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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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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**Mass Intentions for the Week**

(OLOP) = Mass celebrated at Our Lady of Peace campus  
(SC) = Mass celebrated at Saint Christopher campus

**Saturday, September 21 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)**  
† John & Moira Traynor  
(The Traynor Family)

**Sunday, September 22 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)**  
† Deceased Members of the Povinelli & Cervini Families  
(Barbara & Valentine Povinelli)

**Sunday, September 22 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)**  
† Walter & Gladys Juraszewicz  
(Family)

**Sunday, September 22 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)**  
† Lou Priest, Jr. (Al & Sally Labieniec)

**Monday, September 23 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)**  
† Dinis Leonardo (Wife & Family)

**Tuesday, September 24 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)**  
† David Amberg (Lou & Karen Patria)

**Wednesday, September 25 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)**  
† Sr. Mary Gerald Creedan

**Thursday, September 26 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)**  
† John & Louise Olinatz (Children)

**Friday, September 27 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)**  
† Beverly G. O’Connor

**Saturday, September 28 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)**  
For the People of the Parish (Missa pro populo)

**Saturday, September 28 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)**  
In Thanksgiving for Maureen Harden  
(Mom, Mary Harden)

**Sunday, September 29 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)**  
† Georgette Miller (Marion Sullivan)

**Sunday, September 29 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)**  
† Harry Barrett III (Brenda & Joyce Flaherty)

**Sunday, September 29 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)**  
† Miriam Ruggeiro  
(Michelle, Todd, Lily & Josh Hallinan)

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**PARISH SUPPORT**

Due to our office manager’s vacation, this bulletin was transmitted prior to last weekend; therefore, last weekend’s collection will be reported in next weekend’s bulletin.

**HOPES COLLECTION**

This Weekend

- The HOPES Collection benefits the Catholic elementary schools of the Archdiocese by providing schools with individual HOPES Grants.
- The Collection also supports the broad-based marketing and promotion of Catholic schools through branding and social media.
- 25% of the monies collected will remain here to benefit Saint Christopher School.

Please help us provide a culture of faith and academic excellence to elementary school students by giving to the 2019 Catholic elementary school HOPES Collection this weekend.

**LIVING GOD’S WORD**

We pray for the wisdom to live justly, that is, in such a way that we keep ourselves in proper relationship with God, with each other, and with the earth. We pray for the wisdom to use our financial resources to help bring about such “just living.”

As Christian stewards, we know we are to use our material blessings to further God’s work here on earth.

**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**

† The candle at the Saint Christopher Church burns this week

For the Povinelli & Cervini Families  
(Barbara & Val Povinelli)

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

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.

ADULT BIBLE ADVENTURE
We will meet again this Wednesday, September 25, 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 8, verse 26 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 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.

PRAYER/SHARING GROUP
Our Prayer/Sharing Group will meet again this Thursday, September 26 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. The topic of discussion for this week will be “The Power of Prayer.” 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.

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.
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.

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!

ROSARY RALLY OF CONNECTICUT

The 30th Annual Rosary Rally will be held at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Waterbury on Sunday, October 6 from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. There will be a procession, rosary, talk and Benediction. The Most Reverend Juan Miguel Betancourt, SEMV, Auxiliary Bishop of Hartford, will be the guest speaker. The topic of his talk is Mary’s Role in Salvation History. For more information, please call Lorraine at 203-736-9606.

52nd ANNUAL APPLE FAIR

All Saints’ Episcopal Church at 444 Hills Street in East Hartford invites you to join them on Saturday, September 28 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. for their annual 52nd Apple Fair. There will be:

TAG SALE • Home Baked Bread and Rolls
Gourmet Jams and Jellies
Homemade Apple Pies and Apple Crisp
Homemade Soups, Chili and Sandwiches
Lovely Fall Flowers • Raffle Table
and Much More!

For more information, please call 860-568-6175.

HARTFORD SEMINARIANS UPDATE

The seminarians of the archdiocese have completed their summer parish assignments and have now begun their Fall Semester. In addition, the Archdiocese has welcomed three new seminarians, bringing our total number to thirteen.

Our new seminarians are Anthony Caruso, Martin Chouinard and Mitchell Kendrioski. They are joining their brother seminarians: Deacon Jaime Maldonado-Avilés, Ryan Budd, Matthew Collins, Joseph MacNeill Andrés Galeano-Moreno, Sean Yates, Daniel Hackenjos, Christopher Kelley, Colin Lane and Jeremy Belk.

Please pray for our seminarians as they continue their formation, and for an increase in Vocations in our Archdiocese!
PARABLE OF THE DISHONEST STEWARD

Retired Bishop Robert Morneau — who was instrumental in the development of the United States Bishops’ pastoral letter, *Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response*, and has been a popular presenter on stewardship for decades — is fond of saying that on Judgment Day, the Lord will only ask us one question, “What have you done with the garden I have given you?” In other words, we are all gifted, perhaps in different ways, but whatever gifts we receive might be considered our garden from God. We must account for those gifts. The whole concept of stewardship is clear in today’s parable. The steward is the manager (not the owner) of the master’s gifts. God is, of course, the manager, and we are the stewards who are charged with the responsibility of overseeing our gifts of time, talent, treasure, and perhaps even influence. Do we use those gifts wisely and with justice? That is the point we must get from this Gospel. Our Holy Father Pope Francis understood the significance of being a steward when he recently said, “In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it. Be protectors of God’s gifts.” As the Lord says to the steward in today’s Gospel, “The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones.”  


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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 29 — Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The story of the rich man and Lazarus we hear in the gospel reading demonstrates the importance of the care of the poor and is a reminder to those who would follow Jesus of the unimportance of wealth in the eyes of God. If you profess to be a Christian, you are called to take responsibility for your hungry brothers and sisters.