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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St. Christopher School
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Audrey Cesana, Secretary
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PARISH SUPPORT

What We Collected (February 24): $6,920*

*Includes $565 received through our Online Giving program and $720 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish!

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

That All God’s People Draw Closer to Him During This Lenten Season

❖ The candle at the Saint Christopher campus burns this week

For Those Who Serve as Social Workers (In Recognition of National Social Work Month ~ March)

Please call the parish office to schedule a sanctuary lamp dedication. Suggested offering is $15.

MASS INTENTIONS

(continued from the previous column)

Sunday, March 10 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
❖ Eric Kesterson (Family)

Sunday, March 10 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
❖ Carmelo Ierna & The Deceased Members of the Buccheri and Ierna Families (Bill & Carmela Carpentieri & Family)

Saturday, March 10 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
❖ Kaitlin Saunders Derr ~ 7th Anniversary (Family)
ASH WEDNESDAY
Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation. It is, however, a day of universal fast and abstinence. Our schedule of services on Ash Wednesday, March 6, is as follows:

Masses
(Communion and the Distribution of Ashes)

Saint Christopher Campus
8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

Our Lady of Peace Campus
9:00 a.m.

Liturgy of the Word
(Distribution of Ashes – No Communion)

Saint Christopher Campus
12:15 p.m.

FAST & ABSTINENCE DURING LENT
Catholics, age 14 and older, are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays in Lent. The rule does not apply when health or ability to work would be impacted seriously. In addition to abstaining from meat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, but have not yet marked their 59th, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to individual needs, but together they should not equal another meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices are allowed.

CONFESSIONS DURING LENT
The Archdiocese of Hartford will once again sponsor its Lenten Confession Campaign. Monday will be “confession day” in every parish throughout the Archdiocese. Our priests will hear confessions every Monday during Lent from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Saint Christopher campus. For the times that other parishes are hearing confessions, please visit ConfessionMondays.com or contact the parish office at 860-568-5240 for assistance.

WE ARE ON FACEBOOK!
Visit us today by searching Saint Edmund Campion Parish, East Hartford. Come join the 158 people who already follow us!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Saint Christopher Council #4
Dinner tickets will be sold after all Masses this weekend, but a free Paczki will be given this weekend only after all Sunday Masses for every adult ticket sold for the dinners listed below:

Fish Dinner ~ Friday, 3/8 at 6:00 PM
Saint Christopher Church Hall
Stations of the Cross will immediately follow
Adults $8.00, Kids (age 6-12) $3.00
No tickets sold on 3/8 or at the door.
Proceeds to benefit the PIN Ministry

Corned Beef Dinner ~ Saturday, 3/16 at 5:00 PM
Saint Christopher School Gym
$12.50/Person
($15.00/Person on 3/16 or at the door;
Children under age 6 Free (limit 2/paid ticket)

Monthly Business Meetings
The local assembly and council will meet this Thursday, March 7, in the Saint Christopher church hall for their monthly business meetings at the following times:
6:30 PM – 4th Deg. Assembly Meeting
7:30 PM – Council Meeting

Membership Drive
If you’re interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in faith or obtaining exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. Saint Christopher Council #4 will conduct a membership drive after each Mass next weekend, March 9 and 10. Please consider joining our council. For more information, visit kofc.org or contact Tony Gesnaldo at 860- 508-1855. Seminarians, full-time college students and full-time military men can join for free and pay no dues.

† IN MEMORIUM †
Please pray for the following parishioners who passed on to eternal life during the month of February.

Rita Bernaische • Thomas Corbeil •
Anna Greene • Jean McNamara

“If Christ is my life, then death is my gain.”
– Philippians 1:21
SAINT CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL NEWS

Family Dinner Night
St. Christopher School is hosting a community event – a Pulled Pork Dinner – on Saturday, March 30 in our school’s gym, with doors opening at 5:00 p.m. Great food - Great company - Great fun! Adults are $12, Seniors $10, Children (5-12) $6 and children 4 and under are free. Maximum family charge for 2 Adults & Children is, $30. Menu to include pulled pork, macaroni & cheese, baked beans, corn, coleslaw, cornbread, hot and cold beverages and dessert items. 50/50 drawing and gift item drawings. Tickets will be available after all Masses on the weekends of March 16 & 17 and March 23 & 24. They will also be available at the door. For more information, please call Marie 860-836-5514 or send an e-mail to Danielle Vargas at stchrisdvargas@gmail.com.

Annual Gala & Auction
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 or you may contact the school office at 860-568-4100.

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 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.

SOUP & STATIONS
Join us for a sharing of simple soup and bread (with conversation and sharing with fellow parishioners) at 5:30 p.m. in the Saint Christopher campus church hall on the following Wednesday evenings: Mar. 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10. Stations of the Cross begins at 6:30 p.m. in the church. The young people from our parish school and religious education program will lead us once again in the Stations. Volunteers are needed to prepare soup and/or bread for each Wednesday. You may simply bring with you the item you wish to share on the Wednesday evening that works best for you. Soup and bread are all we will need. No desserts please.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Traditional Stations of the Cross will be led by Father Joseph on the following Friday evenings:

- March 8 (at Saint Christopher Church)
  Immediately following the Knight’s Fish Dinner
- March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12
  (at Our Lady of Peace Church)
  6:30 p.m.

We expect to hold our Living Stations dramatization on Good Friday, April 19, at the Saint Christopher Church. More information on that to follow.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONS MOVES TO TUESDAY NIGHT DURING LENT
Due to the Soup & Stations event being held on Wed. evenings during Lent, our Wednesday Night Devotions will move to the following Tuesday evenings: March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16. They will return to Wednesday evening beginning April 24.

BEST.LENT.EVER!
During this Lenten season, you have an opportunity to participate in a special kind of observance. It can be found free on the site: BestLentEver.com. This program is being sponsored by Dynamic Catholic and its founder Matthew Kelly, a motivational speaker and author. It’s free to sign up and every day during Lent you’ll receive in your e-mail short inspirational videos, practical tips, and a study guide to become the best-version-of-yourself, making this a truly life-changing Lent. What better way is there to observe this sacred time, all at your own convenience?
SAINT EDMUND CAMPION AWARD: This weekend we are pleased to present the Saint Edmund Campion Award to the following parishioners. These parishioners were nominated for contributing their time and talent for the betterment of parish life through their involvement in our parish’s programs and ministries and for providing service to the greater community.

Adult Award goes to Jackie Luizzi who is a dedicated member of our Consolation, Music and Counters ministries and is also an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion who brings communion and companionship to the homebound. Jackie also participates in parish outreach programs and is one of our devoted office volunteers who assists with parish mailings. Her joy comes from the pure act of helping.

Teen Award goes to Angelina DeDominicis who has been involved for many years in our Vacation Bible Camp program – first as a camper and then as a station volunteer. She was a prior member of our Children’s Choir and received the Sacrament of Confirmation this past September. Angelina is active in sports, band and peer leader programs at East Hartford High School and is an active Ambassador Girl Scout working towards her Gold Award.

A special Posthumous Award goes to Gene Dion for having served as a devoted evangelist of our Catholic faith throughout the Archdiocese of Hartford and the Dioceses of Bridgeport and Norwich and for his dedicated involvement in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Gene passed away in December. Well done, good and faithful servant.

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, March 10 – First Sunday of Lent

The Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil. Follow Jesus’ example and respond to temptation like he did.