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
Prayer, Song, Scripture, Friendship
This group will resume meeting shortly after Easter 2020.

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 (December 22): $10,705
Christmas Collection: $8,457

*Includes $1,090 received through our Online Giving program and $3,634 from mail-in offerings.

Due to the early submission deadline for this weekend’s bulletin, last weekend’s collection will be reported in next weekend’s bulletin.

Thank you for your support of our parish!

TAX STATEMENTS

We are happy to provide tax statements to our parishioners who request one. If you regularly use your envelopes to make your offerings to our parish and wish to receive a tax statement, please contact the parish office by phone: 860-568-5240 or by e-mail: stchris-eh@sbcglobal.net

ONLINE GIVING

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.

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 Victims of Human Trafficking (In Recognition of National Human Trafficking Awareness Day ~ January 11)

The candle at the Saint Christopher Church burns this week for In Loving Memory of Philip Cormier (Wife Eloise & Family)

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

We appeal to the wives of our parish to encourage your husbands to attend our parish’s Men’s Retreat being held January 17-19, 2020 at Holy Family Retreat House in West Hartford. There’s a reason there are many more retreats scheduled for men than for women; we need more help! Not only will you enjoy a football-free weekend, you’ll get a shiny new husband back in return. Together the men of the parish will take a journey, with the hope of discovering what it is that we are longing for in the deepest way.

Contact Deacon Phil about an opportunity for a first-time retreatant to go as a guest of Holy Family.

Register online at holyfamilyretreat.org or if you do not have access to the internet or have any questions, please contact Ray Simeone at 860-569-8451 or at rjsimeone95@comcast.net or Deacon Phil at 860-568-5001 or at imgoose@comcast.net.

SAINT EDMUND CAMPION ADULT SOCIAL CLUB
MEMORIAL MASS AND MEMBERS-ONLY COMMUNION BREAKFAST
Monday ~ January 20 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Saint Christopher Church

In place of our regular meeting, Father John will be celebrating Mass at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 21 in memory of the deceased members of the Blessed Sacrament Ladies Guild, the Our Lady of Peace Retirees Club, the Saint Christopher Social Club, and the Saint Edmund Campion Social Club. A Communion Breakfast will immediately follow in the church hall. *(Please note that you must be a club member to attend the Communion Breakfast.)*

Our membership committee will be on hand that morning beginning at 9:00 a.m. to accept your $15.00 for the 2020 dues and to handout ID badges which are ready for pickup.

If you are planning to attend the members-only Communion Breakfast, please RSVP to Mary Rice at 860-568-5429 by January 15.

If you would like to learn more about the Social Club, please call Frank or Joan Perrone at 860-568-6229.

LIFE AFTER CONFIRMATION

God’s blessings to you and yours in this New Year! Why not start the year off right and come to one of our meetings? These meetings are for those who have been confirmed who are high school and college aged. It is perfect for those in that age group who want to continue their faith education...and have fun while doing so! This informal class meets every other Sunday from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. at Saint Christopher School (Parish Center/PreK Entrance, 580 Brewer Street). *If we are not at the door, ring the bell or text us and we will come down to get you. 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 or for our next meeting date, please call or text Mr. & Mrs. Hartley at 860-796-0165 or just show up and check it out! Regular attendance is optional. We hope to see you at our next meeting!

EHIM NEEDS YOUR HELP!

East Hartford Interfaith Ministries (EHIM), a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, is organized into three basic divisions. The Friendship Center serves free hot evening meals on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week. The Human Needs Fund extends financial assistance to low-income East Hartford residents for fuel, rent, utility, and medical needs. New Beginnings provides one new appliance or bed as a welcoming gift to families moving out of the homeless shelter into a private residence in East Hartford. EHIM is currently facing the danger of closing its soup kitchen and has already halted its housing support programs. The Human Needs fund still has money, but it won’t last. If you would like to help EHIM help your fellow townspeople who are in need, please consider making a donation. Donations can be sent to East Hartford Interfaith Ministries, c/o First Congregational Church, 837 Main Street, East Hartford, CT 06108. 90% of all funds donated go directly into programs. The 10% pays for a professional food handler (required by state law) and custodian at the food kitchen and insurance. For more info, please visit easthartfordinterfaith.org.
Students from Saint Christopher School had a chance to visit the Knights of Columbus Museum* in New Haven to see the exhibits that include more than 80 Nativity scenes or crèches, icons, and religious artworks representing 30 countries across Europe, including its signature 120-square-foot Neapolitan (Italian) crèche. The trip was supported by Councils 4, 2533 & 6305 who paid for the transportation. Council 4 also purchased pizza for the students. 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 contact Ernest Mintel at 860-569-7593.

*For more information about the Knights of Columbus Museum and the Christmas in Europe exhibit and the Christmas Tree Festival (both running through to February 2), visit kofcmuseum.org.

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS**

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day is observed annually on January 11. Beginning in 2010, by Presidential Proclamation, each January has been designated National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. The Archdiocesan Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry wants you to know of these upcoming events.

**MOVIE NIGHT**

Blind Eyes Opened (2020)
A Christian documentary diving into the sex trafficking industry in the U.S.

**Thursday, January 23**
7:30 p.m.
Cinemark Buckland Hills 18
99 Redstone Road ~ Manchester
Ticket Price: $13.25 per person

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

for Trafficked Persons
Saint James Church
of Saint Josephine Bakhita Parish
767 Elm Street ~ Rocky Hill

**Friday ~ February 7**
6:00 p.m.

**PRAYER SERVICE**

to end Human Trafficking
Saint Louis Church
of Saint John XXIII Parish
89 Bull Hill Lane
West Haven

**Sunday ~ February 9**
3:00 p.m.

"Human trafficking is an open wound on the body of contemporary society.” – Pope Francis
**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. The word “epiphany” comes from the Greek *epiphainen*, a verb that means “to shine upon,” “to manifest,” or “to make known.” What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem, He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. The Epiphany should be and is a great Feast for us. The joy we felt at the birth of Christ on Christmas must be renewed today (and every day for that matter). In a sense this is a second Christmas Day as it puts the Lord in a new light. This day manifests the divinity of Jesus. At Christmas it was a few shepherds who were invited by the Angels to go and witness and recognize the Lord. However, today, at the Epiphany, the voice of God calls the whole world, each and every one of us, to adore Jesus, and to hear Him. The Epiphany or the realization of the divinity and saving grace of the Lord should lead us as individuals to a personal epiphany. In a sense an epiphany is representative of conversion, conversion to the truth. If we accept Christ as our Savior and if we truly strive to live our lives as His disciple, we begin to pursue lives of stewardship, lives of love and service. Today of all days should help us in that realization and in that goal. – https://www.catholicsteward.com

**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, January 12 – The Baptism of the Lord**

Jesus’ baptism was his full acceptance of his mission. Today we are reminded that our “mission” also began with our baptism, the sacrament of faith, when we became adopted (“reborn as”) sons and daughters of God. Our mission is to follow Jesus and imitate him, spreading the Good News of his salvific love and “becoming Christ” for others.