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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PARISH SUPPORT

What We Collected (January 13): $6,435*
Parish School Collection: $2,084**

*Includes $685 received through our Online Giving program and $348 from mail-in offerings.
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Thank you for your support of our parish community!

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

GIFTS FROM GOD

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.”

(1 Corinthians 12:4-6)

A thankful steward knows that all he or she possesses is the result of God’s grace. What we make of our lives depends on our work, but the talents we possess are gifts from God.

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 the Respect and Protection of All Human Life ~ From Conception to Natural Death

The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week

For Peace Among All Nations, Races and Religious Groups
(In Recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ~ 1/21)

Please call the parish office to schedule a sanctuary lamp dedication. Suggested offering is $15.
DAY OF PRAYER
For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
January 22, 2019

Prayer is the foundation of all that we do in defense of human life. Say a short prayer or blessing. Meditate or ask God’s intercession. Devote some time to pray a Holy Hour, or commit to a novena or Stations of the Cross. Special prayers are called for those who have lost a child due to miscarriage, abortion or other cause. For more information, visit: http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/resources/january-22-day-of-prayer.cfm

SAINT EDMUND CAMPION
ADULT SOCIAL CLUB
Members-Only
Memorial Mass & 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 would like to learn more about the Social Club, please call Frank or Joan Perrone at 860-568-6229.

MASS OF REPARATION

In seeking to apply spiritual remedies to the sexual abuse scandal in the Catholic Church and the tragedy it has caused so many victims, Archbishop Leonard P. Blair will be celebrating the first of three Masses of Reparation on Sunday, January 27 at 2:00 p.m. at Saint Bartholomew Church in Manchester. Mass will be accompanied by an hour of Eucharistic Adoration and the recitation of the Rosary. Archbishop Blair’s invitation states, “I invite everyone to participate in the Mass of Reparation that will be offered because the Body of Christ is suffering, and the prayers of all God’s people are vital.”

CHILDREN’S LITURGY

This month’s Children’s Liturgy will be celebrated next Sunday, January 27 at 10:30 a.m. at the Saint Christopher campus. Students in Grade 2 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 REHEARSAL

Our Family Choir will be rehearsing again this Wednesday, January 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel at the Saint Christopher campus. This rehearsal is for any adult or child who is interested in singing in the family choir at the next Children’s Liturgy being celebrated on January 27 at our 10:30 Mass. For more information, please contact Maria Sousa, our Coordinator of Religious Education, at 860-895-8692.

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

Jordan Carlos Soto

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Saint Christopher Council #4

Did you know? You can now join the Order on-line at www.kofc.org. Seminarians, priests, full-time military and college students are exempt from council dues.

What is the significance of the Degrees?
The 1st Degree reveals what we do.
The 2nd Degree reveals how we do it.
The 3rd Degree reveals who we are.

The 1st Degree is performed when a man joins a council. The next 2nd and 3rd Degree ceremonies will be held on Sunday, January 27, Noon, at 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. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Grand Knight Ernest Mintel at 860-569-7593.
WORLD YOUTH DAY UPDATE
Our pilgrims, Ginamarie Garabedian and Maddie Gay, flew out of Bradley International Airport to Panama City, Panama on Saturday morning, January 19. On Sunday, they will tour Panama City which includes the Panama Canal, Casco Viejo (the historic section of the city), and many old, historic churches. On Monday, the 21st, they will visit the Gamboa Rainforest and have Mass in the National Park, as well as adoration and rosary. They are so excited to meet other pilgrims from around the world and welcome the Pope to the city! Please follow their blog for daily updates, pictures, and videos of their pilgrimage!

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There is also a contact section at this address if you wish to send them a note via e-mail. Please pray for their safe travels, and know that they are praying for their parish family as well.

SOCIAL CLUB DAY TRIP
The Saint Edmund Campion Social Club is sponsoring a day trip to see Andy Cooney’s Irish Cabaret at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington on Tuesday, March 12, 2019. Flyers have been placed at the church entrances. Reservations are on a first come-first served basis, so please make your reservation early. For more information, please contact Joan Perrone at 860-568-6229.

THE SIGN OF PEACE
With the cold and flu season underway, each of us has the responsibility of taking precautions to prevent the spread of these illnesses. We need to wash our hands frequently, take care where we cough and sneeze, and scrutinize our habits and procedures where the spread of infection seems most possible. During the celebration of Mass when we are asked to offer the sign of peace, please do not be offended if someone chooses not to shake hands with you during the sign of peace. An appropriate gesture for those who are concerned about spreading the flu virus might be to strive for eye contact rather than physical contact. You could give a wave of your hand or clasp your hands together and bow gently to those around you, and with a smile say “Peace be with you.”

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
Catholic Schools Week, celebrated nationally this year from January 27 - February 2, provides a great opportunity for families to explore the excellence of a Catholic school education. We are so fortunate to offer this kind of education right here in East Harford. Here are some ways that Saint Christopher School will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week.

Pastry with Parishioners
Wednesday, January 30
8:30 a.m.
All parishioners are welcome!

Open House & Science Fair
Wednesday, January 30
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
All are welcome!

Grab & Go Grinders
Wednesday, January 30
Grinder Pick up: 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.
In partnership with Mike’s Pizzeria, our parish school is taking orders for grinder meals. Meals include an 8” or 16” grinder, chips, cookie and water. Available grinders are ham, turkey and combo (turkey, ham, salami). All grinders come with lettuce, tomatoes and American cheese. 8” grinder meals are $8.00 and 16” grinder meals are $14.00. Order ahead by sending an e-mail to the following address: grabandgo@saintchristopherschool.org.

Save the Date ~ Annual Auction
Saturday, April 27 ~ 5:00 p.m. ~ St. Chris School

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION
Our parish school is most grateful for the number of Box Tops for Education coupons we receive each week from our parishioners! Clipped coupons can be placed in our offertory basket on any weekend. Ask your friends to save them too! Thank you for your support of Saint Christopher School!

CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION
“In search of a complete education with the ideals of trust, faith, understanding and compassion, many families are turning to the structure, discipline and academic standards of Catholic schools.”

– Mark Foley
A FOOD BANK THANK YOU
I would like to thank everyone who donated their time, money and food items to our food pantry during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. We received many turkeys, chickens and hams as well as non-perishable items such as soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste and paper products. For many of our clients, these items are a luxury. Donations of coloring books and colored pencils were given to the younger children. As the food bank coordinator these past few years, I have found that Saint Edmund Campion parishioners always step up when there’s a need. My team of volunteers are the best and I am so grateful for each of them and for all their hard work. Thank you! – Diane Warner

SHARING A FEAST
Jeannie, a nurse, offered to serve on a Catholic medical mission team in a remote village in Haiti. After two weeks of long hours serving the medical needs of hundreds of people, the locals invited the mission team to a feast. Jeannie wondered what these impoverished people would serve. She sat down to sweet potatoes, fried goat with plantains, bread, beans and rice, and a special pineapple drink. Jeannie asked the local priest, “How could they do all this?” He replied, “God sent you with healing. This is our way of thanking God! Each gave a little so we could all share a lot.” It tasted so good that everyone ate until it was all gone. Jeannie left with profound respect for the people who “have nothing” but shared so much.

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, January 27 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
God promises to give us always the grace we need to face any situation, but sometimes we refuse His grace because we refuse the means by which He wills to give us that grace. Within the body of the Church, God strengthens us through each other.