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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Audrey Cesana, Secretary
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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 20 – 8:00 p.m. (SC)
♀ For the People of the Parish

Sunday, April 21 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
♀ Joseph Leonardo (Mom & Daughters)

Sunday, April 21 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
♀ Geoffrey Callahan ~ 5th Anniversary (Family)

Sunday, April 21 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
♀ Gerard Trepanier (Nephew Renaud Laprise)

Monday, April 22 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
♀ Dr. Wilcelia Queiroz (Vania Clark)

Tuesday, April 23 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
♀ Dinis Leonardo (Wife & Family)

Wednesday, April 24 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
♀ John & Louise Olinatz (Children)

Thursday, April 25 – 8:00 a.m.(SC)
♀ David Amber II (Marie McConnell)

Friday, April 26 – 9:00 a.m.(OLOP)
♀ Deceased Members of Our Lady of Lourdes Mothers’ Circle (Current Members)

Saturday, April 27 – 9:00 a.m.(OLOP)
♀ For the People of the Parish (Missa pro populo)

Saturday, April 27 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
♀ Jim White (Family)

Sunday, April 28 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
♀ Edwin Guerette (Family)

Sunday, April 28 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
♀ Donald Roberge (Hank & Cathie Grejdus)

Sunday, April 28 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
♀ Msgr. Daniel F. Colbert
In Remembrance of His Ordination (The Sydor & Gallery Families)

PARISH SUPPORT
What We Collected (April 7): $7,240*
*Includes $885 received through our Online Giving program and $375 from mail-in offerings.

Due to the early transmission deadline for this bulletin, the Palm Sunday collection will be reported in next weekend’s bulletin.

Thank you for your support of our parish!

EASTER COLLECTIONS
We will be taking up two collections at all our Masses this weekend – our regular weekend collection and then a collection for those who wish to make an Easter Gift to the parish. Thank you!

EASTER PRAYER
Dear Lord Jesus Christ, by Your radiant and magnificent resurrection, You broke the bonds of death and rose from the grave as a conqueror. You reconciled Heaven and earth. Our life had no hope of eternal happiness before You redeemed us. Your resurrection has washed away our sins, restored our innocence, and brought us joy. How inestimable is the tenderness of Your love! — Saint Gregory the Great

Father John, Father Joseph, Deacon Bill, Deacon Phil and the entire parish staff wish you a blessed Easter season!

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 All Who Have Died ~ May They Share the Lord’s Victory Over Death and Live Forever in the Peace of Jesus
♀ The candle at the Saint Christopher Church burns this week
In Loving Memory of Bernard Casey ~ 12th Anniversary (Wife & Family)
SUMMER VACATION BIBLE CAMP
This year’s Summer Vacation Bible Camp program will be held at our Saint Christopher campus, July 8 - 12, from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon each day. Registration information will be published in our parish bulletin in the coming weeks. Please plan to join us and mark your calendar!

THURSDAY PRAYER SHARING GROUP
Our Thursday Prayer Sharing Group has been on a winter hiatus. This group will not resume meeting on Thursday, April 25. Please watch the parish bulletin for the date when this group will begin meeting again.

ADULT BIBLE ADVENTURE
We will meet again this Wednesday, April 24, 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 and we will begin with chapter 32. Our study of this book has provided many insights. The black and white idea that good things happen to good people and bad things happen to bad people is challenged. We see an increasing awareness of an afterlife and this awareness provides the extended vision needed to provide understanding that all justice is not fulfilled during our earthly journey. 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.

ANNUAL 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 - sweethearts or friends). You can make your reservation today by using the Auction Reservations link on the school’s website: saintchristopherschool.org, the reservation form found at the church entrances or you may contact the school office at 860-568-4100.

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.
COMING SOON... SAINT EDMUND CAMPION PARISH PICTORIAL
We’d like YOU to be in our Pictorial!
Sign-ups after all Masses the weekends of April 27/28 and May 4/5. Choose the date, time and location that is most convenient for you. Appointment times are filled on a first come, first served basis.

Photo Shoot Schedule
Thursday, May 9: 2:00 pm - 9:00 pm (SC Campus)
Friday, May 10: 2:00 pm - 9:00 pm (SC Campus)
Saturday, May 11: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm (SC Campus) CANCELLED
Monday, May 13: 2:00 pm - 9:00 pm (OLOP Campus)
Tuesday, May 14: 2:00 pm - 9:00 pm (OLOP Campus)

Benefits of Participating
· Professional photography session
· Modern, on-trend photography
· Complimentary 8x10 photograph
· Opportunity to purchase additional products
· Senior and military discounts available
· Complimentary printed pictorial

This opportunity comes to you free of charge!
You are under no obligation to purchase additional products. Make your appointment as soon as possible to get your free 8x10 photograph and to be included in the Saint Edmund Campion Parish Pictorial.

PICTORIAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
We are in need of volunteers to work the registration table and help to sign-in families during our scheduled photo sessions. You will be asked to volunteer for a two-hour shift on any of the scheduled dates (please see the photo shoot schedule above). If you are interested and willing to help, please contact Lori Brunette at 860-655-9367.

OPEN HOUSE
Saint Christopher School will hold an Open House on Thursday, April 25, from 5:30-7:00 pm. All interested families are welcome! Please contact our school’s principal, Kathleen Welch, for more info: welchk@saintchristopherschool.org or 860-568-4100.

OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS
A representative from the Holy Land will be visiting our parish next weekend, April 27/28 to sell olive wood carvings. For centuries, the Christians of Bethlehem have earned a living by carving olive wood religious articles. Your purchase will help the Christians in the Holy Land to maintain both their livelihood and their ancestral homes in the land of Christ. Please stop by to support their efforts.

LIFE AFTER CONFIRMATION
The class for those who have been confirmed who are high school and college aged meets again on Sunday evening, April 28. (Note: we have moved the date up a week from April 21 so we can spend Easter Sunday with our families.) We meet 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 Hartley at 860-796-0165 for more information or visit http://stchris-eh.org/LifeAfterConfirmation.pdf.

MARIAN GARDEN
Now is the perfect time to order your slab or brick to be incorporated into our Marian Garden. The Marian Garden was initiated in 2015 as a project to commemorate Saint Christopher Church’s 50th Anniversary and to create a permanent legacy that helps celebrate those who have brought us to this great moment in our history and to provide space to recognize and celebrate those who will be part of our future. Messages can memorialize a loved one, honor someone special, commemorate an event (i.e., baptism, First Communion, graduation, anniversary) or can simply be your name as a supporter of the garden. Donation levels begin at $50. For more information or to place your order, please call the parish office at 860-568-5240 or visit stchris-eh.org/mariangarden.php.

St. Christopher Church Hall
Friday ~ May 3, 2019
1:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Call 1-800-Red Cross to make an app’t.

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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.

ARCHBISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL
The Archbishop’s Annual Appeal provides help to those in need! Together, we can and do make a profound difference in the lives of many individuals and families, in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. Please consider supporting this important initiative. If you did not receive an Appeal packet at your home, extras are available at the church entrances. 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/.

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.”

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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 28 – Second Sunday of Easter
We hear in the Gospel how Thomas wanted ‘proof’ and would not accept the word of his friends about the Risen Lord. The fact is that we all learn about the Risen Lord in the midst of His faith community. Yet Thomas was absent from the community, a cause of his problem. That in itself is a lesson for us. If we do not gather with the believing community and listen to God’s inspired word, sharing our faith lives, then our faith will grow weak and fragile from lack of community support. Remember: when Thomas came back into his faith community, his problem of a weak faith was resolved.
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead, and in Him we too are born to a new and indestructible life. To Him be glory and praise forever!

During this Easter season, we are called to recognize the depth of God’s love and mercy revealed in Christ’s sacrifice on the Cross and poured out for us in the sacramental life of the Church, especially in Baptism and the Holy Eucharist.

Just as the Apostles, seeing the Risen Christ, were moved from despair to rejoicing, we too are filled with the joy that he promised, a joy that this world can neither give nor take away. Easter assures us that even amid the trials and turmoil of life, an unconquerable love reigns supreme. We have only to remain steadfast by doing our daily best to follow Christ with faith, hope and love, by a life of fidelity and virtue, of sacramental practice and prayer.

It is in response to divine love that we rejoice as brothers and sisters today, no longer scattered and divided by sin, but united as one Body in Christ. And as one Body we proclaim the Easter gospel for the salvation of the world. When the Risen Christ appeared to his disciples, he lovingly declared, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you” (John 20:21). Today it is we who are being sent into the world with the good news of Easter, joining our voices to those of the first disciples in proclaiming, “The Lord is risen!” to our families and friends, our neighbors and coworkers, “He is truly risen!”.

May the peace of the Risen Christ be with you always, and may the great joy of Easter fill your hearts in this season and throughout the year. Alleluia!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair
Archbishop of Hartford
The Easter flowers that decorate our churches were donated by gracious parishioners in memory of these loved ones who will be remembered in the Masses during the Easter season. May God grant them eternal life.