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

Rev. John P. Gwozdz, Pastor
860-568-5240 ▪ fr.gwozdz@aohct.org
Rev. Joseph Moonnanappallil, Parochial Vicar
860-918-4022 ▪ fr.moonnanappallil@gmail.com
Mr. William Bartlett, Deacon
deaconbill@yahoo.com
Mr. Philip Gosselin, Deacon
imgoose@comcast.net

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.

Parish Office
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stchris-eh@sbcglobal.net
Bonnie Szalay, Office Manager

St. Christopher School
Mrs. Kathleen Welch, Principal
Audrey Cesana, Secretary
www.saintchristopherschool.org
860-568-4100

Religious Education
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stchrisre@gmail.com

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PARISH SUPPORT
What We Collected (June 23): $6,962*
• Includes $525 received through our Online Giving program and $875 from mail-in offerings.
Thank you for your support of our parish!

PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION
This weekend we will take up the Peter’s Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

ONLINE GIVING
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 call the parish office for more information.

FATHER JOHN’S VACATION
Father John will be on vacation from July 4 - 12. He is hosting his sister and his niece and their families at his family homestead in Enfield. During this time, the parish will be in the care of Father Joseph.

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 a Safe and Peaceful Summer for All Parish Families

• The candle at the Saint Christopher Church burns this week

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

Please call the parish office to schedule a dedication.
PARISHIONER-IN-NEED NEWS
A P.I.N. Thank you!
Our first tail-gate tag sale was a success, raising over $400 to support our Parishioner-in-Need Ministry. Our co-chairs, Maria and Toni, have many to thank for this:

- God – the weather was perfect. Not a drop of rain in sight!
- Our volunteers who helped plan, create and collect signs, submit advertising, and set up on the day of the sale.
- Our school custodian for having safety cones ready for us.
- Our vendors who supported P.I.N. by purchasing a spot and in some cases, their earnings!
- Our school students who ran a Lemonade stand and donated half their earnings.
- Our baker who supplied the vendors and volunteers with delicious (and much needed) nourishment.
- Our steady stream of visitors who made all the efforts of the volunteers and vendors worthwhile.
- Our parishioners who could not attend but made a donation via the envelopes at the doors of the church.
- Our pastor Father John for providing permission to present this event and for supporting all we do for P.I.N.

We can’t cure every need…. but we can care for all those in need.

Thank you!

Maria and Toni (co-chairs of P.I.N.)

PRAYER/SHARING GROUP
Due to the 4th of July holiday, our Prayer/Sharing Group will NOT meet this Thursday. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 11 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.

CONGRATULATIONS
Anne Marie Volowski
One of our long-time and dedicated parishioners, Anne Marie Volowski, graduated on Saturday, June 1, from the Archdiocesan’s Catholic Biblical School in the Class of 2019. Anne Marie completed a rigorous and spiritually demanding four-year course of study in all 73 books of the Old and New Testaments in the context of the Catholic tradition. This course is offered each year by the Archdiocesan Catholic Biblical School as a resource for forming and empowering discipleship among adults in the Archdiocese of Hartford. We congratulate Anne Marie for a job well done!

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.

HOSPITAL STAYS
If you are staying in the hospital for more than a day and would like a visit from one of our priests, please call the parish office at 860-568-5240 to make arrangements. Requests for a visit must come from you or a close family member. The priest will need your name, the hospital where you are staying and your room number. Because of privacy laws (HIPAA – Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 2003), lists of patients are no longer available to clergy.

LIFE AFTER CONFIRMATION
Classes for those who have been confirmed who are high school and college aged will meet again on July 7 and July 21. 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). *If we are not at the door, please ring the bell.* Come join us as we dig deeper into our rich and beautiful faith with a great group of young men and women. For more info, please call Mr. & Mrs. Hartley at 860-796-0165 … or just show up! This is an informal class. Come when you can!
COUNTING MINISTRY
A new schedule for our Counting Ministry will soon be prepared. This next schedule will begin with the first weekend in August and run through to the end of the year. Now is a great time to express your interest in joining this ministry. If you would like to learn more about this opportunity, please call Bonnie at the parish office at 860-568-5240 no later than Wed., July 10. If you are a current member who is unable to continue serving in this ministry, please let Bonnie know by Wed., July 10. Thank you!

ADULT BIBLE ADVENTURE
We will meet again this Wednesday, July 3, from 6:30 - 8:30 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 begun our journey in the Acts of the Apostles by completing chapters 1 and 2. We discussed authorship, estimated date when the book was written and the purpose for writing it. We watched an excellent video that provided an enthusiastic summary of the book which provides a framework for our future discussions. Our sessions begin with music to center ourselves and then we have opening prayer. We then read sections of our 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. 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.

SUMMER VACATION BIBLE CAMP
WISH LIST
Our Summer Vacation Bible Camp is being held July 8 - 12 at the Saint Christopher Campus. We are seeking donations of the following items:

- Paper Towel Tubes
- Gold Coins from the Catholic Relief Services Mailings

If you are able to help us, please leave your donation by Friday, July 5 in one of the specially-marked boxes (one box is located in the sanctuary of the Saint Christopher Church and one box is located in the main vestibule at the Our Lady of Peace Church). Donations can also be dropped off at the parish office by July 5. Thank you!

HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OF SEXUAL ABUSE
TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD
If you have knowledge or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult (an adult with an intellectual disability) has been sexually abused, in any manner, by personnel of the Archdiocese of Hartford, you are urged to report this information to:

Kathleen D. Nowosadko
Victim Assistance Coordinator
860-541-6475
kathleen.nowosadko@aohcct.org

In addition, you will be asked to follow up in writing with a detailed description of the facts involved in the incident. Specifics of this written report can be found in the Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Hartford Relating to Allegations of Sexual Misconduct Involving Minors and Vulnerable Adults. This document is available online at www.archdioceseofhartford.org. The Archdiocese of Hartford will report any and all incidents to the proper civil authorities.

Mandated reporters in the State of Connecticut are required by law to report any incident of sexual abuse involving a minor or vulnerable adult. We encourage any Non-Mandated persons to report such incidents to the proper authorities as well. We support your right to do so.

Incidents involving sexual abuse of minors (persons under the age of 18) should be reported to:
State Department of Children and Families Care-line
1-800-842-2288

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 18 – 59 should be reported to the:
Connecticut Department of Developmental Services - AID Division for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities
1-844-878-8923

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 60 and over should be reported to:
Department of Social Services for the Elderly
1-888-385-4225

Once a written report of an incident of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult has been received, an investigation will be undertaken by, or on behalf of, the Archdiocese of Hartford.
INDEPENDENCE DAY PRAYER

We lift up our hearts, O God, on this day of celebration in gratitude for the gift of being a free people.

We rejoice with all those who share in the great dream of liberty and justice for all.

With flags and feasting, with family and friends we salute those who have sacrificed that we might have the opportunity to bring to fulfillment our many God-given gifts.

As we deny all prejudice a place in our hearts, may we also clearly declare our intention to work for the time when all people, regardless of race, religion, or sex, will be granted equal dignity and worth.

Come, O gracious God, who led your children Israel from slavery, keep us free from all that might hold us in bondage.

Bless our country and join our simple celebration that we may praise you, our Source of freedom, the One in whom we place our trust. – Fr. Ed Hayes

LECTIO DIVINA & DAILY READINGS

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What is Lectio Divina?

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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.

Reflection for Next Sunday, July 7 – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A key theme of this Gospel is discipleship — its challenges, its difficulties, and its rewards. Sharing in the mission of Jesus is difficult, but everyone is called to do it, not just some professionals trained for ministry. Even for us today, the harvest is plentiful. We should pray to the master of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest.

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