CONFessions
(Saint Christopher Church)
Mondays: 6 - 7 pm (during Lent)
Saturdays: 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Wednesday Devotions
Tuesdays During Lent
(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
Resumes 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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Find Us on Facebook: Saint Edmund Campion Parish, East Hartford
(OLOP) = Mass celebrated at Our Lady of Peace campus
(SC) = Mass celebrated at Saint Christopher campus

Saturday, March 14 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
† Francis A. Ostrowski ~ 19th Anniversary
† Olga A. Ostrowski ~ 43rd Anniversary
   (Family)

Sunday, March 15 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
† Joseph Leonardo
   (Mom & Daughters)

Sunday, March 15 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
† Deacon Joseph J. Cooke

Sunday, March 15 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
† Deacon Paul E. Sabo

Monday, March 16 – 8:00 a.m. (OLOP)
† Susan Vasko Lassen ~ 5th Anniversary
   (Sisters)

Tuesday, March 17 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
† Fred Schifer ~ 6th Anniversary
   (Wife & Family)
† Bertha Kelley ~ 1st Anniversary
   (The Schifer Family)

Wednesday, March 18 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
† Jose Maria & Evangelina Sousa (Family)

Thursday, March 19 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
† Antonio Leonardo (Wife & Family)

Saturday, March 21 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
† André Charron (Wife)

Sunday, March 22 – 8:30 a.m. (OLOP)
† Deceased Members of the
   Buccheri & Ierna Families
   (Sebby Buccheri & Family)
   (Bill & Camilla Carpentieri & Family)

Sunday, March 22 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
† Joseph Riley
   In Remembrance of His Birthday
   (Family)

PARISH SUPPORT
What We Collected (March 8): $6,773*
Parish School Collection: $1,939**

*Includes $545 received through our Online Giving program and $425 from mail-in offerings.
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Thank you for your support of our parish community!

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 Archbishop’s Annual Appeal helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, counsel those in despair, offer much-needed assistance to the unemployed, and make medical care available to those without health insurance. Your gift to the 2020 Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services and programs that reach out to so many in need. All funds contributed to the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature. 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
Maria Lourdes Madden
   (Mo & Jim Russell)

Please call the parish office to schedule a Sanctuary Lamp dedication. Suggested offering is $15.
WELCOME MONSIGNOR SHANLEY

Monsignor James Shanley, Vicar for Clergy of the Archdiocese, has kindly offered his assistance before the new Mass schedule takes effect. Therefore, Monsignor Shanley will celebrate our 9:00 am Mass this Sunday at Our Lady of Peace. We welcome him and are grateful for his help.

ST. JOSEPH MEDAL OF APPRECIATION

Ceremony Has Been Cancelled

Next Sunday, March 22, during a special ceremony being held at 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral, Archbishop Blair will be awarding the 2020 St. Joseph Medal of Appreciation to dedicated parishioners across the Archdiocese who share their time and talents with their parishes. Congratulations to Saint Edmund Campion’s deserving recipients, Carl and Lorraine Deyette! For as long as anyone can remember, Carl and Lorraine have been volunteering at the Our Lady of Peace Church of Saint Edmund Campion Parish. They arrive early to unlock the church and set up for daily and Sunday Mass and then put things back in the sacristy afterwards. Together they decorate the church for Advent, Lent, Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. Carl makes sure the Christmas and Easter flowers are watered. Lorraine keeps track of supplies. In short, they make sure that everything is in place for worship and they do so quietly.

SAINT EDMUND CAMPION

ADULT SOCIAL CLUB

Monday ~ March 16 ~ 12:00 noon ~ St. Chris Hall

After a brief business meeting, we will enjoy corned beef or turkey sandwiches with chips and pickles, followed by desserts. There will also be a fun sing-a-long of familiar Irish songs. 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. This is the deadline for returning members to renew their membership for 2020. We appreciate your renewing on a timely basis. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you have any questions regarding the social club, please feel free to contact Joan or Frank Perrone at 860-568-6229.

CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

In addition to Saturday afternoon from 3:00 - 3:45 p.m., Father John is hearing confessions every Monday evening during Lent from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Saint Christopher Church.

OUR CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest sympathy to Deacon Phil Gosselin and his family. Deacon Phil’s mother Alice May Gosselin passed away on March 6, one week shy of her 87th birthday. May she rest in peace.

LIVING STATIONS

Our Living Stations’ dramatic presentation will be held on Good Friday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m. in Saint Christopher Church. We are pleased to announce that we have our narrator and a few readers and persons who will portray Jesus, Mary, Veronica and a Roman Soldier. We are still in need of more readers and persons to portray Pontius Pilate, Simon, another Roman soldier and various citizens (including children) 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 alicegeoz@comcast.net and Deacon Phil’s is imgoose@comcast.net. Thank you!

CHANGES TO OUR MASS SCHEDULE

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 Next Weekend ~ 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.

Please continue to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, especially from our own parish family.
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.

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 17, 24, 31, April 7. Devotions will return to Wednesday evening beginning April 14.

SPECIAL THANKS FROM THE ST. EDMUND CAMPION PARISH LIBRARY
We would like to thank the “anonymous donor” for the donation of a bookcase for the parish library. We had been running out of room and were unable to accept new books; so this new bookcase is a wonderful addition. Just a reminder…space is still limited, so we cannot accept donations of books that were published prior to the late 1900s. If you have items that you would like to find a home for that are older, please contact the parish office for the best way to dispose of them.

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). 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!

GREETERS’ MINISTRY UPDATE
We are pleased to announce that Liz Shaker is the new coordinator for our parish’s Greeters’ Ministry. She has taken over this responsibility from Anne Marie Volowski who is no longer able to serve in this role. We are most grateful to Anne Marie for the love and devotion she gave to this ministry over the years and wish her all our best. Liz invites all current ministry members and anyone who wishes to become a member of this ministry to join her at a meeting being held on Monday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Saint Christopher church hall. If you are interested in helping to welcome parishioners and visitors to our weekend Masses, please plan to attend this meeting. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call Liz at 860-633-2133.

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 20, 27, April 3

Living Stations will be presented at St. Chris on Good Friday, April 10. Please see the article on page 2 of this bulletin for more information and for the ways in which you can be a part of this presentation.
In today’s Gospel Reading from John, we hear the story of the Samaritan woman whom Jesus confronts at the well. Jesus and His Apostles are traveling from Jerusalem in the south to Galilee in the north. Jesus’ followers went to the nearby village of Sychar to procure food while He sat tired and thirsty by what is called Jacob’s Well. It was about noon, the hottest part of the day, and a Samaritan woman came to the well to draw water. Jesus breaks three Jewish customs in His exchange with the woman. First, He spoke to a woman, something forbidden to men with strange women; second, she was a Samaritan woman, a group with whom Jews did not normally mix; third, He asked her to give Him a cup of water, which would have made Him ceremonially unclean from using her cup or jar. The woman was rightfully shocked. However, Jesus told her that He could give her “living water.” At that time some spring water was carbonated and it seemed “alive” as it bubbled up from the ground, so it was called “living water.” Jesus meant that the water He offered was alive in a different way because it could both give life and quench spiritual thirst. Although the whole situation is amazing to the woman, she is particularly struck by how much Jesus knows about her. She reports to her fellow Samaritans “He told me everything I ever did.” That is not what she found so surprising though. What truly astonished her was that in spite of that knowledge, Jesus still loved her. Jesus loves us as well, despite our many shortcomings and sins. — 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, March 22 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent

At the heart of our lengthy Gospel Reading from St. John is the healing of the blind man. There is a basic difference here from other miracles performed by the Lord. The blind man did not approach Jesus and ask to be healed; in this instance Jesus took the lead and went to him. Jesus is coming to us in the same way during this Lenten period.