TIME FOR LENT
Saturday, March 7th – Ash Wednesday

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

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Mass Schedule:
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Friday & Saturday: 9:00 am

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MARRIAGE
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PARISH SUPPORT
What We Collected (March 1): $7,297
• Includes $1,030 received through our Online Giving program and $350 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.

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

ARCHBISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL
The 2020 Archbishop’s Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. Your support of this year’s Appeal ensures that essential charitable, educational and pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese of Hartford are carried forward. All funds contributed to the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature. Please prayerfully consider supporting this year’s Appeal. Appeal packets can be found at the church entrances.

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 God’s People ~ May They Draw Closer to Him During This Lenten Season

• The candle at the Saint Christopher Church burns this week

In Loving Memory of David Markey
(The Borowiec & Nowik Families)

Please call the parish office to schedule a Sanctuary Lamp dedication. Suggested offering is $15.
WELCOME FATHER SHANLEY
Father James Shanley, Vicar for Clergy of the Archdiocese, has kindly offered to take one of our Sunday Masses for the two weekends before the schedule change takes place. Therefore, Father Shanley will celebrate our 10:30 am Mass at Saint Christopher’s this Sunday and the 9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Peace next Sunday, March 15. We welcome him and are grateful for his help.

CHANGES TO OUR MASS SCHEDULE
Now that Father Joseph has left us to become the administrator of another parish and will not be replaced, we have had to create a Mass schedule that can be managed by one priest, our pastor Father John. The new schedule will be as follows:

New Daily Mass Schedule
Effective Monday, March 16

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No morning Mass celebrated on Friday and Saturday.

New Weekend Mass Schedule
Effective the Weekend of March 21/22

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If you have a Mass intention booked for a Mass that is being removed from the schedule (Sunday at 7:30 AM, Friday at 9:00 AM or Saturday at 9:00 AM, please call Bonnie at the parish office at 860-568-5240 and she will help you to reschedule the intention.

As our society becomes more secular, we must adapt to the declining number of priests. It affects everyone. Please continue to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, especially from our own parish family.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Traditional Stations of the Cross will be led by Deacon Bill Bartlett at the Our Lady of Peace Church on the following Friday evenings at 6:30 pm.

March 13, 20, 27, April 3

Living Stations will be presented at St. Chris on Good Friday, April 10. Please see the article on page 3 of this bulletin for more information and for the ways in which you can be a part of this presentation.

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES
As concern grows about the spread of the coronavirus, Archbishop Blair believes it is timely to enact some precautionary measures in the Archdiocese with regard to the celebration of the Liturgy. He has asked our cooperation in implementing immediately the following precautionary measures:

- The call to exchange a sign of peace should be modified to a wave or be omitted (we are omitting.)
- The distribution of Holy Communion to the faithful via the chalice should be suspended.
- Communion on the tongue is strongly discouraged.
- Holy Water fonts should be emptied.
- Priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are urged to use an alcohol based anti-bacterial solution before and after distributing Holy Communion.
- The faithful, if they are sick or are experiencing symptoms of sickness, are not obliged to attend Mass, and that out of charity they ought not to attend.

As an added precaution, Father John will refrain from shaking hands at the door after Mass.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
Our prayer shawl ministry meets again this Monday, March 9 from 1:00-2:30 pm in the Saint Christopher church hall. All are welcome. For more information or to obtain a prayer shawl or blanket, please call Santa Vallone at 860-569-1772.

† IN MEMORIUM †
Please pray for the following parishioners who passed on to eternal life during the month of February.

Elisabeth Arseneault • Desmond Clark
Kay McLaughlin • Sandra Peruccio
Frances Tebecio • Amara Tsengyeng Lee

“If Christ is my life, then death is my gain.”
— Philippians 1:21
ADULT BIBLE ADVENTURE
Meets at 7:00 PM During Lent
We will meet again this Wednesday, March 11, at 7:00 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.). This later start time avoids conflict with our Soup & Stations program that commences at 5:30 p.m. and concludes at about 7:00 p.m. We will continue with chapter 18 in the Acts of the Apostles at this next session. Please join us! All adults are welcome! Bring your Bible! Questions? Contact Deacon Phil at 860-568-5001 or Steve Cadwallader at 860-568-5477.

KNIIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
St. Christopher Council #4
Corned Beef Dinner
Saturday ~ March 14 ~ After the 4:00 pm Mass
Saint Christopher Church Hall ~ Tickets: $12.50
Ticket sales will only be after the 10:30 am Mass in the Saint Christopher Church Hall or by calling Chairman Bob Falkevitz at 860-568-5452 to make reservations. The cut-off for reservations is this Sunday, March 8 following the 10:30 am Mass. No tickets will be sold at the door without a reservation. A portion of the proceeds will support the PIN Ministry.

AUCTION DONATIONS NEEDED
Saint Christopher School will be celebrating their 21st Annual Gala and Auction on April 25, 2020. We are currently accepting donations of items for the auction. Donations can be dropped off at the school or left at the church tagged for the auction. Here are some suggested donations:

- Any new and unopened item (i.e., toys, sports equipment, movies, event tickets, jewelry, home goods, linens, frames, baskets)
- Vouchers for services by a business owner (i.e., haircut, dog/cat grooming, power washing, lawn cleanup, tune-ups)
- Gift cards (these can be used to purchase filler items or they will be added to baskets)
- Completed gift baskets

If you have any questions or would like to receive a tax receipt for your donation, please contact Dean Chamberland: dpaulchamberland@gmail.com or you can contact Mrs. Welch at 860-568-4100.

SOUP & STATIONS
Join us for a sharing of simple soup and bread (with conversation and sharing with fellow parishioners) at 5:30 p.m. in the Saint Christopher Church hall on the following Wednesday evenings: March 11, 18, 25, April 1. Stations of the Cross begins at 6:30 p.m. in the church. The young people from our parish school and religious education program will lead us in the Stations. Volunteers are needed to prepare soup and/or supply bread for each Wednesday. You may simply bring with you the item you wish to share on the Wednesday evening that works best for you. Soup and bread are all we will need. No desserts please.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONS MOVES TO TUESDAY NIGHT DURING LENT… Due to the Soup & Stations program being held on Wednesday evenings during Lent, our Wednesday Night Devotions are being held on Tuesdays during Lent on the following Tuesday evenings: March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7. Devotions will return to Wednesday evening beginning April 14.

CONFESSIONS DURING LENT… In addition to Saturday afternoon from 3:00 - 3:45 pm, Father John is hearing confessions every Monday evening during Lent from 6:00 - 7:00 pm at the Saint Christopher Church.

LIVING STATIONS
Our Living Stations’ dramatic presentation will be held on Good Friday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m. in Saint Christopher Church. There are numerous roles you can assist with to assure that this long running tradition continues. You can be a reader or the narrator. For non-speaking parts, you can portray Jesus, Mary, Simon, Veronica, a Roman soldier, Pontius Pilate, a weeping woman or one of various citizens of Jerusalem. If you have any questions or wish to assist with this wonderful presentation, please contact Alice Gosselin or Deacon Phil at 860-568-5001. For e-mail communication, Alice’s address is aliceoz@comcast.net and Deacon Phil’s is imgoose@comcast.net. Thank you!

“Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy.”
– Pope Francis
Call to Prayer: “Let us take a moment in the midst of all our activity to prepare ourselves for prayer.”

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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.

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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, March 15 ~ Third Sunday of Lent
Lent is a season for repentance. It is a season during which we are called to reflect upon and to live deeply the promises of Baptism. As the Samaritan woman was converted and sent on a mission because of the conversation about water, we too are converted and sent by our Baptism to preach the good news of Jesus to others.