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
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 (February 2): $7,354*
*Includes $780 received through our Online Giving program and $499 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish!

PARISH SCHOOL SUPPORT
The second collection being taken up at all Masses this weekend is the regular monthly collection to support our parish school. Thank you!

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
Are you interested in supporting our parish through the convenience of Online Giving? If so, please visit our secure Online Giving website for more info and to register: www.osvonlinegiving.com/1754

BE A BLESSING
“God blesses us so we can be a blessing to others.”
– Father John

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 All Married Couples
(In Recognition of National Marriage Week ~ February 7 - 14)

The candle at the Saint Christopher Church burns this week

For God’s Healing Presence for
Patricia Entrup ~ A Special Friend

Please call the parish office to schedule a Sanctuary Lamp dedication. Suggested offering is $15.
PARISHIONER IN NEED
BAKE SALE
This Weekend!

Parishioners in Need (PIN) Committee is holding their 11th Anniversary Bake Sale this weekend after all Masses celebrated at Saint Christopher Church. We celebrate eleven years of operation. Since our inception, we have assisted and continue to assist many members within our parish as well as having provided resources to others within the community. Your support has helped us succeed.

Please continue to watch out for those in our parish who may need assistance and may be hesitant to ask for help. Even those we have helped in the past may still be struggling and we ask that they or someone on their behalf come forward if necessary. Let’s be aware of those who need care.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry meets again this Monday, February 10 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.

ADULT BIBLE ADVENTURE

We will meet again this Wednesday, February 12, 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 move into Chapter 16 in the Acts of the Apostles at this next session. 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. 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.

SAINT EDMUND CAMPION
ADULT SOCIAL CLUB
Monday ~ February 17 ~ 1:00 p.m.
Saint Christopher Church Hall

After our business meeting, we will have a little surprise entertainment! There will be a some audience participation included. As usual, dessert and coffee, etc. will follow.

If you have not yet paid your 2020 dues of $15, our wonderful Membership Committee members will be available prior to the meeting to accommodate you. We appreciate your renewing on a timely basis. If you have any questions regarding the social club, please feel free to contact Joan or Frank Perrone at 860-568-6229.

† IN MEMORIUM †

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

John “Jack” Burnat • John Cummiskey, Sr.
Kenneth DeJohn • Joan Futtner

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

LIFE AFTER CONFIRMATION

Life After Confirmation is a class offered for those who have been confirmed who are high school and college aged. It is perfect for those in this 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 information or for our next meeting date, please call or text Mr. & Mrs. Hartley at 860-796-0165. Regular attendance is optional. We hope to see you at our next meeting!
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
St. Christopher Council #4

Annual Corned Beef Dinner
Saturday ~ March 14 ~ after the 4:00 p.m. Mass
Saint Christopher Church Hall

Ticket sales will begin Saturday and Sunday, February 22 and 23 after Masses. A free Polish Paczki will be given out with each ticket sale following the Sunday Masses (Saturday purchasers can pick up a Paczki on Sunday after any Mass). No Paczkies will be sold until ticket sales are completed after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

We are Catholic men building a bridge back to faith. There is much work to be done in this world. Good work. Necessary work. And that’s what the Knights do. Every day.

Assisting the sick and disabled. Protecting those who can’t protect themselves. Whether they are next door or halfway around the world. This is the journey we are on. Our path.

We do it to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors and Catholics. We invest our time, our effort, and our resources into our values: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism.

We come from many places. And backgrounds. And stages in our lives. But we are all of one faith. A fraternity of men striving to better ourselves and our world.

It’s one thing to say who you are. It’s another to live it. To put your values into action. That’s what we do at the Knights of Columbus.

We are looking for Catholic men who want to make a difference in their community. Any Catholic man who joins the council prior to February 22 will receive a free Corned Beef Dinner ticket and Paczki. For more information, contact Membership Director Keith Garabedian at 860-569-7226 or Grand Knight Ernie Mintel at 860-569-7593.

St. Christopher Church Hall
Friday ~ February 14, 2020
1:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Please call 1-800-Red Cross (1-800-733-2767) to make an app’t. or log onto redcrossblood.org.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE
The Catholic Graduates Club of Greater Hartford, Inc. will award three scholarships of $2,000 each to Catholic students who are high school seniors and who plan to attend a four year college in Fall of 2020. The club has awarded over $121,000 to 167 scholarship recipients during the past 68 years. Students are chosen on the basis of financial need, scholarship, character, leadership and achievement. Applicants must reside in Hartford County. The deadline to submit a scholarship application is March 16, 2020. Please visit catholicgraduatesct.org to see more information and to download the application.

MARIAN GARDEN
We are pleased to announce that production changes have been made for the Marian Garden so that the engraving of bricks will be done as soon as orders are placed. Installation will soon follow as weather permits. There’s no more waiting to see your brick appear in the Garden! Bricks can be engraved to memorialize a loved one, honor someone special, commemorate an event (i.e., baptism, First Communion, graduation, anniversary) or you can even have your own name engraved on a brick. Donation levels begin at $50. If you’d like to learn more about ordering a brick, please call the parish office at 860-568-5240 or visit our website at stedmundcampionparish.org/mariangarden.php.
A STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“You are the salt of the earth… You are the light of the world.” With those two short sentences, Jesus reminds us all of our Baptismal and Stewardship callings. It is important that we remember that these two brief sentences occur in Holy Scripture just after the Lord has taught us the Beatitudes, “Blessed are the poor in spirit… Blessed are those who hunger… Blessed are the merciful.” Today’s Gospel reading is a small part of Jesus’ longest oration in all of Holy Scripture — His Sermon on the Mount. In so many ways this Sermon is a stewardship presentation. If we just focus on the two pieces of advice the Lord gives in the four verses of today’s Gospel, we go a long way to both understanding and achieving stewardship. If we bring meaning and enhancement to the lives of those around us (salt), and if we provide love and joy to them (light), we will have gone a long way to fulfilling what Jesus has exemplified that we must do. We will indeed have responded to Him as He wished — as disciples and stewards. Shakespeare even understood this thought as he wrote in the Merchant of Venice, “How far that little candle throws his beams. So shines a good deed in a weary world!

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, February 16 ~ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus reminds us in the Gospel of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.