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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Saint Edmund Campion Parish

The merged parishes of Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of Peace and Saint Christopher

Our Lady of Peace Church  
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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

Find Us on Facebook: Saint Edmund Campion Parish, East Hartford
PARISH SUPPORT

What We Collected (January 5): $6,325*
Holy Day ~ Mary, Mother of God: $2,127
What We Collected (December 29): $7,324**

*Includes $845 received through our Online Giving program and $352 from mail-in offerings.
**Includes $1,385 received through our Online Giving program and $653 from mail-in offerings.

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: StEdmund3@gmail.com.

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 or contact the parish office at 860-568-5240.

SANCTUARY LAMP

The lamps beside the tabernacles in our churches 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 the Continued Protection of Our Religious Freedom
(Recoqnition of Religious Freedom Day ~ January 16)

The candle at the Saint Christopher Church burns this week

In Loving Memory of Debbie Tardiff Fallacaro (Family)

Please call the parish office to schedule a dedication. The suggested donation is $15.
IN GRATITUDE
As we come to the end of the Christmas season, I want to thank all of those who helped to make it a beautiful celebration of the birth of our Lord. I am grateful to those who participated in our Giving Tree Program. Special thanks to those who decorated our churches so beautifully, to those who cared for the poinsettia plants throughout the Christmas season, to those in our Music Ministry who gladdened our hearts with joyful sound, to those who enriched our worship as Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, Ushers and Greeters. Truly the child Jesus was given honor and praise by our parish family of Saint Edmund Campion Parish. May God bless you and your loved ones in this new year.

– Father John

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. 20 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!

IN MEMORIUM

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

Anne Humes • Claire March
Daniel Resendes • Eugene Schempp, Jr.

“If Christ is my life, then death is my gain.”
– Philippians 1:21
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
Our Prayer Shawl Ministry meets again this Monday, January 13 from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. in the Saint Christopher church hall. We invite you to join our parish ministry of prayer, service and love as we create shawls, lap blankets and baby blankets to console those who are grieving, comfort those who are ill, help celebrate a joyous occasion, and welcome those who are baptized. Bring a friend. We have yarn and needles for those who wish to learn. For more info or to receive a shawl or blanket, please contact Santa Vallone 860-569-1772.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS
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 SIGN OF PEACE
With the cold and flu season underway, each of us has the responsibility of taking precautions to prevent the spread of illnesses. We need to wash our hands frequently, take care where we cough and sneeze, and scrutinize our habits and procedures where the spread of infection seems most possible. During the celebration of Mass when we are asked to offer the sign of peace, please do not be offended if someone chooses not to shake hands with you during the sign of peace. An appropriate gesture for those who are concerned about spreading the flu virus might be to strive for eye contact rather than physical contact. You could give a wave of your hand or nod your head to those around you, and with a smile say “Peace be with you.”

“Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received – only what you have given.”
– Saint Francis of Assisi

ADULT BIBLE ADVENTURE
We will meet again this Wednesday, January 15, 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 14 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.

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FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This is an important feast from a number of perspectives. It follows closely after our celebration of the birth of Christ at Christmas. Of course, from the perspective of the Church it marks the official end of the Christmas season. More important, however, is the reminder of the significance and importance of Baptism. Our Baptism is more important than almost any other event in our lives. Yet, many do not know the date of their Baptism, and very few actually celebrate that date, although we should. We are also quite likely unfamiliar with the term our “Baptismal call.” This is a call to how we should live our lives; it is a call to stewardship. The Catechism reminds us that “Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit.” The Catechism continues to say “Baptism is God’s most beautiful and magnificent gift.” So what exactly is our Baptismal Call? We are called to live our lives in imitation of Christ. It can be summarized, as it was by Jesus Himself, quite simply. We are called to “Love one another.” There are three things which bind us together as Catholics — this love; the Eucharist; and our Baptism. Living lives of stewardship is one way that we carry out this Baptismal call — this call to love.  – 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.”

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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, January 19 ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

John the Baptist baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John’s witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.