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 (September 1): $7,944*
*Includes $1,205 received through our Online Giving program and $800 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish!

BEQUEST
We received a generous bequest of $1,000 from the estate of Rita Bernaiche who passed away earlier this year. Rita was a faithful congregant of Our Lady of Peace Church for many years. When she could no longer attend Mass, she so appreciated those volunteers who visited her at her home. It allowed her to continue to be part of her church community. We are so grateful to Rita for remembering our parish in her will. May she rest in peace.

2019 MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL
The Propagation of the Faith office of our archdiocese has invited Rev. David Kulandaismy of the diocese of Kumbakonam, India to speak to us about their missionary activities and challenges at all Masses next weekend, September 14/15. A second collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend to help support the efforts of the diocese of Kumbakonam. Checks should be made payable to Saint Edmund Campion Parish. We look forward to giving Father David a warm welcome to our parish.

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
In Memory of the Victims of 9/11
(In Recognition of National Days of Prayer and Remembrance ~ 9/8 - 9/10)

The candle at the Saint Christopher Church burns this week
In Loving Memory of
Rev. James H. Smith ~ 5th Anniversary
(Family)

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

Tickets can also be purchased after all weekend Masses leading up to the week of the concert. 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. Seating is limited so don’t wait to purchase your ticket. Proceeds will benefit the capital improvements fund of Saint Edmund Campion Parish.

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**ADULT BIBLE ADVENTURE**

We will meet again this Wednesday, September 11, 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.). 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.

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**PRAYER/SHARING GROUP**

Our Prayer/Sharing Group will meet again this Thursday, September 12 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.

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**ST. EDMUND CAMPION SOCIAL CLUB**

Monday ~ September 16 ~ 1:00 p.m.

Saint Christopher Church Hall

Mark your calendars…the Bristol Old Tyme Fiddlers are returning for a lively toe-tapping afternoon. Delicious desserts and great companionship as usual. We invite you to join us on the following trips. These trips are open to the public.

**October 28-31:** 4-day trip to Quebec & Montreal, St. Anne De Beaupre, St. Joseph Oratory, sightseeing and more.

**November 19-21:** 3-day trip to Lancaster to Sights & Sounds Theater to see “The Miracle of Christmas,” a show “Joy to the World” at the American Music Theater, meal in an Amish home, and more.

?’s: Contact Joan or Frank Perrone at 860-568-6229.

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**REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS ED**

**Grade K-8 Classes Begin on September 15**

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 Religious Ed office at 860-895-8692.
**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Since 2003 our Prayer Shawl Ministry has been creating shawls, lap blankets and baby blankets to console those who are grieving, comfort those who are ill, help celebrate a joyous occasion, and welcome those who are baptized. We invite you to join our parish ministry of prayer, service and love. We gather in the Saint Christopher church hall on the 2nd Monday of the month from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Our starting date is September 9, but feel free to join us at any time. Bring a friend. We have plenty of yarn and needles for those who wish to learn. For more info, please call Santa Vallone 860-568-1772.

**WEDDING 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.

**ST. CHRIS SCHOOL GOLF CLASSIC**

Saint Christopher School will hold its annual Golf Classic on Monday, September 16 at the Glastonbury Hills Country Club. Shotgun start is 12:00 noon. For more information, contact Mrs. Welch at 860-568-4100 or welchk@saintchristopherschool.org.

**AMIRAH HOUSE UPDATE**

Our parish has 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 and will be used by interns and for one-on-one meetings. We are grateful for the items that have been donated as well as the monetary donations we have received. **We are making progress with our rooms, and at this point in the process we are seeking monetary donations to assist with purchasing the few remaining things that will be needed.** If you would be willing to make a monetary donation or have any questions, please contact Deacon Phil at 860-568-5001 or by e-mail at imgoose@comcast.net.

**BBQ CHICKEN DINNER**

South Church, 1301 Forbes Street, East Hartford will be holding their annual BBQ Chicken Dinner on Saturday, September 14 at 6:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Ticket prices: $12 (adults), $6 (children ages 5-12), Free (ages 4 and under).

**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 (i.e, milestone birthday or anniversary, Baptism, First Communion, etc.) 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.

**SAINT EDMUND CAMPION AWARD**

The Saint Edmund Campion Award Committee is seeking candidates to receive this year’s award. The award will be given to parishioners who have contributed their time and talent to the service of our parish, its programs and ministries, and service to the community. There will be three awards: **Youth** (through the 8th grade), **Teen** (High School), **Adult**. Please submit a short biography outlining how the candidate has fulfilled the areas of service. Place your submission in a sealed envelope marked to the attention of the Award Committee. You may drop your submission off at the parish office or place it in any weekend’s collection basket by Friday, November 15. The award winners will be announced on Sunday, December 1 - the feast day of Saint Edmund Campion.
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 Wednesday, September 18 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.

LECTIO DIVINA & DAILY READINGS

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DISCIPLESHIP

At the end of today’s Gospel Reading from St. Luke, Jesus says a lot about what it means to be His disciple — the demands and the expectations. As His final statement in the reading, He says, “…anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” What the Lord may be trying to communicate is our possessions can stand in the way of being His disciple. It is a question of trust. Jesus tells us that we need to trust in Him to a greater extent than in ourselves or in what we may possess. That is, of course, not easy for us. Nevertheless, to place our trust in the Lord is exactly what it means to be His disciple.

– www.catholicsteward.com

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.”

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 15 – Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The gospel reading includes a well-known parable - The Prodigal Son. Every time we revisit this story we have the opportunity to reflect and ask ourselves whether we ever act like the younger son or the older son, or if we strive to act the way that God does toward us, as the forgiving father.

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