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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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 8): $6,881*
Parish School Collection: $2,259**

*Includes $570 received through our Online Giving program and $235 from mail-in offerings.
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Thank you for your support of our parish community!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Week of September 16
Our office manager, Bonnie Szalay, will be away from the parish office this coming week. In her absence, Denise Rioux will be available to assist you as follows:

Monday, September 16 – Friday, September 20
9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The father’s response in today’s gospel reading teaches us that God’s care and compassion extend to the righteous and sinner alike. When we are lost, God doesn’t wait for our return. He actively seeks us out. And when the lost are found, how could we not celebrate and rejoice?

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 Those Affected by Suicide
(In Recognition of National Suicide Prevention Month - September)

The candle at the Saint Christopher Church burns this week

In Celebration of Joe Martocci’s 90th Birthday
(Family)

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

This weekend our parish welcomes Rev. David Kulandaisamy of the diocese of Kumbakonam, India. The Propagation of the Faith office of our archdiocese has invited Father David to speak to us about the missionary activities and challenges of his diocese. A second collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend to help support his efforts. Checks should be made payable to Saint Edmund Campion Parish. Thank you for your generosity and prayers for Father David’s missionary work.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS

Confirmation preparation classes for high school students will begin on Sunday, September 22 at 9:00 - 10:15 a.m in the Saint Christopher church hall. This first class is a registration and orientation meeting for students and parents; please plan to attend this first class with your child. The $50 registration fee will be collected at that time. Come, Holy Spirit! For more info, please e-mail Kristi Gillespie at stchrisym@gmail.com or text her at 860-402-6233.

THIRD ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

Sunday ~ September 22
12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Peace Campus ~ 370 May Road

The parish of Saint Edmund Campion will be hosting its Third Annual Parish Picnic. We look forward to all of us coming together to celebrate a festive afternoon.

- Free Activities for the Kids!
- Free Pony Rides!
- Free Face Painting!
- Music and more fun activities for all!
- $1.00 at the door gets you your choice of a hamburger, hotdog or sausage/peppers or chips and a drink or even an ice cream from Daisy’s Ice cream truck!! Free watermelon will be served for dessert.

Come and enjoy a great afternoon!

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.

CONGRATULATIONS FRANK PERRONE!

Congratulations and thank you to Frank Perrone! Frank will receive the 2019 Saint John Neuman award from the Archdiocese of Hartford for his many acts of volunteerism at Saint Christopher School. Frank is a member of the School Board and serves on the Finance Committee. He regularly sells raffle tickets at our big events and helps at the fundraising dinners that benefit the school. Frank even offered his help at our annual ice cream social last year. We at the school are so appreciative of his help and enthusiasm! Thank you very much, Frank!

Saint Christopher School is an excellent school option for your child! Our PreK 3 through Grade 8 programs prepare students with rigorous academics in an atmosphere of kindness and compassion. Our small community promotes a sense of family and security. Contact us to see what we have to offer! 860-568-4100 ~ www.saintchristopherschool.org

CALLING ALL GREETERS!

Is God calling you to be His ambassador in greeting both new and familiar faces? If so, then the Parish Greeters’ Ministry is for you! There will be a meeting for new and returning greeters on Monday, September 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Saint Christopher church hall. The process of being a greeter will be explained, questions answered and the calendar planned. For more information, please contact Anne Marie Volowski at 860-936-8989 or by e-mail at annemarievolowski@yahoo.com.

WE ARE ON FACEBOOK!

Visit us today by searching Saint Edmund Campion Parish, East Hartford. Join the 177 people who already follow us!
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
The phone number for our Prayer Shawl Ministry coordinator, Santa Vallone, was incorrect in last weekend’s bulletin. The correct number is 860-569-1772. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please reach out to Santa. This ministry meets again on Monday, October 14 at 1:00 p.m. in the Saint Christopher church hall. If you would like to receive a prayer shawl, lap blanket or baby blanket, please contact Santa.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
The council will hold their Pot-Luck Supper on Tuesday, September 15 at 6:00 PM. The entrée will be roast pork loin. Contact Bob Falkevitz at 860-568-5452 to be included. Come and see our latest award.

There will be no pot-luck supper in October since there will be the Harvest Dinner.

The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world. Our local council Saint Christopher #4 held a membership drive and we might have missed you. Whether you become an individual member or a member of our council, you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to join, please contact Grand Knight Ernest Mintel at 860-593-2509 or simply go to www.kofc.org/joinus and enter our council #4 for local information.

SAVE THE DATE!
Knights of Columbus Harvest Dinner
Saturday, October 19 ~ 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM
Saint Christopher Church Hall
Roast Beef, Potatoes, Butternut Squash, Tossed Salad, Rolls & Butter, Coffee, Tea, Soda
Adults: $12.50, Children under 12: $5.00
Bring and share your favorite harvest dessert!
A portion of proceeds to benefit hurricane victims. Door Prize!
More information forthcoming about ticket sales.

THE FORGIVING FATHER
In Jesus’ time, a first-born son inherited two-thirds of his father’s property; younger sons got the rest. The younger son in today’s Gospel cannot wait, demands his portion, and leaves. The money is quickly gone and he is reduced to herding pigs. He returns home, intending to confess his guilt and requests to be a servant, not a son. Yet the father runs out to meet him, clothes him in finery, and orders a huge feast. The older son is hostile, although he is guaranteed his father’s love and a fine inheritance. The father knows how to forgive and forget; sadly, the older son knows neither. Whatever the younger son did is nothing compared to who he is — the beloved child. This story invites us to consider whether we 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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LIFE AFTER CONFIRMATION
Welcome to a new season of *Life After Confirmation*! If you are confirmed and are high school to college aged, we hope you will join us!

Classes will resume on Sunday, September 29 at 7:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. in the community room 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, ring the bell or text us and we will come down to get you.

Religious Education classes typically end by April, but our students requested that we continue through July …that’s got to entice you to want to check it out, right?! This informal course is held every other Sunday. Regular attendance is optional. Come when you can! **Upcoming Classes: 9/29, 10/13, 10/27**

Class starts with 15 minutes of a movie in line with our faith, followed by studying the 4 pillars: The Creed, Sacraments, Commandments and Prayer. Dig deeper into our rich and beautiful faith and find answers and understanding on various topics with a great group of young men and women.

For more info, call or text Mr. and Mrs. Hartley at 860-796-0165 or just show up and check it out!

**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 22 – Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Be prudent about the use of wealth. Like the steward in the parable, those who follow Jesus must put transitory affairs in proper perspective. Christians should handle the affairs of temporal life with an eye toward eternal life. If Christians handle money and other passing things responsibly, then they can also be trusted with the affairs of the Kingdom of God.