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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PARISH SUPPORT

What We Collected (August 18): $6,291*
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: $1,560

*Includes $625 received through our Online Giving program and $255 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish!

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!

MARIAN GARDEN

Now is the perfect time to order your slab or brick to be incorporated into our Marian Garden. We will soon be turning over another batch of orders to our engravers for installation in the garden this fall. Messages can memorialize a loved one, honor someone special, commemorate an event or can simply be your name as a supporter of the garden. Donation levels begin at $50. For more information or to place your order, please call the parish office at 860-568-5240.

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 Special Intention for Alec Sanchez (Grandmother)

The candle at the Saint Christopher Church burns this week
In Loving Memory of Jose Figueiredo ~ 12th Anniversary (Wife Maria)
Maria Machado ~ Birthday Remembrance (Daughter Maria)

Please call the parish office to schedule a dedication. The suggested donation is $15.
PARISH COUNCIL CHRONICLE
Our parish council is currently looking for new members to replace those who are unable to fulfill their term. If you are interested in serving on our parish council and would like to learn more about this opportunity, you are invited to attend an orientation meeting being held on Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Saint Christopher church hall.

The parish council meets again on Tuesday, September 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Our Lady of Peace church hall. If you have any suggestions or concerns you would like the parish council to address, please contact Lori Brunette, parish council president, at 860-904-2116 no later than September 10.

ADULT BIBLE ADVENTURE
We will meet again this Wednesday, August 28, 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 with Chapter 7 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.

PRAYER/SHARING GROUP
Our Prayer/Sharing Group will meet again this Thursday, August 29 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 discuss the history and significance of the popular Catholic devotion ~ Stations of the Cross. 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.

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS ED
Grade K-8 Classes Begin on September 15
To Avoid a Late Fee, Please Register by Aug. 30
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 Gr 1. The registration form can be downloaded from our website at stedmundcampionparish.org (select Religious Education) or it can be obtained by contacting the parish office at 860-568-5240.

TONY MELENDEZ IN CONCERT
Saint Edmund Campion Parish is proud to host the world famous author/composer/musician Tony Melendez in concert on Friday, October 4 at 7:00 pm in Saint Christopher Church. You’ll hear selections to suit a wide variety of musical tastes including contemporary, calypso and Christian songs in his skilled acoustic style. Tony was born without arms, but it did not stop him from learning how to play a guitar with his feet. Tony has entertained and inspired audiences around the world with his amazing musical skills, his courage and accomplishments, and the power of his example. Tickets for the concert are $25 (adults 18-64), $20 (seniors 65+) and $10 (youth 17 and under) and can be purchased online at:
https://osvhub.com/saint-edmund-campion-parish/forms/tony-melendez-concert
(Note: this site works well with Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge and Mozilla Firefox. It does not function correctly using Internet Explorer.)

Beginning this weekend, August 24/25, tickets can also be purchased after all weekend Masses leading up to the week of the concert unless an announcement to the contrary is made prior to the start of Mass. You can also purchase tickets by using the order form at the bottom of the flyer that can be found at all entrances of both churches.

This concert is open to the public. There is limited seating available, so you are encouraged not to wait to purchase your tickets. Proceeds will benefit the capital improvements fund of Saint Edmund Campion Parish.
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 safe community on their journey toward lasting hope. Our two small rooms are next to each other and will be used by interns and for one-on-one meetings. We have received a few monetary donations as well as many 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. We are not 100% sure what we have for our need for two desks and desk chairs so we will keep these on the list of needed items. We also need a door that will be installed between our two rooms; if anyone can donate this door, it would be greatly appreciated. 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.

STAFF CHANGES
Conny Chen Lin was hired on April 15 as our new parish and school accountant. Our previous accountant, Dianne Rumsey, worked closely with Conny before she retired on June 5. Conny received her Bachelor’s Degree in June of 1998 from the National Taiwan University in Taipei, Taiwan and her Master’s Degree in Finance in May of 2001 from Montclair State University in Upper Montclair, New Jersey. She has nearly 20 years experience in financial and accounting management. Conny currently resides in Rocky Hill with her husband, son and daughter. We are pleased to welcome Conny to our staff and we look forward to the guidance she will provide to our parish and school. We are also grateful to Dianne for the 23 years of devoted service to our parish community and we wish her many happy years in retirement.

Leo Forte has been hired as our new parish Coordinator of Religious Education (Grades K-8) and will begin his duties on September 3 after our current coordinator, Maria Sousa, retires on Aug. 30. Leo is currently working closely with Maria to ensure a smooth transition. Leo was originally a parishioner of Blessed Sacrament Church and has been teaching 5th and 6th Grades for the past 20 years at Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of Peace (following the linking of the two churches), and Saint Christopher (following the formation of Saint Edmund Campion Parish). He also taught 9th and 10th Grade Confirmation classes at Our Lady of Peace Church for 10 years with Deacon Ray Parenteau, and finished his time there as Confirmation program coordinator. Leo and his wife Gail currently reside in East Hartford and have four grown children. We are pleased to welcome Leo to our staff and look forward to the guidance he will provide to our parish and religious education program. We are also grateful to Maria for the 14 years of devoted service to our parish’s religious education program and we wish her many happy years in retirement.

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY CELEBRATION
On Sunday, October 13, at 2:00 p.m., the annual Archdiocesan Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph for married couples observing their 25th, 50th, 60th and other special wedding anniversaries in 2019. Archbishop Blair will be the main celebrant. Mass will include the renewal of marriage vows, followed by a simple reception and an opportunity for a photo with Archbishop Blair. Family members and friends are encouraged to attend. In order for you to receive a special invitation in the mail and for your names to be printed in the program provided that day, you must respond to this invitation by Sept. 20 by contacting the parish office at 860-568-5240. If you are celebrating a special anniversary this year, but you are unable to make it to the ceremony on October 13, please call the parish office in order to register to receive a special congratulatory certificate from Archbishop Blair.

DO YOU NEED PRAYER?
Contact Sally Ann Tanasi with your prayer requests.
860-569-4072  6854angeleyes@gmail.com
Gospel Reflection

Jesus speaks directly to salvation in the Gospel Reading from St. Luke. The Lord, faced with the question from a follower, “Lord, will only a few people be saved?” Jesus explains salvation by asking the questioner more or less, “Are you saved?” That is what each of us must ask ourselves, “Can I be saved?” The obvious answer is “Of course.” However, there are qualifications to that answer. When the Lord makes a reference to entering through the narrow gate, we must never forget that He is the gate and He is the gate keeper. He is the road to salvation. All of our good works are nothing if we do not do them in His name.

Following Jesus, being His disciple, trying to fulfill His expectations should really be our life’s work. In that way we are striving to enter the door, and that is an important point made by the Lord. He says, in effect, “If you do not strive to enter, if you do not seek to find your vocation and your place, the door may be closed.” Jesus has the key to the door, but it may be located in our hearts.


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.”

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, September 1 – Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The exercise of humility towards our neighbor is not a reverence of that nature, but to the gifts of God within that nature” (Archbishop Ullathorne on Humility). Our actions that matter are those that are self-giving, rather than self-promoting. Pope John Paul II taught us that each of us needs to promote the dignity of every human being, especially the disadvantaged; we are equal with our brothers and sisters in the eyes of God, not above them.