



# 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

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Mr. William Bartlett, Deacon  
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## 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.



## PARISH OFFICE

860-568-5240

[stchris-eh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stchris-eh@sbcglobal.net)

Bonnie Szalay, Office Manager



## ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL

Mrs. Kathleen Welch, Principal

Audrey Cesana, Secretary

[www.saintchristopherschool.org](http://www.saintchristopherschool.org)

860-568-4100



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Maria Sousa 860-895-8692

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

Saturday, July 20 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)

✠ **Al Yorio** (*Wife Betty*)

Sunday, July 21 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)

✠ **Joseph Leonardo** (*Mom & Daughters*)

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*)

Monday, July 22 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)

✠ **David Amberg**  
 (*Members of Prayer Shawl Ministry*)

Tuesday, July 23 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)

✠ **Dinis Leonardo** (*Wife & Family*)

Wednesday, July 24 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)

✠ **David Amberg II** (*Lou & Karen Patria*)

Thursday, July 25 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)

✠ **John & Louise Olinatz** (*Children*)

Friday, July 26 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)

**For the People of the Parish** (*Missa pro populo*)

Saturday, July 27 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)

✠ **Peter Kuhlmann, Sr.** (*Dolores Silvestro*)

Saturday, July 27 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)

✠ **Velma Castonguay & Agatha Chabre**  
 (*Elmer & Omerine Gendreau*)

Sunday, July 28 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)

✠ **Rev. Robert J. St. Martin**

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**PARISH SUPPORT**

What We Collected (July 14): \$ 6,164\*

Parish School Collection: \$ 1,839\*\*

\*Includes \$670 received through our Online Giving program and \$215 from mail-in offerings.

\*\*Includes \$175 received through our Online Giving program and \$170 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish community!

**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, please visit our website at [stchris-eh.org](http://stchris-eh.org). Click on the Online Giving button on the left side and you will be immediately connected to our secure Online Giving server.

**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 Memory of Lou Priest, Jr.**  
 (*The Sargent Family*)

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

**MASS INTENTIONS** (continued)

Sunday, July 28 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)

✠ **Walter & Gladys Juraszewicz**  
 (*Family*)

Sunday, July 28 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)

✠ **Edwin Vazquez**  
 (*Lydia Lora & Family*)

**SO PROUD OF OUR SCHOOL!**

The following is an excerpt of a letter from the New England Association of Schools & Colleges (NEASC):

“Saint Christopher School is to be commended for the significant progress made in addressing both the major recommendations within the Visiting Committee Report as well as their own plans outlined in Part II of the Self-Study. It is particularly heartening to hear that the School has made significant progress in paying down the debt to the Archdiocese of Hartford.\* The submitted Technology Plan reflects a creative use of outside funding, and the new school website is appealing and provides prospective families a view into a vibrant school. The administration and faculty should feel proud of all that has been accomplished in the past two years.”

This is a significant recognition for our school! Thank you to the principal Mrs. Kathleen Welch and the School Board for their wise and competent leadership.

*\*The school debt was paid in full over a year ago and no debt has accumulated since then.*

**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](http://www.saintchristopherschool.org) for more information.

**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.**

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.

**BIRTHRIGHT THANK YOU!**

I recently received a thank you letter from the president of Birthright of Greater Hartford for your support of the baby bottle fundraiser. Saint Edmund Campion Parish raised \$2,123 which will help support the Birthright mission! The average for all the churches that participated was \$1,235, so we did great! Thank you so much for supporting Birthright.

God bless you for helping moms and their babies!

Peace, Deacon Phil

**PRAYER/SHARING GROUP**

Our Prayer/Sharing Group will meet again this Thursday, July 25 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 Healing, Faith and the God of miracles.** 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.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION**

East Hartford Girl Scout Troop 10894, of which some of the girls of our parish are members, is partnering with the Night Angels/Grassroots organization to collect school supplies that will be distributed to students in need in our local community. Please support their efforts and make a donation between now and August 18. You can leave your donation in one of the specially-marked boxes located in the Saint Christopher church hall and the Our Lady of Peace main foyer. All donations must be new and unopened and can include backpacks, notebooks, folders, lined paper, highlighters, hand sanitizer, crayons, markers, rulers, scissors, calculators, binders, etc. Thank you for your support!



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

**Karol Diane Kowalczyk**



## 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!!

### 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 9:00–10:15 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](http://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.

### 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!

## CREATED TO BE LOVED

### Not Misused: Stop Human Trafficking

*Did you know that Human Trafficking is a \$32 billion dollar a year industry, and is the second most profitable criminal activity after drug crimes?* A public forum will be held at Annunciation Parish at St. Mary Church, 626 Willard Ave., Newington on July 30, 6:30 PM, in honor of World Day against Trafficking in Persons. The presentation is appropriate for students in high school and adults. Please join us to learn more about the impact of Human Trafficking across the globe and throughout Connecticut and what you can do. Presenters include government and faith-based responders. To register contact David Tedeschi at [diamonddave48@cox.net](mailto:diamonddave48@cox.net). The event is sponsored by the Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford, Newington Rotary Club, and the Knights of Columbus Newington Council 3884.

### EAST HARTFORD SUMMER YOUTH FESTIVAL PRESENTS GODSPELL

East Hartford High School  
869 Forbes Street  
Friday, July 26 at 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, July 27 at 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, July 28 at 2:00 p.m.  
General Admission: \$15  
Age 61+ and under age 13: \$12

### 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.

### DO YOU NEED PRAYER?

We stand firmly on God's promises that when we call Him, He will answer (Isaiah 65:24). Our prayer team is available to intercede on your behalf and take your requests before God.

Contact Sally Ann Tanasi with your prayer requests.  
860-569-4072 ☎ 6854angeleyes@gmail.com

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

A principal part of Christian life is our listening to the word of God like Mary does in today’s gospel reading. That’s where we find the motivation to find God in the pots and pans and ordinariness, where most of us spend our lives, like Martha. Someone said – “my children have left home, now I can serve the Lord!” If she had listened to the word, she would have known that in loving her children she served God! Listen in peace – Martha was warned about fretting and worry. The quality of her cooking was not in question! The better part is to listen so that we can work in service of others with love. Love grows at the feet of the Lord. Otherwise our service can be grudging. Why should I do it all? Or self-serving – look how lovely my tea is! Or fussy – “go on, go on, go on, have another cup”. Prayer teaches us to serve others with love. Jesus reveals himself everywhere and in everyone. But our ears are attuned by prayer with him. We learn his language and listen. If we spend time at his feet, we will be helped to recognize him everywhere. So the lady in question – she had served God all her life. She had the prayer part. If we give time to the better part – listening in prayer, then we will find the better part in service too, while knowing our service is valued. – *Fr Donal Neary SJ*

**LECTIO DIVINA & DAILY READINGS**

Sunday 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Genesis 18: 1-10a	Song of Songs 3: 1-4b	Exodus 14:21 - 15:1	Exodus 16: 1-5, 9-15	2 Corinthians 4: 7-15	Exodus 20: 1-17	Exodus 24: 3-8	Genesis 18: 20-32
Psalms 15: 2-5	Psalms 63: 2-6, 8-9	Exodus 15: 8-10, 12, 17	Psalms 78: 18-19, 23-28	Psalms 126: 1bc-6	Psalms 19: 8-11	Psalms 50: 1b-2, 5-6, 14-15	Psalms 138: 1-3, 6-8
Colossians 1: 24-28							Colossians 2: 12-14
Luke 10: 38-42	John 20: 1-2, 11-18	Matthew 12: 46-50	Matthew 13: 1-9	Matthew 20: 20-28	Matthew 13: 18-23	Matthew 13: 24-30	Luke 11: 1-13

**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 28 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

As Jesus’ disciples came to him asking them how to pray, he not only gave them the words that has become known to us as the Lord’s Prayer, but he gave them the attitude with which they should pray. You and I, when we pray to God, we should come confidently and persistently because we know that God is not going to reject us, but he will hear and answer our prayers in a way that is best for us.