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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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 17, 2019

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Saturday, February 16 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
† Bill Merrill (Howard & Barb Wilmes)

Sunday, February 17 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
† Esther Hartl ~ 27th Anniv. (Granddaughter)

Sunday, February 17 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
† Jose Figueiredo (Wife Maria)
† Maria Machado ~ 2nd Anniversary
and Manuel Machado (Daughter Maria)

Sunday, February 17 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
† Marianne Harden ~ 10th Anniversary
(Mom Mary & Family)

Monday, February 18 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
† John & Louise Olinatz (Children)

Tuesday, February 19 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
† Daniel Cabral, Sr. (Sister, Maria Leonardo)

Wednesday, February 20 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
† Dinis Leonardo (Wife & Family)

Thursday, February 21 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
† Lucien Lavertu ~ 4th Anniversary
(Wife Joan & Grandchildren)

Friday, February 22 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
For the People of the Parish (Missa pro populo)

Saturday, February 23 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
† Donald Roberge (Members of the Saint Edmund Campion Adult Social Club)

Saturday, February 23 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
† Douglas Thibodeau
(Elmer & Omerine Gendreau)

Sunday, February 24 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
† Apolonio N. Labardo, Jr.

Sunday, February 24 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
† Bruce Kinel
(The People of Saint Edmund Campion Parish)

Sunday, February 24 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
† John Connors ~ 9th Anniversary
(Wife Evelyn & Family)

PARISH SUPPORT
Due to Bonnie’s vacation this past week, the report of last weekend’s collections will be published in next weekend’s bulletin.

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

BLESSED
When we think of the word “Beatitude” we think of today’s discourse from Luke’s Gospel, or the more familiar one from Matthew (which begins “Blessed are the poor in spirit . . . ”). Actually, beatitudes occur throughout the prophets and Gospels. Today in Jeremiah (with an echo in the psalm) we hear, “Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord.” Following his resurrection in John’s Gospel, Christ proclaims, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” The evangelists placed these sayings throughout the Gospels as short reminders about the characteristics that one will find in a follower of Christ, characteristics that will help spread the Good News in this life and lead to eternal blessings in the next. In Latin, the saints are called the Beati, the “Blessed,” for they are the ones who lived the “blessed” life as described by Jesus throughout the Gospels. How blest are we, when we also strive to make our own days a living beatitude!

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 Kindness Towards Each Other
(In Recognition of Random Acts of Kindness Week ~ February 18-22)
† The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week

In Loving Memory of Lucien Lavertu
(Joan, Khloe and Tania)
SAINT EDMUND CAMPION
ADULT SOCIAL CLUB
Monday, February 18 – 1:00 p.m.
Saint Christopher Church Hall
Remember the game of Concentration? Well, we are bringing it back. Enjoy a fun afternoon trying to guess each puzzle as each part unfolds. As usual, this will be followed by delicious desserts and fellowship. 2019 dues of $15 are now payable. If you have not yet paid your dues, please stop at the Membership table and we will be happy to register you for another year of fun and entertainment. If you need further information about our club, please feel free to contact Joan or Frank Perrone 860-568-6229.

PARISH COUNCIL CHRONICLE
The Saint Edmund Campion Parish will be doing a picture directory in 2019. This will be very beneficial for our parish as we approach the two-year anniversary of the merger. If anyone is interested in helping with this project, please contact me ASAP. An informational meeting will be announced soon.

– Lori Brunette, Parish Council President
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JOB OPPORTUNITY
Our parish and school community is looking for an experienced accountant who can work flexible hours between the two sites. Applicant must be proficient in QuickBooks and Excel and have basic knowledge of Word. If interested in getting more information, please contact Kathleen Welch at the school office at 860-568-4100.

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE
The newly-formed “Fund Raising Committee” for Saint Edmund Campion Parish will be holding a brainstorming meeting in the downstair’s meeting room in the Saint Christopher rectory on Thursday, February 28 at 6:00 p.m. Please contact Barbara Hanson at 860-965-9162 to join us in supporting the financing of various projects within the Saint Edmund Campion community. All are welcome to come and share ideas for funding raising events. If you would like to be involved in planning these events but can’t attend this meeting, please let Barbara know so we can keep in touch for future meetings or events.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY
This month’s Children’s Liturgy will be celebrated next Sunday, February 24 at 10:30 a.m. at the Saint Christopher campus. Students in Grades 3 and 4 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 Tuesday, February 19 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 February 24 at our 10:30 Mass. For more information, please contact Maria Sousa, our Coordinator of Religious Ed., at 860-895-8692.

CALLING ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH
Do you desire a closer and deeper faith in God this coming Lent and beyond? Consider attending a women’s retreat weekend at Holy Family Retreat Center in West Hartford. With the retreat theme of No Ordinary Path: Holiness in Everyday Life, you will explore the ways that you can apply the grace God gives you to serve Him and others in the world today. There are three upcoming retreat weekends: March 1-3, April 5-7 and May 31-June 2. For more information, please visit holyfamilyretreat.org or you may contact Anne Marie Volowski at 860-936-8989.

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. Reservations are on a first come-first served basis. Flyers/brochures with the details can be found at the church entrances. For more info, contact Joan Perrone at 860-568-6229.

MUSICAL PRODUCTION
Mercy and Xavier High Schools will present *Sister Act* at Mercy High School in Middletown on Saturday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 10 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets available online and at the door. Visit mercyhigh.com for more information.
SAINT CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL NEWS

Open House

Saint Christopher School will host an Open House for all PreK 3 through Grade 8 students on **Saturday, March 2, from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon.** Discover the Catholic School option that offers academic excellence combined with a strong foundation in the Catholic faith. A small, safe environment helps all families to feel confident in the individualized attention each student receives. Join us on March 2 and help us celebrate Dr. Seuss’ birthday while discovering the potential for your child’s educational experience!

Auction Donations Needed

Saint Christopher School will be celebrating their 20th annual gala and auction on April 27, 2019. This event is the school’s largest fundraiser 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 dropped off at the school or left at the church tagged for the auction. All donations are tax deductible. Here are some suggested donations:

- Any new and unopened item (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 they will be added to baskets)
- Completed gift baskets

If you have any questions or would like to receive a tax receipt for your donation, please contact Tanya Rosario at rosariotanya@gmail.com or you can contact Mrs. Welch at 860-568-4100.

Save the Date

The Saint Christopher School Annual Gala & Auction is coming on the evening of **April 27!** This event includes wine and beer tastings, food trucks, and live music as well as a silent and live auction. Look for the reservation form at the church entrances.

Comedy Night

Reserve your seats today for our school Comedy Night: The Magic of Christopher! Bring your own snacks and drinks for the social hour. This is a night out for adults and is sure to be lots of fun! Doors open on **Sat., March 2 at 5:30pm.** Show begins at 7:00. See the flyer by the entrances for more details.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Saint Christopher Council #4

Council Family Pot-Luck Supper ~ Members, their families and guests will have a Pot-Luck Supper on Tuesday, February 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the Saint Christopher Hall. Please contact Ernie Mintel at 860-568-1234 to respond with a reservation and your food contribution.

Paczkies are Coming! - A free Paczki will be given after Sunday Masses on March 3 for every adult ticket sold for the following:

Fish Dinner ~ Friday, March 8, 6:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Peace church hall. Adults $8.00, kids (6-12) $3.00 – to benefit the PIN ministry. We will hold only one fish dinner this year and no tickets will be sold at the door.

Corned Beef Dinner ~ Saturday, March 16, 5:00 p.m. at Saint Christopher School gym. $12.50/person in advance; $15 at the door. Kids under 6 are free (limit 2/adult).

The Knights are looking for Catholic men who want to make a difference in their community. Seminarians, full-time college students and full-time military men can now join for free and pay no dues. Please contact the Grand Knight, Ernest Mintel, at 860-569-7593 for more information.

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.

REMINDER

We are on Facebook!

Visit us today by searching **Saint Edmund Campion Parish, East Hartford.** Come join the 147 people who already follow us!
LIFE AFTER CONFIRMATION
Great news! A new class is now underway for those who have been confirmed who are high school and college aged. This class is perfect for those in that age group who want to continue their faith education…and have fun while doing so! **Our second class will be held next Sunday evening, Feb. 24, from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m.** on the second floor of our Parish Center, 580 Brewer Street (use the Saint Christopher School pre-school entrance) **This informal course is held every other week.**

Class starts with 20 minutes of a movie in line with our faith, followed by studying the four pillars of our faith: The Creed, Sacraments, Commandments and Prayer.

We will continue watching the movie *Molokai, The Story of Father Damien*, who relentlessly gave of himself and served the lepers who had been exiled to the Hawaiian Islands in 1872. Father Damien was canonized on October 11, 2009 by Pope Benedict XVI.

For more information, please call Cathy and Brian at 860-633-3662…or just show up and check it out! Regular attendance is optional. Come when you can and bring a friend!

**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, February 24 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
By having us focus on basic interior attitudes, Jesus is expressing the Golden Rule, which always applies. Being merciful and perfect like the Father has to come from within, by the power of the Holy Spirit; so beg the Spirit to strengthen you and empower you to live as a true image of Jesus.