WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS

THERE ALSO WILL BE YOUR HEART

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

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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.

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Find Us on Facebook: Saint Edmund Campion Parish, East Hartford
PARISH SUPPORT
What We Collected (August 4):  $7,747*

*Includes $1,105 received through our Online Giving program and $329 from mail-in offerings.

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!

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. 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 the Special Intentions of Joel Rivera
- The candle at the Saint Christopher Church burns this week
- In Loving Memory of the Deceased Members of the Garvey Family (Marion Sullivan)

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

MASS INTENTIONS (continued)

- Sunday, August 18 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
  † Joseph Leonardo (Mom & Daughters)

- Sunday, August 18 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
  † Walter & Gladys Juraszewicz (Family)

- Sunday, August 18 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
  † Dave Amberg II (Al & Sally Labienieck)
OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS
This Weekend ~ August 10 and 11
A representative from the Holy Land is visiting our parish this weekend to sell olive wood carvings after all Masses. For centuries, the Christians of Bethlehem have earned a living by carving olive wood religious articles. Your purchase will help the Christians in the Holy Land to maintain both their livelihood and their ancestral homes in the land of Christ. Please stop by to support their efforts.

ADULT BIBLE ADVENTURE
We will meet again this Wednesday, August 14, 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 begin our next session with chapter 6, verse 8 in the Acts of the Apostles. Our time together begins 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 and return home with joyful hearts because we encountered God’s truths in the scripture. Please join us! All adults 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.

SAINT EDMUND CAMPION SOCIAL CLUB
Luau and Leis Members’ Picnic
Monday, August 19, 2019
Saint Christopher Church Hall
If possible, please wear a lei or Hawaiian shirt to this member’s picnic to enhance your experience. We will be having a photo booth in the church hall in front of the folding doors. Please try to arrive between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon so you can have your photo taken. We will provide a beautiful background and some props for extra interest. If you would like to have a copy of your photo, please be prepared to pay $1 at the time of your photo. We will have the photos printed up after the picnic and will distribute them on a timely basis. Lunch will be served around 12:00 noon. We will have great food and some surprises. Hope to see you there!

Saint Edmund Campion Social Club is 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.

Quebec City & Montreal, Canada: 10/28 - 31
Visit St. Anne deBeaupre Shrine, St. Joseph Oratory, Notre Dame Basilica in Montreal, sightseeing & more

Lancaster, PA: 11/19 - 21
See “The Miracle of Christmas” at the Sights and Sounds Theater, 2 other shows, and much more.

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

PRAYER/SHARING GROUP
Not Meeting This Week
Due to this Thursday being a Holy Day of Obligation, our Prayer/Sharing Group will not meet this Thursday. We will meet again on Thursday, August 22 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 join us on August 22. Please come and enjoy an evening of Prayer, Song, Scripture Sharing and Friendship. Refreshments follow each meeting and all are welcome to stay.

SAVE THE DATE!
3rd Annual Saint Edmund Campion Parish Picnic
Sunday ~ September 22, 2019
12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Peace Campus
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 (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.

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!

AMIRAH HOUSE UPDATE
Our parish has officially adopted the One-on-One rooms at the very first Amirah House in Connecticut which will provide a safe home for adult victims of sex trafficking. We are excited about this opportunity to assist with rehabbing this house so it can be opened to provide refuge for those seeking to break free from exploitation and to heal in a safe community on their journey toward lasting hope. Our team recently visited the house to see the spaces we will be cleaning, painting and furnishing so we could get a feel for what is needed. Firstly, I want to thank Michelle and John Carras, Ernie Mintel and Diane Robaczynski for participating in this project. Our two small rooms are next to each other and will be used by interns and for one-on-one meetings. Our spaces are in need of the following: two desks and desk chairs, two chairs for the one-on-one sessions, a small table to go between the chairs, a few lamps, pictures for the walls and a couple of throw rugs. We are going to need paint and paint supplies, which may have already been donated, plus we’ll need new panels for the drop ceiling and a door that will be installed between our two rooms. If you would be willing to make a monetary donation towards this project or if you have any of the items that are needed, please contact me at 860-568-5001 or at imgoose@comcast.net.

– Deacon Phil Gosselin

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP BULLETINS
Each weekend we offer copies of the Children’s Worship Bulletin for the young people of our parish. There are two versions - one for ages 3-6 and another for ages 7-12. These bulletins contain age appropriate activities that reinforce the weekend’s Gospel message. These bulletins also contain a secret code that unlocks games that can be played online. You will find copies of these bulletins at the entrances of both our churches.

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

At the close of today’s Gospel Reading from St. Luke, Jesus makes a statement that will echo forever to those who seek to practice stewardship: “Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.” Jesus is speaking of His expectations of us and His faith in us. We often speak about how important faith in the Lord is, but we also need to understand that He has a strong element of faith and trust in us as well. It may not seem fair that expectations are connected to the gifts we have received, but that is in fact reality. A popular stewardship saying is “not equal giving but equal sacrifice.” That goes hand in hand with what the Lord is trying to teach us in the Parable of the Faithful Servant in today’s Gospel. First, of course, we must recognize our gifts and that we are gifted. Then God’s expectations of us are tied to how we use our gifts. If we receive more, we need to share more and give more of our time, our talent, and our treasure. Also in the Gospel of Luke in an earlier chapter we learn from the Lord what the rewards are for using God’s plentiful gifts as good stewards. Jesus says in Luke 6:38 “Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.”

– https://www.catholicsteward.com/2016/07/20/stewardship-bulletin-reflection-august-7-2016/

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.”

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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, August 18 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

As Jesus speaks to his disciples in the Gospel reading, he also speaks to us. If we decide for him, our decision will not make everyone happy and won’t lead to everyone’s liking us. A passionate disciple of Jesus will not be appreciated by all — maybe not by most — but will surely be appreciated and rewarded by God!