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 (November 10): $6,536*
Parish School Collection: $1,905**

*Includes $625 received through our Online Giving program and $256 from mail-in offerings.

**Includes $125 received through our Online Giving program and $169 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish community!

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

This weekend, through our second collection, we have the opportunity to support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 46 million people in the United States live in poverty today. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles as they work to make permanent and positive changes for their communities. To learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, please visit www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

COLLECTION FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES

The triennial collection to support the Archdiocese for the Military Service will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, November 23/24. Please see the insert in this weekend’s bulletin for more information or visit milarch.org/nationalcollection.

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

In Loving Memory of
Rick Albani ~ 1st Anniversary
(The Coombs & Batira Families)

The candle at the Saint Christopher Church burns this week for
For All the Faithful Departed

Please call the parish office to schedule a dedication. The suggested donation is $15.
ALUMNI MEMORIAL MASS
A memorial Mass for the deceased alumni of Saint Christopher School will be celebrated this Monday, November 18, at 6:30 p.m. at Saint Christopher Church. All are welcome to attend.

GOODWILL PROJECT ~ Christmas Wish CT
The students of our parish school are busy working on another goodwill project. They are collecting loose change for a local Connecticut charity – Christmas Wish CT. This organization is a local program that was founded by Mike Stacy from the Lite 100.5 WRCH morning show “Allan, Mike & Mary.” It began in 2004 and has touched many lives granting wishes for food, gifts, warm clothing and more. This is a pay it forward and a people-helping-people charity. Every single dollar donated goes directly to local families and their children. Since Mike Stacy has been a generous supporter of our parish school’s annual auction for many of the past 20 years, our students thought this would be a good way to not only pay it forward, but to pay it back as well. So crack open your piggy banks, dig under the couch cushions, your car mats, your cup holder... anywhere all that loose change tends to hide. The students of Saint Christopher School will gladly accept anything you can spare! Please look for our school children at the doors of the churches after all Masses this weekend, November 16/17, to collect any loose change you may have. Our students thank you, and the families that Christmas Wish CT will be helping thank you as well.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY
This month’s Children’s Liturgy will be celebrated next Sunday, Nov. 24 at 10:30 a.m. at Saint Christopher Church. Students in Grade 7 will participate in special ways during the Mass and our Family Choir* will lead the music. Hospitality will follow in the church hall. Everyone is invited!

*If you would like to sing with the Family Choir at this next Children’s Liturgy, please contact Toni Mintel at 860-569-7593 (evenings after 8pm) for more details.

ADULT BIBLE ADVENTURE
We will meet again this Wednesday, November 20, 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 12 in the Acts of the Apostles. One of the things we learned in our last session studying the Acts of the Apostles is that the term Christian was used for the first time in Antioch, and ironically, it was the pagans that coined the term for the believers in the church at Antioch and it was likely used in a mocking way. 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.

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

STRING QUARTET CONCERT
The Mountain Road String Quartet, of which our parishioner Michael Hwang is a member, will be performing at Saint Christopher Church on Sunday, December 15 at 2:00 p.m. Admission is Free. Non-perishable food items and a free-will offering will be taken to benefit the Food Banks of East Hartford. A light reception will follow in the church hall. All are invited!

HOLIDAY SUPPORT PROGRAM
The 30th Annual Holiday Support Program and Service of Remembrance sponsored by D’Esopo Funeral Chapel will be held on Sunday, December 1 at 2:00 p.m. at the Wethersfield Community Center, 30 Greenfield Street. For more information or to RSVP, please call Janet D’Esopo at 860-257-7635.
SAINT EDMUND CAMPION
ADULT SOCIAL CLUB MEETING
Monday ~ November 18 ~ 1:00 p.m.
Saint Christopher Church Hall

No daubers needed...just come ready to play!
Members only Bingo...you’ll be glad you did!
We will hold the election of officers prior to the start
of Bingo. If you wish to nominate anyone who is not
already on the slate that is being presented, please
feel free to do so. Also, please remember to bring
your unwrapped toy which will be donated to
needy children and your $15 payment if you wish
to attend the Christmas Party. If you have any
questions regarding the social club, please feel free
to contact Joan or Frank Perrone at 860-568-6229.

PRAYER/SHARING GROUP
Our Prayer/Sharing Group will meet again this
Thursday, November 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Our Lady
of Peace church hall. This is the last time they will
meet this year. They will resume their meetings in
the spring, shortly after Easter. 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.

ST. CHRISTOPHER CHURCH HALL
Friday ~ December 6, 2019
1:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Make your appointment today by calling
1-800-Red Cross (733-2767)

MEN’S RETREAT ~ Our Deepest Longing
Our parish’s Men’s Retreat at Holy Family Retreat
Center in West Hartford will be held January 17-19,
2020. Please consider giving yourself the gift of
retreat to start off 2020 with a renewed perspective.
Many of you know what a great job Holy Family does
in providing us with a vibrant retreat experience. This
year’s theme is Our Deepest Longing. We spend our
time and energy on the necessities of everyday life,
which hold so many things that are beyond our
control. But what is it that we are longing for in the
deepest way? What is our passion in life? This year at
Holy Family, we will explore that deep longing
planted in our hearts by God – a longing for peace, for
wholeness, and for relationships that give us joy and
lift us up. Come away and rest awhile to find and
pursue your deepest longing, and by doing so, may
you experience how God is longing so deeply for you,
too. We have an opportunity available for a
first-time retreatant to go as a guest of Holy
Family. If you’d like to take advantage of this offer,
please contact Deacon Phil. Others can register online
at holyfamilyretreat.org or you can get assistance by
contacting Ray Simeone at 860-569-8451,
rjsimeone95@comcast.net or Deacon Phil at 860-
568-5001, imgoose@comcast.net.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
St. Christopher Council #4
There will be no pot-luck supper for its members in
November, but there will be the Christmas pot-luck
supper and gift swap on Tuesday, December 17.
If you’re interested in helping those in need, serving
our parish, growing in faith or obtaining exclusive
access to top-rated insurance protection for your
family, then the Knights of Columbus is the
organization for you. The Knights are looking for
Catholic men who want to make a difference in their
community. For more information: www.kofc.org.

WEDNESDAY EVENING DEVOTIONS
Did you know that we have devotions every
Wednesday night in Saint Christopher Church?
If you are looking for quiet time with Our
Lord and prayers to our Blessed Mother,
then join us for our Wednesday Devotions.
At 6:00 pm the Blessed Sacrament
is exposed for adoration followed
by benediction at 6:50 pm. It is then
followed by Novena Prayers of the
Miraculous Medal of Our Lady. This
prayerful time concludes with recitation of
the Scriptural Rosary in which passages from
the Bible help us to meditate on the Mysteries
of Our Lord according to the liturgical season: the
Joyful Mysteries during the weeks of Advent and
Christmas, the Sorrowful Mysteries during Lent, the
Glorious Mysteries during the weeks of Easter, and
the Luminous Mysteries during Ordinary Time.
M. LOUISE SWEETLAND SCHOLARSHIP
During our 10:30 a.m. Mass at Saint Christopher Church on Sunday, December 1, we will have the M. Louise Sweetland Scholarship Presentation. This scholarship benefits students of our parish who are currently enrolled in a Catholic grammar school or high school. A reception will immediately follow this Mass in our parish hall. All are invited. We kindly request donations of baked goods and finger foods that can be served at this reception. Food donations may be dropped off the weekend of Nov. 30/Dec. 1 BEFORE the 10:30 Mass or before or after the 4:00 and 7:30 Masses. Also, that weekend of Nov. 30/Dec. 1, we will take up a special collection at all Masses to support this Scholarship Fund. Donation envelopes can be found in your envelope set. Thank you in advance for your support!

– The M. Louise Sweetland Scholarship Committee

M. Louise Sweetland was born in East Hartford and was a communicant of Blessed Sacrament Church since its inception. She taught religious instruction at Blessed Sacrament for approximately 40 years and was the coordinator for 11 years. Miss Sweetland served God and her community in the best way possible, including establishing this scholarship fund. (Please see the collection envelope for a more complete biography.)

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, November 24 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we, too, struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King. Today’s Gospel invites us to make our own judgment. With eyes of faith, we, too, recognize that Jesus, the crucified One, is indeed King and Savior of all.