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.

PARISH OFFICE
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PARISH SUPPORT
What We Collected (January 20): $ 4,894*
Weekend of Winter Storm Yoshi

*Includes $640 received through our Online Giving program and $151 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish!

HIGH SCHOOL COLLECTION
This weekend all parishes of the Archdiocese of Hartford will be taking up the annual High School Collection to support our Catholic high schools. Your investment will yield significant results, since our Catholic high schools offer students exceptional academics, solid faith formation, and a true spirit of service. We deeply value your support of Catholic school education as we continue to form another generation in the faith.

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

LOVE IN OUR WORKS
“Our Lord does not care so much for the importance of our works as for the love with which they are done.” –Teresa of Ávila

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 Called to the Consecrated Life
(In Recognition of World Day for Consecrated Life ~ 2/2)

The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week

For the Staff & Students
of Saint Christopher School
(In Recognition of Catholic Schools Week ~ 1/27-2/2)

Please call the parish office to schedule a sanctuary lamp dedication. Suggested offering is $15.
INCLEMENT WEATHER
Last weekend’s winter storm Yoshi certainly caused treacherous road conditions, especially on Sunday morning. In the best interest of all, Mass was not celebrated at the Our Lady of Peace campus. Early Sunday morning we posted on WFSB (television and website) the announcement that there would be no Mass celebrated at Our Lady of Peace. (It was listed as Our Lady of Peace Ch-E Hartford.) If another storm like Yoshi should cause such conditions, please check WFSB (television and/or website) to see if Mass will be celebrated. As always, if you feel you cannot safely proceed to Mass, please make the best decision for you and your family.

WORLD YOUTH DAY UPDATE
Our pilgrims, Ginamarie Garabedian and Maddie Gay, have been enjoying their World Youth Day pilgrimage in Panama, especially the warm weather! The pilgrimage wraps up this Sunday with a Mass celebrated by Pope Francis. It’s been a wonderful experience for them meeting other pilgrims from around the world and enjoying all the sites of the beautiful country! You can see what they’ve been doing by visiting their blog at:

www.StEdmundCampionCT.wix.com/wyd2019

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 travel home, and know that they are praying for their parish family as well.

ADULT BIBLE ADVENTURE
We will meet again this Wednesday, January 30, at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel at the St. Christopher campus. (The chapel is located in the school building). We will continue our journey in the Book of Job. All are welcome! Our group meets every other Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Bring your Bible! If you have questions, please contact Deacon Phil at 860-568-5001 or by e-mail at imgoose@comcast.net or Steve Cadwallader at 860-568-5477.

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

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE
The Catholic Graduates Club of Greater Hartford, Inc. will award three scholarships of $2,000 each to Catholic students who are high school seniors and who plan to attend a four year college in Fall of 2019. The club has awarded over $115,000 to 164 scholarship recipients during the past 67 years. Students are chosen on the basis of financial need, scholarship, character, leadership and achievement. Applicants must reside in Hartford County. The deadline to submit a scholarship application is March 15, 2019. Please visit catholicgraduatesct.org to see more information and to download the application.
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, Jan. 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.”

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
St. 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 can join for free and are exempt from council dues.

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.

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.”

PARISHIONER IN NEED BAKE SALE
February 9 and 10
Parishioners in Need (PIN) Committee will host their 10th Anniversary Bake Sale the weekend of February 9 and 10. We celebrate ten years of operation. Since our inception, we have assisted and continue to assist many members within our parish as well as having provided resources to others within the community. Your support has helped us succeed.

Please continue to watch out for those in our parish who may need assistance and may be hesitant to ask for help. Even those we have helped in the past may still be struggling and we ask that they or someone on their behalf come forward if necessary. Let’s be aware of those who need care.

The Bake Sale will be held after all Masses celebrated at the Saint Christopher campus the weekend of February 9 and 10 to pick up a baked good item. Donations of baked goods are very much welcomed…and needed. (Please indicate if there are nuts in the ingredients.)

Thank you all for your continued support!

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 the offertory basket on any weekend. If you have any hanging around right now, please turn them in ASAP. Box Tops are submitted twice a year - March 1 and November 1. Thank you for supporting Saint Christopher School in this way. These 10 cent coupons can add up quickly!

CHURCH
“A church is a hospital for sinners, not a museum for saints.” – Pauline Phillips
**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.

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**Reflection for Next Sunday, February 3 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In his famous passage from the First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul reminds us of the eternal nature of love. Love does not come to an end. In these readings, we are reminded that, like love, Jesus’ mission cannot be contained. Jesus slips through the crowd of persecutors and moves on to new challenges. We are called to this same perseverance in the name of love.
Saint Christopher School

Auction Donations Needed

Saint Christopher School will be celebrating our 20th annual gala and auction on 4/27/19. This event is the school’s largest fund raiser of the year and we need your help making this year even better than the last. Below are some ways that you can help support our school. All donations can be sent into the school or left at the church tagged for the auction.

- We can use any new and unopened items (i.e. toys, sports equipment, movies, event tickets, jewelry, home goods, linens, frames, baskets)
- Gift cards, these can be used to purchase filler items or added to baskets
- Completed gift baskets

If you have any questions please email Tanya Rosario @ rosariotanya@gmail.com or you can contact Mrs. Welch @ 860-568-4100

******* ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE *******