Jesus said, “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”

John 10:27

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF Easter**

**MAY 12, 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

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**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**

(Our Lady of Peace Campus)

6:30 pm

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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PARISH SUPPORT
What We Collected (May 5): $ 15,072*
*Includes $1,175 received through our Online Giving program, $965 from mail-in offerings and one family’s biannual contribution of $6,295.

Thank you for your support of our parish!

HOMEFRONT COLLECTION
Thank you for your generous response to last weekend’s HomeFront collection. Your donations, which totaled $2,613, helped to make this year’s HomeFront project a success for one of our neighbors in need.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN
Next weekend we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, here and around the world, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the funds we collect remain in our Archdiocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message by supporting this collection. To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.

GOSPEL REFLECTION
As Christian stewards, we know we can put our faith and trust in Jesus, the Good Shepherd. His ultimate gift to us is eternal salvation for those who listen to and follow Him.

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

‡ The candle at the Saint Christopher Church burns this week

In Loving Memory of
Meghan O’Connor
(Joe Martocci & Jean Nowik)

Please call the parish office to schedule a sanctuary lamp dedication. Suggested offering is $15.
PRAYER FOR MOTHER’S DAY
Thank you God for all mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, and those who are like mothers to us. We ask for your blessing on those mothers living and not living and for mothers to be. We pray they always turn to you in times of joy and sorrow and that they continue to be a source of strength in leading us to you. May all mothers know your loving and gentle presence. Amen. Happy Mother’s Day!

BABY BOTTLES FOR BIRTHRIGHT
Baby bottles will be available after all Masses this weekend. Please plan to take a bottle home, fill it with your spare change (cash or a check) and return it by Sunday, June 2. This is an opportunity for the Saint Edmund Campion Parish community to have hands-on involvement in a project that helps save the lives of unborn children and makes a difference in their mothers’ lives, too.

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: Polish, Portuguese, Canadian, Italian, Ghanaian, Nigerian, etc. 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!

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. 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.

PRAYER/SHARING GROUP
Our Prayer/Sharing Group will meet again this Thursday, May 16 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. This week we will be looking at the life of Saint Mary Magdalene. 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.

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.

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!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
Our Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet again this Monday, May 13 at 12:00 noon. This will be their last meeting before they break for the summer. If you or someone you know could benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, please contact Santa Vallone at 860-568-7383. They have many shawls ready to be given to anyone who is seeking one for comfort and solace, as well as in celebration and joy.

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

Matthew Leo Merrick
Giovanna Marie Proia
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Msgr. Thomas Drennan #1571 Assembly 4th Degree

The assembly is holding a raffle for a $500 lawnmower gift certificate and the winning ticket will be drawn at the same time as the elections mentioned below.

The following candidates have been proposed for assembly office for the 2019 – 2020 term:

- Navigator: Scott Gay
- Friar: Rev. John Gwozdz
- Admiral: Ernest Mintel
- Captain: Stephen Sam
- Pilot: Felix Mensah
- Comptroller: Robert Falkevitz
- Scribe: Godwin Gyan
- Purser: Alex Ennim-Kofi
- Inner Sentinel: Frederick Kyeremeh
- Outer Sentinel: Rodney Libert

If any member wishing to hold any of these offices should contact Justin Paulin, 860-904-0940 as elections will be held June 6 at 6:30 p.m.

The assembly members are requested to meet at the Hockanum Cemetery on Saturday, May 18 at 8:00 a.m. to place flags on veterans’ graves. Bring a long screwdriver to make a place for the flags which are provided by the town. The Old South Cemetery will be serviced also.

**SAVERS COLLECTION DAY**

Saint Christopher School will hold a Savers Collection of gently used clothing and household goods on Sunday, May 19 from 9-12. Contributions can be dropped off at the school from May 15-17 between 8-3pm as well as on the morning of May 19. Thank you for your support of our parish school!

**SAINT EDMUND CAMPION SOCIAL CLUB**

Monday ~ May 20 ~ 1:00 p.m.

Saint Christopher Church Hall

Join us for some exciting games of Concentration (postponed from a previous meeting). Have lots of fun competing with your fellow members to solve the puzzles. We understand that there are some “pros” among us. Hope you’re lucky enough to have them at your table! For more information about the Social Club, please contact Joan or Frank Perrone at 860-568-6229.

**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.

**ARCHBISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL**

Please prayerfully consider supporting this year’s Archbishop’s Annual Appeal today by visiting https://archdioceseofhartford.org/.
A LIVING STATIONS THANK YOU!

Our Living Stations’ dramatic presentation was a wonderful experience for all involved. I want to thank Father John and Father Joseph for supporting the event. Thank you to Alice Gosselin for helping to coordinate the presentation! Thank you to Bonnie Szalay for all her efforts behind the scenes as well as singing with the choir and being a reader. Thanks to our other readers: Sheila DeLaura, Leo Forte (who also sang), Urielle Afoakwa-Abrokwa, Dawn Melo (who also sang), Mary Mitchell, Hannah Mitchell, Evelyn Gilbert, and Janette Forte. Thank you to Joe Bonfiglio who portrayed Jesus, Sandy Bonfiglio as Mary, Ray Simeone as Simon, Liz Shaker as Veronica, Alex Bonfiglio, Nicholas Bonfiglio and Scott Gay as Roman soldiers, Deacon Bill Bartlett as Pontius Pilate, and Anne Marie Volowski, Kaitlyn Bonfiglio and Louisa, Marylyn, and William Afoakwa-Abrokwa as various citizens of Jerusalem. Thank you to Toni Mintel and her wonderful choir! Thank you to Tony Sousa for picking up and returning the spotlight year after year, as well as doing the crucifixion sound effects. Thank you to Lori and Bill Brunette for assisting with much of the setup efforts; to Lori for handing the thunder sound effects! Thank you to Ernie Mintel for operating the spotlight. Thank you to Maria Sousa who is such a loving presence at our presentation; we missed you this year but knew you were with us in spirit. Thank you to all the beautiful people who attended the presentation and supported us so enthusiastically!

Peace, Deacon Phil

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 19 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

It is easy to love those who love you. it is easy to love your family and friends. It is easy to show goodness to those good to you. However, God wants more from us. He wants us to decide to love others, especially those who are unlovable. He wants us to be good to those annoying people in our lives. He wants us to treat right those who we feel do not deserve it. He wants us to love like Jesus did. This is His commandment.