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 Church)
Saturdays: 3:00 pm

WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONS
(Saint Christopher Church)
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 Church Hall)
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 26): $6,693
• Includes $670 received through our Online Giving program and $280 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish!

ONLINE GIVING PROGRAM
Online Giving is available here at Saint Edmund Campion parish! It’s all about convenience for you and consistency for the parish. For more information and to register for Online Giving, visit our secure website at https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1754. Please contact the parish office if you need any assistance or have any questions.

ARCHBISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL
We thank those who have already supported this year’s Archbishop’s Annual Appeal. If you have not yet supported this year’s Appeal, we encourage you to consider making a gift that is appropriate for you. Every gift makes a difference and has an incredible impact towards supporting the many “Good Works” of the Archdiocese. All funds contributed to the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be reviewed by visiting https://archdioceseofhartford.org/aaa-2019-last-years-appeal-impact/. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

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 Those Who Sacrificed Their Lives on D-Day ~ 75 Years Ago ~ June 6, 1944

• The candle at the Saint Christopher Church burns this week

In Loving Memory of
Marcel Dulude ~ 11th Anniversary
(Wife & Family)

Please contact the parish office to schedule a sanctuary lamp dedication. Suggested offering: $15.
SUMMER KICKOFF - INTERNATIONAL DAY
This 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 this 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. If you wish, it could be an ethnic dish from your own heritage. 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. 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 on June 22 from 9am-2pm in the Saint Christopher Church parking lot. In the event of rain, this event will be held in our school’s gym. Please consider serving on the planning committee and/or renting a spot for $20 ($25 with table). 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, please call Toni Mintel at 860-569-7593.

† IN MEMORIUM †
Please pray for the following parishioners who passed on to eternal life during the month of May.
Dorothy Gleason • Louisa Harvey
Dorise Samples • Angelo Strano
“If Christ is my life, then death is my gain.”
– Philippians 1:21

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
Although our Prayer Shawl Ministry is currently enjoying their summer hiatus, they’d like you to know that they have a large inventory of prayer shawls that are ready to be given to anyone who is seeking one for comfort and solace, as well as in celebration and joy. If you or someone you know could benefit from receiving one of these shawls, please contact Santa Vallone at 860-569-1772.

SUMMER VACATION BIBLE CAMP
July 8 - 12
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Saint Christopher Campus
Register by June 21
Registrations are now being accepted for this year’s Summer Vacation Bible Camp. This year’s theme is Digging for Treasure: Parables Revealed. Parables first appear to say one thing, but the stories actually have a much deeper meaning. Time and again they reveal things about the kingdom of heaven, about God, and about how much God loves us. The parables are stories to treasure. We invite children who are entering grades K-12 to come along on the journey, to listen up, dig deep and to hear what Jesus had to say! Registration forms are available at all church entrances or can be downloaded from the parish’s website at stchris-eh.org/vbc.php.

ADULT BIBLE ADVENTURE
We will meet again this Wednesday, June 5, 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 St.). We are finishing our journey in the Book of Job and we will discuss the final chapter – chapter 42. We will also be choosing our next book to study. Some of the books suggested so far are Genesis, Acts of the Apostles, the Book of Wisdom or one of St. Paul’s letters. Please join us! All are welcome! Our group typically meets every other Wednesday from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Come when you can and bring your Bible! Questions? Contact Deacon Phil at 860-568-5001 or at imgoose@comcast.net or Steve Cadwallader at 860-568-5477.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL AND TAG SALE
North American Martyrs’ Strawberry Festival and Tag Sale will be held on Saturday, June 8, in the Saint Mary’s Church Hall, 30 Maplewood Avenue, East Hartford. Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Free parking and admission. Ticket for shortcake and coffee/punch is $6.00 at the door. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Pizza and Chili will also be on sale. Door prizes, raffles, books, bake sale and religious articles.
LIFE AFTER CONFIRMATION
The class for those who have been confirmed who are high school and college aged will meet this month on the following Sunday evenings: June 2, 9 and 23. 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.

PRAYER/SHARING GROUP
Our Prayer/Sharing Group will meet again this Thursday, June 6 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. 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.

SAINT EDMUND CAMPION SOCIAL CLUB
Notice of Special Meeting
There will be a special meeting for all members on Tuesday, June 11 at 2:00 p.m. in the Saint Christopher Church Hall to discuss reconsidering the motion made at the last meeting regarding the picnic. This is an important meeting. Please try to attend.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Saint Christopher Council #4
The local assembly and council will meet this Thursday, June 6, 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
- Blueberry Shortcake will be served to the memberships.

Last Chance for the Lawnmower Raffle!
The Msgr. Thomas Drennan #1571 Assembly 4th Degree is holding a raffle for a $500 lawnmower gift certificate and the winning ticket will be drawn at their meeting this Thursday, June 6 around 7:00 PM. The ticket price is $10.00 and only 250 tickets will be sold. Contact Scott Gay at 860-569-0617 or Bob Falkevitz at 860-568-5452 for tickets.

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.

PARISH COUNCIL CHRONICLE
We are looking for volunteers to help clean out the Our Lady Of Peace Rectory. The date and time is yet to be determined, but if you are interested and willing to help with this project, please call Lori Brunette at 860-904-2116.

This drive is being sponsored by People Empowering People in honor of Jayden Szkirka of East Hartford. Jayden, 11 years old, was recently diagnosed with Osteosarcoma. The People Empowering People program is a personal, family and leadership development program. PEP helps participants focus on their own personal strengths. They enhance their communication skills, problem solving abilities, parenting and relationship skills, and they achieve a greater understanding of and become more involved with their communities.
Call to Prayer:
"Let us take a moment in the midst of all our activity to prepare ourselves for prayer."

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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION
On the seventh Sunday of Easter, we always read from the 17th chapter of John’s Gospel. This chapter of John’s Gospel comes at the conclusion of Jesus’ Farewell Discourse delivered to the disciples at the Last Supper. The whole of this chapter is a prayer of Jesus, commending himself to the Father and expressing his care and concern for his disciples. At the end of this prayer, Jesus and his disciples depart for the garden, and Jesus is arrested. Several important themes appear in this prayer of Jesus. First, Jesus’ prayer reaffirms the complete union between Jesus and the Father. Throughout John’s Gospel, Jesus has been presented as the one who pre-existed with the Father and as the one sent by the Father to do his work on earth. In today’s reading, we hear Jesus ask that the unity he experiences with the Father be extended to all who believe in him. He prays that we be one with each other, with him, and with the Father. We are reminded that Christ is the source of Christian unity. Through Christ, we are united with one another and with God our Father.

Belief is a major theme in the Gospel of John. It begins in the prologue and continues in the response to Jesus’ signs. Belief is the reason Jesus performs signs (2:11, 4:53, 6:69, 9:38) and the reason signs have been recorded in the Gospel (20:30-31). Here Jesus prays not only for those who believe in him but for all who will come to believe in him. And he prays that the love of the Father in him may also be in all who believe so that Jesus might be in them as well. — https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/seventh-sunday-of-

Reflection for Next Sunday, June 9 – Pentecost Sunday
We believe that through the Holy Spirit, God dwells within us and empowers us. We believe that even though we never walked with Jesus and the apostles, we are nonetheless accompanied by the same Spirit who is always available to us! We only need to stir up this Spirit within our souls by praying sincerely, “Come, Holy Spirit!”