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 (June 2): $ 7,249
The Ascension of the Lord: $ 1,378

❖ Includes $1,105 received through our Online Giving program and $632 from mail-in offerings.

Interested in our Online Giving Program? Visit our secure website at www.osvonlinegiving.com/1754

Thank you for your support of our parish!

PARISH SCHOOL SUPPORT
The second collection being taken up at all Masses this weekend is the regular monthly collection to support our parish school. Thank you!

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 light at the Our Lady of Peace Church burns this week

For the Saint Christopher School
Class of 2019
❖ The candle at the Saint Christopher Church burns this week

In Loving Memory of
Louisa Harvey
(Bud & Dolores Harvey)

Please contact the parish office to schedule a sanctuary lamp dedication. Suggested offering: $15.
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 6’ 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.

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.

AN “INTERNATIONAL DAY”
THANK YOU!
We would like to thank Father John and all Saint Edmund Campion parishioners who participated and supported our first annual Summer Kickoff social event last Sunday. The food and conversation shared were excellent, and we look forward to improving upon this event next year. A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Welch, Principal of Saint Christopher School, who loaned us several of the students’ projects, that they had prepared for their own International Day, which we had on display in the church hall during the social. We truly appreciate everyone’s teamwork in making this event a success.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Congratulations to the following leaders being elected for the next fraternal year:

Ernest Mintel
Grand Knight of Saint Christopher Council #4
Scott Gay
Navigator of Msgr. Thomas Drennan Assembly #1571

The Council will hold their final Pot-Luck Supper for this fraternal year on Tuesday, June 18 at 6:00 p.m. For more information about Knights of Columbus membership, visit www.kofc.org/joinus.

SAINT EDMUND CAMPION SOCIAL CLUB
Monday, June 17 ~ 1:00 p.m. ~ St. Chris Hall
In addition to the special meeting being held on June 11 (see details below), we are holding our regular monthly meeting on the above date. We are pleased to have the Glastonbury Ukulele Band, (which includes our own parishioners Toni and Ernie Mintel) to entertain us. We will also be invited to sing along with them. Don’t miss this fun afternoon!

SAINT CHRISTOPHER CHURCH HALL
Monday ~ June 24, 2019
11:15 am – 4:15 pm
Call 1-800-Red Cross to make an app’t.

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.
HERE’S AN EXCERPT FROM THE HOMILY DEACON PHIL GAVE LAST WEEKEND

What if all Christians were united behind the Church’s teaching on Social Justice?
Social Justice teaching is a central and essential element of our faith. Its roots are in the Hebrew prophets who announced God’s special love for the poor and called God’s people to a covenant of love and justice. It is a teaching founded on the life and words of Jesus. Catholic social teaching is based on and is inseparable from our understanding of human life and dignity. Every human being is created in the image of God and redeemed by Jesus Christ, and therefore is invaluable and worthy of respect as a member of the human family. Every person, from the moment of conception to natural death, has inherent dignity and a right to life consistent with that dignity. Human dignity comes from God, not from any human quality or accomplishment.

What if Christians around the world were united in supporting the rights of the unborn?
From earliest times Christians sharply distinguished themselves from surrounding pagan cultures by rejecting abortions and infanticide. The Church’s opposition to abortion is based on the principle that each and every human life has inherent dignity, and thus must be treated with the respect due to a human person. Mistreatment and abuse of various groups of people over the course of history are a disgrace and a travesty and sadden the Holy Spirit; they are crimes against humanity. But two wrongs do not make it right. If a person or group of persons is or was treated unjustly, that can’t be seen as a license to mistreat an even more vulnerable group. Melissa Ohden, an abortion survivor said “Something’s wrong when women’s empowerment is based on ending another human being’s life.” Pitting humans against humans is just wrong.

What if Christians around the world were united in opposition to the death penalty?
Each of us is called to respect the life and dignity of every human being. Even when people deny the dignity of others, we are called to still recognize that their dignity is a gift from God and is not something that is earned or lost through their behavior. Respect for life applies to all, even the perpetrators of terrible acts. Punishment should be consistent with the demands of justice and with respect for human life and dignity.

What if Christians around the world were united in support of our Creator’s designs for marriage?
Marriage, as designed by God, is a faithful, exclusive, lifelong union of a man and woman joined in an intimate community of life and love. They commit themselves completely to each other and to the wondrous responsibility of bringing children into the world and caring for them. Man and woman are equal; they are also different. It is this difference that points marvelously toward their complementing one another.

What if Christians around the world were united in support of the Church’s teaching on war?
The Just War Theory is not intended to justify wars but to prevent them by showing that going to war, except in certain very limited circumstances, is wrong and thus it motivates States to find other ways of resolving conflicts. The Church believes that throughout history some wars were morally right but many wars could’ve and should’ve been avoided.

What if Christians around the world were united and caring for our planet Earth and all God’s creation?
We have been so ingrained with relentless consumption in our world with little thought to the ramifications to our environment. This unfettered behavior is having a poisoning effect on our world.
THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

“And I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always.” Pentecost fulfilled this promise. The Holy Spirit came upon the apostles and nothing was ever the same again. This event is often referred to as the “birthday” of the church. It took Pentecost – and the power of the Spirit – to embolden the apostles to begin their ministry of preaching and baptizing. Conversions began to happen and the early church began to grow. And all of this took place without Jesus’ earthly presence among them. This is one of the most encouraging elements of the practice of our Christian faith. 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!” The special hymn of today’s feast, called the sequence, does just this. It also expresses well the package of “benefits” that come from the presence of the Advocate among us: “You, of comforters the best; You, the soul’s most welcome guest; Sweet refreshment here below; In our labor, rest most sweet; Grateful coolness in the heat; Solace in the midst of woe.” And not only do we receive these personal blessings, but the Church herself also receives a tremendous gift. As Jesus said, “The Advocate, the Holy Spirit… will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.” It is only through this divine guidance from on high that the Church has the power and privilege to teach and guide us who are still here below.  

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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.”

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, June 16 – The Most Holy Trinity

Jesus announced at the Last Supper that he would send us another Paraclete or Advocate, the Holy Spirit. He now lives with and in us, to teach and guide us into all truth. He is revealed as the Third Person in the Holy Trinity. Pray to the Holy Spirit for the gifts of Wisdom and a Discerning heart, to enable you to use his gifts wisely.