First Sunday of Lent ~ March 10, 2019

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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Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Saturday, March 9 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
† Francis A. Ostrowski ~ 18th Anniversary
and Olga A. Ostrowski ~ 42nd Anniversary
(Family)

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)

Sunday, March 10 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
† Kaitlin Saunders Derr ~ 7th Anniversary
(Family)

Monday, March 11 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
† Daniel Cabral, Sr. (Sister, Maria Leonardo)

Tuesday, March 12 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
† Jose Figueiredo (Wife Maria)
† Manuel & Maria Machado (Daughter Maria)

Wednesday, March 13 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
† Antonio Leonardo (Wife & Family)

Thursday, March 14 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
† Mark Tardiff & Debbie Fallacaro (Family)

Friday, March 15 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
John Newman ~ 8th Anniversary
(Family)

Saturday, March 16 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
For the People of the Parish (Missa pro populo)

Saturday, March 16 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
† Deceased Members of the
Colbert & Sydor Families (Mary Alice Sydor)

Sunday, March 17 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
† Joseph Leonardo (Mom & Daughters)

Sunday, March 17 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
† Eugene “Gene” Dion (Elizabeth Fox)

Sunday, March 17 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
† Fred Schifer ~ 5th Anniversary (Wife & Family)

PARISH SUPPORT
What We Collected (March 3): $9,548 *
*Includes $1,295 received through our Online Giving
program and $1,724 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish!

PARISH SCHOOL SUPPORT
The second collection being taken up at all Masses
this weekend is the regular monthly collection
to support our parish school. Thank you!

SEASON OF LENT
As this season of Lent unfolds, let us take to heart
the words of Saint Paul in today’s second reading
and spend these forty days calling upon the name of
the Lord, and asking for forgiveness and healing.

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

Clark Holton-David Tierinni

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
couraged 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 Those Afflicted With Kidney Disease
(In Recognition of World Kidney Day: 3/14)

† The candle at the Saint Christopher campus
burns this week
For All Girl Scouts
(In Recognition of Girl Scout Week: 3/10 - 3/16)

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

PARISH COUNCIL CHRONICLE
The Parish Council meets again on Monday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Saint Christopher church hall. All are welcome to attend. If you have a concern you’d like to present to the Council, please contact me by March 12 so you can be added to the agenda.

The minutes from the November 2018 and January 2019 parish council meetings are now available on our website. Go to: stchris-eh.org/pcminutes.php

– Lori Brunette, Parish Council President
C: 860-655-9367 • H: 860-904-2116

CONFESSIONS DURING LENT
The Archdiocese of Hartford is once again sponsoring its Lenten Confession Campaign. Monday will be “confession day” in most parishes 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.

LIFE AFTER CONFIRMATION
The class for those who have been confirmed who are high school and college aged meets again this Sunday evening, March 10 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! Questions? Call Cathy and Brian at 860-633-3662 or visit stchris-eh.org/reled.php for more information.

ADULT BIBLE ADVENTURE
Time Change During Lent
We will meet again this Wednesday, March 13, right after Soup & Stations concludes, at about 7:00 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 are halfway through our journey in the Book of Job and we will begin with chapter 22. All are welcome! Our group meets every other Wednesday. 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.

SAINT EDMUND CAMPION
ADULT SOCIAL CLUB
Monday ~ March 18 ~ 12:00 Noon
Saint Christopher Church Hall
Be Irish for a day…wear your green and join in the fun. Corned beef or turkey sandwiches, chips, and desserts will be served, followed by some fun music by D.J. Ed. Killingbeck. We may even have a little bit of a sing-a-long and opportunities for dancing.

2019 dues of $15 are now due. If you have not yet paid them, please stop at the Membership table and we will be happy to register you for another year of fun, travel, and entertainment. If you need further information about our club and dues, please feel free to contact Mary Vaughan, our Membership Chairperson at 860-568-7601.

LIVING STATIONS
Our Living Stations dramatic presentation will be held Good Friday, April 19 at 7:30 pm in the Saint Christopher Church. There are numerous roles that you can assist with to assure that this longstanding tradition continues. You can be a reader or the narrator. For non-speaking parts, you can portray Simon, Veronica, a Roman soldier, Pontius Pilate, a weeping woman or one of various citizens of Jerusalem. We are excited to report that the roles of Jesus and Mary have already been filled for this year’s Living Stations! If you have any questions or wish to assist with this wonderful presentation, please contact Alice Gosselin or Deacon Phil at 860-568-5001. For e-mail communication, Alice’s address is alicegoz@comcast.net and Deacon Phil’s is imgoose@comcast.net. Thank you!
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Traditional Stations of the Cross will be led by Father Joseph at the Our Lady of Peace Church at 6:30 p.m. on the following Friday evenings: March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12. Our Living Stations dramatization will be presented on Good Friday, April 19, at the Saint Christopher Church. Please see the article on page 2 for more information.

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Wednesday Night Devotions Moves To Tuesday Night During Lent
Due to the Soup & Stations event being held on Wednesday 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.

Knights Of Columbus
St. Christopher Council #4
3/9-10 @ all Masses: 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. St. Christopher Council #4 is conducting a membership drive after each Mass this weekend. 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.

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)
To purchase tickets prior to 3/16, please contact Bob Falkevitz at 860-568-5452.

Saint Edmund Campion Award
Jackie Morera has been recognized for a Teen 2018 Saint Edmund Campion Award for her outstanding assistance and efforts in serving as the 2nd Grade Religious Education Aide for the past three years. Jackie has also taught the class and assists throughout the year with various 2nd Grade activities, such as Reconciliation/Retreat Day and First Communion. Jackie is a Junior at East Catholic High School in Manchester and received the Sacrament of Confirmation this past Spring. She has attended the March for Life in Washington D.C. and was the only student representing her school. She says, “It was a life changing experience to participate and stand up for the unborn”. Jackie has volunteered three summers for Vacation Bible Camp at Saint Edmund Campion and has assisted the director with bible lessons, activities, crafts and games. She has also volunteered for the Christmas Pageant performed by the religious education students. This past summer she attended four weeks of a Counselor in Training program at overnight Camp Jewell in Colebrook, CT. On November 25, 2018 Jackie was one of the recipients of the M. Louise Sweetland Scholarship. Congratulations Jackie!

Archbishop’s Annual Appeal
The 2019 Archbishop’s Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. Your support of this year’s Appeal ensures that essential charitable, educational and pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese are carried forward. If you would like to make a gift, kindly mail in your pledge card or make your gift online by visiting archdioceseofhartford.org. Appeal packets are available at the church entrances.

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.
**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 the weekends of March 16/17 and March 23/24. They will also be available at the door. Questions? Please call Marie 860-836-5514 or send an e-mail to Danielle Vargas at stchrisdvargas@gmail.com.

**Sunday**
- **First Sunday of Lent**
  - Deuteronomy 26: 4-10
  - Leviticus 19: 1-2, 11-18
  - Isaiah 55: 10-11
  - Jonah 3: 1-10
  - Esther C: 12, 14-16, 23-25
  - 1 Peter 5: 1-4
  - Deuteronomy 26: 16-19
  - Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18

  **Psalm 91: 1-2, 10-15**
  - Psalm 19: 8-10, 15
  - Psalm 34: 4-7, 16-19
  - Psalm 51: 3-4, 12-13, 18-19
  - Psalm 138: 1-3, 7c-8
  - Psalm 23: 1-3a, 4-6
  - Psalm 119: 1-2, 4-5, 7-8
  - Psalm 27: 1, 7-9, 13-14

  **Romans 10: 8-13**

  **Luke 4: 1-13**
  - Matthew 25: 31-46
  - Matthew 6: 7-15
  - Luke 11: 29-32
  - Matthew 7: 7-12
  - Matthew 16: 13-19
  - Matthew 5: 43-48

**School Registration**

Saint Christopher School is accepting registrations for the school year beginning in the Fall 2019. There are openings in PreK 3 through Grade 8. We offer small class sizes and a safe environment as well as a faith-based, rigorous academic program. Look at Saint Chris as an option for an excellent education for your child! Want to visit? Contact Mrs. Welch at 860-568-4100 or welchk@saintchristopherschool.org

**Annual Gala & Auction ~ April 27**

Featuring Scott Gay as Auctioneer!

This event includes wine and beer tastings, food trucks, and live music as well as silent and live auctions. Donations of auction items are now being accepted. Call 860-568-4100 for more information.

**LECTIO DIVINA & DAILY READINGS**

**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 17 – Second Sunday of Lent**

As with Abraham and Jesus, prayerful listening is our own “mountain” into the divine presence. Jesus always prays before the decisive moments and events in his life and mission, as well as before decisive moments involving his disciples. Can we imitate his trusting and humble commitment to his Father’s will?
ANNUAL REPORT 2018
SAINT EDMUND CAMPION PARISH, EAST HARTFORD

(The figures noted in the parentheses next to a few of the income categories are meant to show from where some of the money came. The figures in the parentheses next to a few of the expense categories are meant to show where some of the money was spent. These figures are not meant to add up to the total figure of those categories.)

INCOME:

- Offertory 478,279. (weekly & holy day collections: 434,949
  Parish Annual Appeal: 43,330)
- Investment Income 11,992. (interest from CDs: 11,631)
- Rental Income 1,900. (SC: 1,525, OLP: 375)
- Stole Fees 7,785. (funeral & wedding fees, baptismal offerings)
- Gifts & Donations 117,728. (bequest from Douglas Churchill: 111,909)
- Temporary Restricted Donations 29,348.
- Program & Event Revenues 42,388.
- Religious Education Fees 5,991.
- Candles 8,132.
- Flower Fund 4,187.
- Bulletin Income/Other 6,275.

TOTAL INCOME: 714,005.

EXPENSES:

- Salaries and Payroll Taxes 251,539. (clergy: 75,060, lay employees: 160,280)
- Employee Benefits 54,750.
- Contracted Services: 44,370. (snow removal: SC 8,820, OLP: 5,735,
  Blessed Sacrament: 2,885)
  (landscape maintenance: SC: 3,000,
  OLP: 11,540, Blessed Sacrament: 850)
- Utilities 68,569.
- Insurance 40,771.
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My dear parishioners,

I want to thank all of you who gave so generously in the year 2018. I was hoping to give you a comparison of the report with the previous year’s figures but, as you know, 2017 was a year of transition for us as three parishes were merged to become one, and it would have been an “apples and oranges” comparison since figures from the three individual parishes before the merger were included in the 2017 report. I can tell you that we had an increase in offertory donations for which I am most grateful. We also received a sizable bequest from the estate of Douglas Churchill. Please keep him in your prayers. The deficit was addressed by taking money out of savings.

In the coming weeks I’ll give you a full report of how the proceeds were handled when the properties at Blessed Sacrament Church were sold, i.e. investments, CD’s, savings, costs involved in clearing out the buildings, etc.

I want to thank the members of our Finance Council for sharing their knowledge and offering helpful advice. All three churches are represented on the Council and they work well together. A word of gratitude must also be extended to Dianne Rumsey who has served as the parish and school accountant for twenty-three years and is now preparing to retire. Thank you Dianne!

Now that the merging process has been completed, we can look forward to reaping its benefits as we continue working together to build a strong parish family. Saint Edmund Campion, pray for us. May God bless you all.

Father John Gwozdz, Pastor
This homework assignment by Mary Poirier, an 8th grade student at Saint Christopher School, was submitted for inclusion in our parish bulletin by our school's principal, Mrs. Welch. She believes you will enjoy reading it.

Mary Poirier
Grade 8 - Language Arts
Homework - Things I'm Sure About

1. Normal does not exist.
   It makes more sense the more you think about it. I am not the same as you, and you are not the same as me. No one in this world is the same as you or me. Even if you have a twin, your twin is not the same as you. If we are all different, then how can there be such a thing as normal? How can we fit in to society when we are insanely diverse and unique? To quote Dr. Seuss “Why try to fit in when you were born to stand out?” Just think about it a bit, and it will make sense to you.

2. The sun will come up every morning.
   This can be both literal and metaphorical, but the metaphorical meaning is more deep. No matter what happens, there will be a calm after the storm. No matter what happens, there will be sunshine after the clouds have blown away. Even if your life is falling apart, I can guarantee you that there will be one thing to make you smile. If there isn’t, then there really isn’t hope for us all, is there?

3. Chocolate helps with everything.
   I can’t stress this enough, and I think you can all agree with me. No further explanation is needed.

4. You must get the feelings out some point, or they might never be known.
   This one is hard. I’ve thought about this a lot. In our world, you never know when your end will come, and it’s scary to think about. That’s why writing is so important. Writing lives on. If you write all your feelings down somewhere, all the things that you want to tell people but might never, then even after you’re gone people can learn about you. They can learn about the you that only you know.

5. Accepting yourself will shield you from insults.
   No insults will hurt you if you are confident in yourself. This is hard to do. We all have our insecurities, or those little things about us that we try to hide. After all, we are only human. If you are sure of yourself though, and you know who you are and are okay with who you are, then the saying “Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me,” becomes true.

6. Anything can be accomplished with effort and a humorous, positive attitude.
   We all have goals in life. Hard work and effort are important in order to accomplish dreams, but what’s also really needed is a positive attitude. If a person is pessimistic all the time and complains when bad events happen, it will be very unlikely that they will accomplish their goals. Life is going to throw curveballs at you. You just need to laugh and smile as you swing the bat and try your best to hit them.

7. Hugs are the best medicine.
   I know this sounds cliché, but it really has a deeper meaning. To put it simply, hugs are a way of knowing that someone cares about you, and will be there for you. That reassurance is all you need when you are feeling down. That’s all.

8. It is best to always wear mismatching socks, unless you are trying to be professional.
   I won’t lie. I wear mismatching socks most days. The main thing about it is that it gives a sense of individuality. Be yourself. Wear the two separate socks that describe you. I’m serious.

9. You shouldn’t judge people by how they look or act on the outside.
   You will never know what is inside a person unless they tell you. Even then, they might be lying. Someone can seem perfectly fine on the outside, but inside they are falling apart. Most people won’t tell you all that is going on inside them. You shouldn’t judge because you just don’t know.

10. Love
    I don’t know where to start with this. Love is simply love, and it has no labels and no room for judgement. Love is simple and complicated and beautiful, but it is not perfect. Some of the most beautiful things have scars and scratches and rough edges. Most importantly though, is that love conquers all. If love is strong and real, then it can withstand anything and everything. As it says in Corinthians, chapter 13 verse 13, “So faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.”

Please turn over for information about an upcoming event being hosted by Saint Christopher School.
Join us for Paint Night!

Paint master will give step-by-step instructions for creating your own masterpiece, while socializing and enjoying BYO light snacks and drinks with friends!

Cost is $30 per person, which includes all supplies. 50% of the proceeds will go to St Christopher School!

Payments need to be submitted no later than Wednesday, March 21st.

~ When ~
Friday, March 22nd
6:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Socialize / Gather
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Painting

~ What ~
Painting of
Awakening of Spring Blossoms

~ Why ~
Enjoy an adult night out with family and friends, while getting in touch with your artistic side!

~ Who ~
Bring your friends, family and other parents to this fun night out!

~ Where ~
St. Christopher Church Hall

NAME ___________________________

TOTAL NUMBER OF PAINTERS _______________________

TOTAL ENCLOSED $ _______________________

Please make checks payable to: St. Chris HSA
Submit payment attention: “Paint Night”