Jesus said to his disciples: “To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ... For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same.”


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

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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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Mass Intention for the Week

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

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

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

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

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

Monday, February 25 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
 Damian Huguette Paquette (Friends)

Tuesday, February 26 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
 Damian Mary “Barbara” Byrnes
(Betty Barisano & Elena Millstein)

Wednesday, February 20 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
 Damian Rita Grosser & William Grosser (Family)

Thursday, February 28 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
 Damian Dinis Leonardo (Wife & Family)

Friday, March 1 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
 Holy Souls in Purgatory
Especially Those Who Have
No One to Pray for Them

Saturday, March 2 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
 Damian Helen Gioscio (Son)

Saturday, March 2 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
 Damian Timothy Gilbert ~ 7th Anniversary
(Parents Elaine & Tom Gilbert)
 Damian Lucan Regan (Grandparents)

Sunday, March 3 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
 Damian Helen Roy (Husband & Family)

Sunday, March 3 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
 Damian Helen “Gram” & Jim “Pops” and
Their Sons Paul & James Peruccio (Family)

Sunday, March 3 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
 Damian George Grivois ~ 3rd Anniv. (Wife & Family)

PARISH SUPPORT
What We Collected (February 17): $7,173*
What We Collected (February 10): $6,549**
Parish School Collection: $1,849***

*Includes $585 received through our Online Giving program and $1,130 from mail-in offerings.

**Includes $685 received through our Online Giving program and $249 from mail-in offerings.

***Includes $135 received through our Online Giving program and $123 from mail-in offerings.

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

2020 MASS INTENTIONS
The 2020 Mass Book has arrived so we are now able to book Masses for 2020. If you would like to book a Mass in 2020, especially on a particular date, you are encouraged to call Bonnie at the parish office at 860-568-5240 at your earliest convenience. Masses are booked on a first come, first served basis.

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 Members of Our Parish Involved In Our Many Ministries

The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week

For God’s Blessings and Healing
For Someone Special

Please call the parish office to schedule a sanctuary lamp dedication. Suggested offering is $15.
FUND RAISING COMMITTEE
The newly-formed “Fund Raising Committee” for Saint Edmund Campion Parish will be holding a brainstorming meeting in the downstairs’ 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.

A PIN MINISTRY THANK YOU!
Thank you to all of you for helping our Parishioner In Need committee raise almost $900 at their annual bake sale held the weekend of February 9/10. Your assistance, whether by baking or buying or lending a helping hand, will continue to assist our parishioners in need throughout the year. PIN donation envelopes remain at the church entrances for those of you who wish to contribute throughout the year. We cannot cure all those in need, but we can care for them!

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE
In studying the effects of religion upon family relationships, researchers inform us hostility and prayer can’t coexist. You cannot be hostile toward someone for whom you are praying. Today’s gospel encourages us: “Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who treat you badly.” – Bud Ozar

HELP FOR A MOM IN NEED
A mom in our community is in need of a double stroller. If you have a double stroller you are no longer using or if you know someone who would be willing to donate one, please contact Deacon Phil at 860-568-5001 or at imagoose@comcast.net. Thanks!

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 due in by Monday, February 25 and are being taken 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.

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 this 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 ~ come when you can and bring a friend!

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.

Questions? Call Cathy and Brian at 860-633-3662.

DID YOU KNOW... that we have devotions every Wednesday night at the Saint Christopher campus (on Tuesdays during Lent)? If you are looking for quiet time with Our Lord and prayers to our Blessed Mother, then join us for our Wednesday Devotions. At 6:00 pm the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration followed by benediction at 6:50 pm. It is then followed by Novena Prayers of the Miraculous Medal of Our Lady. This prayerful time concludes with recitation of the Scriptural Rosary in which passages from the Bible help us to meditate on the Mysteries of Our Lord according to the liturgical season: the Joyful Mysteries during the weeks of Advent and Christmas, the Sorrowful Mysteries during Lent, the Glorious Mysteries during the weeks of Easter, and the Luminous Mysteries during Ordinary Time.

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.
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!

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.

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.

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.

QUOTE FROM FR. JOSEPH’S HOMILY
Father Joseph shared a quote written by Fr. Martin Obasi SSP during the homily he delivered a couple of weekend’s ago. Many people have requested a copy of it, so we thought it would be appropriate to publish it here.

“We live in a world where abortion is legalized, materialism is idolized, spirituality is verbalized, truth is minimized, sin is normalized, divorce is rationalized, sex is trivialized, the Bible is fictionalized, churches are satirized, God is imaginalized, the poor are dehumanized, immigrants are marginalized, the weak, sick, and old are ostracized, and even in our own families’ manners are uncivilized, our faith is secularized, and almost everything is commercialized, the call to Christian discipleship is compromised.”

– Fr. Martin Obasi SSP

ADULT BIBLE ADVENTURE
We will meet again this Wednesday, February 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel at the Saint Christopher campus. (The chapel is located inside the school building – a.k.a. the Parish Center, 580 Brewer Street). We will continue our journey in the Book of Job with chapter 19. All are welcome! Our group meets every other Wednesday from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Come when you can and bring your Bible! If you have any questions please contact Deacon Phil at 860-568-5001 or by e-mail at imgoose@comcast.net or Steve Cadwallader at 860-568-5477.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES SEASON!
Brownie/Junior Girls Scout Troop 10862 will be selling cookies after all Masses next weekend, March 2 and 3. The six core varieties are all $5 a box, and specialty cookies are $6 a box. You can also purchase boxes to be donated to our military troops overseas. Your purchase helps the troop earn money for troop events, Girl Scout summer camp and supports the girls as they strengthen their leadership skills and work to make a difference in the community.

WE ARE ON FACEBOOK!
Visit us today by searching Saint Edmund Campion Parish, East Hartford. Come join the 152 people who already follow us!
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, March 3 – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel, Jesus makes reference to our selective perception. We’re all too conscious of the sins of others but rarely conscious of our own. As His disciples, we must not focus on others’ faults until sin has been removed in our own lives.