Saint Edmund Campion Parish

The merged parishes of Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of Peace and Saint Christopher

Our Lady of Peace Church
370 May Road
East Hartford, CT 06118
Mass Schedule:
Sunday: 9:00 am
Friday & Saturday: 9:00 am

Saint Christopher Church
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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Saturday, June 15 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)

♀ Ken Harrison, Sr. (Family)

Sunday, June 16 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)

♀ Sister Mary Brendan (Niece Marion Sullivan)

Sunday, June 16 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)

♀ Mary, Benjamin & Geoffrey Callahan (Family)

Sunday, June 16 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)

♀ Bernard Nowik ~ 16th Anniversary (Family)

Monday, June 17 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)

♀ Mark Tardiff & Debbie Fallacaro (Family)

Tuesday, June 18 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)

♀ Jose Maria & Evangelina Sousa (Family)

Wednesday, June 19 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)

♀ Antonio Leonardo (Wife & Family)

Thursday, June 20 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)

♀ John & Louise Olinatz (Children)

Friday, June 21 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)

♀ William Sorrentino (Family)

Saturday, June 22 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)

For the People of the Parish (Missa pro populo)

Saturday, June 22 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)

♀ Lou & Betty Grilli (Family)

Sunday, June 23 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)

♀ Joseph Leonardo (Mom & Daughters)

Sunday, June 23 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)

♀ Virginia & Giuseppe Genga (Elaine & Henry Genga)

Sunday, June 23 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)

♀ Roland Thibodeau ~ 6th Anniversary (Wife Anita & Daughter Lois)

♀ Alan Thibodeau ~ 6th Anniversary (Mom Anita & Sister, Lois)

PARISH SUPPORT

What We Collected (June 9): $6,467*

Parish School Collection: $1,911**

*Includes $570 received through our Online Giving program and $165 from mail-in offerings.

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Thank you for your support of our parish community!

PRAYER FOR FATHER’S DAY

God our Father,
We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old. We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice. We pray for fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow. We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice. We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen

Happy Father’s Day!

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 All Fathers of Our Parish
Both Living and Deceased

♀ The candle at the Saint Christopher Church burns this week

In Loving Memory of
The Deceased Members of the Sullivan Family
(Marion Sullivan)

Please contact the parish office to schedule a sanctuary lamp dedication. Suggested offering: $15.
**SAINT EDMUND CAMPION SOCIAL CLUB**  
**Monday ~ June 17 ~ 1:00 p.m.**  
Saint Christopher Church Hall  
We are pleased to have the Glastonbury Ukelele 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!  

*Please note:* We will be holding our summer picnic on Monday, August 19. If you are planning to attend this picnic and don’t wish to bring a food item, we are asking that you make a $7 donation that is to be paid at the June meeting.

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We are now offering the following trips. Please note that all of our trips are open to the public. Parishioners and non-parishioners are very welcome to join us.

- **Ogunquit, Maine:** Sept. 4-6 – includes a show at the Ogunquit Playhouse
- **Quebec City & Montreal, Canada:** Oct. 28-31 – visit St. Anne deBeaupre Shrine, St. Joseph Oratory, Notre Dame Basilica in Montreal, sightseeing and more
- **Lancaster, PA:** Nov. 19-21 – see “The Miracle of Christmas” at the Sights and Sounds Theater, two other shows, and much more

For further information about the trips, feel free to contact Joan or Frank Perrone at 860-568-6229.

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**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](http://stchris-eh.org/vbc.php).

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**PICTORIAL PHOTOGRAPHS**  
In early May many of our parish families were photographed by Lifetouch for our parish pictorial. If you are one of the families who participated and elected to have your complimentary 8x10 photograph sent to the parish office, we are pleased to announce that your photo has arrived and is ready for pick up. Please contact the parish office at 860-568-5240 to make arrangements.

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**LIFE AFTER CONFIRMATION**  
The class for those who have been confirmed who are high school and college aged will meet this month on June 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. For more info, call Mr. and Mrs. Hartley at 860-796-0165.

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**ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD**  
All the faithful of the Archdiocese of Hartford are cordially invited by Archbishop Leonard P. Blair to attend the ordination to the priesthood of John Gancarz and Anthony Federico on Saturday, June 22 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, 140 Farmington Avenue, Hartford. For those who are unable to attend the ordination, it will be carried as a live event on WCCT-TV, channel 20 in Hartford. Check local listings and your cable television guide to view it at eleven o’clock.
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Congratuations to Marcel Drouin, the winner of the lawn mower raffle. We thank the 58 families who supported this raffle.

The council will hold their final Pot-Luck Supper for this fraternal year on Tuesday, June 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the Saint Christopher church hall. This will be a picnic affair with hot dogs, hamburgers and brats. Contact Bob Falkevitz at 860-568-5452 to be included. Come and meet/greet our new District Deputy Jim Bachteler.

There will be no business or dinner meetings for both the Assembly and Council during the months of July and August. There will, however, be officer and service program planning meetings.

The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world. Our local council, Saint Christopher #4, held a membership drive and we might have missed you. Whether you become an individual member or a member of our council, you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to join, contact Grand Knight Ernest Mintel at 860-593-2509 or simply go to www.kofc.org/joinus and enter our council #4 for local information.

CONNECTICUT WELCOMES
Amirah Program & the Transitional Home!
The Underground, a grass-roots, faith-based initiative dedicated to ending sex trafficking and sexual exploitation in Connecticut are thrilled to announce that Amirah has secured a safe home location in the Greater Hartford area – the first home of its kind in Connecticut! The Amirah Program will be accepting adult survivors of sex trafficking and is hopeful that the opening will happen by October 2019. Throughout the summer they are looking to churches, communities and businesses to help them establish the home in the following ways: to adopt a room and help them clean, paint, furnish and decorate it into a lovely space. Let’s see if we can put together a team of volunteers from Saint Edmund Campion Parish. If you are interested in volunteering for this project, please contact Deacon Phil at 860-568-5001 or at imgoose@comcast.net.

ADULT BIBLE ADVENTURE
We will meet again this Wednesday, June 19, 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 have completed our journey in the Book of Job and the Holy Spirit has chosen the Acts of the Apostles for us to engage in next. Our sessions begin with music to center ourselves and then we have an opening prayer. We then read sections of the chosen scripture and discuss it. Sometimes our discussions are supplemented with audio or video commentary. We end with a closing prayer. 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.

PRAYER/SHARING GROUP
Our Prayer/Sharing Group will meet again this Thursday, June 20 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 discussing the importance of forgiveness and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
For more information, please call Phyl Tyrseck at 860-568-3855, Barbara Veci at 860-568-2701, Pat Roberge at 860-568-5777, Barbara Hanson at 860-965-9162 or Leo Forte 860-568-7383.

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.
**THIS IS THE HOLY TRINITY**

Today we celebrate the Holy Trinity, one of the most confounding mysteries of our faith. Through this mystery we experience our relationship to God: Creator, Savior, and Holy Spirit. This relationship is not easy to understand or to describe. It does not become clearer through analysis. Its complexity mirrors the complexity of all our relationships. We understand our relationships with our spouses, our children, our parents, and our friends only through daily give-and-take, annual rituals, and the life-changing moments we share. We understand our relationships only as we live them. The relationships we have with those we love, and who love us, sustain us through an uncertain and difficult life. This is the Holy Trinity.

What is striking about today’s readings is that each is incomplete. What they do offer is a description of a moment in our relationship, a memory of a time and an event when our relationship made sense even though that sense may be beyond our ability to describe fully. Often that is all that our faith offers, that is, a memory of what is possible, what is promised, what has been given. A memory of eternity, of love beyond understanding is to be cherished and nurtured even if not fully understood. This is the Holy Trinity.

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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.

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**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.

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**Reflection for Next Sunday, June 23 – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, with only five loaves and two fish, miraculously fed over 5,000 followers. This miracle foreshadows His institution of the Eucharist on the night before He died. For us, the Eucharist is the foundation of our faith. This tremendous gift sustains us spiritually in this life as we work toward our goal of eternal life with God, our heavenly Father.