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 22): $6,839 *
What We Collected (September 15): $6,038**

*Includes $570 received through our Online Giving program and $160 from mail-in offerings.
**Includes $625 received through our Online Giving program and $590 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish!

HOPES COLLECTION

On behalf of the students in the Catholic elementary schools of the Archdiocese of Hartford, we extend deep gratitude to all who contributed to the 2019 HOPES Collection. Your support, which totaled $1,773, will help to create a culture of educational excellence and plays an important role in the evangelization of young students as active participants in their parish communities. 25% of this collection, which totals $443, remains here to support our own parish school. Thank you!

MISSION COLLECTION

A couple of weekends ago our parish welcomed Father David Kulandaisamy who spoke to us about the missionary activities and challenges of his diocese of Kumbakonam, India. Father David is most grateful for your generous financial support of $2,499 which will help support his missionary work.

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 All Teachers
(In Recognition of World Teachers’ Day ~ Oct. 5)

* The candle at the Saint Christopher Church burns this week.

In Loving Memory of
Mark Tardiff
(Family)

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

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.

OCTOBER COUNT
Each year during the month of October we take a count every weekend of how many parishioners attend each Mass and how many parishioners come forward to receive Communion. All parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Hartford are required to submit this information to the Chancery. Our ushers at both our churches will position themselves during the Masses celebrated in October to record this information. We thank them for their help in gathering this important statistical data for the Archdiocese.

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.)

This is the final weekend that you can purchase tickets after all Masses, but tickets can be purchased at the door this Friday evening if you decide last minute that you would like to attend this wonderful event to be entertained and inspired.

PRAYER/SHARING GROUP
Our Prayer/Sharing Group will meet again this Thursday, October 3 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.

SCRAP METAL AND BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE
Bring your redeemable bottles and cans and your scrap metal to Saint Christopher School on Saturday, October 5 from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Proceeds will benefit the students of our parish school.
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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
The local assembly and council will meet this Thursday, October 3 in the Saint Christopher church hall for their monthly business meetings at the following times:

- 6:30 PM – 4th Deg. Assembly Meeting
- 7:30 PM – Council Meeting

For more information or to join the Knights, please call Grand Knight Ernie Mintel at 860-593-2509

AMIRAH HOUSE UPDATE
We are in the homestretch on completing our rooms! I am so grateful for all the wonderful people who have made this a reality ~ those who worked at the house, those who helped obtain donations and those who made donations. I think the best thing for now is to take a time out from any further contributions while we pull this across the finish line. I will provide a final update shortly. This house is the very first Amirah House in Connecticut which will provide a safe home for adult victims of sex trafficking. We are so excited that we have been able to participate in helping to rehab this house so it can be opened to provide refuge for those seeking to break free from exploitation and to heal in a safe community on their journey toward lasting hope. The two small rooms we “adopted” are next to each other and will be used by interns and for one-on-one meetings.

For more info, call Deacon Phil, at 860-568-5001 or by e-mail at imgoose@comcast.net.

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.
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE: Saint Christopher School students celebrated the International Day of Peace with a prayer service and our annual “planting” of pinwheels. Join our efforts to contribute to “whirled peace” by being peaceful with your families and friends.

SAVERS DRIVE: Our parish school will be holding their next Savers Drive on Sunday, October 20 from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon. Please help support our school by donating gently used clothing and household goods.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION: Download the ALL-NEW Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then simply scan your store receipts to find participating products. The app will automatically credit our school’s Box Tops earnings online.

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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, October 6 – Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
The disciples of Jesus are to understand themselves as servants to God and his plans. Even when God works wonders through us, with our mustard seed-sized faith, we must not seek praise. Our participation in God’s plans is God’s grace to us – nothing more, nothing less.