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 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)

Monday, April 29 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)  
♂ Special Intention

Tuesday, April 30 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)  
♂ David Amberg II  
(Members of Prayer Shawl Ministry)

Wednesday, May 1 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)  
♂ Jose Maria & Evangelina Sousa (Family)

Thursday, May 2 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)  
♂ Marion Raiche (Dorothy Clark)

Friday, May 3 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)  
♂ Joaquim Cunha (Daughter)

Saturday, May 4 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)  
♂ Alexina Ahlers (Daughter)

Saturday, May 4 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)  
♂ Alice Begin ~ 33rd Anniversary  
(Family)

Sunday, May 5 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)  
♂ Catherine Moran (Family)

Sunday, May 5 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)  
♂ Nanette Anctil (Hank & Cathie Grejdus)

Sunday, May 5 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)  
♂ Joseph & Cathy Maslona  
(Veronica Maslona & Family)

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**PARISH SUPPORT**

Easter Collection (April 21): $12,569*  
*Includes $645 received through our Online Giving program and $184 from mail-in offerings.

Palm Sunday Collection (April 14): $7,062**  
**Includes $710 received through our Online Giving program and $330 from mail-in offerings.

Monthly School Collection (April 14): $2,156***  
***Includes $145 received through our Online Giving program and $253 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish community!

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**HOMEFRONT COLLECTION**

Next weekend, May 4/5, we will be taking up a second collection at all Masses. This collection will help our parish with the required team sponsorship contribution that helps make HomeFront possible.  
(See article on page 2 for information about this year’s HomeFront project.)

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**LIVING GOD’S WORD**

We all struggle with believing. We all doubt; it is the essence of faith. The difference is in where we look for renewed strength and reaffirmed faith. For some the thermometer or measuring stick is the calm of life. For others it is our wounded helplessness that we come to faith simply because we recognize that the new life that comes is not our doing.

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**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  
In Loving Memory of  
Fran Macchi & Jim Arnold  
(Family)

♂ The candle at the Saint Christopher Church burns this week  
In Memory of David Amberg II  
(Joe Martocci & Jean Nowik)
PLEASE HELP…
HOMEFRONT DAY IS COMING!
HomeFront Day is Saturday, May 4, from 7:00 am to about 4:00 pm. HomeFront is a community outreach for a neighbor in need. Saint Edmund Campion Parish is forming a crew to perform the necessary home repairs and the HomeFront organization provides the materials. The typical HomeFront recipient is elderly, disabled or a single parent and their total household income must qualify as low-income within their community.

We have been partnered with our HomeFront recipient for this year; an East Hartford single mom. We need to assemble our team so that we can assist her with as many of the needs of her house and property as possible. Some of the tasks we can tend to for our neighbor in need are as follows:

• Replace interior doors
• Replace toilet fill valve
• Upgrade kitchen cabinets
• Install bathroom vanity
• Paint some rooms/hallways
• Update some electrical outlets
• Install water heater (natural gas)
• Remove tree trunk, rake and do general cleanup
• Finish assembly of wood shed
• Power wash back of house
• Landscape the property
• Replace the boiler (natural gas) which is very old
• Repair small section of floor in bedroom which is rotted
• Modify drop ceiling in basement to allow for the full opening of a door

IMPORTANT
HOMEFRONT VOLUNTEER MEETING!
Tuesday, April 30 ~ 6:30 p.m.
Saint Christopher Church Hall

All those who plan to volunteer on HomeFront Day are asked to attend this meeting to help plan for the big day.

We can make a difference, but it won’t happen without you. Please say YES! For more information or to volunteer, please contact Deacon Phil at 860-568-5001 or by e-mail at imgoose@comcast.net.

OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS – Postponed
Due to a death in the family, the representative from the Holy Land is not able to be here this weekend to sell olive wood carvings. We will publish the new date when it is determined.

PARISH COUNCIL CHRONICLE
We are looking for volunteers to help clean out the Our Lady Of Peace Rectory. More information on day and time to come. If you are interested and willing to help with this project, please call Lori Brunette at 860-904-2116. Thank you!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Saint Christopher Council #4
The local assembly and council will meet this Thursday, May 2, 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

Both meetings will present a slate of officers for the coming year. If you are interested in becoming an officer in either organization, please contact the appropriate chairman:

Assembly: Justin Paulin, 860-904-0940
Council: Ray Simeone, 860-218-0002

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. For more information, visit kofc.org

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!

St. Christopher Church Hall
Friday ~ May 3, 2019
1:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Call 1-800-Red Cross to make an app’t.
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 on page 4). If you are interested and willing to help, please contact Lori Brunette at 860-904-2116.

THE LIVING ROSARY
The Living Rosary, Novena of the Miraculous Medal and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Monday, May 6, at 7:00 p.m. at the Saint Paul Church, 2577 Main Street, Glastonbury. As each bead of the rosary is prayed, a candle is lit forming the shape of a rosary around the church. Children are welcome with their parents. Please join us for this inspirational and prayerful evening. Refreshments will follow.

SAINT EDMUND CAMPION
SOCIAL CLUB TRIPS
We invite you and your family and friends to join our members on the following trips:

May 21, 2019: Day trip to Chez Josef, Agawam, MA for lunch and a tribute to the Carpenters entitled “We’ve Only Just Begun.”

Sept. 4-6, 2019: 3-day trip to Ogunquit, Maine, lobster bake, Ogunquit Playhouse, and many other activities.

October 28-31: 4-day trip to Quebec & Montreal, St. Anne De Beaupre, St. Joseph Oratory, sightseeing and more.

November 19-21: 3-day trip to Lancaster to Sights & Sounds Theater to see “The Miracle of Christmas,” a show “Joy to the World” at the American Music Theater, meal in an Amish home, and more.

For more information, please contact Joan or Frank Perrone at 860-568-6229

ARCHBISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL
Thank you to the parish families who have already made a gift or pledge commitment to the 2019 Archbishop’s Annual Appeal. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please consider prayerfully supporting the many “Good Works” of the Archdiocese. Every gift will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated.

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. 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 generally 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 info or visit http://stchris-eh.org/LifeAfterConfirmation.pdf.

PIN PLANS A TAILGATE TAG SALE!
Spring cleaning time is here! The Parishioner in Need Committee (PIN) is planning to hold its first Tailgate Tag Sale in June (tentative date is Saturday, June 22 – 9am-2pm). Please consider serving on the planning committee for this first-time event and/or renting a spot in our church parking lot (Saint Christopher campus). Rental proceeds will help PIN to continue to assist parishioners in need. So everybody… this is a great opportunity to simplify your life by selling stuff while serving others. If you’re interested in serving on the planning committee and/or in renting a spot ($25), please call Toni Mintel at 860-569-7593. More details to follow. Thank you for your continued support of PIN.

PASTA DINNER
South Church, 1301 Forbes Street, East Hartford, will be holding their annual Pasta Dinner fundraiser on Saturday, May 11 at 6:00 p.m. Ticket prices are $10/adults, $5/children ages 4-12, and free for children 3 and under. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

HARTFORD POLISH SATURDAY SCHOOL
The Hartford Polish Saturday School will be hosting an Open House during class time on Saturday, May 11, from 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (35 Groton Street in Hartford). We offer a great program for 4-year olds (Pre-K4) through 8th grade as well as Polish as a Second Language class. Come visit us, learn more about our program and meet our dedicated teachers. Visit us at www.polskaszkolahartford.com or call 860-922-5676 for more information.

TONY MELENDEZ CONCERT
Friday ~ October 4 ~ 7:00 PM
Saint Christopher Church
tonymelendez.com
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.

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, May 5 – Third Sunday of Easter

The Church – that’s you and me – is the seed for establishing the Kingdom of God; what have you been doing with your seed? The presence of Christ continues in his disciples, his mystical body. Does the Body of Christ suffer because you are withholding the gifts from them that they need? Am I willing to “get my feet wet” for the sake of the kingdom?