Jesus said to his disciples:
“I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!”

Luke 12:49

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

Visit us on the web: stedmundcampionparish.org

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860-568-5240 • fr.gwozdz@aohct.org

Rev. Joseph Moonnanappallil, Parochial Vicar
860-918-4022 • fr.moonnanappallil@gmail.com

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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
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StEdmund3@gmail.com
Bonnie Szalay, Office Manager

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Mrs. Kathleen Welch, Principal
Audrey Cesana, Secretary
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860-568-4100

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stchrisre@gmail.com
PARISH SUPPORT
What We Collected (August 11): $6,113*
Parish School Collection: $1,840**

*Includes $570 received through our Online Giving program and $210 from mail-in offerings.

**Includes $115 received through our Online Giving program and $57 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish community!

We, as faithful Christian stewards, gratefully bless and praise God, knowing that, in times of trouble, we can put our full trust in the Lord. (Psalm 40:2-4,18)

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.

NEW WEB ADDRESS
We are pleased to announce that our website can be found at a new address! You can now find us at:

www.stedmundcampionparish.org

We invite you to visit us today!

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 Senior Citizens of Our Parish
(In Recognition of National Senior Citizens Day ~ August 21)

The candle at the Saint Christopher Church burns this week
For Kate Colla
for God’s Comfort & Healing Presence
(The Lora Family)

Please call the parish office to schedule a dedication. The suggested donation is $15.
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 de Beaupre 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
Our Prayer/Sharing Group will meet again this 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 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.

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. Classes for our K-8 students begin on September 15.

DO YOU NEED PRAYER?
Our prayer team is available to intercede on your behalf and take your request before God.

Contact Sally Ann Tanasi with your prayer requests.
860-569-4072
6854angeleyes@gmail.com
**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 heal in a community while on their journey toward lasting hope. Our two small rooms are next to each and will be used by interns and for one-on-one meetings. We have received generous monetary donations as well as much needed items for our rooms. Our Knights of Columbus Council #4 has kindly offered to provide some funds if needed to acquire anything that may not be donated. Some of the needs we still have are a desk or two and desk chairs, a lamp, some wall decorations and a couple throw rugs. We also need a door that will be installed between our two rooms. If you would be willing to make a monetary donation or have any of the items that are needed, please contact Deacon Phil at 860-568-5001 or by e-mail at imgoose@comcast.net. Thank you!

**UNIQUE BOUTIQUE - A QUALITY TAG SALE**
Saint Bridget Church - 80 Main Street - Manchester

Thursday, August 22: 5 pm - 8 pm
Wine/Cheese/Shopping - $10 Admission

Friday, August 23: 4 pm - 8 pm - $1 Admission
Saturday, August 24: 9 am - 6 pm - Free Admission
Sunday, August 25: 8 am - 11 am - Free Admission

**THE ABCs OF ANNULMENT**
Rev. James Sullivan, pastor of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Waterbury, CT. will host the “ABCs of Annulment” on Friday, September 6, from 7-9 pm in the Fr. Michael J. McGivney Church Hall, 74 West Main Street, Waterbury. Members of the Annulment Team will review the changes in the annulment process initiated by Pope Francis as well as those made in the Archdiocese of Hartford. In addition to the September 6th opening presentation, applicants for Annulment will be meet at the Hall for additional writing workshop sessions. on Fridays – Sept. 13, 20, and Oct. 4 from 7-9 pm. The “ABCs of Annulment” event is open to all. A donation is requested to defray the cost of the printed materials provided. No registration is required. For further info, call Br. Larry Lussier at 203-909-8570.

**DID YOU KNOW…**
We have devotions every Wednesday night at Saint Christopher Church. If you are looking for quiet time with Our Lord and prayers to our Blessed Mother, then join us for our Wednesday Devotions. At 6:00 p.m. the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration followed by benediction at 6:50 p.m. It is then followed by Novena Prayers of the Miraculous Medal of Our Lady. This prayerful time concludes with recitation of the Scriptural Rosary in which passages from the Bible help us to meditate on the Mysteries of Our Lord according to the liturgical season: the Joyful Mysteries during the weeks of Advent and Christmas, the Sorrowful Mysteries during Lent, the Glorious Mysteries during the weeks of Easter, and the Luminous Mysteries during Ordinary Time.

Track is just one of the many extra curricular activities at Saint Christopher School! The team brought home many medals this past spring. Saint Chris is an excellent option for your child’s education from PreK 3 through Grade 8. Check us out on the web at www.saintchristopherschool.org or call for a tour at 860-568-4100.
“I HAVE COME TO SET THE EARTH ON FIRE.” (Luke 12:49)

Jesus’ statement of fire that we hear in today’s Gospel reading is the fire of his love; it is powerful, all consuming in Christ’s love for his Father and his creation. Jesus wants the whole world to burn with the intensity of love he has for his Father and humanity. Fire may begin slowly by building up layers or quickly if set up with an accelerant. Fire needs certain conditions to grow and burn brightly. Just as the ground must be prepared so the soil has no ash to thwart growth, so too the soil of our soul must be prepared to receive the flame of God’s love. Baptism, reconciliation, prayer, will remove the trash of sin away from our heart and soul. Christ left us himself in Eucharist to nourish our soul; the more we feed our soul, the more the fire of love grows within us. It is the nature of fire to transform, to change that which it meets. God is not distant, aloof; hidden. Love draws into itself souls which have not moved away from the Source, the flame of love of the Trinity. Christ unites us into Himself to become the source of love for another, to bring all into “Thy Kingdom come;” where we will experience eternally God’s love. Fire can burn brightly for a short time, weaken and die out or fire can be banked and remain lit throughout the night – the dark night of darkness, the night of suffering. As free-willed children of God, we can choose to follow the fire in our heart or not.

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**Lectio Divina & Daily Readings**

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.”

**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 25 – Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

If we have our personal relationship with Jesus in order, then we do not have to worry at all about the time that is surely coming when The Gate will be closed forever. We will be on the inside, not the outside; we will have reached our goal of becoming fully human. The Holy Spirit is our guarantee of that, provided we permit him to help us grow in our daily relationship with Jesus our Savior.

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Saint Edmund Campion Parish Presents  
Tony Melendez in Concert

Friday ~ October 4, 2019  
7:00 p.m.

Saint Christopher Church  
538 Brewer Street  
East Hartford, CT 06118

Tony Melendez may have been born without arms, but that didn’t stop him from dancing, dating, playing the guitar and enjoying life to the fullest. Today, Tony is known around the world for playing the guitar with his feet. In 1985, Tony began playing and singing in the Los Angeles area. Just two years later, his life was changed forever when he performed for Pope John Paul II before a live audience of 6,000 people and a TV audience of millions. He was instantly thrown into the limelight.

Tony visited our parish in 2005 and we are so honored to welcome him back. Please join us for an inspirational evening of hope and courage. All are welcome!

Proceeds will benefit the capital improvements fund of Saint Edmund Campion Parish.

Ticket Prices

$25 - Adults (ages 18 - 64)  
$20 - Seniors (ages 65+)  
$10 - Youth (ages 17 and under)

How to Purchase Tickets

• Visit our secure website:
  https://osvhub.com/saint-edmund-campion-parish/forms/tony-melendez-concert

• Purchase tickets after Mass (beginning the weekend of August 24/25)

• Fill out the order form below and either place it in the collection basket in an envelope marked Tony Melendez Concert or mail it to Saint Edmund Campion Parish, 538 Brewer Street, East Hartford, CT 06118.

Questions? 860-568-5240 or StEdmund3@gmail.com

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TONY MELENDEZ IN CONCERT

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