Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ November 3, 2019

Praying for the Faithful Departed during the Month of November

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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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PARISH SUPPORT

What We Collected (October 27): $7,481

Includes $1,065 received through our Online Giving program and $820 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish!

ONLINEgiving

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 October.

Richard Bender ● Therese Bonneau
Raymond Dionne ● Dominic Fulco, Jr.
Lucienne Lachance ● Joseph “Brian” Mikkelson
Brian Prasser

“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 All the Faithful Departed

The candle at the Saint Christopher Church burns this week for

John & Vivian Twarkins
In Celebration of
Their 65th Wedding Anniversary
(Ray & Pauline Bilodeau)

Please call the parish office to schedule a dedication. The suggested donation is $15.
PARISH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
November 3 ~ 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Looking for school options? Visit Saint Christopher School, our East Hartford PreK 3 through Grade 8 elementary school! There will be an Open House this Sunday, November 3 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Come and learn about all that we have to offer: good location, busing available to EH students, small class sizes, excellent test scores, financial aid available - visit and see for yourself! This is an educational opportunity that has a proven track record of academic success. Contact Mrs. Welch at 860-568-4100 or at WelchK@saintchristopherschool.org for more details. You are also invited to visit us at www.saintchristopherschool.org.

M. LOUISE SWEETLAND SCHOLARSHIP
Submission Deadline: Friday, November 8
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 John or Father Joseph or can be dropped off at the parish office.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES
November 2 and 3
Junior/Cadette Girl Scout Troop 10862, of which some of our young parishioners are members, will be selling cookies after the 4:00 PM, 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM Masses this weekend, 11/2 & 11/3. The six core varieties are all $5 a box, and specialty cookies are $6 a box. You can also purchase boxes to donate to our military troops overseas. Your purchase helps the troop earn money for troop events, Girl Scout summer camp and supports the girls as they strengthen their leadership skills and work to make a difference in their community.

ADULT BIBLE ADVENTURE
We will meet again this Wednesday, November 6, 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 11 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.

MALTA HOUSE OF CARE
The Malta House of Care Mobile Medical Clinic seeks licensed MDs, RNs, APRNs, PAs, and interpreters to become part-time volunteers at our Clinic that provides free primary care to uninsured adults. This mobile medical clinic can be found throughout the greater Hartford area every Monday - Thursday. Every Monday the mobile medical clinic can be found right here in East Hartford at St. Rose Church off Burnside Avenue. For more information and to obtain an application, please call 860-548-1593 or visit www.maltahouseofcare.org/volunteers.

FOOD BANK NEWS
We are quickly approaching the Holiday Season and I want to thank everyone for their past donations to our Food Bank. This year we have not been able to get as many things that we had previously been able to get at Food Share so we are in special need of canned vegetables, mashed potatoes, cans of Chef Boyardee®, Hamburger Helper™, and baked beans, but anything you would like to donate is always appreciated. Donations can be left near the candle station at Saint Christopher Church and in the main vestibule of Our Lady of Peace Church. Anyone wishing to donate a turkey, chicken, ham or other meat can contact me at 860-202-8462. Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season.

– Diane Warner
**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.

**PROTECTORS OF ANIMALS FAIR**

On Saturday, November 16 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the Saint Christopher church hall, the Protector’s of Animals and POA Spay, a non-profit, no-kill animal shelter and low-cost spay clinic located here in East Hartford, will be holding their Annual Holiday Fair. Handmade items from local artisans, baked goods and raffles. Free Admission! Get a picture with Santa from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. for a $5.00 donation. Bring the kids and pets! Proceeds will benefit the shelter and spay clinic.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

This Wednesday our parishioners John & Vivian Twarkins celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary. John & Vivian were married by Father Henry Murphy on November 6, 1954 at Blessed Sacrament Church. We join with their family and friends in offering our sincere congratulations. May God bless them and their loved ones.

**AMIRAH HOUSE WRAP-UP**

Our parish 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. 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 to heal in a safe community on their journey toward lasting hope was a great blessing. I am so grateful for all the wonderful people who helped make this a reality. So many kind and generous people offered to donate items for this worthy cause. A number of parishioners made monetary gifts which helped us to purchase items such as paint, a door and curtains.

I want to send my heartfelt thanks to the dedicated members of our core crew: Diane Robaczynski, Michelle Carras, the late John Carras and Walter Murdoch. The rooms look great! Over the door that leads to the One-on-One Room is a sign that reads, *One on One Room, With Hope, Love is Patient, Love is Kind, Love is Forever.*

– Peace and blessings, Deacon Phil

**FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA**

On Saturday, November 9, the Church celebrates one of its very special homes: the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome. This basilica is the seat of the Bishop of Rome, the pope, and that, as we celebrate its dedication, we are reminded of the people the building represents: the pope and all God’s people throughout the world. When we celebrate the dedication of this great church, we are reminded of our own parish churches where we gather to celebrate and, even more so, of our domestic church, our home, where we encounter God every day. Please join us on Saturday, November 9 at 9:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Peace Church as we celebrate this Feast.
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Saint Christopher Council #4
The local assembly and council will meet this Thursday, November 7, 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
Refreshments will be served.
The Knights are looking for Catholic men who want to make a difference in their community, grow in faith and obtain exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for their family.

HOMEFRONT 2020
Application Deadline is November 15, 2019
Our parish will once again participate in the HomeFront project the first weekend in May of 2020. The HomeFront program is now seeking applicants. Free home repair assistance is available to low-income homeowners in our community. Fueled by a mission of keeping deserving neighbors in their homes with an improved quality of life, the HomeFront staff invites members of our community to consider someone you know who many have no other recourse for making necessary home repairs. If you know any homeowners who could benefit from free repair assistance this spring, please let them know that help is available. For an application, please call 1-800-887-HOPE

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.”

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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, November 10 – Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
In the Gospel reading, Jesus proposes that the possibilities of resurrected life are beyond our imaginations. Jesus’ conclusion suggests something else as well: To spend time worrying about resurrected life is to miss the point. The point is eternal relationship with God is possible, for God is the God of the living, “...for to him all are alive.”