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
Resumes on May 9, 2019 - 6:30PM
(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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Third Sunday of Easter ~ May 5, 2019

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

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

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

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

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

**Sunday, May 5 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)**  
 Ро Joseph & Cassie Maslona  
*(Veronica Maslona & Family)*

**Monday, May 6 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)**  
 Special Intention *(Joel Rivera)*

**Tuesday, May 7 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)**  
 Ро Evangelista Milheiro ~ 1st Anniversary  
*(Wife & Son)*

**Wednesday, May 8 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)**  
 Ро John & Louise Olinatz *(Children)*

**Thursday, May 9 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)**  
 Ро David Amberg II *(Tony & Maria Sousa)*

**Friday, May 10 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)**  
 Ро Dinis Leonardo *(Wife & Family)*

**Saturday, May 11 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)**  
 Ро Moses & Genevieve Jordan *(Family)*

**Saturday, May 11 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)**  
 Ро Scott Hatje  
*(Your Loving Mom, Brother & Family)*  
 Ро Alice Scotello  
*(Your Loving Daughters & Family)*

**Sunday, May 12 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)**  
 Ро Frank Wroniak  
*In Remembrance of His Birthday (Grandparents)*

**Sunday, May 12 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)**  
 Ро Lillian & Enrico Genga *(Elaine & Henry Genga)*

**Sunday, May 12 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)**  
 Happy 99th Birthday Mary Harden *(Family)*

**PARISH SUPPORT**

What We Collected (April 28): $7,419*  
*Includes $740 received through our Online Giving program and $1,180 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish!

**HOMEFRONT COLLECTION**

This weekend we will be taking up a second collection at all Masses. This collection will help our parish with the required team sponsorship contribution that helped make this year’s HomeFront project possible.

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

The Gospel today sees Peter and his colleagues after the Resurrection, returning to Galilee and resuming the family business. They are fishing by night. Although it is true that fish feed by night, the mention of darkness here is more about the human spirit than it is about fishing advice. Modern life keeps darkness effectively under control; much of the world has been glowing radiantly through the night for a century. Yet just as surely as the Risen Christ breaks into Peter’s fishing, so does he break into the usual patterns of our own darkness, electric lights notwithstanding. It is Easter, and we are the people of the light.

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

The lamps beside our church’s tabernacles remind us of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

 Ро The light at the Our Lady of Peace Church burns this week  
*For All Teachers*  
*(In Recognition of Teacher Appreciation Week)*

 Ро The candle at the Saint Christopher Church burns this week  
*In Loving Memory of*  
Scott Hatje *(Beloved Son)* and  
Alice Scotello *(Beloved Mother)*  
*(Anita Hatje & Family)*

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

Dear friends,

It has come to my attention that someone out there is messaging people using the names of priests to ask for a favor. I was one of those priests. The scam text reads as follows:

*I need a favor from you, text me back as soon as you get this message. Many Blessings. Fr. John Gwodz* (The misspelling of my name is a sure sign that it is not from me).

If you respond, you get this message:

*Thank you for your response. I would love to call you but I’m currently in a pressing meeting. I need to get Google play gift cards today for some women going through cancer at the hospital but I can’t do this because of my busy schedule. Can you please get it from any store around you now?*

I would never send such a message. I am authorized to request money only with permission of the archbishop for parish purposes and I would never use the internet or cell messaging to do so. If I were to raise money, it would first be announced in the parish bulletin.

Sometimes I get messages like this on my e-mail and I ignore them. They usually begin by saying “Look at this,” or “Check this out,” or “I need a favor from you.” I would never use such vague phrases as a title for a message.

Please be careful!

Father John

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.

ADULT BIBLE ADVENTURE

We will meet again this Wednesday, May 8, 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 are continuing our journey in the Book of Job and we will begin with chapter 35. Spending these two hours every other week with God’s word and with the wonderful people that are able to attend has been a deepening experience of God’s love for us and for each other. We should be completing Job soon and will be choosing our next book as a group shortly. Please join us! All are welcome! Our group typically meets every other Wednesday from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. 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.

PRAYER/SHARING GROUP

Our Prayer/Sharing Group will begin meeting again this Thursday, May 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Our Lady of Peace church hall. All members of Saint Edmund Campion Parish and friends are invited to attend. Please join us for an evening of Prayer, Song, Scripture Sharing and Friendship. Refreshments follow each meeting and all are welcome to stay. We meet every Thursday evening with the exception of holydays and holidays. For more information, please call Phyl Tyrseck 860-568-3855, Barbara Veci 860-568-2701, Pat Roberge 860-568-5777, Barbara Hanson 860-965-9162 or Leo Forte 860-568-7383.

PARISH COUNCIL CHRONICLE

Our Parish Council will meet again on Wednesday, May 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Our Lady of Peace church hall. This meeting is open to all parishioners. If you would like to be put on the agenda for any reason, please contact Lori Brunette at 860-904-2116 by May 17. 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!

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!
SAVE THE DATE!

“Summer Kickoff – International Day”
Sunday, June 2 ~ 1:00 p.m.
Saint Christopher Church Hall
A social event for all members of the Saint Edmund Campion Parish will be held on Sunday, June 2 beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Saint Christopher church hall. The theme for our social will be “Summer Kickoff – International Day”. Please bring your favorite hot or warm potluck dish to share. We are also requesting contributions of cold cuts, salads, drinks and desserts. Come and enjoy a great afternoon of food and conversation with fellow parishioners. If you are planning to participate, please contact Leo Forte at fortela1026@gmail.com or at 860-568-7383 with the item(s) you plan to share. We hope to see you there!

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!
Thank you to all the parishioners who supported our Annual Gala & Auction last weekend! We appreciated all of the donations and enjoyed seeing you at the event. Thank you, as well, for being patient in the busy parking lot on the night of the event. It was quite a success!
– Staff and Students of Saint Christopher School

PASTA DINNER & TALENT SHOW
Saint Christopher School is holding their annual Dinner & Talent Show in the school gym on Saturday, May 18. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and a pasta dinner (pasta, meatballs, salad, bread, dessert and hot/cold drinks) will be served at 5:30 p.m. Immediately following the dinner at 6:30 p.m., students of our parish school will showcase their talent. Tickets can be purchased this weekend and next weekend after all Masses. Ticket prices are $12 adults; $10 seniors; $6 children 5-12; free for children 4 and under. Max family price is $30.

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SAINT EDMUND CAMPION SOCIAL CLUB TRIPS
We invite you and your family and friends to join our members on the following upcoming trip:
May 21, 2019: Day trip to Chez Josef, Agawam, MA for lunch and a tribute to the Carpenters entitled “We’ve Only Just Begun.”
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.

CONGRATULATIONS ST. CHRIS STUDENTS!
These students were recently inducted into the Pacem in Terris chapter of the National Junior Honor Society: Marylyn Afoakwa-Abrokwa, Alyssa Cook, Kelsey Kowal, Gianna McKeone, Peter Melnikov, Victoria Ojide, Juliana Rosario and Anjolie Truong. These students continually demonstrate excellence in academics, service, leadership, citizenship and character. They join veteran members Emma Lindsay, Jonathan Marquez, Jack Mitchell, Kendra Obrycki, Richard Oliveira, and Mary Poirier.
SAINT EDMUND CAMPION PARISH PICTORIAL

We’d like YOU to be in our Pictorial!

Last Chance to Sign Up After All Masses This Weekend!

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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Reflection for Next Sunday, May 12 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

The image of Jesus as Good Shepherd and the community of followers as his sheep has endured over the centuries as a primary image in our faith tradition. Its power to describe the relationship between Jesus and his followers transcends direct experience with sheep. The image speaks to us about the protection, security, and care that shepherds represent for their sheep.