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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(OLOP) = Mass celebrated at Our Lady of Peace campus
(SC) = Mass celebrated at Saint Christopher campus

Saturday, July 13 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
☞ Joseph Wolk (Wife & Family)

Sunday, July 14 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
☞ John Joseph Gwozdz
On What Would Have Been His 100th Birthday
(Son Father John)

Sunday, July 14 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
☞ Margaret Yeomans (Family)

Sunday, July 14 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
☞ Stanley Maslona, Sr.
☞ Stanley Maslona, Jr.
(Veronica Maslona & Family)

Monday, July 15 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
☞ Mark Tardiff & Debbie Fallacaro (Family)

Tuesday, July 16 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
☞ Jose Maria & Evangelina Sousa (Family)

Wednesday, July 17 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
Jean-Louis Gilbert
In Remembrance of Our Wedding Anniversary
(Wife Evelyn)

Thursday, July 18 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
☞ Antonio Leonardo (Wife & Family)

Friday, July 19 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
For the People of the Parish (Missa pro populo)

Saturday, July 20 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
☞ Bill Merrill ~ 1st Anniversary
(Wife Carla & Family)

Saturday, July 20 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
☞ Al Yorio (Wife Betty)

Sunday, July 21 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
☞ Joseph Leonardo (Mom & Daughters)
(continued in the next column)

PARISH SUPPORT
Weekly Collection (June 30): $ 6,781*
*Includes $550 received through our Online Giving program and $398 from mail-in offerings.

Weekly Collection (July 7): $ 7,856**
**Includes $1,125 received through our Online Giving program and $983 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish!

PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION
Thank you for your generous support of this year’s Peter’s Pence Collection! Our parish collected $1,861. Our contributions, combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world, will help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. Visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence for more info.

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
Aunt Louisa
(The Harvey Girls)

Please call the parish office to schedule a dedication. The suggested donation is $15.

MASS INTENTIONS (continued)

Sunday, July 21 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
☞ Ray & Millie Stanizzi
☞ Mary & Fred LaFontaine
☞ Thomas Cantone III
(Family)

Sunday, July 21 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
☞ Emile & Irene Laprise
(Son Renaud Laprise)
**JOURNEY OF FAITH**

In summertime, according to the Gershwin classic, the living’s supposed to be easy. But not the journey of faith! Luke’s July Gospels present Jesus’ challenging expectations for faithful disciples: Travel light; bless others with peace and healing; let your lives proclaim, even before your words do, that God’s kingdom is at hand. Don’t ask, “Who is my neighbor?” Instead, make yourself a “good Samaritan,” a neighbor to anyone in need. Serve others selflessly like Martha, but, like Mary, balance loving service of Christ in others with quiet listening at the Master’s feet. With childlike simplicity, make the Lord’s Prayer your own. Persevere in asking, seeking, knocking at the door, to bestow our heavenly Father’s first and best gift, the Holy Spirit. Begin each day by committing yourself to the mission Christ has entrusted to you. — Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**ADULT BIBLE ADVENTURE**

We will meet again this Wednesday, July 17, 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 will continue our journey in the Acts of the Apostles and we are in chapter 4 of that book. 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, July 18 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.

**HAPPINESS**

“Since happiness is nothing else but the enjoyment of the Supreme good, and the Supreme good is above us, no one can be happy who does not rise above oneself.” — St. Bonaventure

**FLAME**

**Weekly Bonfire Get-Togethers for High School Students**

Join us on Wednesday nights from 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. in the field behind Saint Christopher School for a bonfire, conversation, games, faith sharing, and prayer. Bring a chair! Rain sends us inside, upstairs in the parish center. Contact Kristi Gillespie, our Director of Confirmation and Youth Ministry, by text at 860-402-6233 for more information, but you can just show up! We will be happy to see you!!

**LIFE AFTER CONFIRMATION**

The class for those who have been confirmed who are high school and college aged will meet again on 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.*

This informal course is typically held every other week. If you have not been able to check us out during the school year due to heavy school assignments, now is the time to come and see what we’re all about! Class starts with 15 minutes of a movie in line with our faith, followed by studying the 4 pillars of our faith: The Creed, Sacraments, Commandments and Prayer. Dig deeper into our rich and beautiful faith with a great group of young men and women. For more information, please call Mr. and Mrs. Hartley at 860-796-0165 … or just show up! Regular attendance is optional. Come when you can!

**SAINT EDMUND CAMPION SOCIAL CLUB OFFERING TRIPS**

Saint Edmund Campion Social Club is now offering the following trips. Please note that all of our trips are open to the public. All are 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 & 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.
REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS ED
Now is the time for families to register children entering grades K-8 this fall for the 2019/2020 religious education program. This program begins in September and runs through April. Classes are held at Saint Christopher School on Sundays from 9:05 – 10:15 a.m. First Communion and Reconciliation preparation is a two-year program beginning in Grade 1. The registration form can be downloaded from our website at stchris-eh.org (select Religious Education) or it can be obtained by contacting the parish office at 860-568-5240. Please help us to plan accordingly by submitting your registration by August 30.

SAINT CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL
An Investment in Your Child’s Future
Registrations are now being accepted for the 2019/2020 school year. Call the school office at 860-568-4100 or visit www.saintchristopherschool.org for more information.

2020 MASS INTENTIONS
The 2020 Mass Book is quickly filling up, especially the 4:00 p.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses. If you’d like to book a Mass in 2020, especially for a particular date, you are encouraged to call Bonnie in the parish office at 860-568-5240 at your earliest convenience. Masses are booked on a first come, first served basis.

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER
Birthright of Greater Hartford thanks all who responded to their recent baby bottle fundraiser. Birthright has served pregnant women in crisis in the Hartford area since 1972. Thousands of expectant mothers have received the help they’ve needed to bring their babies into the world! They are very grateful for your support. Without it, this life saving work would not be possible. Birthright’s guiding principle is: It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born. Thank you again for your support!

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.

DID YOU KNOW?
This bulletin is produced at no cost to our parish. The cost of assembling, printing and delivery is carried by the advertisers which appear on the back page of our bulletin. When you patronize these businesses, it proves that advertising in our publication is a good investment which brings a return. Please mention that you saw the company’s ad on our church’s bulletin – solid evidence which encourages advertisers to continue their support – for which we are most grateful!

SAVE THE DATE!
Friday ~ October 4, 2019
7:00 PM
Saint Christopher Church
Recording artist, talented composer, singer and musician
www.tonymelendez.com

BUS TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY
South Church on Forbes Street in East Hartford is sponsoring a bus trip to New York City on Saturday, September 21 for $50 per person. Bus pickup will be at South Church on that day at 7:45 a.m. The bus will make the following three stops in New York City:
• Metropolitan Museum of Art
• Rockefeller Center
• Little Italy which abuts China Town
The bus pickup spot in New York City will be at the New York City Library at 6:00 p.m. Bus expects to return to South Church by 8:30 p.m. Registrations and money must be received by August 1. For more information, please contact Felix Piersa at bar_hbr_cat@frontier.com or call Krista at South Church at 860-568-5150.

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

Sebastian Damian Druch
Carmelo Joseph Freeman
STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“Go and do likewise.” Can there be a more simple instruction from our Lord and Savior Jesus? With these words, He closes the Parable of the Good Samaritan, which is at the heart of our Gospel reading for today. That parable was inspired by the question, “Who is my neighbor?” That parable may be the most familiar to people of faith, and even to those who are not Christians, for it represents what is expected of us as followers of Christ, but it also presents an expectation for every human person. A simplified answer to the question “Who is my neighbor?” might be “Your neighbor is anyone you see or know who is in need.” It is much more than the person who lives in your neighborhood, or someone you may know at church or at the office. Equally telling is the response the questioner gave to Jesus when the Lord asked, after sharing the parable, “Which was the neighbor to the robber’s victim?” to which the lawyer responded, “The one who treated him with mercy.” What he expects of us is what Jesus expects from us. The Holy Father says, “Let us become agents of Christ’s mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation, and make justice and peace flourish.” That is a call to stewardship. — https://www.catholicsteward.com/2016/06/23/stewardship-bulletin-reflection-july-10-2016/

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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, July 21 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We really ought to rivet our attention on one key clause in the gospel story about Martha and Mary (Luke 10:38-42). It says “there is need of only one thing.” So what is the one thing we really need? Being in the Lord’s presence and listening to him is the one thing we need the most.
July 10, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

These past months have been marked by escalating tensions at our southern border. Most recently we were confronted with the tragic images of the drowning deaths of Óscar Martínez and his 23-month-old daughter, Angie Valeria, who were fleeing the dangers of El Salvador for the safety of the United States. Other immigrants have crossed the border with their lives, but have been captured and are now detained in overcrowded conditions as a result of political gridlock in our nation’s capital.

We, the Catholic Bishops of Connecticut, urge our government to act for a complete overhaul of existing immigration policies. Those responsible in government need to undertake an examination of conscience as to what they have done and have failed to do when it comes to respect for human persons and the enactment of fair and balanced legislation. This overhaul needs to ensure a welcome for immigrants in keeping with our history and laws as a land of immigrants as well as the integrity of our borders.

In recent decades U.S. governments led by both of our major parties have fallen woefully short of enacting immigration reform and of honoring the basic humanity of migrants and refugees. According to the U.S. Border Patrol, over the last twenty years there have been an average of 357 immigrant deaths annually in our southwest border sectors. The governments of other nations also need to be encouraged and aided where necessary to remedy the conditions that force people to flee their homeland.

As one nation under God, not only founded by immigrants, but made what it is in large part by immigrants, the United States can and must do better. Those fleeing the hazardous conditions of their homeland to make the perilous journey to the safety and freedom of America are currently facing treatment that undermines our shared values of freedom and belief in human dignity.

We urge everyone to work and pray for a better way forward in addressing this humanitarian crisis.

+Leonard P. Blair
Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair
Archbishop of Hartford

+Frank J. Caggiano
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Bishop of Bridgeport

+Juan Miguel Betancourt, SEMV
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