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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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ October 6, 2019
PARISH SUPPORT
What We Collected (September 29): $6,848*
*Includes $970 received through our Online Giving program and $140 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish!

ONLINE GIVING PROGRAM
Online Giving is available here at Saint Edmund Campion parish! It's all about convenience for you and consistency for the parish. For more information and to register for Online Giving, please visit our website at stedmundcampionparish.org. Click on the Online Giving button on the left side and you will be connected to our secure Online Giving server.

IN MEMORIUM
Please pray for the following parishioners who passed on to eternal life during the month of September.

John Carras • John Conti
Susan Cope • Harry Egazarian
Alice Noel • Dorothy Zemantic

“If Christ is my life, then death is my gain.”
— Philippians 1:21

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
Edward & Elizabeth Arnold
(Family)

The candle at the Saint Christopher Church burns this week

In Loving Memory of
John Leonard
In Remembrance of His Birthday
(Family)

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

My dear friends,

I want to extend my personal thanks to all who made our third parish picnic such a great success. The weather was comfortable and everyone had a great time. It was nice to see Father Nock there as well. I’m grateful to those who set up, those who oversaw ticket sales, those who did the cooking and serving, those who cleaned up at the end, and those who made arrangements for the attractions. I was so pleased to see how well we continue to work together as a parish family.

May God bless you all, Father John

ANOTHER PARISH PICNIC THANK YOU!
The parish family of Saint Edmund Campion shared a lovely afternoon on Sunday, September 22, at our third annual Parish Picnic. It was a beautiful afternoon – the weather was perfect and the sense of community was uplifting as well. The delicious food that was served and the ice cream from Daisy’s ice cream truck were enjoyed by all. The children (and some adults!) were treated to beautiful face painting, a fun bounce house, and pony rides with Star, the pony who has been the “Star” attraction at numerous Our Lady of Peace picnics. There was even a special guest appearance by Father Nock, who is always a pleasure to see. It truly was a lovely afternoon and a nice time was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to all who participated, especially all of the wonderful and dedicated volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this event another great success! Thank you all for helping to make the day possible and such a happy memory for us all!

Sincerely, Danielle & Marie
Co-chairs of the Planning Committee

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
Tickets are available for
purchase after all Masses this weekend.
Bring and share your favorite harvest dessert!
A portion of proceeds to benefit hurricane victims.
Door Prize!

ADULT BIBLE ADVENTURE
We will meet again this Wednesday, October 9, 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 this next session with chapter 9, verse 20 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.

M. LOUISE SWEETLAND SCHOLARSHIP
The M. Louise Sweetland Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for this year’s scholarship candidates. If you are a registered member of the parish and have a child(ren) attending either a Catholic grammar school or high school, you are encouraged to see Father after Mass today to pick up an application. Alternatively, you may call Kevin Burns at 860-209-2378 to arrange to have an application sent by regular mail or by e-mail. The deadline to submit applications is November 8, 2019. Completed applications may be given to Father, be dropped off at the parish office or returned to Kevin Burns.
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:  
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LIFE AFTER CONFIRMATION  
Great news! Our *Life After Confirmation* class is now underway for those who have been confirmed who are high school and college aged. This class is perfect for those in that age group who want to continue their faith education...and have fun while doing so! **The next class will be held on Sunday, October 13 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.*  
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For more info, call or text Mr. and Mrs. Hartley at 860-796-0165 or just show up and check it out!

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TRUST IN GOD

Our First Reading from the Old Testament Book of Habakkuk is once again from someone we consider to be a minor prophet. However, Habakkuk, like other divinely-inspired writers of the Bible, captures the essence of messages and prophecies that have universal applicability not only in his time, but to us today. Habakkuk was writing more than 600 years before the birth of Christ, that is more than 2,600 years before now. Yet he addresses a stewardship approach to life in ways that are significant to us today. Scholars generally agree that the overall theme of Habakkuk is trying to grow from a faith that might be termed perplexing and sometimes doubtful to a point where we place absolute trust in God. In today’s reading, Habakkuk deals with the situation of when someone believes in God, but when they look at the world around them, it does not seem to match what God wants. Isn’t that true of today’s world as we are inundated with tragic and horrible news almost on a daily basis? Trust in God is the key for us to be good stewards, and it is at the crux of the power of faith. In his Memoirs Pope Benedict XVI said, “The more I reflect on it, the more I understand that the nature of human life is that it is ever Holy Saturday, not Easter Sunday. We are still awaiting Easter; we are not standing in full light, but walking toward it full of trust.” That trust is the secret!


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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 13 – Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel reading, all 10 of the lepers were given the gift of healing, but in his gratitude to God for this gift, the Samaritan found salvation. Our salvation is found in recognizing the gifts we have been given and knowing to whom we must offer our thanks.

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