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, April 6 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
† Witold & Cecylia Parys (Children)

Sunday, April 7 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
† Christopher Dolloph (Family)

Sunday, April 7 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
† Barbara DeRoehn (Family)

Sunday, April 7 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
† Deceased Members of the Abejar Family
Victorino, Rosario, Benjamen, Briccio, Arturo, Vincente, Elena, Cecelia, Maria and Romeo (Leonie Cumento & Family)

Monday, April 8 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
† Dinis Leonardo (Wife & Family)

Tuesday, April 9 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
† Frank Wroniak (Grandparents)

Wednesday, April 10 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
† Daniel Cabral, Sr. (Sister, Maria Leonardo)

Thursday, April 11 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
† David Amberg II (Margaret Leonard)

Friday, April 12 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
† Jose Maria & Evangelina Sousa (Family)

Saturday, April 13 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
† Barbara Pearl (Prayer Sharing Group)

Saturday, April 13 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
† André Charron (Wife)

Sunday, April 14 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
† Alicia Gonzalez ~ 1st Anniversary
† Vivienne Hope Renouf ~ 4th Anniversary (Family)

Sunday, April 14 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
† Mr. & Mrs. Aldei Boivin (Adrien Hebert & Family)

Sunday, April 14 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
† Beverly Connors (Dave & Chickie Amberg)

PARISH SUPPORT

What We Collected (March 31): $ 7,334*

*Includes $1,020 received through our Online Giving program and $339 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish!

COLLECTION ~ CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping Jesus in disguise. Your contributions, which totaled $2,063, make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it’s not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on the “How to Give” link on the left.

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

We are currently accepting monetary donations to help us purchase Easter lilies and other spring flowers that will decorate our churches this coming Easter season. If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one, please use the envelope provided in your envelope set or place your donation in a plain white envelope marked “Flower Fund” and include a note with your loved one’s name. If you would like to see your loved one’s name in the Easter Sunday bulletin, please return your envelope by next Sunday, April 14.

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 Church burns this week

For Survivors of Abuse ~
May They Experience God’s Profound Love for Them and Receive Comfort and Healing
(In Recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month ~ April)

† The candle at the Saint Christopher Church burns this week

In Loving Memory of
Joseph Chesery ~ 24th Anniversary
(Daughter Madeline & Sam Cassarino)
LIVING STATIONS
Volunteers Still Needed!
Our Living Stations dramatic presentation will be
held Good Friday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Saint
Christopher Church. There are numerous roles that
you can assist with to assure that this longstanding
tradition continues. There is a particular need for
folks to portray Simon, Veronica, Pontius Pilate
and a Roman soldier; these are nonspeaking
parts. You can also signup to be a reader. An
organizational meeting for all participants will be
held in Saint Christopher Church on Tuesday,
April 16 at 6:00 p.m. with dress rehearsal to
immediately follow. 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!
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Living Stations Choir
All those wishing to participate in singing for our
Living Stations presentation are asked to attend a
choir rehearsal on Tuesday, April 9 at 7:15 p.m.
in the Chapel (located in our Parish Center at
580 Brewer Street) and a dress rehearsal on Tuesday,
April 16 at 6:45 p.m. in Saint Christopher Church.
Please contact Toni Mintel at 860-569-7593.

CONFESSIONS DURING LENT
Monday is “Confession Day” in most parishes in our
Archdiocese. Our priests are hearing confessions at
the Saint Christopher campus every Monday during
Lent from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm (remaining dates are
April 8 & 15). Please visit ConfessionMondays.com,
for the times that other parishes in our area are
hearing confessions.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
The final traditional Stations of the Cross of this
Lenten season will be led by Father Joseph on
Friday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Our Lady of
Peace Church.

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

THANK YOU!
Last Saturday, March 30, we shared a lovely evening
of food and friendship at the Pulled Pork Dinner
which supported the students of Saint Christopher
School. Many thanks to the entire parish family who
participated in one way or another. From the
dedicated and tireless volunteers who helped set up,
clean up, worked in the kitchen, made the drawings a
success to those who attended the dinner. The
students of Saint Christopher School thank you for
helping to create these happy community events that
benefit them, the future of our Church.

ADULT BIBLE ADVENTURE
New Time During Lent
We will meet again this Wednesday, April 10, 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
continuing our journey in the Book of Job and we
will begin with chapter 29. 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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONS MOVES
TO TUESDAY NIGHT DURING LENT
Our Wednesday Night Devotions will be held this
Tuesday, April 9 beginning at 6:00 pm. This is the
last time during this Lenten season that they will be
held on Tuesday evening. They will return to their
regularly scheduled night on Wednesday, April 17.

SCHOOL BOARD OPENING
Could you please consider helping Saint Christopher
School in our vision to maintain a healthy and vibrant
Catholic school in East Hartford? Our School Board
is looking to fill a Board position. This Board is a
consultative board which is comprised of adults who
have a strong commitment to Catholic Education, as
well as an enthusiastic sense of community. The
Board’s main purpose is to lend thoughts, ideas and
solutions to the school administration. The Board
meets once a month in the evening at the school. If
you feel you can help us support this vital part of our
Catholic mission, please e-mail Marie Gallo-
Garabedian (’71) at garabedian@comcast.net for
more information. Thank you for your consideration!
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 church hall this Wednesday, April 10. This will be the last Soup & Stations of this Lenten season. 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 bring soup and/or bread. You may simply bring with you the item you wish to share. No desserts please.

ANTNUAL GALA & AUCTION
Saint Christopher School
Saturday ~ April 27 ~ 5:00 p.m.
This Annual Gala & Auction is being held to benefit the educational programs and opportunities for our students. This year’s Gala, which is held at our school, will offer savory food from Pagani’s Catering as well as pizza, cupcake and ice cream trucks, pig roast, wine, beer and soda tastings, live music and fantastic items to bid on in both the silent and live auctions, featuring Scott Gay as Auctioneer! All this for $40 (single) and $65 (couple - sweethearts or friends). Senior pricing is $35 (single) or $60 (couple). You can make your reservation today by using the Auction Reservations link on the school’s website: saintchristopherschool.org or you may contact the school office at 860-568-4100.

LIFE AFTER CONFIRMATION
The class for those who have been confirmed who are high school and college aged meets again this Sunday evening, April 7, 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! Call or text Cathy and Brian at 860-796-0165 or visit stchris-eh.org/reled.php for more information.

SAINT EDMUND CAMPION SOCIAL CLUB
Monday ~ April 15 ~ 1:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Peace Hall ~ 370 May Road
Because we are meeting on the Monday of Holy Week, we will be showing a video of a moving musical Passion Play entitled “His Last Days.” We have decided to meet at the OLOP hall because we are able to make the room darker to improve your viewing experience. After the video, we will have our usual refreshments. Don’t miss this opportunity to enhance your Lenten journey.

ARCHBISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL
It is important that when you give to any charitable organization you are confident that the funds received are being used wisely. All funds contributed to the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal are exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found and reviewed at https://archdioceseofhartford.org/aaa-2019-last-years-appeal-impact/. Please prayerfully considering supporting this year’s Appeal.

HOMEFRONT IS COMING SOON
HomeFront Day, a community outreach program and one-day repair blitz for a neighbor in need, will be held on Saturday, May 4 from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm. Saint Edmund Campion Parish is now forming a crew to perform necessary home repairs with the materials supplied by the HomeFront organization. There are many ways to get involved. We need skilled persons such as carpenters, electricians, plumbers, painters, but we also need folks who can do common homeowner tasks such as raking, painting, pulling weeds, mowing the lawn, cleaning, etc. We can make a difference but it won’t happen without you. Please say YES! For more information or to volunteer, please call Deacon Phil, 860-568-5001 or by e-mail at imgoose@comcast.net.
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, April 14 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Palm Sunday is the overture to Holy Week. The procession with palms celebrates Jesus’ coming into Jerusalem and his acclamation by the people for his miracles and teaching. But we are quickly reminded by Isaiah and St. Paul’s Letter to the Philippians that Jesus’ real victory was his self-giving on the cross to open for us the way to the Father. We must pray for the grace to follow in his path.