January 12, 2019** at Saint Bartholomew Church, 45 Ludlow St., Manchester. Expert speakers will present on the reality of trafficking in CT, the work being done, and how churches can help. Equal Exchange will offer a Fair Trade chocolate tasting and a presentation on labor trafficking in the cacao industry. Doors open at 8:15 a.m. for registration and coffee. Presentations begin at 9:00 a.m. Pre-register by email at theundergroundct@gmail.com. For more information, please contact Lynn Campbell at 860-242-5573.
Dear God,

Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you’ve allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day.

We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year. We ask that you will guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire you above all else. We ask that you will open doors needing to be opened and close the ones needing to be shut tight. We ask that you would help us release our grip on the things to which you’ve said “no,” “not yet,” or “wait.” We ask for help to pursue you first, above every dream and desire you’ve put within our hearts.

We ask for your wisdom, for your strength and power to be constantly present within us. We pray you would make us strong and courageous for the road ahead. Give us ability beyond what we feel able, let your gifts flow freely through us, so that you would be honored by our lives, and others would be drawn to you.

We pray that you’d keep us far from the snares and traps of temptations. That you would whisper in our ear when we need to run, and whisper in our heart when we need to stand our ground.

We pray for your protection over our families and friends. We ask for your hand to cover us and keep us distanced from the evil intent of the enemy; that you would be a barrier to surround us, that we’d be safe in your hands. We pray that you would give us discernment and insight beyond our years, to understand your will, hear your voice, and know your ways.

We ask that you would keep our footsteps firm, on solid ground, helping us to be consistent and faithful. Give us supernatural endurance to stay the course, not swerving to the right or to the left, or being too easily distracted by other things that would seek to call us away from a close walk with you.

Forgive us for the times we have worked so hard to be self-sufficient, forgetting our need for you, living independent of your spirit. Forgive us for letting fear and worry control our minds, and for allowing pride and selfishness wreak havoc over our lives. Forgive us for not following your ways and for living distant from your presence.

Keep your words of truth planted firm within us, help us to keep focused on what is pure and right, give us the power to be obedient to your word. And when the enemy reminds us where we have been, hissing his lies and attacks our way, we trust that your voice speaks louder and stronger, as you remind us we are safe with you and your purposes and plans will not fail. We ask that you will be our defense and rear guard, keeping our way clear, removing the obstacles, and covering the pitfalls. Lord, lead us on your level ground.

We ask that you would provide for our needs, we ask for your grace and favor. We pray for your blessings to cover us, we pray that you would help us to prosper and make every plan that you have birthed in our heart to succeed. We pray that others would take notice of your goodness and could not help but to say, “These are the ones that the Lord has blessed.”

Help us to be known as great givers, help us to be generous and kind, help us to look to the needs of others and not be consumed by only our own. May we be lovers of truth, may the fruits of your spirit be evident in our lives - your love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Shine your light in us, through us, over us. May we make a difference in this world, for your glory and purposes. Set you way before us. May all your plans succeed. We may reflect your peace and hope to a world that so desperately needs your presence and healing.

To you be glory and honor, in this New Year, and forever. In Jesus’ name, Amen. – Debbie McDaniel
**REFLECTING ON GOD’S WORD**

Matthew’s tale is less a story of adventurous seekers than of a luring God, drawing others into the mystery of divinity through the birth of Jesus. A star that guides and wise words that explain are what help lead the magi to their destination. Natural signs and words of revelation are what God works through in our own day to bring us into the presence of Jesus, the Son of God.

The story of the wise men is a journey that surrounds the birth of Jesus. It speaks to all seeking God in today’s world. God does not use force to attract others. Angels speak a message of joy for all but give no orders that insist that the shepherds journey through the dark of night to worship. A star appears in the sky but no one forces these astrologers to pack up some gifts and make their way across foreign terrain to kneel and prostrate themselves and do Jesus homage.

At the heart of this story is the message announced in the letter to the Ephesians: God’s plan was that everyone be included in the mystery of salvation, that, along with the children of Abraham, “the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus” (Ephesians 3:6). God wants everyone to share in divine life—everyone! Give it your thoughtful consideration.

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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, January 13 – The Baptism of the Lord**

Jesus’ baptism was his full acceptance of his mission. Today we are reminded that our “mission” also began with our baptism, the sacrament of faith, when we became adopted ("reborn as") sons and daughters of God. Our mission is to follow Jesus and imitate him, spreading the Good News of his salvific love and “becoming Christ” for others.